

North Church CIO

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Structure, Governance and Management

The company is supervised by the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of Articles of Association. New Trustees are advised of their obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the structure and decision making process of the charity. Trustees generally meet three times a year but will also meet more frequently if the need arises. Meetings are minuted.

Trustees are put forward by the membership for consideration. New suggested appointments are voted on at a members meeting in all instances.

The Chairman of Trustees oversees the day to day operations of the charity or appoints appropriate officers to whom this responsibility is delegated.

2. Reference and Administration

Trustees

Mr Peter James Petra (Chair)

Dr Jonathan Woodrow

Mr Andrew Snart

Mr Oliver Timothy Allmand-Smith

Company Registered Number CE019663

Charity Registered Number 1186452

3. Objectives and Activities

The Objects of the Trust are as follows:

- (A) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Leicester and the surrounding towns and villages;
- (B) The relief of financial hardship among persons either generally or individually through the provision of grants, goods or services as the Trustees from time to time think fit; and
- (C) To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in such charitable ways as the Trustees think fit from time to time.

The Trustees, recognise that it is their legal obligation to ensure that the Trust's activities are in line with its objectives and activities and are satisfied that this is the case for the period in question. The Trustees also confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

4. Achievements and Performance

Key Events

The following activities have been conducted by the charity in the reporting period.

North Church CIO which was formed as an independent charity on 19th November 2019.

The full time paid Pastor is Chairman of Trustees and an Elder of the church. This individual has overall responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity and ensuring that it meets its objectives through promoting the Christian faith directly himself through pastoral duties of preaching and leading public worship, prayer, pastoral meetings, evangelism, as well as equipping and training others to do the same in support of the charity's activities.

North Church does not own any buildings but it does rent the local community centre for regular Sunday services and other activities. It also used a local school gymnasium for its annual carol service.

Open Sunday worship services have continued in the community centre with members and visitors attending.

In the same community centre the weekly Sunday afternoon children group, which was started early in 2022, has continued and is attended by children of church members and attendees and those of local residents. The group has activities and teaching centred on the Bible. The monthly over 60's group has continued providing social support to the more elderly people who live in the area. As well as a regular thought for the day the sessions have included quizzes, craft work and games.

There is a weekly open Bible study meeting and a weekly prayer meeting for members.

During the summer a Fun Day was held which was well attended by the local community and door to door visits were made to a number of homes to discuss resident's beliefs.

As mentioned previously a Carol service was held in the local school hall with over 80 people attending. As well as worship and preaching a Christingle craft took place for the children.

A Christmas outreach event/party was also held for members of the local community. A special Easter event was also held with games, craft and a Christian talk.

The Church is a member of the Association of Confessional Baptist Churches of the UK and representatives from the Church have attended the regular meetings of the Association during the year. Members have also joined with other local churches at the annual East Midlands Churches Day. Other Support has also been provided by members to local churches in support of their outreach work.

The Trust has paid money to CCLI and the DBS, has purchased insurance to enable it to legally and safely operate and has become a partner with the International Reformed Baptist Seminary.

The charity is on a sound footing in the Beaumont Leys/Leicester North area by the formulation and regular review of key policies including those related to safeguarding, health and safety, conflicts of interest and expense control and reporting.

The Trustees are satisfied that all these activities fall within the Trust's objectives.

5. Financial Review

The Trust had an income this financial year of £51,018 all of which was unrestricted and total expenditure of £48,698 all of which was unrestricted leading to an excess of income over expenditure of £2,320.

An amount of £28,906 (£28,595 unrestricted, £311 restricted) was brought forward from the previous year.

The funds at the end of the year amounted to £31,226 (£30,960 unrestricted, £266 restricted).

The Trust considers that it is in a strong position making it able to pursue its charitable aims in the future.

To protect the finances against unwanted cyber activity password and pins are changed on a regular basis.

Finances are reviewed in detail each month by the Chairman of Trustees and by the Trustees at its regular meetings.

6. Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the company requires the reserves to be reported to the Chairman of Trustees each month and at each Trustee meeting. The reserves are assessed against previous income and expenditure and categorised as either green (the reserves will last for month than 12 months of normal operations), amber (the reserves will last for less than 12 months but more than 5 months or red (less than 5 months). Appropriate actions are assigned to each category.

Peter J Petra
Chairman of Trustees
5th September 2025

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM: 1st April 2024 to 3

Donations		2023/2024		2024/2025
Regular Giving		28457		34702
Overseas Gifts Received		6022		7344
HMRC - Gift Aid		3646		4737
One off Giving + Gift Days		4727		3422
Interest		0		484
Other sources		243		328
Total Income		43095		51018
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities				
Wages, salaries and pensions		37026		39222
Training Costs		1134		2494
Event expenses		1315		1551
Grants to institutions		1200		1393
Premises costs		892		1186
Services (exc. Accountancy)		696		887
Preaching and other gifts		0		630
Administration costs		879		482
Ministry expenses		337		377
Refunds		0		
Outreach expenses		883		324
Accountancy fees		145		152
Depreciation		0		0

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **44507** 48698

Income / expenditure **-1,412.19** 2,320.32

31st March 2025

STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries

Pension Contributions

Total

Average number of employees

The following trustees received remuneration during the year.

Peter James Petra

Peter Petra received remuneration for his role as a pastor to the Church, not for his role as a trustee.

1 trustee was accruing retirement benefits during the period. No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 during the period. The contributions are to a defined contribution pension scheme. The contributions in the year were (£60,000 2023/2024)

Analysis of Restricted Funds

Leicester City Council

AV Equipment

The donation from Leicester City Council was for Covid related expenditure.

Donations were received for the purchase of audio visual equipment for use by the church

Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2024

At 31st March 2025

2024/2025

£	38,091
£	1,130
£	39,222

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£ 38,091.00

B/Fwd.	2024/2025 Income	2024/2025 Expenditure	C/Fwd as at 31st March 2025
74	0	0	74
236	0	44	192
310	0	44	266

0
0

North Church CIO
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	<u>31st March 2025</u>	<u>31st March 2024</u>
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Nat West Current Ac	15742	13906
Kingdom Bank Savings	15484	15000
	<u>31226</u>	<u>28906</u>
Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance b/f	<u>28906</u>	<u>30318</u>
Excess of income / expenditure	2,320.32	-1412
	<u>31226.32</u>	<u>28906</u>
Made up of funds		
Unrestricted	30960	28595
Restricted	266	310
	<u>31226</u>	<u>28906</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
North Church CIO Leics

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1186452

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the 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: 6th August 2025

Name:

Colin Wood

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

Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.