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Charity Registration No. SC044708 (Scotland)

BETHEL SOZO UK

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2021 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

BETHEL SOZO UK

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Bethel Sozo

Trustees Report for 2021

Charitable Context

Bethel Sozo UK was established as a registered charity in 2013 with the charitable objects of;

- Promoting & supporting the BSUK leadership community.
- Training and mentoring individuals & churches
- Distribution of relevant training resources

It does this by;

- Carrying out personal sozo ministry sessions
- Organising on-going Training events
- Provision of training & development resources
- Supporting other charities

The public benefit is;

- More cohesive community relationships
- Healthy family member relationships
- Help people with life controlling issues

2021 Overview

We said last year that “in some ways Covid restrictions have significantly impacted the ministry activities – and in other ways not at all.”

This continues to be the case On line training continued as did online sozo session.

Given that almost all income is generated by product & sales of the manual at live training events it is no surprise that 2021 has been financially challenging.

Plans for Christine to attend the Bethel Sozo Summit were shelved for several reasons. The need to conserve BSUK funds, travel restrictions and the re-formatting of the actual event to accommodate Covid restrictions.

Perhaps rather boldly, we scheduled a UK National Conference for October 2021. While none of our American colleagues attended that made space for British voices and a much broader range of speakers. While the event did not generate a surplus, as it has in previous years, it did breakeven financially.

Activities

Basic Training

Our trainers continue to deliver Basic Training events in the UK, and these are the most popular events. There have been 8 Basic Training events in 2021, all online.

Advanced Training

Liz Gregg, Darrell & Anthea Cocup, Christine & David West are approved to deliver this level of training. There have been 5 Advanced Training events in 2021, all online.

Mentoring Programs

These varied events give practitioners the opportunity to practice and get instant feedback. Akin to a fast-track program it significantly accelerates people's competence and builds confidence. Under normal circumstances there would be extensive mentoring activity at local & regional team gatherings. Following Covid restriction this has been online during 2021. There have been two full day Mentoring days and four 8 week Mentoring programs meeting weekly for 90 minutes.

Sozo by Zoom

As previously reported, these continue to be very popular and by all accounts are very effective. While they will not suit everyone, they are definitely a permanent part of the Sozo landscape going forward.

David's Tent

We have taken a Sozo team to this event for several years. Lisa Wickham once again put together a team that delivered 60+ sozo sessions over the weekend. David & Christine especially are well embedded with the DT team and were involved in a lot of personal ministry to leadership over the whole weekend.

National Conference.

Held over 8th & 9th October, this event was held live at New Life Church, Milton Keynes. In previous years we have had 400+ paying delegates which historically generates a surplus as well as covering the considering costs associated with overseas speakers.

This year we had 170 paying delegates (plus 30+ "freebies") and no overseas speakers. Conference hit break-even financially. Had we hosted overseas speakers the finances would have been untenable.

We revamped the program to feature "UK Voices" in all seminars & main sessions – there were 30+ participant contributors. Paul & Sue Manwaring are great supporters and Paul spoke at 2 seminars as well as closing conference.

We also reviewed the layout and had it set out in an informal "café style" around tables.

Anecdotally, we had the best feedback of any event we have hosted. People loved hearing "British Voices" (an oft repeated phrase). The café layout was also very popular, "it felt more like family". We will be mindful of these comments in planning future gatherings.

International

Sozo by Zoom means that geographical boundaries are irrelevant when it comes to choosing how to have a Sozo. Sozo sessions with people internationally have become common place.

In liaison with Teresa Liebscher, Christine & David are supporting and facilitating the development of Sozo in Denmark, Italy and Spain.

Finances

Finances continue to be a major challenge. Product sales been almost non-existent with the exception of minimal manual sales related to online training events. This is to be expected as the majority of sales typically happen at live training events when the product is "there in person". This has been especially challenging for the ministry financially as all of its income is generated by product / manual sales. This explain why we made a "loss" last year, drawing on the surplus in 2021.

The national Conference was self-funding and hit break-even. As mentioned above, Conference traditionally generates a surplus with 400+ paying delegates. Numbers this year meant we made breakeven.

We received an unexpected donation of £2,000. We did consider using this to update & future -proof some of our IT. Under the circumstances this donation went into running costs and effectively kept us afloat financially . Historically we hold £500 in reserves for "emergencies, the impact of Covid constitutes such an emergency and we are "living off" our reserves.

We have few fixed costs such as trustee insurance, which amount to approximately £110 per month.

Payments have continued to be made to David but it is unlikely we will be able to continue these in the New Year without additional income. This is based on the agreement that these payments would figure last in payment priorities.'

We will continue to monitor finances closely, we do not have borrowing facilities and nor would we want them.

The approved accounts for 2021 are attached to this Annual Report

How extensive is the ministry?

