



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2022

Period start date To 01/09/2023

Period end date

Charity name: RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1159005

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The main goal is to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the charity's "Statement of Faith." This includes a variety of religious activities and efforts to prevent or relieve poverty among the general population or humanity. The charity accomplishes this by providing financial grants to individuals and offering religious services, guidance, counseling, and information.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees and leadership team of RLCC receive regular updates from the Charity Commission to stay informed about their duties and responsibilities as a charity dedicated to serving the public benefit (PBI). Trustees have undergone online training provided by the Charity Commission and our safeguarding cover Thirtyone:eight.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We continued to hold our Sunday gatherings and regular Tuesday and Thursday meetings, along with occasional men's and women's meetings on Saturdays at our rented venue. In addition, the women organised outings open to the general public, including activities such as ten-pin bowling. At our rented premises, meetings often included shared meals to foster fellowship among existing congregants and to connect with the wider community. Similarly, the men organised similar gatherings, also sharing meals to engage with the broader community.</p> <p>Participation in our online Tuesday Bible Study steadily increased, attracting individuals from beyond our city. We also experienced a considerable increase in in-person attendance in Sunday services. Additionally, there was a consistent presence of virtual attendees from outside the UK, which contributed to the growth of our online community.</p> <p>We maintained regular communication with members of our congregation and the wider community, providing support such as grocery shopping and hospital visits as needed. We continued to provide transportation to and from church for our weekly and Sunday meetings. Additionally, we maintained house visits for prayer, counseling, and fellowship, using FaceTime or telephone when in-person visits were not possible. Our commitment to offering prayer, counsel, and encouragement remained steadfast, particularly to those facing illness or loss.</p>

		<p>Our outreach program, “Leading Soles,” continued to collect shoes, clothing, scarves, and sleeping bags for individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need, particularly during colder seasons. These items were distributed in collaboration with Sheffield Community Church, who provided dinner, while we distributed our contributions as wrapped gifts during the Christmas season.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of November 2023 We had £737 cash funds available.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserve policy in main account. Building Fund for purpose of one day getting our own building.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£585 in Building Fund
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees have no concern about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's ability to maintain its operations depends on the financial contributions provided by attendees of church services and other supporters.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The serving trustees ensure that potential trustees are qualified to serve by confirming their eligibility status. Candidates must provide written confirmation of their eligibility and disclose any existing or potential conflicts of interest. Additionally, candidates are informed about any exclusions, and if the charity works with children or vulnerable adults, relevant checks from the appropriate authority will be conducted.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustee nominations follow Charity Commission guidelines. Prospective trustees must show dedication to furthering the charity's mission and possess the skills needed for effective governance. Their appointment requires screening and approval by current trustees. All applicants must undergo mandatory safeguarding training and maintain an up-to-date DBS check through our affiliation with Thirtyone:eight.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees receive copies of the Charity's governing documents, including its vision, mission statement, and the most recent annual report with financial statements. New trustees are provided with Charity Commission materials outlining their roles and responsibilities, including guidelines on essential trustee duties and effective charity practices. They also review and acknowledge various church policies such as safeguarding, data protection, lone working, complaints procedures, and volunteer management through a signing process.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The governance of the charity is overseen by the Trustees, who must consist of a minimum of three members. The Senior Minister currently holds an ex-officio position as a Trustee of the charity.</p> <p>Operational responsibilities are managed by a leadership team comprising the Lead Minister, Associate Pastor, Chair of Trustees, Finance Director, Administrator, and Worship Director. The appointment of employees is solely determined by the Charity Trustees.</p> <p>Given the employment of only one part-time Minister, our charity heavily relies on a dedicated group of volunteers. These volunteers actively contribute across various facets of the charity's daily operations, including music and hospitality.</p>

		<p>We are also members of NVCO, (The National Council for Voluntary Organisations), which makes up to date guidance available to us.</p> <p>Opportunities for volunteer involvement are available to anyone interested, as we believe in engaging everyone in our mission.</p> <p>Our charity has been affiliated with Churches in Communities International (CIC) since 2018. CIC, headquartered at St. Paul's House in Bromley, Kent, and registered under charity number 1139043, serves as an umbrella organization providing accreditation, recognition, and support to independent churches, ministries, chaplains, and networks. CIC is also a member of the Evangelical Alliance, the Free Churches Group, and Churches Together in England.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1159005
Charity's principal address	58 CROFT DRIVE MAPPLEWELL, BARNSELEY SOUTH YORKSHIRE S75 6AN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Norman Muntanga	Chairperson	10/09/2023	
2	Anne Christine Hill	Administrator		
3	Amira Stambuli	Treasurer		
4	Ropa Muntanga		10/09/2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

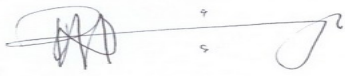
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Norman Kapeyo Muntanga

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Date

22/07/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/10/2022

To

Period end date
30/09/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
WEEKLY / MONTHLY OFFERINGS	21,004	515	-	21,004	19,689
DONATIONS	4,900	-	-	4,900	4,470
EMMAUS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	5,565	-	-	5,565	5,214
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,469	515	-	31,469	29,373
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,469	515	-	31,469	29,373
A3 Payments					
STAFF LIVING ALLOWANCE	3,800	-	-	3,800	4,750
STAFF SALARY NI & SUPERANUATION	16,369	-	-	16,369	16,497
REFUNDED	350	-	-	350	-
PENSION	598	-	-	598	549
RENT OF PREMISES	2,930	-	-	2,930	3,030
TRAINING HMRC & 318 & CIC	40	-	-	40	220
PRINTING AND STATIONARY	148	-	-	148	83
VISITING SPEAKERS	370	-	-	370	238
BANK CHARGES	187	-	-	187	132
WEBSITES & LOGO	621	-	-	621	1,421
CIC SUBSCRIPTIONS	360	-	-	360	360
ONLINE STREAMING	167	-	-	167	43
CCLI SUBSCRIPTION	123	-	-	123	117
EMMAUS TEACHERS	2,150	-	-	2,150	-
318 SAFEGUARDING SUBSCRIPTION	145	-	-	145	129
INSURANCE	323	-	-	323	308
EQUIPMENT	652	-	-	652	64
EVENTS/GRADUATION	1,087	-	-	1,087	-
DONATIONS	60	-	-	60	60
GENERAL OUTGOINGS	149	-	-	149	50
TRANSFERS TO MAIN ACCOUNT	300	300	-	300	-
	30,929	300	-	30,929	28,051
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,929	300	-	30,929	28,051
Net of receipts/(payments)	540	215	-	540	1,322
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	540	215	-	540	1,322

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	198	-	-
	EMMAUS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	342	-	-
	HSBC BUSINESS MONEY MANAGER		215	-
	Total cash funds	540	215	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

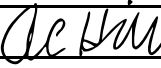
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	MUSIC EQUIPMENT		-	4,000
	GENERAL EQUIPMENT		-	800
	CHAIRS		-	1,050
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ANNE CHRISTINE HILL Administrator / Trustee	22/07/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of River of Life Community Church
Charity number:

My report on my light examination of the accounts of the River of Life Community Church for the year ended 30 September 2023 will be made available to the Trustees of the same charity.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity trustees of River of Life Community Church are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my light examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination causing me to believe that in any respect the accounting records of the Charity were not kept in line with Charity Commission Guidelines.

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

Signed:  |

Name: **PETER MDLULI**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Currently studying 2nd year Engineering at Sheffield Hallam University.

Address: **31 ROCKLEY CLOSE, GRANGE-WOOD, CHESTERFIELD**

Date: **24/07/2024**