

SHEKINAH NATION

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TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

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Corporate Information

Registered Charity Number: 1206699

Principal Office: Taylor Road Primary School
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Board of Trustees: Oluwatobi Kolawole
Faith Kemi Bamidele
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Bankers: Metro Bank
Virgin Money

Board of Trustee's Report

1.0 Introduction

The Board of Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 28th February 2025. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

1.1 Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

1.2 Structure, Governance and Management

1.2.1 Governing Document

The charity is a charity incorporation organisation (CIO) and governed by its constitution dated 24 January 2024.

1.2.2 Trustee Appointments

Trustees are appointed under the terms of the constitution.

1.2.3 Induction and Training Policies

The induction process for a newly appointed trustee comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by short meetings with the pastor on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

1.2.4 Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The senior pastor manages the day-to-day administration of the church.

1.2.5 Related Party Relationships

Shekinah Nation partners with other charities to deliver its objectives.

1.2.6 Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied the systems are in place to mitigate our exposures to the major risks.

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2.0 Objectives and Global Outreach

2.1 Objectives and Activities

Shekinah Nation is a Christian Church Organization and a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) operating under the laws of the United Kingdom. Rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, Shekinah Nation exists to empower individuals and communities to reach their full potential—spiritually, emotionally, and practically—through faith, fellowship, and outreach.

The organisation's activities are designed to advance the Christian faith while offering tangible support and resources to the public. With a strong emphasis on youth empowerment, community engagement, and personal transformation, Shekinah Nation continues to serve as a source of hope and upliftment for people from all walks of life.

2.2 Public Benefits

Apart from its Church activities, the charity was involved in the following public benefit efforts:

- ✎ The Charity's welfare group visits the homeless and basic needs are supplied to them.
- ✎ The Charity runs regular visits to Support Centres to provide financial support to help the groups achieve its charitable objectives.
- ✎ The Charity also contributes regularly to charities working to develop young people in our community.

Our efforts are geared towards supporting the programmes of our local council, promoting cohesion in our community, and positively impacting the lives of the young people and the elderly.

2.3 Grant Making Policies

The church supports visiting ministers of the gospel both within and outside the United Kingdom. The church supports other charities and missionary that shares its objects in advancement of Christian faith and relief of poverty. The church gives occasional grants to congregational members who are in need.

2.4 Contributions Made by Volunteers

The church is grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers who are involved in providing services for the charity. It is estimated that over 3000 hours are provided by volunteers during the year. If this is conservatively valued at £11.44 per hour, the volunteer's effort will amount to over £34,300.

2.5 Achievement and Performance

January & February – Weekly Sunday Worship Services

Throughout the opening months of 2024, Shekinah Nation maintained consistent weekly Sunday worship services. These gatherings were more than routine meetings; they became a spiritual anchor for many, offering structure, comfort, and a dependable space for biblical teaching and personal encouragement. Through these services, members had regular access to pastoral care and counselling, which supported emotional and spiritual well-being. The communal worship experience also helped foster a deeper sense

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of belonging and connection within the congregation, reinforcing bonds across various age groups and backgrounds.

March – Easter Celebration, Mother's Week & The Church's Conference

In March, Shekinah Nation commemorated Easter, the cornerstone of the Christian faith. The celebration focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, offering members and guests a renewed sense of hope and purpose. In the same month, the church honoured and uplifted women through the celebration of Mother's Week, a dedicated time that recognised the unique contributions of mothers and women in general. Through targeted messages and empowerment sessions, women were affirmed in their God-given roles, both within the family and the broader community. Later in the month, the organisation hosted the Convocation of Priests, a spiritually enriching three-day conference. This event focused on equipping individuals—both members and guests—with the tools and inspiration needed for leadership, ministry, and service. The dual focus on honouring women and empowering spiritual leaders contributed to a well-rounded investment in personal and collective growth.

April – Relationship Series

April was dedicated to fostering healthy and meaningful relationships through a multi-part teaching series grounded in Christian principles. This initiative addressed emotional intelligence, communication, and mutual respect, providing attendees with practical tools to enhance romantic, familial, and platonic relationships. Young adults in particular benefited from guidance on navigating modern relationships while maintaining spiritual integrity. The series contributed to stronger family dynamics and improved relational understanding within the community.

