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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

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Corporate Information

Registered Charity Number: 1169669
Company Registration Number: 10016245

Principal Office: Station House 11/13 Masons Avenue,
Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex,
HA3 5AH

Board of Trustees: Mr Olayemi Sobowale (Chairman)
Mr Joseph Oluwatosin
Mrs Olusola Aina (Secretary/Treasurer)
Pastor Patrick Tolani

Bankers: Barclays Bank

Board of Trustee's Report

1.0 Introduction

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of The Redeemed Christian Church of God House of Joy for all Nations (HOJFAN) for the year ending 31 March 2021. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

1.1 Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

1.2 Structure, Governance and Management

Status

The charity was constituted under a trust deed dated 19th February 2016 and is registered in England and Wales with charity number 1169669.

Appointment or Election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed and or co-opted under the terms of the trust deed.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of New Trustee's

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other trustees, followed by short meetings with the Parish pastor on the powers and responsibilities of the trustees.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Parish pastor manages the day to day administration of the church.

Related Party Relationships

HOJFAN is a parish of The Redeemed Christian Church of God which has parishes all over the world. The parish's relationship with other parishes is governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes'.

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1.3 Objectives and Activities

The principal object is the advancement of Christian faith worldwide and the relief of poverty. To promote any charitable activity for the benefit of the local people. To achieve its objectives, the church adopted the following strategies:

- Running seminars in the church with proven ministers of the faith to guide
- Members in the various aspect of Christian faith,
- Support for other charities and Christian events,
- Involving in economic and community development

This current financial year, HOJFAN continues to play a vital role in the Borough of Harrow, representing the Christian Faith and delivering high quality teachings and services in the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust Deed.

The financial year under review fell in the COVID-19 pandemic period as a result of which the legitimate activities of the church, like many other organisations, could not hold. The lockdown restricted movements and social gathering in an unprecedented manner and the church has to comply to all the protocols put in place by the government.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided to the extent permitted by the COVID -19 Pandemic. The avenues listed below which were used to benefit the public have been greatly hindered by COVID-19:

- Free exercise classes for ladies within our local community. This is to help combat obesity, encourage healthy lifestyle and keep fit. It is also an avenue for ladies who come to form friendship and links. This also helps combat isolation and reduce depression. *We could not run this service in the year under review due to the lockdown which restricted association and public gatherings.*
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups. *This also could not hold for the same reason already stated above.*
- Providing free Money management training to support people in financial crisis. *We couldn't run this program as well.*
- Supporting other charities in the UK, through fundraising and regular donations. *No fund raising activities during the year under review.*
- Supporting the local Harrow Food Bank through monthly donations to help families in food crisis. *This was done but on a very low key.*
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick, the bereaved and helping anyone in crisis by providing possible solutions or signposting people to sources of help. *This could not be done as restrictions was in place.*

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- Teaching Christian faith through sermons, courses and small group discussion. *Mostly by virtual approach.*
- Providing regular public Christian service worship open to all. *Hybrid services as the restrictions were modified to allow that.*
- Providing sacred & private space for personal prayer and meditation. *This was done in strict compliance with the COVID-19 protocols put in place by government.*
- Community outreach:
 - During the year under review, COVID-19 restrictions did not allow us to run the Christmas Cheer which is one of the major events organised throughout the week before Christmas, when we give out free teas & coffees and other refreshments like biscuits, shortbread, Christmas pie etc to commuters at various underground stations across the Northwest of UK. Through this we have helped to raise thousands of pounds for the shooting star hospices. A charity that looks after children with life limiting or end of life diseases.
 - Free Ladies only Zumba exercises classes every Thursday could not hold as well.
 - Chaplaincy services for the elderly could not hold also.
 - Volunteered at Christmas Lunch for those alone at home on Christmas Day could not hold.

1.4 Achievements and Performance

The church has been engaged in various activities detailed below in pursuance of our charity objectives and public benefit:

April – July 2020

All the previous activities that would normally hold such as Retreat, Ministers' Conference and meetings could not hold due to COVID-19.

Ordained Minister's Conference:

Did not hold due to the pandemic.

All Pastors in the Midlands province / Zonal conference & meetings:

All pastors' meeting within the Midlands to share ideas, network with one another as well as encourage and share vision of how to move the work of the Province and Zone forward. This was held virtually.

