

Northern Lights Church
Statement of Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Charity Registration Number 1161494

Northern Lights Church

**Charity Information
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

Charity Registration Number: 1161494

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Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

Northern Lights Church was established as a registered Charity in April 2015 and is affiliated with a family of churches known as 'CRC Churches International'. The Church also works with other church and mission organisations of similar vision, to pursue its objectives.

The governance of the Church is undertaken by a board of trustees who, with the leadership of the pastor, manage the affairs of the Church, and initiate and support the spiritual programme of the Church to fulfil its charitable purpose. There should be at least three trustees on the board at any one time.

Trustees can be appointed to and removed from the board upon the recommendation of the pastor with the concurrence of at least three fifths of the board. There is no minimum or maximum tenure.

Governing Document

The Constitution was adopted on 26th September 2013, and has been subsequently amended on 20th April 2015.

Objectives

The objectives of the Church are to advance religion in the provision and maintaining of places of worship, and to provide better understanding of Christ's Gospel.

Public Benefit

The Church aims to provide spiritual advice and counselling, reaching out to the unfortunate and needy of the community. The Church also supports the cohesion of society, by ministering directly to whatever definable segment of society it may be able to, whether by gender, age, religion, cultural background or socio-economic circumstances. Charitable, Christ-centred churches are set up to the betterment of the local community.

Activities & Achievements

This year we resumed the normal running of the Church after the pandemic. This meant running Sunday Services in Halifax, Brighouse and Todmorden, as well as the Friday night youth church in Cornholme.

Our meetings have seen good fruit with a number of baptisms and a good sense of momentum now that we are free of pandemic inspired restrictions.

We made an important change to our staffing structure this year and made Catherine Warren our only staff member in place of myself. The Bible teaching load that I have carried does not take the time that it used to now that I am as experienced as I am. Catherine's skills in the areas of pastoral care and administration will help the Church move forward and give it what it needs in this next season.

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Activities & Achievements *continued*

We remain optimistic that there is an open door to do significant ministry in Moldova through our partnership with Dina Begum and the charity she leads in the north of the Country. We were able to resume regular travel to Moldova which was very encouraging as our visits are greatly appreciated by the people in several churches there.

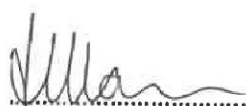
I remain deeply appreciative of all the work that our Trustees and various leaders have done through the year, and we are on track to continue building the church now that the pandemic is very much in the rear view mirror.

Financial Review

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts and total income for the year was £48,321 (2022: £36,499), and after deducting total expenditure £51,689 (2022: £54,212) the net expenditure was £3,368 (2022: £17,713)

During the year the charity invested £Nil into a high interest deposit account (2022 : £NIL)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 5th Feb 2024



Mr J Warren
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibility For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the Charity will continue operating.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northern Lights Church
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 30th April 2023, which are set out on pages 5 and 6

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date:5/2/24.....

Northern Lights Church**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
<u>Incoming Resources</u>					
Voluntary Income:					
General Donations		42,105	-	42,105	30,774
Charitable Activities		6,216	-	6,216	5,725
Total Incoming Resources		48,321	-	48,321	36,499
<u>Resources Expended</u>					
Charitable Activities:	3	51,197	-	51,197	53,720
Other	4	492	-	492	492
Total Resources Expended		51,689	-	51,689	54,212
Total Resources for the year		(3,368)	-	(3,368)	(17,713)
Fund balances brought forward		9,401	-	9,401	27,114
Fund balances carried forward	5	6,033	-	6,033	9,401

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Notes to the Financial Statements **For the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Assets

During the year equipment amounting to £920 (2022: £2,128) was purchased for the charities use.

3. Charitable Activities

	2023	2022
Wages	21,140	21,641
Training & conferences	179	654
Guest Ministries & Missions	3,795	3,298
Printing, postage and stationery	342	1,469
Administrative costs	18,797	14,745
Hospitality & travel	4,649	6,602
Equipment	920	2,128
Sundries	1,375	3,183
	51,197	53,720

4. Independent Examiners Fee

	2023	2022
Examiners' fee	492	492
	492	492

5. Bank Account - Cash Funds

At the end of the financial year 30 April 2023 the balance available to be withdrawn from the Yorkshire Bank Accounts was £6,033 (2022 : £9,401)

Northern Lights Church**Profit & Loss Account****For the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

	Year End 30th April 2023		Year End 30th April 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations	42,105		30,774	
Gift Aid & Tax	<u>6,216</u>		<u>5,725</u>	
		48,321		36,499
Expenditure				
Wages	21,140		21,641	
Administration	6,960		6,660	
Rent & Room Hire	9,485		7,488	
Leaflets, Printing & Advertising	342		1,469	
Conference Costs	-		240	
Guest Ministries & Missions	3,795		3,298	
Insurance	790		414	
Subscriptions	379		166	
Refreshments & Hospitality	3,679		2,285	
Training	179		414	
Accountancy & Professional	1,659		492	
Travel & Accommodation	970		4,317	
Bank Charges	16		17	
Sundry	<u>1,375</u>		<u>3,183</u>	
		50,769		52,084
Net (Loss)/ Profit		(2,448)		(15,585)
Equipment Purchased		(920)		(2,128)
Investments - CCLA		-		-
		<u>(3,368)</u>		<u>(17,713)</u>
Loss for the Year				