

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE ENDED

31ST JULY 2023

**REACH
SOUTH**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1196451

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1196451
DATE OF REGISTRATION	08 November 2021
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	01 August 2022
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31 July 2023
TRUSTEES AS AT 31st JULY 2023	J. A. Clifton F. E. O. Saer J. P. Shulver
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO Foundation Registered 8th November 2021
OBJECTS	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world as the trustees determine, through the establishment of a partnership of evangelical churches cooperating to plant and resource new churches, recruit and support gospel workers, train members of the churches for ministry, and co-ordinate efforts and expenditure for the furtherance of the gospel by publications, assemblies, courses and otherwise.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Burgess Road Library Burgess Road Southampton SO16 3HS
PRIMARY BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Nathan Vogt ACA

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Reach South CIO on the accounts for the period ended 31st July 2023 set out on pages 7 to 12.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent 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: 

Name: Nathan Vogt ACA

Date: 24/05/2024

REACH SOUTH
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE ENDED 31 JULY 23

	Notes	YEAR 2023 £	YEAR 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds	3.1	25,623	1,500
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	3.2	15,408	297
Other Incoming Resources	3.3	26	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		41,057	1,797
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities	4.1	25,881	-
Governance Costs	4.2	452	24
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		26,333	24
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		14,725	1,773
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		1,773	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		16,498	1,773

All funds received and expended by Reach South in the period were unrestricted. Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

REACH SOUTH
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	10	16,498	1,773
Total Current Assets		<u>16,498</u>	<u>1,773</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		16,498	1,773
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		<u>16,498</u>	<u>1,773</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>16,498</u></u>	<u><u>1,773</u></u>
Funds of the Charity			
General Funds		16,498	1,773
Total Funds		<u><u>16,498</u></u>	<u><u>1,773</u></u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102 through the objectives as set out in the Trustees' Report.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have prepared projections for more than 12 months from the signing of the accounts and are confident that the charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due in the foreseeable future.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Recoverable Gift Aid is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the Balance Sheet date is included as a debtor.

The Charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

2.2 Expenditure & Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured.

Governance costs are those costs associated with the governance arrangements which primarily relate to constitutional and statutory requirements and include the strategic planning processes that contribute to the future development of the charity.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

Pension contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities as they become

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

2023

£

3.1 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds

Voluntary Income:

Grants

25,623

25,623

3.2 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

Big Day Out

1,608

Equip Course Fees

13,800

15,408

3.3 Other Incoming Resources

Bank & Other Interest

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE ENDED 31 JULY 2023

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Notes	TOTAL 2023 £
4.1 Charitable Activities		
Ministry Activities		
Big Day Out Food and Refreshments		3,343
Big Day Out General Expenses		1,312
Big Day Out Venue		4,080
Equip Course general expenses		706
Equip Course Speaker expenses		1,102
Equip Course staff costs		15,277
Administrative Costs		
Bank fees		60
		<u><u>25,881</u></u>
4.2 Governance Costs		
Advertising & Marketing		333
Subscriptions		18
Accountancy fees		101
		<u><u>452</u></u>

5. DETAILS OF CERTAIN LINES OF EXPENDITURE

5.1 Trustee Expenses & Remuneration

	2023
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	3
Nature of the expenses	
	Reimbursement of train fares and fuel expense for travelling to speak at the Equip Course and reimbursement for website domain ownership
Total amount paid	<u><u>£ 70</u></u>

5.2 Related Party Transactions

The only other payments made to the trustees or any person connected with them consisted of reimbursements for items purchased on behalf of the Church in furthering the Charity's objects.

Reach South Trustees Report 2022-2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Reach South are:

The advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world as the trustees determine, through the establishment of a partnership of evangelical churches cooperating to plant and resource new churches, recruit and support gospel workers, train members of the churches for ministry, and co-ordinate efforts and expenditure for the furtherance of the gospel by publications, assemblies, courses and otherwise.