Annual Good Friday Walk of Witness:

As members of the Churches Together in Wealdstone (CTW); we were part of the Churches Together Good Friday walk of witness. All the different denominations in Wealdstone marched together as a witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Held virtually.

Annual Father's Day celebration:

A time to celebrate all men – especially fathers. Men are appreciated for their fatherly role in society. They are celebrated and thanked for the tremendous positive influence they are to their family, the church

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community and society at large. Held virtually.

House of Joy Women of substance Annual Retreat: a time for women to network and share ideas. It was a time when information on how to live healthy physically, emotionally, spiritually whilst carrying out our roles as women, wives, mothers, career, support for our local churches and other charity work. It was a time to learn how to navigate the various roles we play and to do all these successfully without burning out. Did not hold.

Festival of Life:

An annual event that aims to bring together people from across the country with the hope of bringing about spiritual awakening in our churches and communities through prayer, music, drama and teaching from leaders in the Christian faith with our General Overseer, Pastor E.A. Adeboye ministering to advance the Christian faith.

HOJFAN Annual General Meeting:

The AGM holds annually where church members are presented with the income and expenditure of the church. They are celebrated and appreciated for their contributions both financially and physically to the vision. Information is disseminated on various aspects of the church work and volunteering is encouraged. The forum is also used to update members on the progress achieved during the period under review.

August – November 2020

17th Year Anniversary: The church celebrated her 17th year anniversary: it was a time to appreciate God for His faithfulness for all these years. It was a time where pastors came to celebrate, workers and members gave thanks to God for all He did for them in the past 17 years. It was also a means for evangelism when non-members and the public were invited.

December 2020

Annual Christmas Activities:

Christmas Cheer: The Church supported this annual programme, a form of community outreach designed to bring joy, hope and encouragement to commuters at Harrow-on-the-Hill Station. Early morning tea, coffees, biscuits, cakes etc were served free to commuters as they made their way to work in the spirit of Christmas. This did not hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

January - March 2021

Shout for Joy a praise and worship session:

where we come to give glory to God. A time of great joy and pure praise. As we praise, people receive their healing emotionally, physically and we all went home rejoicing. Did not hold for the reason given before.

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Annual Mother's Day celebrations:

it is a time to appreciate and celebrate all the women especially mothers. We showed our love for them and thanked them for the various roles they play in their families and society. We thanked them for being pillars in the church and their tremendous contributions to the welfare of all. We pray that Lord bless all our mothers and keep them strong and healthy till old age. *Held hybrid at low key.*

Training and Development:

A key part of the Church's vocation is spreading the Good News of hope to many and equipping ministers and teachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To this extent, the Church continues to maintain and improve the quality of her teachings and has also sponsored many people for external trainings to develop and improve their talents and skills.

These have contributed immensely to the spiritual growth of many, positive changes in the Church, at home, school and in the community. *Held hybrid.*

Regular Activities

Monthly Activities throughout the year

- Separate regular monthly prayer meetings for the men and women groups were held throughout the year. This event helps to deepen interpersonal relationships, and to foster harmony leading to better working relationships amongst these groups.
- Continuous teaching on baptism, Sunday school and workers in training help to establish worshippers in the faith and to better their relationship with God.
- Regular evangelism events to propagate the gospel. Reduced to once a month.

Monthly Prayer Vigils

Monthly prayer vigils continue to be held for the spiritual health and wellbeing of the church. People of all ages are taught the act of praying. They are given opportunities for pulpit ministry and they learn how to live a practical Christian life that demonstrates the power of the Holy Ghost. *Held hybrid.*

1.5 Grant Making Policy

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. Support is also given to RCCG Central Office, World Evangelism Mission, Festival of Life and other RCCG Programmes. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty. The church gives occasional grants to congregational members who are in need.

1.6 Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

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1.7 Financial Review

The church continues to enjoy tremendous growth in its physical and spiritual life during the year, and in the advancement of Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our Trust deed. This is believed would further aid the ability of the charity to fulfil her charitable objects and benefits the community.

Funding has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members and through gift aid. During the year donations were made towards the church building fund. The donations were treated as designated fund and had been spent towards the project for which it was donated.

