



Aim and purposes

This centre does not belong to any particular church denomination and is a non-profit making organisation. Its aims and objectives are as follows: to serve overseas Chinese and students in the continent of Europe through training, teaching of the Bible, publishing, worship, website and different types of retreat and conferences, in order to work with and enhance the work of local church's developmental work, to equip and develop believers' gifts, to encourage and help believers' to establish and considerate their spiritual lives and for disciple-making in order for them to commit their lives to serving the church.

Objectives, Structure, governance and management

Management Structure

Governed by the Strings of Life (SOL)'s constitution, the Management Committee (MC), which is the decision making and executive authority, was elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10th May 2019. All MC members were initially appointed for a 12-month term as usual, but their terms were extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in postponement of the 2020 and 2021 AGMs.

The Trustee Board consists of six members, all of whom were current or previous MC members appointed at previous AGMs. The appointed Trustee members usually continue to service unless they resigned.

Objectives and Activities

SOL was registered with the Charity Commission in July 2007 (charity number: 1139898). Initially set up as a training centre, SOL serves the Chinese-speaking Christians in the continent of Europe through its Bible Teaching, Music Worshiping and Youth Training Ministries etc. In 2010, the Leeds Sunday Worship Ministry of SOL evolved to become the Leeds Chinese Gospel Church (LCGC), providing weekly Sunday Services to the Christians in Yorkshire.

Achievements and Performance

Despite the weekly face-to-face Sunday Service, Adult Fellowship, Youth and



Children Bible Schools of the LCGC Ministry all being interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings continued to be held online successfully since March 2020. We recorded significant growth, both in terms of the number of attendees and geographical coverage. The weekly attendance increased from approximately eighty (physical attendees) to more than three hundreds (online viewers and/or video conferencing participants). Our online streaming Sunday Services were not only viewed by our regular members mainly from Yorkshire and Northwest England, but also by new participants from all over the UK, Europe, USA and Hong Kong, from where many eventually migrated to the UK.

Through our online events, the public visibility for our ministry increased, especially among the new immigrants from Hong Kong. We started the New Immigrant Support Ministry, holding webinars and providing in-person assistance to assist the new immigrants to acclimate life in the UK, on education, healthcare, accommodation, employment issues etc. It was estimated that more than 500 new immigrants had been benefited from this ministry.

During the pandemic, the Music Worshiping Ministry remained extremely active. We recorded worship videos, mainly using the songs composed or translated by members of SOL, for the weekly Sunday Service of the LCGC Ministry. We assisted the Grace International Church Liverpool (GIC Liverpool) for their online fundraising events for purchase of church centre. We participated in the Jonah's Walk organised by GIC Liverpool to pray for the nations to return to God during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plans for future periods

SOL has been planning to recruit full-time and/or part-time pastor(s) to enable us to meet the significant increase in demands from our LCGC Ministry (Sunday Services, Adult Fellowship, Youth and Children Bible Schools) and the New Immigrant Support Ministry.

We will also be making plan to identify a new venue, with a bigger capacity, to hold our face-to-face meetings once the COVID-19 restriction is released.



Financial review

All the income of SOL is from donations of the members. The total income of the year was £32,869. The total yearly expenditure was £14,766. Total funds have increased from £10,220 to £28,323 from 2020 to 2021. For details, please refer to the Financial Statement attached.

Administrative information

The trustees and management committee for the year ended of January 2021:

The Trustees

Dr T Y Wong
Mr S H Fong
Dr C Y Lam
Ms W C Li
Dr F K Ng
Ms Y W So

Management Committee

Chairman:	Dr T Y Wong	
Treasurer :	Mr W S Lui	
Secretary:	Ms W C Li	
Committee Members:	Dr F K Ng	Ms H Y Cheung
	Dr C Y Lam	Ms Y W So
	Dr W Y Ng	

Approved by the Strings of Life on 29 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by the Dr C Y Lam (Trustee)

Dr C Y Lam
Trustee



Strings of Life

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 18 JANUARY 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts		
Regular Giving	32,869	22,456
	32,869	22,456
Payments		
Church activities		
Venue hire	266	9,740
Speaker fee	13,300	11,400
Consumable items	1,200	800
	14,766	21,940
Excess of Receipts over Payments	18,102	516
Bank current accounts 19th January	10,220	9,704
Bank current accounts 18th January	28,323	10,220
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Cash Funds		
Bank current account	28,323	10,220
	28,323	10,220
Assets retained for Strings of Life use	28,323	10,220

Approved by the Strings of Life on 29 March 2022 and signed and signed on their behalf by the Dr C Y Lam (Trustee)

Dr C Y Lam
Trustee



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Strings of Life

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Strings of Life for the year ended 18 January 2021.

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: Sik Wai Chan

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Date: 29 March 2022