

Ecclesia International

Trustee's Annual Report

For the year (01st April 2022 - 31st August 2023)

Registered Charity Number: 1148134

Reference and Administration details of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2023

Trustees

Rt. Rev. Michael Royal (Chairperson)

Rev. Asif Gill

Rev. Narinder Makha

Charity Number

1148134

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Ecclesia International for the year ended 31st August 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current requirements guided by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

➤ Governing Document

The Church's governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 08th March 2011.

➤ Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objectives. The Trustees meet approximately four times per annum to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church activities including finance, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution and church membership. One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed positions in the ministry.

The induction process for any individual newly appointed as a Trustee receives copies of the following documents: -

- The memorandum and articles of association
- The most recent financial statements
- The Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

➤ Church Members

Church membership is open to those who:

By grace have exhibited having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of fundamental truths of Churches in Communities International and The Apostolic Pastoral Congress (APC) in Great Britain, the two denominations that Ecclesia International is affiliated to.

Church Members share the responsibility for the finances, administration, maintenance, and activities of the Church.

➤ Risk Management

Ecclesia International has assessed its risks and has adopted all appropriate governance, financial, GDPR and child safeguarding policies & procedures in line with good practice.

➤ **Policies and Procedures**

There is a child safeguarding policy in place. Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out prior to commencement of any volunteer employment or trusteeships. These checks are carried out in every two years in line with statutory requirements.

Objectives, Activities and Strategies

➤ **Objective**

In accordance with the memorandum of association, the Church's objects are:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as Trustees from time to time think fit;
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit, and
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as Trustees from time to time may think fit.

➤ **Activities**

Ecclesia International is an independent church and is affiliated to the Churches in Communities International and the Apostolic Pastoral Congress, in Great Britain.

The congregation is drawn from a wide range of cultures across Coventry and West Midlands. The Church has maintained a strong presence in the city region over the last 18 years.

The Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. During the year the Church continued to carry out the following activities in order to promote the Gospel:

- **Family worship service** on some Sunday between 10.00hrs – 11.00 hrs, consisting of a range of activities including worship and preaching. The church meets sometimes in person and sometimes online.

- **Home Groups** - Ecclesia International has several home groups that meet from time to time during the week for Bible study and worship. The numbers of house groups have reduced because of the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **Community Outreach** – Ecclesia International continued to have members who are part of the Ascension Trust Street Pastors team in Coventry. Ordinarily, teams go out on a weekly basis listening, helping, and caring for the community during the evening and night hours at the weekends. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, street patrols that were on hold in early 2022 have begun to patrol again
- **International Charitable Outreach** – Due to COVID-19 pandemic Ecclesia International did not run mission trips to Malta and Pakistan but we now have a church plant in India and house groups in Pakistan and one of the pastors visited that church plant in India in 2023. The church has continued to support those home groups via phone and online. Those home groups provide practical help and support to their local communities.
- **Women Ministry.** The church women ministry has continued to support women online and over the phone.
- **Food Bank-** The church has continued running a food bank from its operating address in Coventry in partnership with International Asian Christian Front (IACF). We supported up to 50 families per week with food parcels. We also provided food parcels for families of the pupils of the Aspire AP School Alternative Education Centre
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- **Aspires Alternative Provision School** – Registered independent School changed its name from the TLG Education Centre to Aspire AP School on 1st August 2021 and continued to provide alternative education to young people at risk of exclusion from school. The school has capacity for 15 pupils and had a successful OFSTED inspection in May 2022 where it for a “Good” OFSTED rating.
- Aspire AP School continues to be based at Hall Green Baptist Church. 1250 Stratford Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 9AJ. Over the last 18 months the school has supported up to 15 pupils in any class and their families. Home visits were regularly undertaken, and food parcels periodically given to the families of the pupils. We have also provided clothing for children whose family have suffered hardship.

➤ **Future Plans**

As a charitable going concern, working within the community, Ecclesia International has following plans for growth of Aspire AP School.

Aspire AP School became independent from Transforming Lives for Good TLG on 31st July 2021. TLG North Birmingham now known as Aspire AP School 2 was handed over to the School Governors on April 2023 from Transforming Lives for Good and is functioning under a separate Community Interest Company – Aspire AP School Education CIC. The school governors work across the two schools.

The school continues to source its supporting services from various external service providers.

This report was approved by the Trustees 15th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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Rt. Rev. Michael Royal
(Senior Leader)
Trustee Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act).
- To follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Direction 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 explanation from you as 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 that matter set out in the statement below.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come into my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respects the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act, have not been met or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be withdrawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL
Detailed profit and loss account
for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sales	359,768	150,693
Cost of sales	(17,330)	(4,850)
Gross profit	<u>342,438</u>	<u>145,843</u>
Administrative expenses	(248,152)	(106,251)
Operating profit	<u>94,286</u>	<u>39,592</u>
Profit before tax	<u>94,286</u>	<u>39,592</u>

ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL**Detailed profit and loss account****for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Sales		
Restricted Funds	358,020	140,936
HMRC Grant	1,748	9,757
	<u>359,768</u>	<u>150,693</u>
Cost of sales		
Direct labour	6,271	-
Other direct costs	11,059	4,850
	<u>17,330</u>	<u>4,850</u>
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	122,591	70,888
Pensions	6,411	-
Employer's NI	38,670	6,336
Staff training and welfare	12,524	-
Travel and subsistence	11,717	791
	<u>191,913</u>	<u>78,015</u>
Premises costs:		
Rent	12,855	5,500
	<u>12,855</u>	<u>5,500</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	271	1,032
Stationery and printing	2,532	4,169
Information and publications	9,821	-
Bank charges	407	-
Insurance	2,635	1,025
Equipment hire	942	50
Software	785	5,237
Repairs and maintenance	8,053	126
Depreciation	1,522	1,903
Sundry expenses	-	1,123
	<u>26,968</u>	<u>14,665</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	860	400
Advertising and PR	2,209	-
Other legal and professional	13,347	7,671
	<u>16,416</u>	<u>8,071</u>
	<u>248,152</u>	<u>106,251</u>

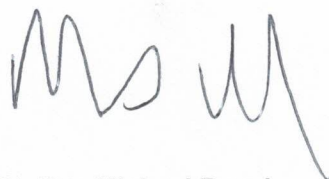


Rt. Rev. Michael Royal
Chairperson

Approved by the board on 8 January 2024

ECCLESIA INTERNATIONAL
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	6,090	7,612
Current assets			
Deposit Account	7	32,985	32,971
Cash at bank and in hand		63,585	5,344
		<u>96,570</u>	<u>38,315</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(8,374)	(6,335)
Net current assets		<u>88,196</u>	<u>31,980</u>
Net assets		<u>94,286</u>	<u>39,592</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	9	94,286	39,592
Total equity		<u>94,286</u>	<u>39,592</u>



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