We are frequently asked, "how many churches have the Sozo ministry?", the answer is "we have no idea".

Sozo is a church-based ministry; the UK leadership train, mentor and "sign off" church team leaders as competent. After that, they are commissioned by their own church leadership and they serve accountable to that leadership.

The UK leadership only get involved with local church teams by exception, when invited or when they become aware of an issue that needs to be addressed. We work hard at not being "controlling" or "interfering".

The Sozo network in the UK continues to not only grow but be healthy. Sozo is certainly working in hundreds of UK churches from just about every denomination & stream. We have an active mailing list in excess of 3,300 people who will in some way be involved in Sozo.

Looking Ahead into 2022

With the significant easing / lifting of Covid related restriction we anticipate a return to live Training events. Indeed, there are 2 (one Basic & 1 Advanced) already scheduled in Q1. A return to live events will have a consequential and positive impact on our finances. As mentioned previously, the majority of the ministry's income come from training related product / manual sales. We will also be encouraging regional networks to meet in person following a couple of years in "isolation".

We recognise that for many Sozo practitioners, they will not have run a Sozo session for a year or two. We are offering "Refresher" days that will help those whose memories have faded and whose confidence needs restoring.

Christine & David are scheduled to return to Denmark to run an Advanced training follow on from the Basic that they ran in 2021.

We are also considering how we might more widely access church networks. We have great relationships with the "gate-keepers" of some networks and we will be exploring with them how they might introduce / commend Bethel Sozo to their peers in related / connected churches.

The fruit of the ministry is deep, evident and lasting for countless hundreds of people here in the UK, testimonies abound. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit for this freedom for which we were set free.

Signed on Behalf of Trustees.

Chair of Trustees: Deborah Carter  Date 17/02/2022

Trustee: Christine West;  Date 17/02/2022..

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year period 1st January to 31st December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered number 1154100 in England & Wales and registered number SC044708 in Scotland incorporated 23rd October 2013.

Trustees are appointed by committee in accordance with the constitution. Suitable training is provided.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

We have a council of reference;

- John Pugh-Smith (Barrister, Anglican church)
- Ruth Burnham (BSUK National Facilitator, Licenced Lay Minister in the Anglican church)
- Rev Mark Ruoff (Anglican Minister)

This team understand & support the ministry and their role is advisory only. They serve as a reference point for the leadership team & trustees as and when they feel the need to canvass a perspective from a wider group.

Organisational Structure

The charity is led on a day-to-day basis by Christine West and David West, members of the UK Bethel Sozo leadership team. In addition to providing regular written updates to the Trustees and Council of Reference, they consult with them individually & corporately as and when required.

Objectives

For the public benefit to advance the Christian religion in particular by promoting and supporting the development, education and training of the UK Sozo Leadership Community, individuals and church groups. The carrying out of the personal Sozo Ministry session and producing and/or distributing literature.

Financial review

The unrestricted fund showed a loss for the period of £1,711.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Reserves policy

Fixed costs are minimal in the region of £110 per month for insurance and phone contracts. The trustees seek to maintain between 3 and 6 months reserves as a contingency.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Deborah Carter - Chair of Trustees.....



Date 17/02/2022

Independent Examiners Report – (England & Wales)

Report to the trustees of

BETHEL SOZO UK

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2021

Charity
number

1154100

Set out on pages

12 To 13

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

21/02/2022

Name:

DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

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Independent Examiners Report – (Scotland)
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bethel Sozo UK – SC044708 (Scotland)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:



Name: Dennis Edward Scudder

DS Audit & Book-keeping Services

Address: 32 Newton Abbot Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 7DT

Date:

21/02/2022

BETHEL SOZO UK**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT****FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

RECEIPTS	01/01/2021 TO 31/12/2021 £	01/01/2020 TO 31/12/2020 £
PRODUCT AND SHIPPING	7,871	19,231
DONATIONS RECEIVED	6,481	6,160
GIFT AID RECLAIMED	1,332	867
CONFERENCE PRODUCT AND TRAINING	23,922	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES	1,183	331
OTHER INCOME	820	629
INTEREST		1
TOTAL RECEIPTS	41,609	27,219
PAYMENTS		
DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
AUTHOR ROYALTIES	2,731	4,820
PRODUCT RELATED	5,444	6,947
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	20,307	
GIFTS GIVEN AWAY & HOSPITALITY	739	669
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	5,601	6,285
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	3,211	2,666
IT AND WEBSITE	2,313	5,585
INSURANCE AND FINANCE COSTS	3,034	1,470
TOTAL PAYMENTS	43,380	28,442
NET INCOME OR LOSS -	-1,771	-1,223

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
CASH FUNDS		
	£	£
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	397	2,168
TOTAL BANK CASH FUNDS	397	2,168

THE ACCOUNTS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON 17/2/2022

DEBORAH CARTER

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CHRISTINE WEST

Christine West