May – Mental Health Week

Recognising the importance of emotional well-being, Shekinah Nation devoted a week in May to mental health awareness. The church hosted a series of talks, discussions, and support sessions that provided a safe and non-judgmental environment for individuals to explore mental wellness. By tackling the stigma often associated with mental health issues, the church helped individuals feel seen and supported. This initiative opened doors for ongoing conversations and reinforced the message that spiritual and mental health are interconnected and equally important.

June – The Feast & Fathers' Week

June featured two impactful initiatives. "The Feast" served as a community-wide outreach event where free meals, fellowship, and joyful interaction brought people together in a spirit of unity and compassion. The event created a space where social barriers were broken down, and all attendees, regardless of background, felt valued and welcomed. Fathers' Week followed with programs designed to celebrate and strengthen the role of fathers. Through mentorship, teaching sessions, and recognition of paternal leadership, the week highlighted the positive influence of father figures and encouraged active male participation in both family life and community development.

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July – Exalted (Worship Experience)

In July, Shekinah Nation hosted “Exalted,” a vibrant worship experience designed to draw people closer to God through music, prayer, and artistic expression. The event was intentionally intergenerational, attracting individuals across different age groups—especially youth and creatives—who were encouraged to explore and use their gifts in a faith-driven context. Beyond spiritual upliftment, the event cultivated community cohesion and allowed for the spontaneous, heartfelt expression of faith in a joyful and inclusive atmosphere.

August – Summer Picnic

The Summer Picnic, held in August, was a relaxed and family-friendly event that fostered community bonding in an informal setting. The outdoor gathering allowed members and newcomers to connect over food, games, and conversation, strengthening social ties within the church. The inclusive nature of the event made it particularly effective in welcoming first-time visitors, helping them feel at home while offering long-time members an opportunity to unwind and build relationships across different demographics.

September – Campus Fellowship

With the academic year beginning in September, Shekinah Nation directed its attention toward university students through its Campus Fellowship initiative. This outreach was designed to support students navigating the pressures of academic life while remaining grounded in faith. The program offered mentorship, prayer support, and spiritual teaching tailored to young adults. It also helped establish peer support networks that fostered accountability, discipline, and leadership development among students striving to live out their faith on campus.

October – Evangelism Month

October was marked by an intensified focus on outreach during Evangelism Month. Members of Shekinah Nation engaged in public ministry efforts including literature distribution, prayer walks, and direct community engagement. These activities brought the message of Jesus Christ into the broader public sphere, reaching individuals who might never step into a church. The campaign empowered members to share their faith boldly and compassionately, and it reminded the wider community that the Church exists not only for itself but for the service of others.

November – Regular Sunday Services

As the year progressed, regular Sunday services continued to provide spiritual nourishment, continuity, and community for all members. These services reinforced core biblical values, encouraged consistent worship habits, and offered pastoral care. The stability provided through these gatherings played a crucial role in maintaining the faith and resilience of the community as the year drew to a close.

December – Worship Chillz, End-of-Year Dinner & Christmas Carol Service

December featured a trio of events that reflected Shekinah Nation's commitment to celebration, inclusivity, and spiritual outreach. Worship Chillz was a youth-led initiative blending games, music, and worship to

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engage local young people in a setting that was both fun and faith-filled. The End-of-Year Dinner brought the entire church together to reflect on God's faithfulness over the past year, fostering unity and gratitude. Finally, the Christmas Carol Service offered a powerful expression of the Christmas story through music, drama, and fellowship. Together, these events helped close the year on a high note—celebrating Christ's birth while reinforcing the joy, hope, and sense of community that define Shekinah Nation.

Monthly Night Vigils

Shekinah Nation hosted monthly Friday night vigils throughout the year; consistent, Spirit-led gatherings that became a source of strength and renewal for many. These meetings served as a space for spiritual capacity building through intercession, worship, intimacy with God, and prophetic declarations. Beyond prayer, the vigils provided a safe and honest environment where individuals could share their burdens, testimonies, and the true state of their hearts monthly. Many attendees testified of breakthroughs, emotional and physical healing, and answered prayers. Over time, the vigils cultivated a culture of spiritual discipline, vulnerability, and unity within the church community.

3.0 Financial Reviews

During the period, the charity received £50,013 in total income. Total resources expended was £39,263 thus resulting in a surplus of £10,749. Cash at the end of the period was £12,725.

