

Light of the World Ministries

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Light of the World Ministries
Principal Address: Mill Lane 27 Mill Lane IG8 0UL
Charity Structure: Unincorporated Association
Charity Status: Registered Charity (England and Wales)
Registration Number: 1197054

Trustees serving during 2024

- Gary Glasgow
- Nicola Campbell
- Shiv Banerjee
- Geneisha Glasgow

2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes (as per governing document)

Light of the World Ministries exists to advance the Christian faith in accordance with biblical principles, to relieve hardship among vulnerable individuals including widows, orphans, and low-income families, and to provide community support through worship, teaching, fellowship, prayer, pastoral care, and practical assistance.

Main Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit

In shaping our activities for the year, the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit**. Our activities include:

- Weekly Christian worship services, prayer gatherings, and Bible studies
- Evangelism and community outreach initiatives
- Support for vulnerable individuals including widows, orphans, homeless communities, and single parents
- Youth engagement and guidance activities
- International mission support in the Philippines and West Africa
- Pastoral care, counselling, and community fellowship events
- Discipleship and baptism preparation classes for new attendees
- Global prayer support project for widows

These activities are delivered to benefit both members of the congregation and the wider public, irrespective of background, ethnicity, or financial means.

3. Achievements and Performance

Worship and Fellowship

Regular Sunday services, prayer meetings, and Bible studies continued throughout the year. Monthly *Prayer, Praise, and Fellowship* gatherings strengthened unity and provided pastoral support. Larger fellowship events, including the Restoration Conference, Thanksgiving service, Christmas celebration, and children's blessings, further deepened community relationships.

Evangelism

Street evangelism, leaflet distribution, and social media outreach were ongoing. Video clips were produced for online platforms to extend the reach of the Gospel beyond physical gatherings. Planning also began for a two-day evangelism conference scheduled for June.

Membership Growth and Engagement

Membership remained steady with active participation from adults, youth, and international online attendees. Feedback was collected through questionnaires and member meetings, allowing member views to shape ministry decisions and planning.

Discipleship

Annual Discipleship Classes were delivered to new attendees, covering church values, operations, faith foundations, and spiritual development. Additional baptism classes supported candidates preparing for the sacrament. Our weekly study through *The Purpose Driven Life* supported spiritual growth across the fellowship.

Baptism

Our annual Baptism service saw several individuals publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. The church united in prayer and celebration, affirming their spiritual commitment.

Community and Mission Work

UK Community Support

- **Homeless outreach:**
 - Monthly food collections
 - Distribution of winter clothing and blankets
 - Evening outreach in Central and East London
 - Yearly “give-away day” events
- **Support for Single Parents & Low-Income Families:**
 - Financial and practical support
 - Counselling for vulnerable youth
 - Motivational youth sessions addressing issues including knife crime
- **Neighbourly Scheme:**
 - Weekly refreshments and baked goods from GAIL’s bakery

- Clothing donations to Hackney Library
- Free essentials accessible every Sunday

International Missions

- **Philippines:**
Clothing, toys, essentials, and educational items provided to orphans and vulnerable children.
- **West Africa:**
Financial support for widows to alleviate hardship.
- **Global Prayer Widows Project:**
Supporting widows called to daily intercession by providing monthly food assistance; active in two countries.

This year has demonstrated the commitment, generosity, and unity of the Light of the World Ministries family. We remain deeply grateful for the dedication of our members, volunteers, Trustees, executive committee and supporters, whose faith and service continue to advance the work God has entrusted to us.

4. Financial Review

Income

Total voluntary income for the year amounted to:

Period	Income
1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024	£21,367

All income consisted of voluntary donations from church members. The charity does not claim Gift Aid.

Expenditure

Category	Amount
Category A1 – Hall, storage, activities, admin, other	£20,560.60
Category A3 – Repairs, insurance, phone & internet	£629.40
Category B4 – IT equipment, furniture	£0
Total Expenditure	£21,190

Overall Position

- **Total Income:** £21,367
- **Total Expenditure:** £21,190
- **Net Surplus:** £177

The charity ended the year with a small surplus. No reserves policy is currently in place due to the limited scale of operations; however, the Trustees recognise the importance of developing a formal policy in future years.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Light of the World Ministries is governed by a written constitution as an unincorporated charity. Trustees are appointed according to the rules set out in the constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed based on:

- Spiritual maturity
- Commitment to the ministry's aims
- Relevant skills or experience
- Willingness to accept governance responsibilities

All trustees receive an induction covering their legal duties.

Trustee Meetings

Trustee and Executive Committee meetings were held throughout the year to oversee:

- Financial management
- Operational planning
- Risk monitoring
- Ministry activities and community projects

Membership meetings were also held to gather views, discuss ministry development, and ensure transparency across the fellowship.

Risk Management

The Trustees have considered key risks including:

- Financial sustainability
- Volunteer capacity
- Safeguarding
- Rising operational costs

Steps taken include cost-saving measures (e.g., reducing musician expenses), strengthening donation tracking, and improving record-keeping.

6. Safeguarding Statement

Light of the World Ministries is committed to providing a safe environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Our safeguarding approach includes:

- Adherence to recognised safeguarding standards
- Appropriate supervision during activities
- Reporting procedures for safeguarding concerns

Trustees review safeguarding matters annually.

7. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead to 2025, the ministry intends to focus on:

- Strengthening evangelism through the planned events, i.e. outreaches /conferences
- Increasing training and support for volunteers
- Enhancing administrative structure and financial reporting
- Developing essential policies and procedures
- Expanding community outreach initiatives
- Increasing discipleship opportunities for members

8. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for:

- Ensuring proper accounting records are maintained
- Preparing an annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law
- Safeguarding the charity's assets
- Ensuring funds are used solely for charitable purposes

The Trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

9. Approval of the Report

This report was approved by the Trustees of Light of the World Ministries on:
19th November 2025

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Name: S. Banerjee & G. Glasgow

Position: Trustee / Chair

Signature: *S. Banerjee & G. Glasgow*

Date: **24th November 2025**