

THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 January 2025

Registered Charity No. 221328

Registered Company No. 00065048

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**Principal Address**

The South American Mission Society
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Legal Status

The South American Mission Society (SAMS), registered Charity Number 221328 (England and Wales), is a company limited by guarantee, registered Company Number 00065048 (England and Wales).

Trustees of the Society (and company directors)

Mr Charles Clayton, Chair, to 31 03 2025	Mrs Fiona Lambert
Rev Jeremy Moodey appointed 09 10 2024 Chair from 01 04 2025	Mrs Chloe Louter
Rt Rev Nicholas Drayson appointed 05 12 2024	Dr Kevin McKemey to 31 07 2024
Rev Canon Andrew Bowerman to 09 05 2025	Rev Richard Moy
Rev Sarah Jayne Hewitt	Mr John Stansfeld
Ms Catherine Morgan Hickey	Mr Simon Upcott
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Deputy Chief Executive Officer & People and Learning Director

Mrs Debbie James

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Canon Andy Roberts MBE

Britain Hub Mission Director

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of SAMS, who are Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Since their merger in 2010, SAMS and Church Mission Society (CMS) operate as a single entity, with one vision and leadership. This legal entity is a subsidiary of CMS and reports part of the group's activities in and for Latin America. The consolidated position is given in the CMS report & financial statements [charity 1131655].

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision

We long to see our world made new through the love of God as we follow Jesus to the edges.

Our goal

Communities and society are transformed as new disciples participate in the life and work of Jesus in our world.

Who we are

Jesus spent much of his time with people at the edges, and that's where we want to be too. SAMS invites people at the edges of church, the edges of society and the edges of our comfort zones to follow Jesus and play a part in his story. Come with us to the edges and discover God at work in ways you might not have expected.

We are people who are:

Pioneering

We are constantly seeking and moving to the edges of church, society and ourselves, and calling others to do the same: to try new things, ask questions, cross boundaries and not get too comfortable.

Evangelistic

We share Jesus in word and action with people at the edges and invite them to be part of his story.

Relational

We get alongside people, becoming a genuine part of the edge-based communities where we find ourselves, recognising that often we are guests not hosts.

Faithful

We remain true to our calling and don't get discouraged easily. We recognise that mission at the edges takes time, that God is our leading partner in all we do and can be trusted to bring needed change.

Where we work

By working "at the edges" we mean that we encourage individuals and groups of people to follow Jesus:

- At the edges of existing church
- At the edges of society
- At the edges of our comfort zones

Within the UK and overseas, we are specifically called to mission at the margins and cultural fringes, where Jesus is not often followed and which are often overlooked or written off. We believe God is already at work in these spaces and our task is to join in.

What we do

We are called to make disciples of Jesus where you may not expect to find them. And to see those disciples make more disciples until communities of people committed to following the way of Jesus are formed.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

This is how we see change happen: person by person, community by community. To be more specific:

1. We connect people with a heart for the edges so they can work together. Often this takes the form of cross-cultural hubs, or pockets of people from Western and non-Western backgrounds teaming up to bring change in a specific edge-based context.
2. We train people for ground-breaking, transformational and sustainable mission in the UK and overseas.
3. We equip churches to look around, see what God is doing among people at the edges within their communities and join in.

In our vast history, thousands of people have crossed geographical, cultural and societal boundaries to make disciples of Jesus. Through their efforts, missteps and all, we have seen the gospel of Jesus make itself at home in a variety of contexts all over the world. Sometimes in ways we could never have foreseen.

Review of the Year

The South American Mission Society (Latin America region of CMS) has been developing its vision and strategy for mission work in Latin America whilst supporting its existing mission work across the region and beyond. Paul Tester has continued as Manager in Latin America based in Oxford.

