

MUSHAKATA FELLOWSHIP GROUP (UK)



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023



**Mushakata
Fellowship
Group (UK)**

Trustees

*Mr Farayi Mutsambiwa
Chairman*

*Mr Rutendo Rondoza
Vice Chairman*

*Mrs Sanele Ncube
Secretary*

*Mrs Thembie Moyo
Treasurer*

TRUSTEES FOREWORD

*"God is our refuge and strength, A^[a] very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the ^[b]midst of the sea;
3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling."* Psalm 46:1-3 (NKJV). During the year, we have seen God's hand of deliverance bring us and the world through the raging Covid-19 pandemic. We were preserved, not because of our own righteousness but because of His Grace.

The world slowly began to lift the restrictions that had prevented social interaction and restricted our meeting together. Regular monthly meetings at Milton Keynes commenced in July 2022, with excitement at the opportunity to finally physically embrace and share a meal and experiences after such a long time. However, numbers of those attending have remained well below the peak of pre-Covid times.

Weekly Zoom meetings continued to be conducted with variable attendance numbers ranging from 16 to 25 connected devices. The recordings of these meetings also allowed others an opportunity to hear the word at their convenience.

By God's grace there were also fewer bereavements and illnesses of members and their relatives, both here and in Zimbabwe. However, intercession continued in earnest for marriages, families, financial challenges and other problems facing members. There continued to be sharing of experiences during men and women's ministries. Mushakata Fellowship Group continued to offer practical and financial support including private counselling to strengthen each other.

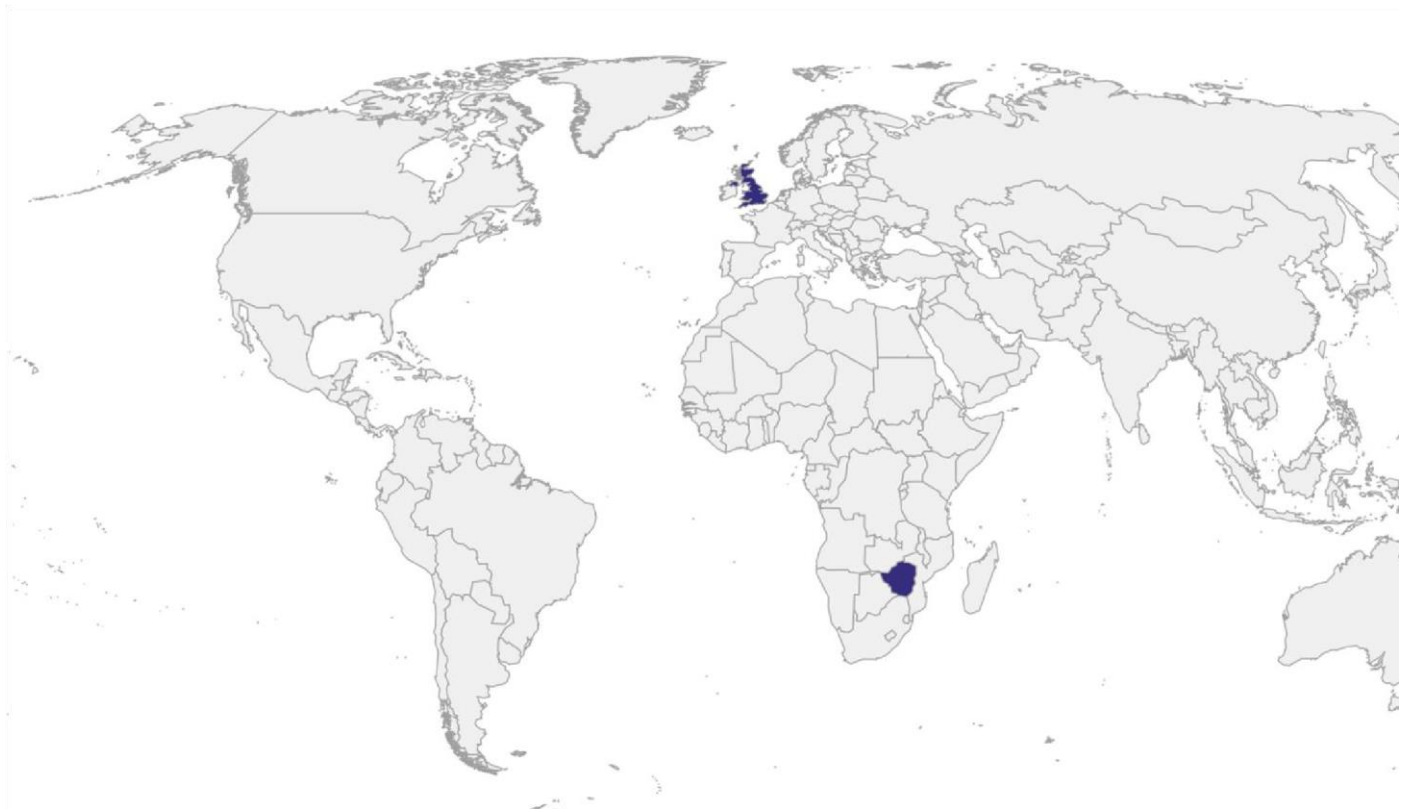
It has been a year where members have had a lot to give thanks to our God for, including the ability to travel to Zimbabwe in particular to see friends and family after a period of restriction. There were a number of families that also resettled in the UK, some of whom became part of Mushakata Fellowship

