

**Debre-Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian
Orthodox Tewahedo Church
London**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the year
ended 31st December 2021**

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Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church

Registered Charity number: 1180553 (and **Shell** charity number 1124941)

Charity's Principal Address: St. Michael's Road Cricklewood
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Names of Trustees during the year:

1. Rev Kefeyalew Aschalew
2. Rev Addis Abebe (From 25 October 2020)
3. Rev. Kibret Asnakew (From 25 October 2020)
4. Rev. Samuel Asres (From 25 October 2020)
5. Mr Aschalew Terefe Zeleke (From 25 October 2020)
6. Mr Mesfin Taddesse Demu (From 25 October 2020)
7. Mr Samuel Wodajo (From 25 October 2020)
8. Ms Raheal Gelana (From 25 October 2020)
9. Rev. Fisseha Teferi (From 25 October 2020)

Independent Examiner: Mr. Gizachew Weldeyes, FCCA.

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Structure, governance and management

As a body of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC), Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (DGHTC) follows the Canon Laws of EOTC and the guidance of the Holy Synod, whose seat is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Diocese of the United Kingdom and Ireland EOTC represents the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in the UK.

DGHTC has been a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (Charity No. 1180553) since November 2018. The Trustees meet fortnightly and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Church's activities and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Members may bring relevant matters to the Church General Assembly of Members' Meeting for resolution, or the Trustees may take further action based on their suggestions.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church is governed by its Constitution, and the Parish Administration Council (PAC) (the Trustees) of the charity are elected by the church members at a General Assembly Meeting for a three-year term with the prime responsibility of managing the day-to-day affairs of the Church. In addition to the ecclesiastical and legal guidance mentioned above, the Church has internal policies, guidelines and procedures that guide the day-to-day running of the charity. All congregants are encouraged to be members of the Church and to exercise their rights and duties, including electing and standing for PAC election.

Objectives

Our mission at DGHT church is to promote the message of Christ to the world to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Apostolic Faith and Acts of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. And in emulation of Christ's mission to the world, particularly in His ministry to transform individual lives, communities, and the world, share the burden of the most vulnerable in society and cater to the needs of some of the neediest people irrespective of their faith.

The second objective of the Church is to help young people to grow into responsible and dependable citizens. It focuses on teaching and supporting the youth to protect themselves from substance abuse, antisocial behaviours and other distractions through Christian moral teachings and engagement in various religious and social activities to build moral integrity shared by the church community and the wider society.

The PAC is responsible for promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. PAC members are charity Trustees. The PAC must ensure compliance with charity law and church (ecclesiastical) law and exercise prudence and a duty of care.

To advance these objectives, the PAC carries out different activities per the guidance set out in The Charity Commission's general regulation on public benefit.

Performance and Achievements

Worship and prayer

Some adaptations had to be made by the Parish Administration Council in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021, as in the previous year. Our fellowship had experienced closures enforced by government restrictions and times when the Parish Administration Council (Trustees) deemed it necessary for the health and safety of our members. We have continued to stream the service on YouTube each week and provide recordings of the service for those who cannot attend in person. Any services held in Church have been subject to all the most current health and safety guidelines. Private prayer sessions have continued at least twice a week in the Church.

By reaching out to more people online and introducing the Church, the online spiritual service impacted positively by producing more attendees when the Church was opened for service.

Every visitor is welcome to participate in the Church's life by choice, and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship God is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The pandemic impacted the average regular weekly attendance compared to our normal operations. However, the number gradually increased and is now at a pro-Covid capacity level, if not higher. In addition to our Sunday morning service, the Church also offers regular Saturday spiritual and communal involvement services. We also provide two regular monthly liturgy services. It has been encouraging to welcome new members to DGHT church during the course of the year, as attendance has steadily increased.

Attendance at Sunday School has increased throughout the year as well. Besides our normal spiritual services, we have programs for children and young people to participate in, which aim to encourage the deepening of faith for everyone. Children were at the centre of the church activities. Through the Church's various sub-committees, it has worked tirelessly to enable children and young persons to stay safe, enjoy life, achieve their potential, and positively contribute to the community.

Our children and youth services' progress has been encouraging. The Parish Administration Council has taken several measures to cater for the needs of the children and young adults. Youth ministries are particularly key to how we help the younger members of our Church grow in their faith. A significant area in which the Children's Service seeks to share the Christian faith and moral values is through the development of continued training. These trainings consist of leadership development, leadership in youth ministry, deaconship studies and hosting bible studies programs. The primary purpose is to learn how to make a positive influence, contribute to society, and help them develop in community service.

The Church has been offering a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that are both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling to the community. For example, evening prayers provided a quiet, intimate, and reflective environment for worship.

A special service at Christmas and Easter and five other annual feasts of the Church were well attended as usual. Through baptism, we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated - baptisms and two weddings and held six funerals in our Church this year.

During the season of the Great Lent, we were blessed to have mass liturgy, evening prayers and bible studies during weekdays and morning liturgies on the weekends. The two-week fasting period preceding the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady Virgin Mary feast was also celebrated similarly, with mass liturgy, evening prayers, and bible studies every day. We also held our annual spiritual conference during the two weeks. Clergies and scholars have delivered sermons on various topics, including spiritual training on the Canon Law and Dogma of the Church.

