

The MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st August 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name The Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust

Status Trust
Registered Charity with effect from 12th November 2010
Registered Charity Number 1138999

Registered Office Stapleford Baptist Church
Albert Street
Stapleford
NG9 8DB

Trustees

Trustees who served during the year are set out below:-

Rev L Davison
Rev C Hobbs
Rev R Hopkins (Chair)
Rev N Powell (resigned 4th June 2020)
Mr J Russell
Mr A Upton

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

Administrator A Deane

Independent Examiner

Mr S Adam
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Trust is a registered charity governed in accord with its Declaration of Trust dated 25th May 2010.

The Charity Commission granted registered charity status on 12th November 2010.

Organisational structure

The Trust is governed by a Steering Committee (Trustees) comprising of senior ministers of evangelical churches across the Midlands. They meet on a quarterly basis to set policy and review the activities of the Trust.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by nomination and resolution of the existing Trustees.

Trustees Induction and Training

New Trustees are given training and an induction process that is overseen by the existing Trustees, who may delegate certain elements of the induction process to staff members.

Risk Management

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which the Trust faces at each of their quarterly meetings.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trustees apply the income of the Trust in furthering the following objects, namely for the promotion and the advancement of evangelical, protestant, reformed Christian religion ("the Faith") including in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by:-

- i) The support and furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of congregations meeting for religious worship in the counties of Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire, and such other counties as the Trustees may from time to time determine;
- ii) The establishment, support and furtherance of new congregations meeting for religious worship in the said or such other counties by way of Church plants and otherwise;
- iii) The support of presbyters, deacons, youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators;
- iv) The advancement of religious education in accordance with the Faith by means of ministry, children's and youth workers, and other training courses, classes, seminars, lectures, conferences, and other events, and otherwise;
- v) The holding of public meetings and assemblies;

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- vi) The award of grants to, and otherwise supporting those training for the Ministry, or other religious positions as youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators;
- vii) The production, publication, and dissemination of religious work.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

The main activities of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust for the year ended 31st August 2020 included-

- i) A leaders' conference held in January (the Leaders' Conference), which was open to all who wished to attend. This annually recurring event was designed to support and encourage those involved in Christian leadership and other church members and to assist them in leading and building up the wider church family.
- ii) A partnership day conference held in October (MGP Partnership Day), which was open to senior ministers of partner churches, bringing one colleague. The day provides a chance for partnership members to get together and see our development in achieving our vision of seeing healthy local churches in every Midlands community.
- iii) An affordable Bible training course, the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC). The course is designed to help church members, including ministry trainees, to better understand how to read and teach the bible.
- iv) Specific MGP Youth and Children's ministry training day courses (Big Day Out, Growing Young Disciples) as well as an annual event for young people and their youth group leaders (Midlands Youth Convention). These are designed to support and encourage Christian fellowships across the Midlands and enable them to be more effective in their Christian ministry and their walk with God.
- v) Groups looking at areas like church planting and finding ways to encourage new congregations in areas where additional congregations may further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- vi) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches.

The Leaders' Conference and MGP Partnership Day were well attended and were held in Nottingham and Hinckley, respectively.

The MMTC saw continuing delivery of MMTC East in Nottingham and MMTC West in Birmingham. There was only a small decrease in students' numbers following a move to bring MMTC online for the summer term.

The MGP Youth & Children's team organised the successful delivery of 'Growing Young Disciples' (a day conference for those involved in Youth & Children's work in the Midlands); and continued its

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series of 'Big Day Out' day training / networking / encouragement conferences for Youth & Children's workers in the Region. Junior Camp at The Gaines Christian Centre as well as Midlands Youth Convention were both cancelled.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. As set out in our objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals primarily in the Midlands region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees are once again grateful for the immense amount of work done by our volunteers and Supporters alongside our staff members. We recognise that it is the gospel that truly changes people and brings them into relationship with Jesus Christ and from this life-changing relationship flows the generosity of so many which supports and sustains the ministry of the MGP.

We seek to make our courses and events affordable and make further concessions to ensure the courses are accessible to all.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Having regard to the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses and through donations from partner churches and individuals. We are grateful to these organisations and people for their financial support.

Expenditure includes salaries, cost for running events, and the costs of general initiatives to support and encourage interested churches and individuals across the Midlands. We seek to make all events self-funding but will consider running events at a loss (supported by partner church and other donations) if it furthers the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region or makes courses accessible to those who could not ordinarily afford to attend.

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the ministry of the Trust.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on their behalf by :

_____ Date _____
Rev R Hopkins, Chair of Trustees

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31st August 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	11,623	-	11,623	10,320
Operating activities to further the charities objectives	52,898	-	52,898	41,700
Operating activities to generate funds	-	-	-	-
Interest received	-	-	-	-
Sub total	64,521	-	64,521	52,020
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,521	-	64,521	52,020
Payments				
Grants paid	-	-	-	417
Payments for generating funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	12,001	-	12,001	10,750
Salaries and other costs incurred in supporting charitable activities	37,902	-	37,902	35,517
Management and administration	2,903	-	2,903	6,163
Sub total	52,805	-	52,805	52,847
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,805	-	52,805	52,847
Net receipts / (payments)	11,716	-	11,716	(827)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	21,840	-	21,840	22,667
Cash funds this year end	33,555	-	33,555	21,840
Cash funds				
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	33,555	-	33,555	21,840
Total cash funds	33,555	-	33,555	21,840
Other monetary assets	N/a			
Investment assets	N/a			
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Data projectors (x2)	-	-	-	805
Liabilities	N/a			

Signed on behalf of the trustees _____
Rev R Hopkins, Chair of Trustees

Date _____

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL
PARTNERSHIP TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust (the Trust) for the period ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Mr Stephen Henry Adam

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Date: 19th May, 2021