

LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

REPORTING 11 DECEMBER 2021 – 31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity Number: 1197054

Our Mission

At Light of the World Ministries, our mission is to glorify God through worship that exalts Him, and by steadfastly adhering to biblical principles. We are dedicated to making disciples, meeting the needs of widows and orphans, and serving our community with compassion and purpose. We emphasize the exercise of spiritual gifts, welcoming newcomers, and being open to change—all while trusting in God through fervent prayer. Through fostering genuine worship, strategic evangelism, and strong leadership, we aim to inspire all members to invest in God's work and reflect His love through meaningful acts of service.

Aims

One of our primary objectives is to inspire and equip our members to fully embrace and embody our clearly defined mission and purpose. We aim to cultivate a deep understanding of Scripture through dedicated Bible study, encouraging everyone to draw nearer to the heart of God. Central to this goal is fostering an awareness of God's empowering presence, which enables spiritual growth and flourishing within a Christ-centered community that nurtures mutual learning and support.

Additionally, we are committed to mobilizing our members to actively engage in strategic evangelism, sharing the transformative message of the Gospel with those around them. We also place a significant emphasis on serving the needs of our local community, offering compassion and practical aid to those who are vulnerable or in need. In doing so, we strive to be a tangible expression of Christ's love and advance His mission through impactful service and outreach.

Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated members of Light of the World, our Trustees, Executive Committee, and pastoral support teams, both within the ministry and through external collaborations. Your invaluable contributions—whether through insightful feedback, administrative support, or the sharing of your expertise—have been essential in the creation of this annual report. Your unwavering commitment has ensured that this document is a comprehensive reflection of our ministry's work and impact over the past year. Your time, efforts, and dedication to excellence have made this report possible, standing as a testament to the unity and heart of our community. Thank you for your tireless support and for helping bring our vision to life.

Objectives and Activities

Our services and worship put faith into practice through a blend of prayer, Scripture, biblical teaching, and practicing and music.

Missionary Work

As a non-profit organization, we are committed to using a portion of the proceeds raised through our weekly offerings to give back to those less fortunate through our missionary work. Within the UK, we actively support several impactful initiatives, including homeless outreach, assistance for single mothers and low-income families, and programs aimed at youth development.

In our efforts to support the homeless, we provide essential resources such as non-perishable food items through our monthly tin collections at church. We also conduct regular evening outreach in Central and East London, distributing hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets to those sleeping rough.

We extend financial and practical support to single parents within our ministry, as highlighted in our accounts report. For youth, we address pressing issues such as knife crime by helping young people recognize their potential and aspire to greater things. To this end, we offer counseling services and create a safe, supportive environment for vulnerable individuals. In previous years, we hosted a motivational youth speaker who shared their personal journey of transformation from a past marked by knife crime, inspiring attendees to pursue a brighter future. Through these efforts, we are committed to making a meaningful and lasting impact on our community.

Use of Donations

The funds raised through donations are essential in enabling us to continue serving our community and fulfilling our charitable objectives. These voluntary contributions from our members directly support the operations and activities of Light of the World Ministries, allowing us to further our mission and provide valuable services to those in need.

This report outlines the financial expenditure of Light of the World Ministries for the period from **December 2021 to December 2022**. It includes a detailed breakdown of the charity's income and expenditures, highlighting how funds are allocated and used to support our work.

All donations received by the charity are voluntary contributions made by our members, and it is important to note that the charity has not claimed Gift Aid on any donations since its inception. The funds raised are strictly used for advancing the charity's aims, objectives, and overall purpose.

During the reported period, a shortfall in our overall outgoings was graciously covered by one of our dedicated members, ensuring the continued smooth operation of our ministry.

Breakdown of Expenditure

The donations we receive are primarily allocated to the following operational areas:

- **Premises Hire:** Funds help cover the costs of renting the premises for various charity activities, including services, special events, prayer gatherings, youth services, and community outreach initiatives.
- **Missions and Relief:** Donations are dedicated to missions that support single parents, widows, orphans, and vulnerable members of our community, ensuring they receive the necessary assistance.
- **Youth Fellowship:** Funds support the activities and initiatives designed for our youth programs, promoting their spiritual growth and community involvement.
- **Counselling:** Contributions are directed towards offering pastoral and professional counselling services to those in need, providing support in times of emotional and spiritual distress.
- **Musicians:** Donations help cover the expenses associated with engaging musicians for our services, contributing to the overall quality of our worship experience.
- **Memberships and Insurance:** We allocate funds to cover essential membership fees and insurance charges necessary for the smooth operation of the ministry.
- **Refreshments:** Donations also support the provision of refreshments at events, ensuring a welcoming and hospitable environment for all attendees.

- **Equipment and Stationery:** Funds are used to purchase the equipment, stationery, and media-related resources needed for the ministry's operations.
- **Guest and Running Expenses:** These funds are dedicated to covering the costs of hosting guest ministers, including teaching and study-related expenses, training programs, and additional administration costs/running expenses.

Financial Summary

Donations Received (10 December 2021 to 31 December 2022)

Total: £22,907.27

Outgoing/Expenditure (10 December 2021 to 31 December 2022)

Total: £23,080.35

These donations are pivotal in enabling us to continue fulfilling our charitable mission and serving those in need within our community. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from our members, which makes all of our work possible.