During the year to 31 March 2021, the church had total income of £175,128. This included the amount of £47,293 in backdated gift aid claims. At the year end, the level of reserves available for the charity's use (i.e. unrestricted funds and not represented by fixed assets) was £181,562. Total operating charitable expenditure was £86,624 giving an operating surplus of £88,504.

The Charity's principal funding sources are the individuals who attend the church services and partner with the ministry via monthly donations.

1.8 Investment & Reserve Policy

The trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in banks and building societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

The trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (cash free reserves) of £22, 500 — £45,000 to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The present cash free reserve of £22,500 is within the policy range.

1.9 Volunteers

The church is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in providing services for the charity. It is estimated that over 3360 hours are provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £8.72 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £27,600.

2.0 Future Outlook

Our future plans include: -

- Working with people in prisons
- Working with the local police to tackle drugs and gang culture amongst the youth.
- Provide Children club to teach life skills to primary school aged children.

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- Provide a day centre for the elderly in our community where they will be able to meet and socialise with local elderly people and make new friends.
- Provide free adult education to older BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) who cannot read or write.
- Provide bereavement counselling services for members of the community dealing with the loss of any kind.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material
- departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to
- presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 05 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Mr Olayemi Sobowale

Signature:

Position: Chairman

Date: 05 November 2021

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God, House of Joy for All Nations
On accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2021
Charity No: 1169669

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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: **Date:** 05 November 2021

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf Chedders Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA

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Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	96,252	-	96,252	47,202	-	47,202
Other income (Grants)	1	78,876	-	78,876	7,835	-	7,835
Total Income		175,128	-	175,128	55,037	-	55,037
Total Income		175,128	-	175,128	55,037	-	55,037
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	76,556	-	76,556	69,143	-	69,143
Other Charitable Activities	2	7,438	-	7,438	10,686	-	10,686
Other Costs	2	2,630	-	2,630	870	-	870
Total Expenditures		86,624	-	86,624	80,698	-	80,698
Net income/(expenditure)		88,504	-	88,504	(25,661)	-	(25,661)
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		88,504	-	88,504	(25,661)	-	(25,661)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2020		109,813	-	109,813	135,475	-	135,475
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2021		198,317	-	198,317	109,813	-	109,813

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	3,116	-
Total Fixed Asset		3,116	-
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances		-	-
Accrued Income		23,988	15,600
Cash at bank and in hand		181,562	98,448
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		205,550	114,048
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors		-	-
Other Current Liabilities		10,349	4,235
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		10,398	4,235
Net current assets (liabilities)		195,201	109,813
Total assets less current liabilities		198,317	109,813
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Other Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets (liabilities)		198,317	109,813
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve			
General reserves		109,813	135,475
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		88,504	(25,662)
Total charity funds		198,317	109,813

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	25%
Equipment	25%
Vehicles	25%

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1. Income

Income

Donations and legacies

Total donations & legacies

Other Income Sources

Gift Aid Receipts

Other income

Total Income

Total Income

2021	2020
£	£
96,252	47,202
96,252	47,202
55,681	7,800
23,195	35
78,876	7,835
175,128	55,037

2. Expenditures

Charitable Activities

Premises

Utilities

Travel

Motoring & Transportation

Insurance

Administration

Advertising

Operations

Professional fees and services

Finance Charges

Depreciation

Honorarium

Total Charitable Activities

Other Charitable Activities

Outreach

Central Office

Welfare & Benevolence

Charitable Donations

Total Other Charitable Activities

Other Costs

Legal fees

Accountancy fees

Total Other Costs

2021	2020
£	£
20,015	26,746
2,478	2,631
-	3,059
-	225
-	1,558
50,290	31,297
227	289
2,933	2,431
-	525
-	52
613	-
-	330
76,556	69,143
250	500
6,437	9,419
-	-
751	767
7,438	10,686
-	-
2,630	870
2,630	870

Notes

3. Prior Year adjustments

There are no adjustments to brought forward balances this period.

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other RCCG and charitable organisations as shown in note 3 under Central Office and Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were not payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.

6. Staff cost, living accommodation and numbers

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	49,300	27,579
Social security costs	-	-
Living Accommodation	-	-
	49,300	27,579

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year

Average number of staff

	2021	2020
Pastoral	1	1
Admin	2	-
	3	1