

**Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo  
Church Cardiff  
Charity no: 1175110**

**Charity registration number: 1175110**

**Debre Selam Medhanealem  
Eritrean Orthodox  
Tewahdo Church Cardiff**

**Annual report  
And  
Accounts**

**For the year ended 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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## **Charity Information**

### **Trustees**

Amanuel Mebrahtu - Chairman

Luwam Woldemichel - Secretary

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## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **Trustees annual report for the year ended 2023**

This document outlines the annual trustees report and financial statement of Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church Cardiff for the year ended 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Our Aims**

The organization's goals are to fulfil Christ's mission, conduct Sunday services and prayers, and spread the Orthodox Tewahdo religion throughout Wales, especially in the Cardiff and Newport areas.

### **Objectives and activities**

Our main objectives is to allow our members to practice the Eritrean Orthodox religion by:

- Educating children about the religion and their culture by holding separate weekly classes during Sunday services.
- Empowering members' spiritual life through bible studies and preachings.
- Enabling members to practise their religious duties such as marriages, christenings, funerals etc.
- Providing pastoral care to members.

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## **Management of the charity**

### **Trustee's appointment**

The trustees were appointed during an annual congregation, where all members were present and had a vote in who they wanted to become a trustee of the charity. This was purely based on the polls conducted during the meeting and every member had equal chance of becoming a trustee.

A charity trustee who has served for **three** consecutive terms may not be reappointed after an interval of at least **one year**. The trustee reappointment is carried out in the same way as the initial appointment.

### **Governing document**

Our charity is registered with CIO (registration no. 1175110) and is governed by its governing document dated 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2018.

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## **Review of Activities**

### **Review of activities for the year ended 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The organisation has been holding weekly service every Sunday, where the gospel is preached to the members to ensure they have a great understanding of their faith. Several holy masses have been held for special occasions such as weddings, christenings and funerals exclusively for the members. To date, there have been 12 weddings and 37 christenings. A separate service have been allocated for our youth and children to learn about their culture, language and religion.

The trustees have been assigned with the task of acquiring a church to purchase for the charity. This is because we are using a rented church, where we are experiencing time-constraints. As of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the charity have raised £206,462 from members and donors. This fund is specifically restricted for the purpose of acquiring a church building.

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## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**Debre Selam Medhanealem Eritrean Orthodox Tewahdo Church  
Cardiff**

**On accounts for the  
year ended**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Charity  
no.**

**1175110**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 14/09/2023.

**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.

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

Signed by:

*A. Ceesay*

**Date:**

**12/07/2024**

**Name:**

**Alasan Ceesay MSc. ACCA**

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

**Address:**

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Stockton On Tees

TS18 2NG

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## Statement of Financial Activities

**Debre Selam M.E.O.T Church Cardiff**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 14th September 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Gifts and donations	<b>19,655</b>	10,140
Funds to Buy Church Building	<b>206,462</b>	-
Weddings and Baptisms	<b>2,400</b>	
Miscellaneous Income	<b>35</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>228,552</b></u>	<u>10,140</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Charitable operating expenses	<b>21,868</b>	9,383
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u><b>21,868</b></u>	<u>9,383</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u><b>206,684</b></u>	<u>757</u>



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**Statement of Financial Position**

**Debre Selam M.E.O.T Church Cardiff**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 14th September 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	14.09.23 Total funds £	14.09.22 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank	146,784	206,462	353,246	146,562
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>146,784</u>	<u>206,462</u>	<u>353,246</u>	<u>146,562</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>146,784</u>	<u>206,462</u>	<u>353,246</u>	<u>146,562</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Funds brought forward	146,562	-	146,562	145,805
Surplus for the year	222	206,462	206,684	757
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>146,784</u>	<u>206,462</u>	<u>353,246</u>	<u>146,562</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature:  Signed by:  
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Name: Amanuel Mebrahtu - Chairman

Date: 12 July 2024