

RCCG SHINING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

TRUSTEES' REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of The RCCG Shining Light Christian Connection (the charity) for the ended 31st December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory

requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. CONSTITUTION

The church is constituted under a Trust deed dated 9th November 2010.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

under
the terms of the Trust deed.

c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

with the
powers and
responsibilities of the Trustees.

d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

administration
of the church is managed by the parish pastor and volunteers.

e. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

(RCCG)
governed by
an "Agreement for Common Purposes".

f. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to reduce our exposure to the major risks.

g. GRANT MAKING POLICY

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. Support is also given to RCCG Central Office, World Evangelism Mission, Festival of Life and other RCCG programmes.

The church supports other charities and missionary work that shares its objects in advancement of Christianity and relief of poverty. The church gives occasional grants to congregational members who are in need.

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TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of the church is:

- The advancement of the Christian faith worldwide in accordance with the doctrines set out in the statement of faith contained in the schedule.
- The Relief of Poverty.

Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

b. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The church has adopted the following strategies for achieving the above objectives:

- organisation of seminars and events to address issues of relevance to the relief of poverty and provision of care and support for the needy as appropriate;
- planting of churches; and
- support for other charities and events with similar objectives.
- social action initiatives in the community

c. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The main activities of the church are as follows:

- Sunday service
- Sunday school for all ages of children
- Weekly night Bible Studies and house fellowships at various centres

d. VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

The church is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision, office work and administration.

e. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in bank. Any change in such banking should be agreed by the board. As far as possible, funds will be retained in interest bearing accounts.

f. VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES

The church works with vulnerable groups including children and make sure users are safe and protected from harm. Volunteers, employees and trustees have the right checks and assessments before they can work with a church. Find out how charities can protect their users. Safeguards are in place to protect vulnerable people from abuse, and prevent abuse happening in the first place.

g. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

No trustee is in a position where their duty as a trustee will be in conflict with any personal interest they may have.

h. COMPLAINTS HANDLING

We are committed to ensuring that people have all necessary support required to make a complaint. Complaints are accepted verbally or in writing, and can be formal or informal.

Anyone wishing to make a complaint will be provided with a Complaints Handling Statement, which summarises how a complaint about our service can be made.

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TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The church undertook the following activities:

- Continue with our food bank supply to the needy.
- Development of the Redemption Community Outreach project (RCOP) - This will reach out to the community through events aimed to spread the good news and other programmes such as Coffee Morning for the elderly.
- More trainings on Parenting and Life in the UK for people from overseas.
- We're looking at setting up musical instruments training classes to help interested members of the community develop their innate skills.
- We are setting out plans to start up faith centre in the nearby town of Alsager.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Members of the church have been generous this year. The statement of the financial activities shows net asset stand at £70,017 against the last year amount of £ 58,841.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the church should be 3 months of annual expenditure. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the church in the event of a significant

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

This is provided mainly through voluntary tithes and offerings by the church members.

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TRUSTEES' REPORTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Development of the facilities within Redemption Community Hub (Herbert Minton Building) to be convenient for the regular and special activities of the parish. Spaces will also be available for use as community hub for events like coffee morning for the elderly
- Continue with our food bank supply to the needy.
- Development of the Redemption Community Outreach project (RCOP) - This will reach out to the community through events aimed to spread the good news and other programmes such as Coffee Morning for the elderly.
- More trainings on Parenting and Life in the UK for people from overseas.
- Managing stress for adults, Coping with peer pressure for youths.
- Skills training for the unemployed.
- Employability skills training for the unemployed.
- We're looking at setting up musical instruments training classes to help interested members of the community develop their innate skills.
- We are setting out plans to start up faith centre in the nearby town of Alsager.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th November 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:

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Abiodun Oyedeji Akande

Charity no: 1141538

RCCG SHINING LIGHT CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS

Annual Accounts

1st Jan 2023 - 31st December 2023

RCCG Shining Light Christian Connections				1141538	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	1st Jan 2023	To	Period end date	31st Dec 2023	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds			-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		S01	25,398	-	-	25,398	23,725
Activities for generating funds		S02	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		S03	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources		S05	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		S06	25,398	-	-	25,398	23,725
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds			-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	23,203	-	-	23,203	15,315
Fundraising trading costs		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		S10	725	-	-	725	1,514
Governance costs		S11	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		S13	23,928	-	-	23,928	16,830
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		S14	1,470	-	-	1,470	6,896
Gross transfers between funds		S15	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		S16	1,470	-	-	1,470	6,896
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Prior Year Adjustment		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		S19	1,470	-	-	1,470	6,896
Total funds brought forward		S20	58,841	-	-	58,841	51,945
Total funds carried forward		S21	60,311	-	-	60,311	58,841

Section B

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 11)	B06	-	-	-	-	9,706
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	60,811	-	-	60,811	49,635
<i>Total current assets</i>	B09	60,811	-	-	60,811	59,341
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10	500	-	-	500	500
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	B11	60,311	-	-	60,311	58,841
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	B12	60,311	-	-	60,311	58,841
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 13)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>	B15	60,311	-	-	60,311	58,841
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	60,311			60,311	58,841
	B17				-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 14)	B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 15)	B19			-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	B20	60,311	-	-	60,311	58,841

Signed by

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Abiodun Oyedeji Akande	29/11/2024

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 1 Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with*

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 Accounting Standards;
- or

 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources***Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.*

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Donations	25,398	23,725
	Total	25,398	23,725
Activities for generating funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 4****Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating	Rent	8,984	2,665
	Printing & Stationery	-	740
	Multimedia	287	-
	Office Expense	237	1,487
	Hospitality	-	1,388
	Professional Fees	11,035	8,900
	Youth & children	2,660	
	Bank Charges	-	135
	Total	23,203	15,315
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Gift & Donation	725	174
	COF	-	500
	Welfare		840
	Total	725	1,514
Governance costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 5 Support Costs**

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**6.1 Trustee expenses**

Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
£	£

6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
500	500

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 11 Debtors and prepayments***Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.***Analysis of debtors**

Trade debtors

Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
	9,706	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	9,706	-	-

Note 12**Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.***12.1 Analysis of creditors**

Loans and overdrafts

Trade creditors

Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
500	500		
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
500	500	-	-

12.2 Security over assets*If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.*

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

RCCG Shining Light Christian Connections

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1141538

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

29 Nov 2024

Name:

Tunji Ogedengbe FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

ACCA

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.