

Charity no. 1184345

The House of the Lord UK Church. CIO

Trustees Report and Accounts
For the year ended

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Charity Information

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Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2020. This report is presented in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice. "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP), issued in March 2005.

Objectives and Activities

The Object of the church is to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the Christian Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Birmingham and the surrounding area.

In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally.

- (1) Enhance the religious principles in accordance with the Christian belief that God may be exalted, worshipped and proclaimed in His glory and in accordance with the Tenets of Worship in relation to discipline, rituals, wedding ceremonies, blessings, funerals and other religious rites
- (2) Engage in missionary work and pastoral work and the training of workers, both men and women, to teach the Tenets of Worship wherever there shall be found, people who wish to worship in accordance with those Tenets
- (3) Visit and comfort the sick and do other outreach work (including the promotion of social cohesion) within the wider community
- (4) Organise retreats and social events open to the local community

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Statement of Trustees` responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting 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 do so.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 of fraud and other irregularities.

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Structure, Governance and Management

An Approved Governing Document governs the Church. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution that requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and following a mode of baptism as per Acts 2v38.

A trustee meeting takes place throughout the year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees, who together with the Pastor, Church Secretary and Treasurer, are responsible for the day-to-day running of the church's work, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All trustees are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the General Congregational Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members' in General Congregational Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. The Constitution permits decisions to be made at a General Congregational Church meeting by a simple majority; The House of the Lord UK seeks to work by consensus wherever possible

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Public Benefit

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

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- Providing regular public worship open to all
- Providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons and Bible studies.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers and other special needs groups

Achievements and Performance

Team Meetings

During the period July 2019 to December 2020, we have held ten Trustees, ten Members and ten Events Team Meetings. These Teams are part of the Team Structure of The House of the Lord UK Church to ensure that there is full inclusion and stability within the organisation.

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Conferences

The House of the Lord UK hosted two Power Conferences, autumn 2019 and 2020. This has been specifically beneficial for the ministry team in terms of peer support and being part of the National discussions on strategic matters.

In addition, we deliver regular Leadership Training Programmes for Ministers, Deacons, Sunday school teachers, ushers, intercessors and development classes for the congregations

Prayer Meeting and Collective Fasting

Within this period we have held eighteen Saturday morning prayer meetings, together with twelve collective fasts at different periods throughout the year. Fasts range from one day to 40 days; we also have consecration weeks, in response to our local needs. These events have served to strengthen and sustain the body of The Church spiritual and mentally.

Funerals

Our church has hosted three funerals (members and non-members). Pastor Maxine co-officiated two of the funerals. We represented The House of the Lord UK at several funerals in other churches.

Visits and Phone Calls

We engaged in a series of personal visits and phone calls to brethren who were ill. This included long-term sicknesses that prevented church attendance as well as temporary illness. Weekly phone calls are also conducted (especially the elderly) to ensure the general well-being of brethren (duty of care).

AGM

7 April 2020 we held our Annual General Meeting to review progress and plan the year ahead. We now have a more cohesive structure and consistent practice that enables us to be aligned with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

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Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds, which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation.

The Church is dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's life. A number of these activities and initiatives operate with minimal impact on the church's finances nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's overall charitable objectives

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £18,739 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£24,037 was spent to provide the Christian ministry.

The net result for the year was a loss of (£5,298) and adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December 2020 for unrestricted funds totalled £55,808

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major risks that The House of the Lord UK are exposed to and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for the future

- Continue developing the services offered

Approved by the board Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Maxine Brooks - Chair
December 2020