

Together In One Accord

Registered Charity Number 1187052
Trustee Annual Report – Year end September 2022



Aim and Purposes

Together in One Accord is a partnership-based organisation, grown relationally through mutual objectives and activities aimed at proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthening churches in their mission and ministry praxis while serving congregants and the wider communities of faith or not, through the love and power of God. We achieve this purpose through our five all-encompassing goals, namely; the work and networking efforts of the River International Christian Church (River-ICF), prayer forums, leadership development programmes, evangelism outreach and mission mobilisation through different interest groups and partnerships. Our ultimate aim is to see God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, bringing salvation, blessing, healing, peace, justice and freedom to all nations.

Objectives, Activities and Performance

In planning the activities of the organisation, the Trustees were mindful of the CIO's objects and had regard to the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit in the advancement of religion and the prevention or relief of poverty. For the period being reported on, these activities included:

1. **Worship and communion service:** A weekly public Sunday morning worship and communion service was offered in the Cranleigh Court Chapel in Yate, providing expository teaching of God's Word, corporate worship, prayer and Holy Spirit enabled ministry with the partaking of communion.
2. **Local community outreach:** As part of the River-ICF outreach objectives, regularly congregants engaged in prayer walks in the neighbourhood and engaged in street evangelism offering prayers for peace, comfort or healing to all who wished to receive. Furthermore, a total of £513 was invested in two main events, namely:
 - a. **Pop-up nativity:** The trustees, Women of Faith and other volunteers worked together to put on a memorable fun and craft-filled afternoon celebrating the birth of Jesus. The life-size nativity set was a major attraction for selfies and family photographs but most of all, members of

the local community enjoyed great entertainment, warm chocolate and delicious treats. Each child was given a Christmas Story book or toy donated by local businesses and 3 families were graced with Christmas hampers in a lucky draw. Entrance was free. Over 200 people from the community attended. The trustees were pleased the event blessed the community and were grateful for promoting the charity's objectives.

- b. **Women of Faith brunch:** This event promoted the launch of the "Be Prepared" campaign and offered free sign-up to the online course, offering an expository practical study of the last week of Jesus' ministry on earth and His prediction of what the last days would be like. The event was widely promoted to women of all churches and community, resulting in an eclectic group of ladies coming together for a great brunch, outstanding talk and worship morning.
3. **River Bible Academy (RBA):** Post lockdown, the trustees agreed RBA would continue the delivery of its courses online, as interest had spread in the UK and internationally. Feedback from participants ranked the course material highly for its sound Biblical grounding and theological interpretation, as well as for the organised professional presentation. During this financial year, Rev. Susannah Catlin developed an in-depth study based on Matthew 21-24 to expound on 10 reasons the 10 virgins were all asleep in the parable Jesus taught in Matthew 24, before he launched into describing what the last days would be like prior to His return to catch the saints (His Bride) away for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. Christopher Catlin joined her in the final presentation of the 40-hour course intended as group study. The course was designed having a combination of discipleship principles and house church development opportunities in mind. This was successfully implemented and achieved and in the next financial year we will be able to give a more in-depth impact analysis.
4. **Hope-4-Britain Prayer Initiative:** Corporate prayer is transformational and key to equipping and mobilising God's people with the right perspective to engage in Spirit-led and empowered ministry. Raising consistent committed interest to pray for revival in Britain remains a battlefield strategy of the trustees to achieve a moral and spiritual awakening in the UK and Europe.
5. **Mission mobilisation:** As a charity in England, operating a local church, the trustees are committed to influence and steer the organisation in the direction of impacting world missions in nations which have opened up to our ministry and where meaningful partnerships are being nurtured. During this reporting period these charitable activities included:

