



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 11/09/2022 To 10/09/2023**

**Charity name: Polish Church House of Life**

**Charity registration number: 1170293**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The principal object of the Polish Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to its Statement of Faith and carry out other charitable purposes in Greater Manchester. The second object is to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support</b>
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	<b>Our main activities are Sunday services, midweek prayer meetings and Bible studies, evangelistic activities in the community, Sunday school for children. Promotion of polish language and culture and informal get togethers to encourage and support each other.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>We have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits, in particular on specific guidance on charities for advancement of religion.</b>

### **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	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
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><b>The following activities were undertaken by Polish Church House of Life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guest speakers were invited to talk about specific topics that benefit both the congregation and wider community and their mindset.</b></li> <li>• <b>Polish library was updated and promoted. Our vision is to have a modern and sustainable polish library service for Polish community in the Manchester.</b></li> <li>• <b>Financial support for church members and other local families facing financial challenges.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pastoral visits were given to support both people within the congregation and those outside asking for advice.</b></li> <li>• <b>Polish festivals and church picnics were hosted throughout the year. These were great for reaching out to young families in the community.</b></li> </ul>

### 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	<b>Review of the finances is attached in a separate document.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable.</b>

### 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	<b>Polish Church House of Life meets its budget through support, tithes, and offerings from its members.</b>
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	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution dated 19/11/2016</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</b>
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	<b>Trustees are appointed at the trustees' meetings.</b>

### 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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	POLISH CHURCH HOUSE OF LIFE
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170293
Charity's principal address	56A Chapel Street Hyde Cheshire SK14 1JB

**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	Joanna Watson			
2	Dorota Sniegón			
3	Paweł Pytiak			
4	Dawid Sniegón		From 11 November 2022	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## 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)	<i>Dorota Sniegon</i>	<i>Joanna Watson</i>
Full name(s)	Dorota Sniegon	Joanna Watson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

  

Date	11/01/2024
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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church**

### **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended September 10, 2023.

### **Charity Law and Financial Regulations**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the charities Accounts and Reports Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

### **Signing of Accounts**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

### **Conclusions**

There are no other matters I feel needed to be brought to your attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Akinola Olawale FCCA

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Akinola Olawale', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 10 January 2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met:

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

**Name:** AKINOLA OLAWALE FCCA



**Relevant professional qualification or body:** Association of Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA)

**Address:** 4 Wyne Close, Hazel Grove, SK7 6PD

**Date:** 10 January 2024

**Polish House of Life Church**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	General	Designated	Funds	2023	2022
Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	20,088	0	0	20,088	31,388
Activities for generating funds		0	0	0	0
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>20,088</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,088</u>	<u>31,388</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities:					
Evangelism costs	1,440	0	0	1,440	703
Ministerial / Honoarium for visiting min.	1,580	0	0	1,580	1,765
Costs of other church activities	855	0	0	855	3,134
<i>Grants payable and restricted</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Donations passed on	0	0	0	0	0
Governance costs	11,150	0	0	0	0
Others	7,230				
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>22,255</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,255</u>	<u>25,653</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	-2,167	0	0	22,255	25,653
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds b/fwd 11 September 2022</b>	27,390	0	0	27,390	13,132
<b>Prior year adjustment</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds c/fwd 10 September 2023</b>	<u>£ 25,223</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 25,223</u>	<u>£ 27,390</u>

Polish House of Life Church

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets		<u>9,477</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,477</u>	<u>9,826</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors		0	0	0	0	0
Bank and cash balances		<u>15,747</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,747</u>	<u>17,564</u>
		15,747	0	0	15,747	17,564
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors payable within one year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		15,747	0	0	15,747	17,564
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>£ 25,223</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 25,223</u>	<u>£ 27,390</u>

**THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY**

Unrestricted income funds:

General	25,223	0	0	25,223	27,390
Designated	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	25,223	0	0	25,223	27,390

Restricted income funds:

	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
£	<u>25,223</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 25,223</u>	<u>£ 27,390</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and signed on their behalf by.

Joanna Wolska

Trustee