



### **Aim and purposes**

This is a Christian ministry aimed at spreading the gospel and equipping Christians in England. This ministry does not belong to any church denomination and is a non-profit making organisation. The organisation's objectives are as follows: to serve, mainly, but not limited to overseas Chinese and students through Bible teaching, publishing, worship and conferences; To serve the local communities and to support and care for those in need.

### **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. In 31st May 2021, the management committee decided to appoint a provisional management committee to manage the ministries until the next AGM. The duties were officially handover on 6th June 2021. The decisions of provisional management committee were recorded by meeting minutes and approved by trustee board on March 2022.

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

In 2021-2022, many Hong Kong people immigrate to United Kingdom through BNO visa. Strings of Life organised several webinars to cater the needs of the Hong Kong community in Yorkshire area. The webinars provided the information on education, healthcare, employment, tax system and accommodation. Beside webinars, Strings of Life managed several social media platforms to provide support to the Hong Kong community. These events helped several hundred people to integrate into the local community.

Despite the spreading of COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, Leeds Chinese Gospel Church of Strings of Life continued to provide Sunday services by online platforms. Worship and sermons are conducted by video recording. The online services have more than a hundred viewers per week.

In July 2021, Leeds Chinese Gospel Church resume the physical Sunday services. From July 2021 to January 2022, the number of participants increased from 80 to around 300. The Sunday services increased from one session to four sessions, including children ministry and youth ministry. In July 2021, Strings of Life employed one full-time pastor and one part-time pastor from July 2021 to cater the expansion of the Leeds Chinese Gospel Church.

Leeds Chinese Gospel Church equipped the Chinese-speaking Christians by small groups. There are seven small groups in the end of 2021. The small groups are divided by age and geographic background. The small groups included students, young professionals, family and elders. The geographic area covered Leeds, Wakefield, Harrogate and York. During the small group, the participants are equipped by teaching of bible, games and sharing. These activities helped them to establish their spiritual lives and building relationships to among the community.

In order to equip and develop believers' gifts, several workshops were conducted, including cell groups leaders training, worship team training and youth leader training. Most participants committed their time and gifts to serve the church.





### Plans for future periods

SOL has fulfilled most of its objectives. More retreat or conferences will be organised and participated in the future with the release of COVID-19 restriction.

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SOL has been planning to recruit more 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 and develop into a community church.

#### 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 for the period from January 2021 to June 2021

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

Dr W Y Ng

Ms Y W So





### Financial review

All the income of SOL is from donations of the members. The total income of the year was £64,584. The total yearly expenditure was £40,381. Total funds have increased from £28,323 to £57,144 from 2021 to 2022. For details, please refer to the Financial Statement attached.

### Administrative information

The trustees and management committee for the year ended of January 2022:

The Trustees

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**Strings of Life**  
Christian Ministry

Provisional Management Committee for the period from July 2021 to January 2022

Senior Pastor :	Rev. Benny Cho		
Pastor:	Rev. Lawrence Wong	Total	Total
Chairman:	Mr W S Lui	2022	2021
Internal Vice-Chairman:	Dr T Y Wong	€	€
External Vice-Chairman:	Dr W Y Ng		
Secretary:	Ms L K S Chan		
Accountant:	Mr W T Yee		
Treasurer :	Mr K F Shek	63,251	32,949
		1,332	

Approved by the Strings of Life on 18 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by the Mr. K F Shek (Trustee)

Payments		
Church activities		
Additional Expenses	2,831	1,200
	371	-
	723	-
	20,178	-
	9,877	13,300
	1,093	-
	5,308	266
	40,381	14,766
Excess of Receipts over Payments	24,203	18,103
Deferred Payment 18th January	4,619	-
	28,822	18,103
Bank current accounts 19th January	28,323	10,220
Bank current accounts 18th January	57,144	28,323





## Strings of Life

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 18 JANUARY 2022

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### Cash Funds

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

##### Receipts

##### Voluntary Receipts

##### Regular Giving

##### Employers' National Insurance Allowance

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
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63,251	32,869
1,332	-
<u>64,584</u>	<u>32,869</u>

##### Payments

##### Church activities

##### Additional Equipment

##### Consumable items

##### Legal and Professional Fee

##### Salaries and Allowance

##### Speaker fee

##### Sundry Expenses

##### Venue hire

2,831	1,200
371	-
723	-
20,178	-
9,877	13,300
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Strings of Life Christian Ministry

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Strings of Life Christian Ministry for the year ended 31 October 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(2) of the Act.

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**Cash Funds**

Bank current account

57,144 28,323

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**Assets retained for Strings of Life use**

57,144 28,323

**Liabilities - Account Payables**

4,619 -

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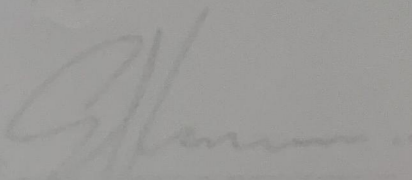
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that the accounts do not accord with those records.

Mr K F Shek  
Trustee

1. the accounts 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.

  
Simon Wai Chan  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Member No. 11111111  
Address: Studio 210, 134-146 Canton Road, London EC2A 3AR  
Date: 18 November 2022





## **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 2022.

### **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

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Member No.: 4942465

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Date: 18 November 2022