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International Sanctuary of God Annual Trustees' Report & Accounts 2024 – 2025

1. Aim and Purposes

The International Sanctuary of God exists to:

1. Worship God, who is worthy of all praise and glory.
2. Serve God locally, nationally, and internationally by fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ as set forth in Matthew 28:19–20.
3. Minister to the needs of members and others as the Church is able.
4. Undertake all activities consistent with the purposes of a New Testament Church and the teachings of the Bible.

The Church operates as a registered charity for the advancement of the Christian faith and the relief of need within the community, nationally and internationally.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is governed by its Constitution and overseen by a Board of Trustees. Trustees are responsible for:

- Strategic oversight and decision-making
- Financial stewardship and compliance with charity law
- Safeguarding and risk management
- Supporting the pastoral and ministry teams

New trustees receive an induction covering their legal responsibilities, safeguarding, and church policies. Day-to-day ministry is delegated to the Senior Pastor and ministry leaders.

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3. Objectives and Activities

The Pastors and Ministers of the Church are responsible for:

- Preaching, teaching, pastoral counselling, administration, planning, and guiding the Church to fulfil its biblical purposes
- Leading the Church and all ministry leaders in worship, proclamation, education, and evangelism
- Assisting and supervising Deacons and Church workers in their duties

The Church provides weekly worship services, Bible teaching, pastoral support, and community outreach, all aimed at advancing the Christian faith and supporting individuals spiritually and practically.

4. Achievements and Performance

International Sanctuary of God is not organised for profit. All activities are undertaken for the spiritual growth of members and the wider community.

Regular Worship and Ministry

- Sunday Services were held weekly at Gants Hill Methodist Church.
- Wednesday Online Bible Study & Prayer Meetings were held throughout the year via GoToMeeting.
- House group prayer meetings in Rainham, Romford, Catford, South London and East London.
- Services were led by the Senior Pastor or designated Ministers.
- The congregation benefited from sermons delivered by guest pastors from several countries.

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- Throughout the year, Senior Pastor Steeve was invited to minister in other congregations, helping to build meaningful connections and advance our shared work within the community.

5. Key Events During the Year

April 2024 – June 2024

- Weekly online Bible Study & Prayer Meetings
- Weekly Sunday Services
- 21/04/2024 – Men & Women's Meeting
- 03/05/2024 – Worship & Prayer Night
- 05/05/2024 – Leaders' Meeting
- 18/05/2024 – Celebration of Church members' wedding

July 2024 – September 2024

- Weekly online Bible Study & Prayer Meetings
- Weekly Sunday Services
- 16/06/2024 – Father's Day Celebration
- 07/07/2024 – Leaders' Meeting
- 21/07/2024 – Visit by President/CEO UEER (Union Des Eglises Evangelique de Reveil De France), David Thevenet, and celebration of Pastor Steeve's birthday

October 2024 – December 2024

- Weekly online Bible Study & Prayer Meetings

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- Weekly Sunday Services
- 01/10/2024 – Celebration of the wedding of church members
- 13/10/2024 – Church 13th Anniversary & Ordination of Minister Dholly.
- 20/10/2024 – Silver Wedding Anniversary of Pastor Steeve & Minister Virginie
- 09/11/2024 – Church became a member of The Fellowship of Christian Church
- 22/12/2024 – Christmas Carol Service & Food Bank Collection
- 31/12/2024 – End of Year Celebration & Crossover Service

January 2025 – March 2025

- Weekly online Bible Study & Prayer Meetings
- Weekly Sunday Services
- Senior Pastor Steeve attended a two-week conference in Mexico
- 30/03/2025 – Mother's Day Celebration and Guest Speaker Evangelist Ash Kaye

6. Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Team met regularly to discuss church matters, support individual cases, and pray collectively.

Senior pastoral visits were carried out throughout the year to all families within the church, with additional visits made as needed.

Pastoral care remains central to the Church's ministry, ensuring members receive spiritual, emotional, and practical support.

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7. Financial Review (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025)

	Actual
Income	
Tithes / Offering / Donation	<u>32,478.35</u>
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Expenditure	
Rent	(9,336.00)
Minister / Leader's Allowance	(1,200.00)
Pastor's Allowance	(3,600.00)
Donation out	(760.00)
Disposables / Kitchen	(651.74)
Food & Drink	(576.00)
Sound / Equipment	(2,125.43)
Decorations / Events / Gifts	(1,022.45)
Loan	30.00
Ministry expenses	(1,400.00)
Easter (31.03.24) exc. Meal	(220.04)
Holy Communion	(55.00)
Church Fellowship Connect	
Insurance	<u>(303.96)</u>
 Total	 <u>(21,220.62)</u>
	<u>11,257.73</u>

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The Board of Trustees confirm that the Church has maintained proper financial controls and that funds have been used solely to advance the charitable purposes of the organisation.

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9. Safeguarding

The Church maintains safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults.

- Volunteers and leaders receive safeguarding training.
- Policies are reviewed and updated as required.
- Any concerns are handled in accordance with statutory guidance.

10. Plans for the Coming Year

The Church aims to:

- Strengthen discipleship and teaching programmes
- Expand outreach and evangelism
- Develop leadership training
- Support families and young people

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- Continue building partnerships with other churches and Christian organisations, nationally and internationally

11. The Board of Trustees' Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025.

List of The Board of Trustees

Jean Steeve B. Payen - Chairperson
Mantabye Heeroo - Secretary
Nancee Heeroo Luximon - Treasurer
Marie Maita Virassamy -Trustee
Joseph St Mart -Trustee

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