



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## **New Jerusalem Gospel Church trustees' 2023 annual report**

### **1. Charity Identification**

1.1 Charity name: **New Jerusalem Gospel Church (NJGC)**

1.2 Charity registration number: 1203332

1.3 Period covered: 31 May 2023 to 31 December 2023

### **2. Introduction**

New Jerusalem Gospel Church (NJGC) was officially registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2023. NJGC's trustees are pleased to share this annual report covering the period it was officially registered up to 31 December 2023. The report outlines the church's main activities, its achievements, the financial performance, and forthcoming plans aiming to advance its purpose. NJGC aims at advancing Christian's belief as it socially and spiritually supports its members and members of the neighbourhood to meet the spiritual and material needs. The church leadership is confident that with God's guidance, continued support of its members and our partners, the church will achieve greater impact in the coming years.

### **3. Public Benefit Statement**

Through this report, the church leadership and trustees state that NJGC has acted in regard of guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefits. We confirm again that our work complied with the Charity Commission principles and that all our activities were and are still conducted to primarily and exclusively benefit the public. Whether spiritual, emotional, and social or material support, NJGC acts in accordance with these principles. We do all our work and activities to objectively help those in need and who would not achieve that by themselves.

### **4. Objectives and Activities**

New Jerusalem Gospel Church is Christian charity with the aim to advance Christian beliefs while providing support to its members and members of the community in its neighbourhood and across Africa.

#### **4.1 The charity Object**

New Jerusalem Gospel Church object is *"To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public throughout Sheffield, the surrounding area and overseas in accordance with the Statement of Faith by providing facilities for Christian worship, prayer, religious education, Bible study, outreach, and pastoral care for the community locally and overseas in Africa."*

#### **4.2 Charitable strategic Objectives (2023)**

The New Jerusalem Gospel Church's main objectives for 2023 included and not limited to:

- Promote Christian teachings that foster spiritual growth through regular worship gatherings, sessions of Bible study, as well as outreach programs to visit members of the church at home.
- Support socially families and individual members and neighbours who needed our hand in their financial encounters.
- Empower youth and vulnerable groups to prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Partner with organisations and charities to expand our reach.

### **5. NJGC's structure and its management**

NJGC is charity that governed following its constitution submitted to the Charity Commission during the registration process. Next to the constitution, NJGC has elaborated and adopted a byelaws document that describes everyone's duties and obligations. As an incorporated charitable organisation, NJGC opted for an association model of governance where The General Assembly (AG) has the power to define its priority and course of actions and the full responsibility to evaluate its achievements. Trustees play the role of implementing what has been decided by the GA. Trustees have the duty to ensure that what has been adopted is implemented as planned and for the interest of the public.

As a church, the Byelaws document details its organisational structure and ways each of these structures work collaboratively towards achieving the object. The Chair of the trustees committee is the legal representative of the church. The chair is supported by a team of the deputy and the general secretary. Next to this team that oversee the church's vision, the byelaw establishes other supporting structures including the Advisory Board (5 members), (Internal Auditors (3 members) and the Finance and Development (5 members). The daily management of church members is done at the Parish level with a committee of 3 members who closely work with Elders and Deacons (7 members). The Parish leadership oversees all activities at the Parish level and the byelaw has established mechanisms of how they work with the Trustees. The Parish structure has nine (9) departments: (1) Pastoral Committee, (2) Youth and Worship, (3) Children and Sunday School, (4) Women and Family, (5) Media & Equipment, (6) Translation, (7) Ushers, (8) Deacon and Social Affairs, (9) Evangelisation and Intercessors.

The Pastoral Committee manages and takes care of the spiritual growth of the church's members and the department includes all pastors in their respective parish. If for any reason, the department has many members, such as Youth and worship, Children and Sunday School, Women and Family..., members of the department chose their representative (committee). Each committee has between 4-5 members who have the duties to regularly meet and see how to achieve our objectives in their respective département.

### **6. Achievements and Performance**

During this period under review, NJGC has made successful achievements in the area of spiritual growth, social support and partnership.

### 6.1 Spiritual Growth

Throughout engagements, dedications, and church services participation, Our church experienced a noticeable growth. There has been an increase in terms of membership numbers in our church, reflecting stunning growth. Between May and December 2023, our members have increased from 120 to 150 now. We are very happy that many of our members have consistently attended church's services and events to the extent their commitment and engagement can assure that the church will keep thriving. Our members are dominated by young people (under 25) who may represent between 60-70%. We are so encouraged by our youth's commitment to the extent they find church services so attractive, through their feedback and attendance.