The men's ministry continued with weekly meetings and the women's ministry started monthly meetings. Regrettably, there continues to be no meetings of the youth or children's ministries, a situation that we continue to try and resolve.

As usual, Mushakata Fellowship Leadership continues to ensure that our activities are in line with our charitable objectives.

By Farai Mutsambiwa (Chairman) and Rutendo Rondoza (Vice Chairman)

Areas of Operation



List of regions

Brighton and Hove
Bristol City
Cambridgeshire
City of London

Coventry
Hertfordshire
Lincolnshire
Milton Keynes

Staffordshire
Walsall
Warwickshire
Zimbabwe

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Charity details

Charity name:	Mushakata Fellowship Group (UK)
Registered charity number:	1158448
Charity address:	C/O 22 Station Road, Little Bytham, NG33 4RA
Trustees:	(See page 2 above)

Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing document:	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Constitution adopted 6 th April 2013
Trustee selection method:	By the charity in an Annual General Meeting or by resolution of the Trustees

Objectives and Activities:

Objects of the charity are:

To promote the Christian religion in the UK particularly among Zimbabweans living in the UK and Zimbabwe and prevention or relief of poverty, ill health, financial hardship, disability and distress amongst the above-mentioned beneficiaries, the public and wider society.

Summary of Main Achievements During Year 2022 - 2023¹:

Worship Meetings

In the period 2022-23, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic began to ease across the UK and internationally. Although new variants continued to emerge these were not as deadly and along with the vaccination programme allowed the government to ease restrictions in the early part of the reporting year.

In July 2022, a decision was taken for us to start regular monthly meetings at Milton Keynes. This was a welcome move and those that attended were excited with this move. It also enabled the bible studies to be carried out which proved very interactive and engaging. However, the numbers were significantly reduced compared to pre-pandemic times with on average 16 people attending. There was also very few if any children attending in some of the meetings.

Weekly Zoom meetings continued every Saturday during the reporting period. Despite the return to Milton Keynes, leadership has taken the decision that the weekly meetings continue as they enrich the lives of members.

The services have been led by various preachers including Guest Preachers all the way from Zimbabwe – Bishop Rodwell Masanga and Mai Muneta and other local preachers.

The trustees would also like to pay tribute to the MC's who were in charge of each meeting for their dedication and to the pastoral team that coordinated the preachers.

Bereavements

There were fewer bereavements suffered by fellowship members during the reporting period. Memorial services were held by Mushakata Fellowship Group as per our tradition and members supported the bereaved members through financial support, visits and prayer.

Leaders Prayer Group Meeting – 14th January 2023

This year's prayer meeting was held at Milton Keynes. In a first as well, the prayer meeting was not restricted to leaders but any Mushakata Fellowship members who felt the desire to be part of the prayer session. There was a turnout for the meeting of about 8 members. The prayer meeting focused on: -

1. New arrivals from Zimbabwe especially children
2. Peace for Zimbabwe focusing on elections this year
3. Fellowship to be led by God
4. Different ministries, men, women, youth, children, marriage
5. Cefn Lea and Israel
6. UK political leadership

¹ Trustees acknowledge the contributions of Committee Members and advisers Chenayi Mawere, Prosper Ngwerume, Jocelyn Chirimamhanga and Trymore Nyahunzwi

7. Ukraine
8. Marriages and weddings for our children
9. Outreach
10. Leadership

The intercessory prayer group continues to hold prayers every Friday evening.

