

EMPOWERMENT WORSHIP CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1200254

Details

Other names EWC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-09-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS AND PRACTICES IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD THROUGH THE TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD, PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, CARING FOR THE NEEDY, AGED, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AND DEVELOPING HUMAN RESOURCE THROUGH EDUCATION WHILE WINNING SOULS AND PREPARING THEM FOR THE SOON COMING OF CHRIST.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit through the pronouncement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the mission of winning souls and preparing them for the soon coming of Christ.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£76,799	£48,489	-	-
2024-09-20	£19,051	£16,350	-	-
2023-04-20	£7,228	£7,644	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Genevieve Stein		2022-06-28
Jessica Hagan		2022-06-28
Lorraine Angela Garshong		2025-12-10

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Charity Name Empowerment Worship Centre
Charity number 10012

Trustees Rev. Gideon Danso (Global Lead Pastor)
Pastor Genevieve Stein
Jessica Hagan

Principal Office 118 Great Portland Street

Sunday service address VUE Cinema Screen 2
Fulham Broadway Retail Centre,
London SW6 1BW

Date of Report 21/04/2023 - 20/09/2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report for the year ended 20th April 2024. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the charity comply with the relevant statutory requirements and the charity's governing documents.

Structure, Governance and Management

The church's governing document is dated 15 July 2022.

Empowerment Worship Centre London is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1200254. The church, though independently run, is the London/UK branch of Empowerment Worship Centre headquartered in Accra, Ghana.

Trustees

The charities trustees are:

Rev. Gideon Danso (Global Lead Pastor)
Min. Genevieve Stein
Jessica Hagan

The trustees met twice this financial year to discuss the day to day management of the church. This included, but was not limited to, church activities, conferences, administration, evangelical and outreach missions, and the management of church finances. The trustees have conducted one meeting in person, and one meeting electronically. Decision making happens through a simple majority vote.

Currently, no Trustees receive remuneration for their position. As per the Charity Commission guidelines, a majority of Trustees are to be voluntary and receive no remuneration or benefits in connection with their position.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates who are invited to serve as Trustees. To be suitable for this position, the candidate will demonstrate commitment to the church and its charitable objectives, demonstrated by regular attendance and a high degree of involvement, through service. Potential trustees are not appointed based on their professional competence or experience, though Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate range of skills are represented in order to ensure the church is effectively managed.

Objectives

In accordance with Empowerment Worship Centre's Constitution, the church's charitable objectives, for the benefit of the public are:

1. To advance the Christian faith
2. To promote welfare, caring for the needy, aged, widowed and orphans through the provision of funds, services, food, clothes or other goods, counselling and support
3. To advance education and human resource development

Activities and Achievements

While we believe we have fulfilled our objectives through the many successful activities throughout the year, the Trustees of Empowerment Worship Centre recognises the above objectives are strongly related and should be accounted for collectively. We are certain that we have worked hard to advance the Christian faith, care for people from a wide variety of backgrounds and supported the local community in their development through the following:

- Worship in the Park; an open public event held in Victoria Park on 17th August 2023. This event takes place in the open park grounds and welcomes everyone and anyone who happens to be in the area to join us in prayer, worship, as well as the opportunity to meet other people. The opportunity is presented for passers by to enquire about the Christian faith, ask questions and develop their beliefs.
- Prayer meetings and community fellowship for people of all ages, including weekly online meetings for members who cannot travel into London weekly.
- Pastor care for all church members, led by our ordained Senior Pastor
- The provision of "community circles", an assigned fellowship group designed for more intimate forms of community to alleviate feelings of isolation.

The Trustees are confident that our diverse range of activities provide benefit to the public.

The Trustees have officially introduced weekly Sunday Services at a designated location in London: VUE Cinema, Fulham Broadway. These services began on 31 August 2024 and are on every Sunday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The three hour service consists of praise and worship and a 45-60 minute sermon by an ordained minister. A 15-minute coffee and tea service is provided to encourage fellowship amongst visitors.

Financial Review

The charity has experienced a significant increase in income from the previous year, which we believe is largely due to the increase in activity, especially Sunday Services. Currently, the charity uses a Monzo Business Bank account to receive donations. The trustees have struggled to be approved for a charity/community account with a recognised and trusted High Street bank.

Trustees' Annual Report

For year ended 20th April 2024

The trustees will continue exploring options, aware that a Monzo Business Bank is not suitable in meeting the needs of the charity.