When planning and reviewing the objectives of the activities of the Church, due consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The charity set out to encourage and equip those leading and attending the churches that make up Reach South. For this reporting period (August 2022 to July 2023) the member churches were Christ Church Southampton, Cornerstone Church Portsmouth, Redeemer Winchester and Trinity Church Salisbury. Encouragement and equipping happened through:

- Monthly meetings between the pastors of the member churches
- Training events for all those who attend the members churches
- An annual celebration event for all those attending the member churches

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Church Planting:

After a year of planning and fundraising, Reach South oversaw the setting up of a new church in Salisbury (Trinity Church Salisbury - TCS). The church formally started gathering in September 2022. Over the reporting period, TCS grew in number to become an established church.

During the reporting period, the trustees continued to explore other possible church plants for the future.

Monthly Meetings For Church Leaders:

Each month, the pastors of the four member churches met to provide updates on each church as well as offering support and advice to one another. At each meeting, time is given over to discuss potential future Reach South initiatives. These meetings are a key part of the Reach South charity – they ensure the member churches work effectively together to meet the aims of the charity.

The Equip Course:

In December 2021 the trustees planned to set up a training course (The Equip Course) that would equip men and women with Bible-handling and Bible-teaching skills. A course director was appointed (John Taylor was seconded from Christ Church Southampton for two days a week) and people from across the region were encouraged to join. The course commenced in September 2022. There were initially over 20 participants and the majority were from Reach South member churches, but some joined from other churches as well. The teaching was provided by a wide variety of lecturers – including John Taylor, individuals from Reach South churches, and some from other churches in the region.

The aim of the course is: **“to equip Christians of all ages from different church backgrounds from across the south coast to better understand, live out and teach God’s Word in whatever setting they find themselves.”** The trustees are satisfied that the course is accomplishing its aim.

Annual Big Day Out:

Each year, all those who attend the member churches, gather for the Big Day Out (BDO). The BDO is a day of celebration and equipping. In 2023, the BDO took place on Sunday 11 June. Over 600 attended and

enjoyed teaching sessions by Dr Peter Williams on the “Genius of Jesus’ Teaching.” There was a hog roast and games and activities. One highlight from the day was hearing testimonies from individuals who attend Reach South churches.

Mutual Support:

One of the ways member churches express their support of each other is through an annual ‘pulpit’ swap. A pastor from each member church preaches in a different member church. The pulpit swap happened in January 2023 and was well received by each church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reach South as a legal entity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by a constitution dated 16 September 2021. Registered Charity status was granted on 8 November 2021 under Registration Number 1196451. The Charity is governed by a board of Trustees who also constitute the members of the Charity. They meet regularly (normally monthly) to set policy and review the activities of Reach South.

Trustees are nominated and appointed by existing trustees when they have satisfied themselves of the need of further trustees and the qualifications – spiritual and otherwise – of the person proposed for the role.

All trustees serve without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

FINANCE

Total receipts over the reporting period (1 August 2022 – 31 July 2023) amounted to £41,057 over the year. Total outgoings were £26,333. The balances carried forward into August 2023 totalled £16,498.

A full financial report is appended.

As the charity moved into its second year, some additional funding was sought beyond the contributions of member churches. Regular donations (totalling £25,623) were made by a small group made up of those who were once part of a Reach South church. The other source of significant income was from Equip Course fees (totalling £13,800).

The majority of outgoings (totalling £17,085) over the year was spent on The Equip Course. Most of that money was spent on the salary of the course director who was seconded from Christ Church Southampton for 2 days a week. A small amount of money was spent on venue costs.

A reserves policy exists whereby – in normal circumstances – cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget.) In the reporting period this target was met.

It is anticipated that in the financial year (2023-2024) both incomings and outgoings will continue at a similar level.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and 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 a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's websites. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees of Reach South on 01/05/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

J. A. Clifton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Clifton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.