2022 Annual Revival Convention: Thursday 19th – Sunday 22nd May 2022

The theme for the convention was based on Isaiah 40: 31

“... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint.”.

The retreat was held via Zoom and was well attended by many participants.

The crown of the convention was a holy communion service on the last day. Most participants felt spiritually empowered to face the challenges of life for another year.

Men's Fellowship

“Men does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord”. Deuteronomy 8:3. As men in fellowship we are aware that physical nourishment is not enough for a healthy life; as men we also need to cater for our spiritual needs.

The zoom services platform for men every Wednesday has gone from strength to strength following our theme, *“As iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another”* Proverbs 27:17.

As men, we will continue to pray to our Lord and be guided by the spirit to inspire not only the members on the platform, but to invite men and young men in our society to Christ. The platform on Wednesday offers that spiritual need and understanding our relationship with the Lord through prayer, teachings and testimonials.

These meetings would not be a success without the blessing of our elders, priests, bishops, and apostles who bless us with teachings praising and worshipping every blessed Wednesday night.

I would like to thank the wonderful Lord for the Men's fellowship platform and its future development.

Many thanks to Bishop Gomba, Apostle Magadzire, Pastor Dhauya, Pastor Musukutwa, Pastor Munangati, Baba I. Sisimayi, Baba Mutsambiwa, Baba Makufa, Baba Ncube & Baba Moyo and to all the men and fathers who tune in every Wednesday night Glory to God. To the organisers, Baba Whata, Baba Rondoza, Baba L. Sisimayi, Baba Chigora.

Let us continue to worship and praise the Lord every Wednesday night.

Women's Fellowship

During the year under consideration, women held many meetings via Zoom where the word of God was preached and bible study was conducted. Prayer meetings were also convened in support of each other. Women also visited sick members in their homes and at hospital. As well as this, the women held a face to face retreat at Cefn Lea. This involved worshipping the Lord, teaching and preaching of God's word, sharing testimonies and praying for one another.

Women's Annual UK Mubatanidzwa Conventions

Mushakata Fellowship Mothers Group is affiliated to Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano Interdenominational Fellowship Group UK and Zimbabwe. Mothers from various churches in UK and Zimbabwe come together/meet on zoom regularly with the moto of 'Serving the Lord in the Ministry to win souls for Christ,'

The group of women come together to encourage the wounded, strengthening the weak, teaching /learning the word of God and keeping the souls burning for the things of GOD. Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano Womens' Group UK and Zimbabwe is a body of Christ that knows no boundaries, but is one in spirit.

Achievements for UK Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano 2022-2023

As part of the Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano Group UK, Mushakata Mothers group is proud to have been represented and been part of the following achievements.

- Fundraising money for Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano by selling T-Shirts to Mushakata Mothers Group and Book markers. So far Mushakata Mothers Group have contributed £120.00 in fundraising. The t-shirts and book markers bear the Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano Logo on them. The fundraising is still ongoing, t-shirts and book markers still on sale currently at time of this report.
- Payment of Annual Affiliation fee of £140.00
- Mushakata Fellowship organised a successful Mothers Group presentation on zoom to all Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano group as part of every church's monthly fasting and praying task. This was held on 28.10.22
- Mushakata Mothers Group was represented at the 1st Face to Face Fellowship meeting of Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano (after Covid Pandemic) This was held successfully at Benhill Hall in Rugby on 28.01.23
- Commemorating World Day of Prayer on Zoom, all women all over the world were invited to this powerful prayer session held on 03.03.23.
- Mushakata Church was given £500.00 from Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano Fellowship Group to donate to a charitable organisation in Zimbabwe chosen by the church. These funds were disbursement funds given to all churches affiliating to Mubatanidzwa/ Umanyano-UK for purposes of helping/supporting the less privileged in our country of Zimbabwe.

Children and Young People's Report

There were no activities for the children and youth in the reporting year. This will continue to be an area to be reviewed and worked on.

