

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

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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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

EMPOWERMENT WORSHIP CENTRE

1200254

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