The year 2024/25 has seen a development of SAMS / CMS mission work with mission partners very much involved. Within our focus on mission together with Indigenous Peoples we have seen the first year of a three year plan to support formation of missional indigenous leaders completed. There have been 11 indigenous leaders who have completed year-long training programmes with many others equipped through shorter trainings, all of whom are continuing to serve in their local contexts. Others have received sponsorship to complete secondary education to encourage further growth. A highlight from the year was the Indigenous Mission Congress near Temuco in October 2024 focussing on evangelism, discipleship and formation. In the second area of work in Latin America, pioneering mission, the focus is on creativity and innovation in mission in those cultural spaces where Jesus is not well known and draws upon SAMS / CMS mission partners serving in contexts where Jesus is not known from Guatemala and Honduras in the north to Argentina and Chile in the south. This year SAMS / CMS has supported a one year development plan which has led to a new three year plan for the coming years focused on developing Community, Communication, Catalysing and Cultivating of pioneers and pioneer ministries. Central to the strategy is the creation of local pioneering mission centres. We hope to see pioneering mission multiplied across the Latin America region.

SAMS / CMS people in mission, mission partners, mission associates and local partners continue to serve, sharing Jesus in many different and very challenging contexts across the region. In addition, SAMS / CMS grants to strategic partner organisations help our partners to follow the Holy Spirit's lead in sharing Jesus. The principal activity of the society continues to be overseas mission work through 15 mission partner units.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In compiling this report, Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance as issued by the Charity Commission. As "a community of people in mission obeying the call of God to proclaim the gospel in all places and to draw all peoples into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ", SAMS works out its Public Benefit in a number of ways.

SAMS believes the Christian faith is of benefit to society, and individuals, bringing a vision of transformation for peace and social harmony which grows from what Christians believe is God's ultimate purpose: to bring all things into unity and perfection in Jesus Christ. People are likely to become disciples of Jesus if Christians "live a Christ-like life amongst them, share the good news of Jesus, demonstrate God's love and prayerfully expect the Spirit's power to transform individuals, communities and whole nations".

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

SAMS seeks to demonstrate this benefit through its wide range of mission activities in Latin America.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Corporate governance is as relevant in the voluntary sector as it is in the commercial world. The Trustees of SAMS aim to have high standards of accountability as well as a proper and ethical performance of their duties.

Governance arrangements

SAMS has one corporate member, CMS.

- SAMS is an Association of Members, whose business is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and by a Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees of SAMS is made up of a maximum of fifteen appointed trustees, appointed by CMS the sole corporate member of SAMS
- The SAMS board mirrors the CMS board, in which due regard is given to the skills required to promote effective governance

The Board of Trustees meets up to four times a year.

Management structure

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the executive management of SAMS' affairs. The CEO leads the organisation using services supplied by CMS in relation to ministry and support functions.

Risk management policy and internal control

The Trustees have reviewed the Group's risk register which incorporates SAMS. This register summarises the major risks the Society faces, and we have highlighted the risks most pertinent to SAMS below.

- **Reputation**

Damage to reputation is a risk for any organisation and particularly important for a society. One key area in this regard is safeguarding. The board reviews and approves the CMS safeguarding policy every year and this is applied equally to SAMS.

- **Critical Incidents**

In response to the increasing awareness of the security issues faced by SAMS mission partners, robust security procedures have been put in place by CMS, security training has been rolled out to relevant high risk personnel and a Crisis Management Team, with clear contingency plans for emergencies, has been implemented.

The Trustees will continue to review operational and business risks faced by the Society on a regular basis, to ensure that they continue to have systems in place to mitigate significant risks, which are similar to the risks faced by their parent company, CMS.

Fundraising

SAMS does not directly engage in any small or large scale fundraising activities. These are undertaken on its behalf by the CMS fundraising team and consequently, SAMS has not considered it necessary to sign up to any regulatory code of fundraising practice. No complaints regarding fundraising have therefore ever been received.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

SAMS continues to employ its mission partners as staff and provide pension benefits to these staff. Previous ministry areas of SAMS have continued as can be seen in the CMS group accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Donations and legacies received directly by SAMS into its bank accounts are accounted for in these financial statements. Income from donations and legacies came to £54,593 (2024: £1,096,662). The majority of donations by churches and individuals for the work in Latin America are now received and accounted for by SAMS' parent entity, CMS.

Each year, CMS transfers a gift to SAMS of restricted funds, which is set against the costs of mission partners who are still employed by the legal entity. CMS, as the parent charity, bears all other SAMS overheads, with the exception of SAMS' audit fee. Much mission work in Latin America is paid for by CMS and in 2024/25 SAMS made a grant of £300,000 to CMS to support this mission activity.