Trip to Holy Land

After a 2-year hiatus, the beginning of 2023 saw the trip to Israel being revived. This began in earnest with pilgrims from UK and Zimbabwe making their plans and flight bookings. The itinerary included stopover in Egypt on the way to Israel. Since the trip eventually took place in May 2023, a full report on what transpired will be published in next year's Annual Report.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held face to face on the 1st of October 2022 at Milton Keynes. Mr Simon Ncube chaired the meeting. The meeting adopted the financial report and the recommendations of the trustees without amendment.

New trustees who had been shadow trustees for the past year were endorsed by those present. The trustees are as follows:-

1. Chairman – Baba Farayi Mutsambiwa
2. Vice Chairman- Baba Rutendo Rondoza
3. Secretary- Mai Sanele Ncube
4. Treasurer – Mai Thembe Moyo

Committee members

1. Baba Trymore Nyahunzwi,
2. Mai Jocelyn Chirimamhanga,
3. Auntie Gwen Matizanhau,
4. Advisors Auntie Chenayi Mawere and Baba Prosper Ngwerume

Baba Mutsambiwa thanked the outgoing trustees for the work and dedication in ensuring MFG affairs were in order.

Trustees and (MFG Leadership)

The affairs of the charity are governed by Trustees, who are recruited from the Fellowship Group's Committee Members and from suitably qualified and committed members of the Fellowship Group. New Trustees are introduced to their role and responsibilities by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at which time relevant Charity Commission literature is issued together with copies of the Fellowship Group's

Constitution and the latest financial information available. As and when available, Trustees attend recommended trainings or meetings offered by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees hold Board Meetings generally on a quarterly basis and as and when necessary to discuss the charity's policy, financial and operational matters.

Trustees' Meetings

The following meetings were conducted during 2022 - 2023:

- Handover Meeting of 29th October, 2022 –meeting where outgoing trustees explained and handed over any outstanding business to incoming trustees.
- Most issues were resolved in consultation via Whatsapp

Other Achievements, Future Plans and Vision

1. Gift Aid

Gift Aid claimed during the year ending 31st March 2023 was £1,789.73. We give all the praise to the Lord for this support through Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

2. Bible Study

Our regular monthly meetings recommenced in July 2022 following the Covid-19 pandemic in Milton Keynes. These have been ongoing since. The bible studies have proved to be beneficial not only in understanding of key biblical concepts, but in allowing different members to use their God given gifts. This has allowed personal growth and that of the congregation.

3. Sponsorship of projects in Zimbabwe and UK

In keeping with the Fellowship Group's objects – *“to promote the Christian religion in the UK particularly among Zimbabweans living in the UK and Zimbabwe and prevention or relief of poverty, ill health, financial hardship, disability and distress amongst the above-mentioned beneficiaries, the public and wider society”*, MFG UK Leadership has appointed a Sub-Committee Committee on Projects to make recommendations to Trustees on charitable activities as and when the need arises. During the reporting period, no requests were presented for consideration to the committee.

4. Current Priorities

The Charity's main priority is to raise and save sufficient funding for purchasing its own worship building first. By teaching members on giving, it is hoped they will be able to increase their giving to the charity. God did not say give when times are good and give later when times are bad. We give a portion of what He gives us now by faith in order to advance His kingdom.

As the charity's income increases, the building can be bought. But also, there is a long-term opportunity to employ a Fundraiser to help raise funding from external sources. With a building in place, a Projects Officer could also be employed to help identify, implement and monitor projects.

5. Future Growth Strategy and Vision

As the Fellowship grows, there is also an opportunity to consider investing in the stock market, property, establish a home to take care of the sick and elderly, schools, clinics, etc. to generate more income and for the benefit of its beneficiaries, the public and wider society.

Please note - this is a long-term vision that is not within touching distance at present. It's something we aspire to achieve in future and is subject to change as the charity grows.

Finances

Reserves Policy

According to the Charity Commission's Charity **Financial Reserves Guidance Notes (10th May, 2013)**, ***"by law, a charity must spend income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there's a good reason not to"***. In accordance with this, Mushakata Fellowship Group (UK) will maintain its reserves at a level to cover 6 months' core running expenses (*i.e. monthly meetings hire expenses etc.*) of the previous year. Any surplus reserves held over this amount will be utilised on other charitable activities and projects to be decided by the Fellowship Group members and in line with the charity's objects.