3.1 Principal Funding Sources

Funding has been provided mainly through tithes and offerings by church members. Pledges are also taken for specific projects.

3.2 Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to have unrestricted and uncommitted funds (free reserves) to cover 3 to 6 months of resources expended. They feel that this would enable the current activities to continue if there is a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to then consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The present free reserve is below the policy range, but the Trustees are continuing to seek additional unrestricted funds.

3.3 Investment Policy

The Trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in Banks and Building Societies, and as far as possible in interest bearing accounts.

4.0 Future Development

Our charity continues to explore various ways of spreading the gospel of Christ in an effective manner. The charity is always seeking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make life-changing impact in society.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Oluwatobi Kolawole

Signature: 

Position: Chairman

Date: 10 August 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: Shekinah Nation
On accounts for the year ended: 28th February 2025
Charity No: 1206699

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 10 August 2025

Name: Olubunmi Labeodan, for and on behalf of The Accounting Club Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA

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Statement of Financial Activities: Year Ended 28th February 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income:							
Donations and legacies	1	50,013		50,013	-	-	-
Other income (Grants)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		50,013	-	50,013	-	-	-
Total Income		50,013	-	50,013	-	-	-
Expenditures on:							
Charitable Activities	2	29,407	-	29,407	-	-	-
Other Charitable Activities	2	9,034	-	9,034	-	-	-
Other Costs	2	823	-	823	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		39,263	-	39,263	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		10,749	-	10,749	-	-	-
Transfers between funds							
Other recognised gains/(losses):							
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				-			-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets				-			-
Net movement in funds		10,749	-	10,749	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward at 1 March 2024		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward at 28 February 2025		10,749	-	10,749	-	-	-

Statement of Financial Position: Year Ended 28th February 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Asset			
Tangible assets	3	5,802	-
Total Fixed Asset		5,802	-
Current Assets			
Loans & Advances			
Accrued Income			
Cash at bank and in hand		12,725	
Other Debtors		-	-
Total Current Assets		12,725	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Other Creditors			
Other Current Liabilities		7,096	
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		7,096	-
Net current assets (liabilities)		5,629	-
Total assets less current liabilities		11,432	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Bank loans and other finance (long term)			
Other Non-Current Liabilities			
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets (liabilities)		11,432	-
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted Reserve			
General reserves		682	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		10,749	
Total charity funds		11,432	-

Accounting Policies

Scope and Basis of the Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in March 2005.

Income

Revenue is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt once the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenses

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) on an accruals basis and is recognised at the point when a legal or constructive obligation arises. The majority of costs are directly attributable to specific activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets with an individual purchase of £500 or more are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation which is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Property	2%
Vehicles	25%
Equipment	20%
Fixtures and Fittings	20%

Notes to the Financial Statements: Year Ended 28th February 2025

1. Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	50,013	-
Restricted Income	-	-
Total donations & legacies	50,013	-
Other income		
Gift Aid Receipts	-	-
Other income	-	-
Total other income	-	-
Total Income	50,013	-

2. Expenditures

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Premises	14,947	-
Utilities	250	-
Travel	2,405	-
Motoring & Transportation	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Administration	-	-
Advertising	3,364	-
Operations	4,983	-
Finance Charges	-	-
Depreciation	658	-
Honorarium	2,800	-
Total Charitable Activities	29,407	-
Other Charitable Activities		
Outreach	672	-
Central Office	-	-
Welfare & Benevolence	5,342	-
Charitable Donations	3,020	-
Total Other Charitable Activities	9,034	-
Other Costs		
Professional fees and services	823	-
Other costs	-	-
Legal fees	-	-
Accountancy fees	-	-
Total Other Costs	823	-

Notes to the Financial Statements: Year Ended 28th February 2025

3. Tangible Assets

	Property	Vehicles	Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£		£
At 1st March 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Additions			2,188	4,272	6,460
Disposals		-			-
Revaluations		-			-
At 28th February 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,188</u>	<u>4,272</u>	<u>6,460</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st March 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	251	407	658
Adjustments		-		-	-
At 28th February 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>658</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1st March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 28th February 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,937</u></u>	<u><u>3,865</u></u>	<u><u>5,802</u></u>

4. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the church made donations and contributions to other charitable organisations as shown in note 2 under Charitable Giving.

5. Trustee Remuneration & Expenses

During the year, there were no payments or reimbursement of expenses to trustee members.