RESERVES POLICY

Unrestricted: General Funds (Free Reserves)

The reserves policy is reviewed annually, by the Trustees, in light of the specific risks faced by the charity. As SAMS has settled its previous pension liabilities SAMS income and free reserves are solely dedicated to mission activity within South America.

Restricted Funds

The reserves policy for restricted funds is for sufficient assets to be held to meet the obligations of each fund and this is the case as at 31 January 2025.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. The Society sometimes needs to react quickly to particular situations and has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in short term deposits, which can be accessed readily.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FUTURE PLANS

The key areas of work for SAMS into 2025-26 and beyond remains the recruitment and placement of long-term mission partners within Latin America and development of a Latin American mission movement together with the Latin American church in two key areas – mission together with Indigenous Peoples and Pioneering mission in edge contexts where Jesus is not known.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

In so far as each of the trustees is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- each of the trustees has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

AUDITORS

Crowe U.K. LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and was approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



JEREMY MOODEY - CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The South American Mission Society ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 January 2025 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2025 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were Charity Commission regulations and taxation legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of legacy and grant income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, sample testing of legacy and grant income to supporting documentation and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Janette Joyce

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

Reading

Date: 2 July 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 January 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	30,668	23,925	54,593	1,070,623	26,039	1,096,662
Gift from parent undertaking	4	-	448,252	448,252	-	550,103	550,103
Investments	5	20,845	-	20,845	19,069	-	19,069
Other		206	97,773	97,979	495	92,050	92,545
Total income		51,719	569,950	621,669	1,090,187	668,192	1,758,379
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities							
People in mission	6	308,545	561,605	870,150	208,245	658,030	866,275
Total expenditure	6	308,545	561,605	870,150	208,245	658,030	866,275
Net income/(expenditure)		-256,826	8,345	-248,481	881,942	10,162	892,104
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses) on pension scheme deficit reduction provision	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-256,826	8,345	-248,481	881,942	10,162	892,104
Total funds brought forward		1,352,049	66,986	1,419,035	470,107	56,824	526,931
Total funds carried forward		1,095,223	75,331	1,170,554	1,352,049	66,986	1,419,035

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement of Financial Activities. All gains and losses arising in the year relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 January 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	502,431	778,105
Cash and short-term deposits		752,188	669,327
		<u>1,254,619</u>	<u>1,447,432</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(84,065)	(28,397)
Net current assets		<u>1,170,554</u>	<u>1,419,035</u>
Net assets		<u>1,170,554</u>	<u>1,419,035</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted: Free reserves	14	1,095,223	1,352,049
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,095,223</u>	<u>1,352,049</u>
Restricted funds	14	75,331	66,986
Total charity funds	14	<u>1,170,554</u>	<u>1,419,035</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Balance Sheet.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 21 were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Jeremy Moodey - Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At 31 January 2025

1 ORGANISATION

The South American Mission Society (SAMS) is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, and has approval to omit the word 'Limited' from its name. The Society is registered in England and Wales, its company number being 00065048. It is also a Registered Charity, number 221328 (England and Wales). The Society is a subsidiary of Church Mission Society ('CMS'), a registered charity in England and Wales (registered number 1131655) and a registered company limited by guarantee, in England and Wales (registered number 6985330). CMS, is the sole corporate member and is considered the ultimate parent undertaking of the Society.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation the financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with FRS 102" (effective 1 January 2015) and with the Companies Act 2006. SAMS is considered to be a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the level of free reserves and have a reasonable expectation that the society has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement, or areas where assumptions and estimates were significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 19.

Financial Instruments

The Society only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value (including any transaction costs) and subsequently measured at their settlement value (which is also the amortised cost). Financial assets held at amortised cost include cash and bank in hand and the Society's trade and other debtors, excluding prepayments. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost include the Society's long and short term creditors, excluding deferred income.

Income recognition for donations and legacies and gift from CMS

Income is recognised in the period in which the Society has entitlement to the income, when it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income can also be measured reliably.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate and when the entitlement to the legacy has been established, receipt is probable and the amount of the legacy can be measured reliably. In accordance with this policy, legacies are included when the Society is notified by the Personal Representatives of an estate from which a distribution is to be made and the amount involved can be reliably measured.