Public benefit

In recent years, much consultation has happened between the Charity Commission and religious charities in relation to the question of public benefit. We are encouraged that the Commission acknowledges ***the intangible spiritual benefits*** that the charity works to provide. Jesus said *"you shall love your neighbour as yourself"*. Our Fellowship Group's monthly worship meetings, annual retreats, trips to Israel and other activities, reach out beyond our own congregation in UK and Zimbabwe through our collections during services, prayers that change circumstances at individual, household, national and international level, teachings of Jesus Christ, moral values and practices learnt from these teachings, visits to members when they are sick at home or in hospital and during bereavement, weddings and other social events, etc.

For example, non-Fellowship Group members of the public invited to our weddings, retreats, bereavement services, etc. have often commented about the palpable love for one another, support, respect and unity members display, which are some of the fundamental tenets of a good society.

Our worship meetings are open to all who wish to explore whether the Fellowship Group, can help them to enrich their spiritual lives. In discharging their duties, Trustees believe that they have complied with the Charity Commission's Trustee guidance notes entitled **"New Welcome Pack for Charity Trustees"** updated May 2018.

Conclusion

Trustees would like to thank all MFG UK members and our visiting Preachers for their enthusiasm and effort in fulfilling the Fellowship Group's objects - *to promote the Christian religion in the UK particularly among Zimbabweans living in the UK and Zimbabwe and prevention or relief of poverty, ill health, financial hardship, disability and distress amongst the above-mentioned beneficiaries, the public and wider society.*

Trustees are also indebted to Mr Lovemore Sisimayi who for many years has been willing to be our Independent Financial Examiner, reviewing and endorsing our Accounts, free of charge.

We give all the praise and glory to God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of Mushakata Fellowship Group (MFG) UK's Trustees:

Full name: Farayi Mutsambiwa

Position: Chairman

Date: 5th August 2023

Financial Report

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

			31 March 2023	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
			£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Income	Restricted Income	Total	Total	Total
Voluntary Income	£9,310.50	£0.00	£9,310.50	£7,442.00	£5,127.00
HMRC Rebate	£1,789.73	£0.00	£1,789.73	£1,282.05	£765.96
Israel Trip Donations	£0.00	£39,648.60	£39,648.60	£0.00	£8,188.81
Mubatanidzwa	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
Cefn Lea Donations	£0.00	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other (Zoom subscription/ Computer purchase)	£0.00	£228.00	£228.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total incoming resources	£11,100.23	£41,126.60	£52,226.83	£8,724.05	£14,581.77
RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Expenditure	Restricted Expenditure			
Charitable activities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£603.11	£200.00
Israel Trip	£0.00	£33,608.00	£33,608.00	£4,278.60	£15,018.60
Cefn Lea Annual Retreat	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£398.00

Monthly Meetings & Women's Conference (Mubatanidzwa)	£5,938.04	£0.00	£5,938.04	£3,954.33	£2,383.88
Governance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Financial charges	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£227.88	£227.88	£0.00	£0.00
			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total resources expended	£5,938.04	£33,835.88	£39,773.92	£8,836.04	£18,000.48
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£5,162.19	£7,290.72	£12,452.91	-£111.99	-£3,418.71
Balance brought forward	£33,287.85	£12,341.60	£45,629.45	£45,741.44	£49,160.15
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£39,210.16	£18,872.20	£58,082.36	£45,629.45	£45,741.44
Balance as per statements	£39,210.16	£18,872.20	£58,082.36	£45,629.45	
Inter Acc Transfer	-£760.00	£760.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Notes

- 1) Total income and expenditure was high in 2023 because of the Israel Trip which involved many more pilgrims and also due to increase in Voluntary donations and monthly meetings' expenses.
- 2) Amount held in reserve was £1,977

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EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

(FOR A NON-COMPANY CHARITY ALSO REGISTERED WITH OSCR PREPARING ACCRUED ACCOUNTS)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of **MUSHAKATA FELLOWSHIP
GROUP (UK)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March, 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 13 above.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [The Institute of Financial Accountants].

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention
Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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 those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement in connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- have 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.

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(Member of The Institute of Public Accountants)

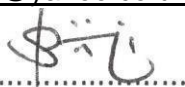
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