We continue to share the good news of Jesus through a range of programs and ministries that we run.

Pastoral Care for families as well as for troubled or needy individuals, has also been provided throughout 2021. In addition to individual guidance and counselling services, our clergies have provided counselling and mediation services to couples and families that are going through difficult times. Our welfare committee has gathered funds for the indigent, especially vulnerable families and individuals, as well as coordinating visitation of the sick, housebound and elderly. Some members of our parish were unable to attend Church due to sickness or age. The clergies have visited all church members who have requested a service to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in the hospital. This service was beneficial during the pandemic as more people needed comfort and spiritual attention.

The DGHTC has continued its ecumenical role by teaching people new to the Orthodox Christian faith and promoting tolerance in the community for those of other religions and none. Clerical services such as schools, character references, and holy matrimony have also been provided to church members and the wider community.

Public Benefit

In accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance, the Trustees believe that the Church's activities described above provide significant public benefit. The vision of the Church has always been to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new members.

Acknowledgements

Praising God first for giving us the means and opportunity to serve His Church, the PAC would like to give special thanks to all clergies of DGHTC who have continued to serve the Church with great passion and dedication. We are also grateful for everyone who participated,

including the Sunday school services and all other sub-committee contributions to the church services in various ways.

Financial review

The annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been prepared and are recommended by the PAC to the Annual General Church Meeting thanks to the exceptional work of our Finance Officers from the Parish Administration Council.

Both Incomes and Expenditures of the church increased following a decrease in the overall activities of the church because of the pandemic.

During the current year the church administration observed the following:

- Total fund has gone up by about 10%.
- The church administration has managed to have sufficient funds to cover its running costs for over a year and keep the church in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
- The net result for the period is an excess of income over expenditure of £168,049.
- Including balance brought forward at the beginning of the year, the total funds balance carried forward as of 31 December 2021 is £1,833,537.

Reserves policy

It is the PAC's policy to maintain sufficient funds, if possible, which equates to approximately 12 months, to cover the mortgage payment, bills, maintenance, clergy allowance and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

Declaration

The Parish Administration Council (Trustees) declares that it approves the above report

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature: 

Date: 7/12/2022

Rev. Kefeyalew Aschalew

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of 'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'

Report to the trustees/ members of	'Debre Genet Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in London'		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no:	1180553 (Shell charity no.1124941)
Set out on pages	8 to 11		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ACCA.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:



Date:

27/11/2022

Name:

Gizachew Weldeyes

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ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	NOTE	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Incoming resources			
Income from:			
Donations	4	191,181	140,488
Charitable Activities	5	123,262	68,835
Total		314,444	209,322
Resources expended			
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	6	44,130	17,982
Charitable Activities	7	102,264	89,187
Total		146,394	107,169
Net income		168,049	102,154
Total funds brought forward		1,665,488	1,563,334
Total funds carried forward		1,833,537	1,665,488

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	NOTE	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	2	1,999,739	2,023,296
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		1,999,739	2,023,296
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and on hand	3	765,039	612,886
Prepayments		1,692	1,657
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		766,731	614,543
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due with in one year		59,603	59,728
NET CURRENT ASSETS		707,128	554,815
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,706,867	2,578,111
Creditors:Amount falling due after more than one year		873,330	912,623
NET ASSETS		1,833,537	1,665,488
REPRESENTED BY			
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure Statement		1,833,537	1,665,488
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		1,833,537	1,665,488

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The church's accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP)

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the financial plans for the coming year and are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

Capitalization and depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Building	1% Per annum Straight-Line
Equipment	25% Per annum straight-Line

	TOTAL	TOTAL
Note 2	2021	2020
Tangible Assets	£	£
Building	2,050,000	2,050,000
Equipment	12,228	12,228
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Building	56,375	35,875
Less:Accumulated Depreciation Equipment	6,114	3,057
	1,999,739	2,023,296

Note 3

Cash at bank and on hand

Cash at bank	762,411	612,762
Cash on hand	2,628	124
	765,039	612,886

Note 4

Donations

Members Contributions	146,644	120,901
Tithe and Gift	44,538	19,586
	191,181	140,488

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHDO DEBRE GENET HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN LONDON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	TOTAL	TOTAL
	2021	2020
	£	£
Note 5		
Charitable activities		
Baptism Certificates	5,420	1,060
Sunday School	2,222	80
Marriage Certificates	430	0
Funeral Prayers	4,515	1,330
Prayers	2,338	
Sales	20,944	4,890
Annual Conference	13,740	0
Collections	73,652	61,475
	123,262	68,835

Note 6		
Cost of raising funds		
Allowances	32,270	12,720
Conference	0	302
Feasts	0	1,390
Telephone	533	0
Postage, Stationery and Printing	10,062	2,570
Others	1,265	1,000
	44,130	17,982

Note 7		
Cost of charitable activities		
Insurance	8,312	8,964
Cleaning	995	944
Subscription	0	168
Water, Gas and Electricity	700	4,613
Bank Charges	32,606	33,793
Repairs and Maintenance	11,094	9,797
Donation and Gifts	0	2,000
Legal and Professional	25,000	5,350
Depreciation	23,557	23,557
	102,264	89,187