

transform.church
Trustees' Annual Report 2022
For the date of registration (31st May 2022) until the end of the financial year (31st December 2022)

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity name: transform.church
Registered charity number: 1199160
Charity's principal address: 82 Nene Parade, March, Cambridgeshire, PE15 8TA.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

1. Nathan McGuire
2. Simon Goddard
3. David Judkins

Section B: Structure, governance and management

transform.church was constituted on 31st May 2022 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association model).
It used an approved governing document provided by the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB).
Trustees are selected by the members of the charity.
It is a member of the Eastern Baptist Association (24th September 2022) and BUGB (12th October 2022)

Section C: Objectives and activities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The principal purposes of transform.church are:-

- The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.
- The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

As a member of the Baptist Union transform.church subscribes to the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle:

- "That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.
- That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried, and rose again on the third day'.
- That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world."

In fulfilling the purpose transform.church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- Equipping individuals in their commitment to kingdom transformation in the four dimensions of discipleship:
 1. With God – knowing and following Jesus, doing the will of the Father, living in the power of the Spirit;
 2. With people – loving our neighbours, pursuing justice, embodying grace and mercy;
 3. With the planet – through a generous gratitude for, and good stewardship of, the natural world;
 4. With ourselves – developing our character, discerning our calling, making our unique contribution.
- Inspiring and encouraging individuals in their commitment to kingdom growth in the two directions of discipleship:
 1. Inwardly – personal transformation in each of the four dimensions of following Jesus;
 2. Outwardly – offering transformation to others through opportunities to encounter and follow Jesus.

Section D: Achievements and performance

2022 is the year that transform.church was founded, registered with the Charity Commission, and welcomed into membership of the Eastern Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. As a digital Baptist community this is a novel expression of church, and the process of having our membership approved at both the national body as well as a regional Association, required us to spend the months following registration working on an appropriate Safeguarding Policy. It was important for us to have this policy in place before we began the core activities of the church, and we were pleased to work with the relevant safeguarding advisors to identify processes appropriate to our online context. In addition, we were impacted by the change in circumstances for one of the trustees, which highlighted the need for us to expand the number of trustees before launching the church and offering any form of public worship. As the activities of the church during this year required no financial outlay, we did not open a bank account, nor make any cash transactions. Expanding the trustee body, opening a bank account, and beginning our online gatherings are priorities for the coming year.

Section E: Financial review

As mentioned above, there are no funds or transactions to report here. For this reason, the trustees have not yet adopted a reserves policy, but is committed to doing this before it begins to make regular spending commitments. It is anticipated that transform.church will seek to bank with an ethical provider of financial services.

Section F: Other optional information

The charity is pleased to have been pledged a donation of £1,200 with which to open the bank account and launch its core activities during 2023

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full name: Rev. Nathan McGuire

Position: Chair

Date: 10th October 2023