Here are key achievements:

- **Regular Sunday services:** NJGC does organise, every Sunday, a worship service that normally starts from 2 pm. Back in May 2023, church's services were attended roughly by 100 members but at the end of 2023 we managed to host around 150 members on a regular basis. As we report, the church has more than 200 members. Attending church services is associated with creating community bond, finding new friends and new spaces where one can express herself (himself). We've been witness of how people who were isolated, under pressure of traumatic experience have found the church as an important venue for them to heal their wounds.
- **Evangelisation and Outreach:** Besides Sunday regular services, NJGC has regularly organised a church service on the last Saturdays of each month. The event is called "Special Saturday", and it is open to all within the neighbourhood (Sheffield, Rotherham and Chesterfield). During the "Special Saturdays" services, NJGC does invite speakers and preachers, several worship teams and choirs from other churches & denominations across our neighbourhood. This makes many people from our neighbourhood to join us and who are not members of NJGC. Eight people got baptised in 2023, and one decided to dedicate his life to Jesus Christ.
- **Online Outreach:** NJGC has been reaching out to a wider audience including those who follow online our social media platform, including YouTube and Instagram. From May 2023 to December 2023, up to 2500 viewers watched our YouTube Channel on weekly basis. The Channel has approximately 2000 Subscribers.

### 6.2 Social and moral Support Initiatives

NJGC placed a strong emphasis in activities that socially support our members and neighbours who are in need. Through pastoral care, NJGC has performed several activities that socially support our members including; visiting family members at their homes. The church leadership has visited 15 families at home members to understand their needs, respond to some of those whenever possible or signpost those that seem to be hard to tackle. The church leadership and trustees have

contributed to support families that experienced bereavement. The church has also been closer to members who were in need of a special care that required emotional, financial, and spiritual attention. In every case, the church contributed in as much as it can.

### **6.3 Empowerment programs & Partnership**

As part of its vision, NJGC has initiated programme that stresses on empowering young people, and children's members of our church. The church aims at encouraging young people to pursue their education regardless of their background and experience. The church leadership in collaboration with the Youth committee has been organising sessions to discuss their challenges when it comes to pursue their education and schooling. The programme does engage parents to understand challenges they encounter to have their children pursue their schooling.

At the same time, NJGC has engaged with other local organisation and churches to establish partnership that facilitate synergy in advancing our vision and objectives.

## **7. Financial Review**

To reach its objectives, NJGC has relied on donations and contributions made by its members. As a church, most of its sources come from tithes, thanksgiving, fundraising, bank interest on deposits) donations and offerings. While details are submitted in the report "Receipts and payments accounts CC16a".

The total income for the period under review is £19,530 (Nineteen thousand and five hundred and thirty pound). For the same, NJGC has spent £7,892 (Seven thousand and eight hundreds ninety-two pounds). NJGC's income was spent to pay the rent of the venue where the church meets to worship, a deposit fund, entertainment and giving to evangelisation mission. NJGC income is spent in accordance with our byelaws and follows internal regulation.

## **8. Trustees and Staffing**

The trustees meet regularly on quarterly schedule. Between May and December 2023, trustees have organised 4 trustees' meetings because this period coincided with the process of setting up the charity. Trustees' meetings and decision-making process comply with the charity church constitution and follow its bylaws.

As previously discussed, the church is managed through an organisational structure with different committees and the board of trustees). Members of committees and trustees at all levels work on voluntary. The church has not yet employed any remunerated staff. The church has a team in charge of safeguarding policy that oversee to take care of children and vulnerable persons.

## **9. NJGC's 2024 Plan**

In 2024, the Trustees have identified key priorities for this period, and these include: continuing to reach out to many people within our neighbourhood, pursue the pastoral care to understand challenges of our members and those who are in need. In 2024, we worked closely with young

people and children and their parents to stress on the importance of education. We aim to increase youth engagement by dedicating time to expand mentorship programs and introduce career development to the youth. In the 2024 plan, NJGC has worked to strengthen partnership with local organisations, churches, and local councils. The 2024 report will detail some of the achievements of NJGC.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees,**

**Rev Justin Ruvimba**

The Chair and Legal Representative

Date: 28/10/2024



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

31st of May, 2023

To

31st of Dec, 2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Collections at services	7,204	-	-	7,204	-
Fund raising (Church construction project)	-	1,670	-	1,670	-
Donations	10,650	-	-	10,650	-
Interest on deposits	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>17,860</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,530</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,860</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,530</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	830	-	-	830	-
Giving missions & Transport	580	-	-	580	-
Purchase of refreshments	259	-	-	259	-
Marketing and advertisement	62	-	-	62	-
Technology infrastructure	237	-	-	237	-
Loans made (0% interest rate)	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Deposit fund	2,110	-	-	2,110	-
refunds due to overpayment	88	-	-	88	-
Entertainment	726	-	-	726	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,968</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,968</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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	Bank current account	9,962	1,670	-
	Saving account	2,116		-
				-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,078</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Loans made(0% interest)	3,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
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