Total income as of year end: £19,051

Total expenditure as of year end: £16,350

Reserves

The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that the charity maintains a sufficient level of unrestricted funds to meet its ongoing financial obligations. The primary objective is to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to support the charity's activities and ensure long-term financial stability.

The Board of Trustees aims to maintain reserves equivalent to 6 months of the charity's core operating costs. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees, taking into account:

- Forecasted income and expenditure.
- Risks to income and the stability of funding.
- Cash flow requirements.
- Future strategic plans.

Reserves will not be used to cover day-to-day operating deficits but will be maintained for unforeseen circumstances or to fund strategic projects that are aligned with the charity's objectives. Any drawdown of reserves must be agreed by the Board of Trustees. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually as part of the charity's financial planning process, and Trustees will monitor the level of reserves throughout the year to ensure it remains adequate.

Reserves as of year end: £2,701

The Board of Trustees acknowledges that the charity's reserves are lower than as stipulated in the reserve policy, due to high start-up costs and expenditure. The trustees will prioritise reducing the charity's expenditure, and rebuilding reserves through improved financial planning, concentrated fundraising efforts and cost management strategies within the coming months. This includes identifying a more affordable location for Sunday Services.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Jessica Hagan

Trustee



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EMPOWERMENT WORSHIP CENTRE

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

21/04/2023

To

20/09/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	19,051	-	-	19,051	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,051	-	-	19,051	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,051	-	-	19,051	-
A3 Payments					
Worship in the Park 2023 - Picnic Equipment	249	-	-	249	-
Worship in the Park 2023 - Food & Drinks	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Worship in the Park 2023 - Hotel &	1,445	-	-	1,445	-

Worship in the Park 2023 - Instrumentalist Fee	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Worship in the Park 2023 - Hall Hire	3,450	-	-	3,450	-
Instrument Hire -	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Sunday Service Venue Hire (VUE Cinema -	3,800	-	-	3,800	-
Photography & Videography	300	-	-	300	-
Public Liability Insurance	226			226	
Worship in the Park 2024 - Instrument Hire	900			900	
Worship in the Park 2024 - Courier Services	240			240	
Worship in the Park 2024 - Sandwiches and	640			640	
				-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,350	-	-	16,350	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	16,350	-	-	16,350	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	2,701	-	-	2,701	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,041	-	-	1,041	-
Cash funds this year end	3,742	-	-	3,742	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Donations	3,742	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
Total cash funds	3,742	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Black Pulpit	Unrestricted	148	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JESSICA HAGAN	8/2/2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20/04/2022 Period start date To 20/04/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Empowerment Worship Centre

Charity registration number: 1200254

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit through the pronouncement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Teaching the word of god, promoting the welfare of members and the local community, caring for the needy, aged, widows and orphans and developing human resource through education while winning souls and preparing them for the soon coming of Christ.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Empowerment Worship Centre held a 'Worship in the Park' event in August 2023 where members from around the UK met in London to worship, fellowship, play games and get to know one another. We also held a Sunday Service with an exhortation, worship and the opportunity for our members to network. We gathered over 300 people in East London, including families, passers by and people from the community including students new to the country, residents struggling to find friends and meet new people, families wanting a safe, Christian environment for the children and more.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity received donations through tithes and offerings. As we have yet to officially open and launch the church, our expenditure has been low. Our only expenditure has been for Worship in the Park and our Sunday Service, as well as regular outgoing costs for our email account and workspace.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves in order to enable us to cover the financial costs for eventually launching the church.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We hold just under £5000 in reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We had planned to launch our London church in 2023, which did not go ahead. We hope to do so in 2024.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Empowerment Worship Centre
Other name the charity uses	EWC
Registered charity number	1200254
Charity's principal address	167-169 Great Portland street, 5th Floor, London, W1W 5PF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gideon Danso			
2	Genevieve Stein			
3	Jessica Hagan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Jessica Hagan

Jessica Hagan	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee	
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Date

01/06/2024

01/06/2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/20/2022

To

4/20/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,228	-	-	7,228	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,228	-	-	7,228	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,228	-	-	7,228	-
A3 Payments					
Worship in the Park - Picnic Equipment	249	-	-	249	-
Worship in the Park - Food & Drinks	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Worship in the Park - Hotel & Transportation	1,445	-	-	1,445	-
Worship in the Park - Instrumentalist Fee	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Worship in the Park - Hall Hire	3,450	-	-	3,450	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,644	-	-	7,644	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,644	-	-	7,644	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 416	-	-	- 416	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 416	-	-	- 416	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Black Pulpit	Unrestricted	148	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jessica Hagam	Jessica Hagan	6/1/2024