



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 **To:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity name:** *Affirm*: Baptists Together for LGBT+ Inclusion

**Charity registration number:** 1183976

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:</p> <p>(a) supporting and affirming people identifying as LGBT+ and those questioning their sexuality or gender identity within churches in Great Britain, particularly those in membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Baptist Union of Wales or the Baptist Union of Scotland or which refer to themselves as Baptist ("the churches") by giving pastoral support</p> <p>(b) working for the acceptance of loving same-sex relationships as one of a number of ways of living faithfully, through engaging in constructive discussions in the churches;</p> <p>(c) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding of human sexuality and gender identity in the churches through discussion, study and the sharing of people's stories;</p> <p>(d) supporting and standing in solidarity with those churches that include and affirm LGBT+ Christians by providing theological resources and networking opportunities</p>
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	<p>Attending events as speakers/advisers</p> <p>Finalising the application for the new Bank Account</p> <p>Reinvigorating the charity after the pandemic</p> <p>Transferring members from the predecessor organisation and preparing to expand the membership</p> <p>Preparing educational and promotional material</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>

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### 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 including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Seeking new volunteers and trustees and including them in developing the charity
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	The charity has continued to be engaged with beneficiaries in furtherance of its objectives. It had been somewhat delayed in its progress by the slow process of opening a bank account, which is now completed. It has continued to use the bank account of its predecessor and will transfer members to the new account in 2022. After the pandemic has restarted its activity and developed plans for the future.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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	At the end of the period the charity held £720 of unencumbered funds
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds are held in preparation for events and activities. As there are no paid staff at present, there are no ongoing liabilities
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### 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	
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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Founding Trustees and then Election or Co-option

### 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	<i>Affirm</i> : Baptists Together for LGBT+ Inclusion
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183976
Charity's principal address	c/o Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church 235 Shaftesbury Avenue London WC2H 8EP

## 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	Revd Dawn Cole-Savidge	Co-Director		
2	Luke Dowding	Co-Director		
3	Avril Mackenzie-Parr		to July 2021	
4	Andy Long		to July 2021	
5	Martin Stears-Handscomb	Treasurer		
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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	None
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)		
Full name(s)	Luke Dowding	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30/09/2022	





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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2021


To

31/12/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Brought forward	761	-	-	761	941
Subscriptions and donations	180	-	-	180	180
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,121</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,121</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trustees Travel	50	-	-	50	86
Website and IT	171	-	-	171	274
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>761</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>761</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Held at Bank	720	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Luke Dowding	11/10/2022	