

Community Bible Study International: Europe & MENA

Registered charity number: 1193171

Charity's principle address:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st August 2024

Prepared by:

AMBMS Ltd

14 West Lane
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Charity Trustees

Date of Appointment

Veronica Margaret Alvarez (Chair)	21st January 2021	Resigned as Chair 31/08/25
Christopher Janson Hanbury	21st January 2021	
Ian Timothy Pounce	21st January 2021	Appointed as Chair 01/09/25
Clive Desilver Roberts	21st January 2021	
Mae Angelique Palmer	18th March 2022	
Stephen Moulding	7th September 2022	

Structure Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Constitution

Charity type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registered 21st January 2021)

Trustee selection methods:

In finding new trustees the current trustees consider the best methods of attracting candidates with the required skills and background. When an individual is identified, the chair will undertake an initial interview progressing to a "meet/greet/chemistry" slot at the next Trustee meeting.

Objectives

Community Bible Study International Europe and MENA is a charity based in the U.K. and serving multiple countries in Europe and the Middle East and North Africa. We provide a Bible Study system using the four learning and teaching elements of writing, reading, hearing and speaking. We provide curriculum covering most books of the Bible and provide training and arrange Conferences to train leaders. Translation and development of material is ongoing.

The trustees have given regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

This year we have provided training in multiple countries, some in person, but many via video link. We have trained up National Directors to support countries and have embarked on extensive translating work to make our material more widely available. We have maintained our online classes that were started during the pandemic. These particularly provide support for the elderly who are unable to get out and young families with children. We are introducing spoken CBS, an oral study based on storytelling for those not able to read. There have been many regional conferences taking place. There has also been translation of children's material and training of children's leaders. We have been able to support our leaders in Ukraine and we have seen a steady increase in participants in our regions.

We have been using a series of videos and accompanying workbooks translated into over forty languages explaining the Bible from beginning to end.

Financial review

The Trustees have a policy of keeping reserves equal to at least three months of annual operating costs which in turn include items that could be scaled back should the need arise.

The restricted funds relate to monies received and set aside for specific regions.

Declaration

I present these accounts as set out here as a true and accurate representation of the financial position of this charity:

Signed:



Date: 25/05/25

Ian Timothy Pounce (Chair)

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PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled these accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me. A set of accounts will be prepared for submission upon your approval thereof, and upon satisfactory review from the Independent Examiner.

Signed: *Alistair Miller*

Date: 19/05/25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Community Bible Study International Europe And MENA CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Community Bible Study International Europe And Mena CIO** for the year ended 31 August 2024, set out on pages 5-7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW which is a listed body.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

Mark Plane

Name: Mark Plane ACA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW

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Date: 06-06-25

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Receipts and Payment account for the year ended 31st August 2024

INCOME vs EXPENDITURE

2024				2023									
£		£		£		£							
Unrestricted		Restricted		Total		Unrestricted		Restricted		Total			
INCOME													
Grants - CBSI US		420,305		420,305		245,932		245,932					
Other Donations / Interest		16,556		26,283		42,839		33,268		16,355		49,624	
1		436,860		26,283		463,143		279,200		16,355		295,556	
DIRECT EXPENSES													
Contract Labour		82,823		82,823		57,615		57,615					
Honoraria		401		401		792		792					
Training		20,504		789		21,293		20,198		20,198			
Additional Country Support		-		28,798		28,798		4,461		12,988		17,448	
Conference Costs		28,820		28,820		25,521		25,521					
Printing Books Literature etc		11,609		1,577		13,186		10,189		10,189			
Administrative Expenses		7,955		7,955		4,888		4,888					
Translations		2,800		2,800		3,898		3,898					
Travel Expenses		52,189		1,863		54,052		40,137		40,137			
Food & Lodgings		26,174		2,146		28,320		13,643		13,643			
Miscellaneous Expenses		583		60		643		32		32			
1		233,858		35,232		269,091		181,373		12,988		194,361	
OVERHEADS													
Employee Costs		50,627		50,627		57,594		57,594					
Professional Fees		23,739		23,739		10,570		10,570					
Rent Rates etc.		3,938		3,938		2,465		2,465					
Travel / Meetings / Staff Welfare		20,482		20,482		10,056		10,056					
Office Costs		7,394		7,394		16,893		16,893					
Banking Costs		2,015		2,015		2,757		2,757					
		108,195		-		108,195		100,336		-		100,336	
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		94,807		- 8,949		85,858		- 2,508		3,367		859	

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Asset and Liability account for the year ended 31st August 2024

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	2024			2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
FIXED ASSETS	-	-	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	36,179		36,179	9,369		9,369
Bank - Current Account	37,695		37,695	44,273		44,273
Bank - Deposit/Cash Account	73,595	25,565	99,160	6	34,515	34,521
			173,034			88,163
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors	6,414		6,414	4,341		4,341
PAYE & NI	-		-	3,387		3,387
Pension	557		557	229		229
			6,971			7,957
ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES			166,063			80,206
FINANCED BY:						
Reserves	54,640	25,565	80,206	44,832	34,515	79,346
Net Income (Expenditure)	94,807	- 8,949	85,858	- 2,508	3,367	859
			166,063			80,206

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Explanitory notes to the account for the year ended 31st August 2024

NOTE 1

Restricted Funds

	At YE23	Income	Expense	At YE24
	34,515	26,283	35,232	25,565
Ukraine - Antti	19,715	0	20,511	-796
Turkic Belt - Ashraf	0	4,215	3,330	885
Izmir Conference	0	2,415	2,415	0
Egyptian School - Ashraf	1,983	8,200	8,977	1,206
MENA - Ashraf	5,047	600	0	5,647
UK - Veronica	7,770	0	0	7,770
India Geom	0	1,500	0	1,500
Germany	0	9,353	0	9,353