

ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH DIOCESE OF UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1209895

Details

Other names EOTC UKI DIOCESE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2024-09-05

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO FAITH IN UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH,1 THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS AND LECTURES; PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS; PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE FAITH; AND ACTING AS A COMMON VOICE OF ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE, CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH CANONICAL LAW;2 PRAYER FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE LIVING, THE DECEASED, AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY;3 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHURCHES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP'S AUTHORIZATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANON OF THE CHURCH, IN CITIES AND PLACES WHERE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO FOLLOWERS TO PROVIDE A PLACE OF SOLACE, WORSHIP AND ASSISTANCE;4 DELIVERING CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED, CONTRIBUTING DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER, AND PROMOTING VOLUNTARY EFFORTS AMONG ITS ADHERENTS;5 THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT, OVERSIGHT AND REGULATION ACROSS THE DIOCESE TO STRENGTHEN CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE ENABLING CHURCHES TO BE COMPLIANT WITH CHURCH SPIRITUAL, CANNON AND CHARITY LAWS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,573	£13,196	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ARCHBISHOP ABBA HISGRACE YACOB	Chair	
Mulugeta Tesfa		
Rev Kefyalew Aschalew		
Rev TREVOR DESMOND O FIELD		
Semegne Alemayehu		

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Accounts



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In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit One God, Amen.

**THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH
DIOCESE OF UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND**

**Trustees' Annual Report
31 March 2025**

Charity number: 1209895 (Transferred from Charity number: 1144634)

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Ireland

Introduction

The Holy Synod is the head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. The Holy see of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church is in Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

As a Universal Church, the Holy Synod of Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, extends both inside and outside of Ethiopia, (all over the world).

The Archbishops, Bishops of each Diocese are appointed by the Holy Synod to oversee the administration of the Diocese and the parish churches found within their Diocesan territory. Each Diocese operates under the jurisdiction of The Holy Synod.

The Head office of the Diocese (Bishopric) for the United Kingdom and Ireland Diocese will be in London.

Faith

Our Church has received and teaches the faith which was formulated at Nicaea. In the Creed or in the name of nicaea she makes known her faith in this fashion in the

Statement of faith - Creed:

We believe in one God, in the Lord the Father, who holds the whole world, omnipotent, who created everything visible and invisible in heaven and in earth (Gen. 1:1-28 Neh. 9:6-7 Rom 1.20-21,Isa 48:12-13)

We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, the one Son of the Father, who was with Him before the Creation of the world. Light begotten of Light, True God begotten of True God, not created. He is equal with the Father. There is nothing in heaven and earth which exists without Him Mtt. 3:17, John 1: 1-4. For us and for the salvation of men He came down from heaven; by the operation of the Holy Spirit, He put on flesh of the holy Virgin Mary and became man. In the time of Pontius Pilate He was crucified for us, suffered and died and was buried, and on the third day He was separated from the dead and rose, and with glory He ascended to heaven and sat on the right hand of His Father, and He shall come again in honour and glory that He may judge the living and the dead, and there is no finish, no end of His Kingdom. Luke. 1: 33-34; I Pet. 3: 18; Phil. 2: 6-8; Rom. 5: 8; Cor. 15: 3-4; 1 Pet. 3: 19-20. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord who saves, He who proceeds from the Father; together with the Father and the Son, we worship Him, we honour Him, we glorify Him. John. 5:17-19 John 14:15-18 John 15: 26. And we believe in one Holy church, which is overall, the assembly and congregation of the Apostles, Eph. 2: 19-22. And we believe in one Baptism, that it was given for the forgiveness of sin. Eph. 4: 3- 6 Ps32. 1-2; Eph. 1: 6. And believing in the resurrection of the dead, we hope for everlasting life to come. John. 5:28 -29, 1 Cor. 15: 22- 24, John. 10: 27- 28.

Trustees Report

Structure, governance and management

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Ireland is led by Archbishop of the Diocese and the Trustees are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Church's activities and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Diocese (the "Object") is to advance the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo faith in United Kingdom and Ireland for the benefit of the public through,

- the holding of prayer meetings and lectures; public celebration of religious festivals; producing and/or distributing literature to enlighten others about the faith; and acting as a common voice of Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Churches in the Diocese, conducted in compliance with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church canonical law;
- prayer for the well-being of the living, the deceased, and the global community;
- the establishment of new churches with the Archbishop's authorization and in accordance with the canon of the church, in cities and places where there are substantial Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo followers to provide a place of solace, worship and assistance;
- delivering charitable assistance to those in need, contributing during times of emergency or disaster, and promoting voluntary efforts among its adherents;
- the provision of support, oversight and regulation across the Diocese to strengthen church administration and governance enabling Churches to be compliant with Church Spiritual, Canon and Charity Laws.

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Achievements and Performance

Our Archbishop, His Grace Abune Abba Yacob consecrated the newly acquired Church building of Debre Tsehay Kidanemihret, in Huddersfield as well as visiting and blessing Churches in the United Kingdom and Ireland attending mass, giving sermons and blessing congregations. He also ordained Deacons and Priests across the Diocese.

In September 2024, Meskel or The Finding of The True Cross was celebrated the Diocese by the coming together of Churches across London.

Financial Review

During the year a total income of £11,573 was raised by the Meskel celebration and from registration fees.

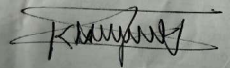
A contribution was made to the Patriarchate in Addis Abeba of £1,500 according to our constitution rule. The cost of organising the Meskel event was £7,668 which was to cover the cost of hiring coaches and hire of grounds for the event. In addition, travel and visa costs were incurred for our Archbishop as well as incurring volunteers' cost.

In this financial year, costs have exceeded income and Trustees are working towards increased engagement with Dioecian Churches. In March 2025, work begun of setting up a working group from across the Diocese that will work towards finding a permanent location for the Diocese office and Archbishopric residence and establishing sustainable sources of finance for the Diocese.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they approve the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

Signature: 

Date:31/01/2026

Reverend Kefyalew Aschalew

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Ireland

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Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 March 2025

Income	Notes		2025
Charitable activities	2	<u>11,573</u>	
			11,573
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	3	<u>13,196</u>	
			13,196
Deficit			<u>(1,623)</u>

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

Current Assets	Notes	
Cash	4	6,805
Current Liabilities		
Creditors < 1 year	5	<u>(2,667)</u>
Net Assets		<u>4,138</u>
Reserves		
Non Designated Reserves	6	<u>4,138</u>

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Notes

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts, and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting period commencing 1 January 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006; and the Charities Act 2011.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Ireland constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Charity status

The Charity is registered as a CIO on 04 September 2024. It is governed by its Trustees.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Where there are designated funds, it comprises unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for purposes.

Where there are restricted funds, it would be funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

1.4 Going concern

The charity's financial plan and projection show that Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of Income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1.6 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the church's operations.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings, and equipment over five years.

1.8 Taxation

As a registered charity, The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Ireland is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable

1.9 Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Utilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the

obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

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Notes (continued)

2 Income

Charitable activities

Fundraising event	10,013
Fees	1,560
Total Income	<u>11,573</u>

3 Expenditure

Event Cost	7,668
Transport, allowance and visa fees	3,886
Contribution to Patriarchate	1,500
Administrative costs	142
Total Expenditure	<u>13,196</u>

4 Cash	<u>3,886</u>
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5 Liabilities

Deferred Income	<u>2,667</u>
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6 Reserves

B/f from Charity number: 1144634	5,761
Surplus / (deficit)	<u>(1,623)</u>
Total Reserves	<u>4,138</u>