

Charity Registration Number: 1167656

Menbere Tsebaot Medhanealem Church London-UK

Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts

From 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

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Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 August 2021

Trustees

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Menbere Tsebaot Medhanealem Church London-UK
Trustees Report
For The Year Ended 31 August 2021

The Trustees of MenbereTsebaot Medhanealem Church London-UK are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period covering from 01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The said report and financial statements are prepared to meet and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities-Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102.

Aim and Purpose

The Charity is set up to advance the Christian Orthodox religion in London according to the teaching and practice of the Eritrean Orthodox Christian patriarchate for the benefit of the public regardless of ethnic origin.

Objectives and Activities

The charity is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at the Eritrean Orthodox Church through: -

- ❖ Holding of religious services (masses are open to the public, conducting of religious celebrations such as marriages, christenings, funeral services and special prayer for the departs...etc)
- ❖ Conducting Orthodox church bible studies and religious teachings
- ❖ Public celebrations of religious festivals
- ❖ Distributing literature on Christian Orthodox religion in order to enlighten others about the religion
- ❖ Providing a place of worship for those who wish to attend the Christian Orthodox services and celebrations
- ❖ Providing pastoral care for people working in the parish

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

MenbereTsebaot Medhanealem Church London-UK is a registered charity number 1167656. The charity is governed by its Articles of Association in August 2014. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member of the charity.

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Trustees Report-Continued
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Appointment of Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association those members of the church who are registered in the church register elect Trustees. All those who attend our services being members of the congregation are encouraged to register as members.

Once appointed a Trustee serve for three years after which period, they put themselves forward for reappointment.

The Trustees who served during the period are set out on page 3. The Trustees meet quarterly. The Trustees have nominated a number of working groups, which meet regularly to develop new programmes/activities, to assess progress as well to look for new and bigger church.

Review of Activities

Over the stated period the church managed to provide church service every Sunday. In addition, there were additional church service for special dates in the honour of saints. The church has conducted 25, 20 and 50 marriage, funeral and christening services, respectively.

The church is currently conducting its services in a rented church which allows a limited hour on Sunday. This has constrained the service of the church. To overcome this problem the Trustees has set up a team whose short-term objective is to research for a bigger church for a lease with the ultimate objective to fund raise and acquire its own property.

Financial Results

Statements of Financial Activities

Surplus for the year ended is £65,980. Statements of Financial Activities are shown on page 7.

Balance Sheet

The church has unrestricted and restricted fund balance of £358,901 and £72,772, respectively at the reporting date. Balance Sheet is shown on Page 8.

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Independent Examiner's Report
For The Year Ended 31 August 2021

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * 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. 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- * the accounts do not 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.

Mehari Ogba-Michael
For and on behalf of:
O'Michael and Co Accountants Ltd
Unit 38, The Link
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07 October 2021

Menbere Tsebaot Medhanealem Church London-UK
Statements of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
Membership Fee	31,367	-	31,367	25,697	-	25,697
Tithe (10% gratitude payment from personal income)	8,270	-	8,270	8,166	-	8,166
Gifts and Donation						
Moba	38,930	-	38,930	38,439	-	38,439
Purchase of Church	-	4,390	4,390	-	6,270	6,270
Promise	7,030	-	7,030	6,941	-	6,941
Sunday School	-	-	-	317	-	317
Others	604	-	604	274	-	274
Income from Church Services						
Christening(Baptism)	2,481	-	2,481	2,450	-	2,450
Marriage	1,241	-	1,241	1,225	-	1,225
Funeral	1,122	-	1,122	1,108	-	1,108
	91,045	4,390	95,435	84,617	6,270	90,887
Payments						
Rent Payable for Hire of a Church	11,675	-	11,675	11,675	-	11,675
Staff Related Costs	6,084	-	6,084	6,760	-	6,760
Costs of Merchandise	3,560	-	3,560	3,048	-	3,048
Others	8,136	-	8,136	2,048	-	2,048
	29,455	-	29,455	23,531	-	23,531
Excess of Receipts over Payments	61,590	4,390	65,980	61,086	6,270	67,356
Funds Brought Forward	297,311	68,382	365,693	236,225	62,112	298,337
Funds Carried Forward	358,901	72,772	431,673	297,311	68,382	365,693

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2021

		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Assets			
Debtors	Sundry	3,500	-
Cash at Bank			
	Metro Bank	214,997	144,965
	Metro Bank	72,772	68,382
	Lloyds	140,404	152,346
		431,673	365,693
Funds of the Church			
	Unrestricted Fund	358,901	297,311
	Restricted Fund	72,772	68,382
		431,673	365,693

For the year ending 31 August 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No member has required the church to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for: (1) Ensuring the church keeps accounting records which comply with the requirements of the Act; and (2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church as at the end of this profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the church Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the church.

The accounts on pages 7 to 9 were approved by the Trustees on 07 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Afomya Beyene
Secretary
07 October 2021

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 August 2021

1. Statutory Information

The Church is a registered charity number 1167656, the liability for members of the charity being limited to £1 each. The presentation currency of the financial statements is pound sterling.

2. Principal Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the Church follows the best practice in the UK as set out in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 – FRS 102.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity must fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

(c) Expenditures

Expenditures are included when incurred.

(d) Taxes

The Church is an exempt Charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is therefore exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

(e) Debtors

Debtors are collected within one year of the reporting period and carried at their transaction price.

(f) Unrestricted Fund

Funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objective of the Church.

(g) Restricted Fund

Funds are to be used for the specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditures which meet these criteria is charged to the fund.

(h) Going Concern

The trustees have considered the consequences of COVID-19 and other events and conditions and have determined that they do not create a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the church's ability to continue as a going concern.

The impact of COVID-19 on future performance and might therefore require disclosure in the financial statements, but the trustees have determined that they do not create a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the entity's ability to continue as a going concern.