- a. **Evangelism and poverty relief in Cambodia:** Bethel Mission Organization (BMO) is our lead partnering organization in Cambodia. Their work targets families living in the slums of Phnom Penh and more specifically the graveyard community living in between the graves of the colonial era cemetery, due to a shortage of living space in a rising bustling metropolis where the extreme poor are invisible. BMO's strategic objective is to plant churches among these impoverished communities and through the church to establish the necessary support services to raise the quality of life through education and training to upskill these marginalised people, some of whom are second-generation slum-born, with no prospects. BMO understands the church is the place where a new generation of strong leaders can be developed. Thus, beyond the necessary spiritual formation and support, they offer children and youth language studies in Khmer and English, numeracy and IT literacy classes, along with soft life-skills, job seeking skills and entrepreneurship courses. During this reporting period we were able to increase our support substantially, both for the sustainability and growth of the organisation, especially in dealing with the aftermath and impact of the pandemic amongst the poorest, most destitute people of Phnom Penh. The trustees were pleased to contribute £3,927 towards sustaining the work of this most worthy cause and remain committed to the transformational vision of these otherwise invisible and marginalised communities.
- b. **Evangelism in the UK and USA:** During this reporting period, the trustees contributed £674 towards UK charitable activities of similar organisations and granted £1755 towards worldwide evangelism through Revival Ministries International which continues to reach the world through the Stand on the worldwide web and TV networks daily.
- c. **Leadership development programme abroad:** Collectively the trustees bring a wealth of expertise from personal experience gained in evangelism and mission mobilisation abroad, prior to the formation of the CIO in England. The relational network resultant from this past exposure is a great asset to the vision and work of the Charity, giving it reach and breadth of influence into established Christian networks across several nations. During this period of reporting the trustees continued their targeted leadership development efforts in the nations of Cambodia, Portugal, Mozambique and South Africa but also increased their

networking efforts in the UK and USA in order to adequately resource the projects in these nations. Of noteworthy relevance in this period:

- i. **Capacity building in Portugal:** Rev. Susannah Catlin continued to offer Bible study and worship communion services online with intermittent field trips to minister to and encourage house churches, pastoring and supporting believers who lost their local church as a result of lockdown and the dysfunction it caused. The trustees remain committed to further developing training and resources to equip foreign leaders to lead their congregations in reaching the lost, stimulating spiritual renewal and Church reformation with the purpose of evangelising Europe, which remains a strategic objective of this organisation.

Financial Review

In its third year of operation and coming out of a worldwide pandemic, Together in One Accord had a Gross Income of £20,832 of which £3,000 were restricted funds for the Cambodia Bethel Project. The expense of charitable activities for community events in the UK was £513 with further charitable contributions totalling £6,795. Operational costs totalled £12,496, ending the year with a net operating income of £1,541 and a cash-in hand and bank position of £10,920.

The grant funding policy remained unchanged and the trustees continue sound governance and management measures to ensure the optimum impact to all our beneficiaries. For this reporting period, no further policies were deemed necessary, as activities remained unaltered and no further risks were identified.

Trustee Report Acceptance

The trustees have reviewed the Charitable and Financial Activities Reports and are satisfied it is a fair and true reflection of the Charity's activities in meeting its objectives for the public benefit and are thus pleased to submit this report to the Charity Commission.

Signed in London, 27 July 2023



Rev. S.E. Catlin
Chairperson

Together in One Accord
Financial Activities
October 2021 - September 2022

	<u>Amount</u>
Income	
500 S01 Donations and legacies	10,790
501 Cash Offerings	6,447
502 General online giving	595
Total 500 S01 Donations and legacies	£ 17,832
520 Restricted funds	
524 Restricted Funds Cambodia	3,000
Total 520 Restricted funds	£ 3,000
Total Income	£ 20,832
Expenditures	
640 S09 Charitable Contributions	
641 Charitable Contributions UK	674
642 Charitable Contributions USA	1,755
643 Charitable Contributions Portugal	439
644 Charitable Contributions Cambodia	3,927
Total 640 S09 Charitable Contributions	£ 6,795
700 Advertising/Promotional	203
720 Consumables & general supplies	578
721 Community Events	513
730 Computer & Internet Costs	660
735 Conference, membership, subscription fees	290
750 Hire of hall, equipment & building maintenance	1,097
760 Insurances	183
765 Payroll Expenditures	5,400
770 Printing, Postage and Stationery	180
771 Training Materials & Expenses	218
775 Telephone & Communications costs	18
780 Travel and Accommodation	3,156
Total Expenditures	£ 19,292
Net Operating Income	£ 1,541
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£ 1,541

Together in One Accord
Balance Sheet
As at 30 September 2022

	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
400 Office & Church Equipment Cost	3,601
Total Tangible assets	3,601
Total Fixed Asset	£ 3,601
Cash at bank and in hand	
100 B09 Cash on hand	£ 62
150 B09 Together in One Accord Natwest	£ 10,859
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£ 10,920
Net current assets	£ 10,920
Net current assets (liabilities)	£ 10,920
 Total assets less current liabilities	 £ 14,521
Total net assets (liabilities)	£ 14,521
Charity funds	
470 Retained Earnings	
Surplus/(Deficit)	£ 14,521
Total Charity funds	£ 14,521

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