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Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is awaiting the grant of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. No value is included where the legacy is subject to a life interest held by another party.

Donations and legacies receivable by SAMS, are accounted for in these financial statements, however, the majority of donations by churches and individuals for the work in Latin America are now received and accounted for by SAMS' parent entity, CMS. As a consequence, certain income that would historically have been credited to SAMS is now received and accounted for by the parent charity. Each year, CMS transfers a gift to SAMS of restricted funds (see note 4) relating to mission partners who are still employed by its legal entity to reflect the income received by the parent charity.

Fund accounting and the allocation of income and expenditure by fund

Income and expenditure are allocated to two categories of funds: Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further the Society's general purposes and objectives. All income and expenditure associated with the general operation of the Society has been dealt with in the Unrestricted Funds, including donations and legacies where the donor attaches no specific conditions. A pension reserve was included in the prior year comparatives within unrestricted funds to reflect the pension liability. Designated funds are a portion of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a particular project or purpose.

Restricted funds represent income and donations, the use of which has been specified by the donor. Restricted funds are donated for either a particular geographical area or purpose, the use of which is restricted to that purpose or area.

Resources expended

CMS, as the parent charity, bears all SAMS overheads, with the exception of the employment costs of SAMS' mission partners and its governance costs.

Expenditure borne by SAMS is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the society to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. A liability is recognised when a legal or constructive commitment is entered into by the Society and so a liability exists.

All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are classified to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial 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.

Pensions

The Society has members in two defined benefit pension schemes. For certain mission partners the Society contributes to personal money purchase pension schemes (defined contribution schemes).

Defined contribution schemes

For defined contribution schemes, the amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

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Clergy Pension Scheme

The Society participates in the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board also known as the Clergy Pension Scheme (see note 17A), which provides pensions for clergy and licensed lay workers. The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme but the Society is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. No funding liability currently arises for the Society in respect of them.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Society is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMS and, in accordance with paragraph 1.12(b) of FRS 102, is therefore exempt from the requirement to include a Statement of Cash Flows in its financial statements. The trustees have taken advantage of this exemption.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations from churches and groups	-	18,245	18,245	-	17,661	17,661
Donations from individuals	5,619	5,680	11,299	6,276	8,378	14,654
Legacies	25,049	-	25,049	1,064,347	-	1,064,347
	<u>30,668</u>	<u>23,925</u>	<u>54,593</u>	<u>1,070,623</u>	<u>26,039</u>	<u>1,096,662</u>

Legacies of which South American Mission Society has been notified but not recognised as income are estimated at £17,800 (2024: £20,700).

4 GIFT FROM PARENT UNDERTAKING

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gift from parent undertaking	-	448,252	448,252	-	550,103	550,103
	<u>-</u>	<u>448,252</u>	<u>448,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>550,103</u>	<u>550,103</u>

5 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest on cash balances	20,845	-	20,845	19,069	-	19,069
	<u>20,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,845</u>	<u>19,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,069</u>

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6 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2025 £	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities						
People in mission						
Mission Partners	861,605	8,545	870,150	858,030	8,245	866,275
Total Expenditure	861,605	8,545	870,150	858,030	8,245	866,275

7 SUPPORT COSTS ALLOCATION

	Finance & Administration £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities			
People in mission			
Mission Partners	145	145	200
Pension scheme administration costs	-	-	-
Governance (Note 8)	8,400	8,400	8,045
Total Support Costs	8,545	8,545	8,245

The support costs relate entirely to the activity of supporting Mission Partners. Governance costs related to the running of the Society, consist almost entirely of the costs of the external audit (Note 8), which is shown gross of VAT.

8 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit Fees	8,400	7,866
Fees for non-audit services	0	179
	8,400	8,045

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9 STAFF EMOLUMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and allowances	424,620	487,610
Social security cost	461	6,915
Employer's pension contribution – defined contribution scheme	87,481	108,095
Employer's pension contribution – defined benefit multi-employer scheme	-	-
	<u>512,562</u>	<u>602,620</u>

Average monthly number of employees was 22 (2024: 25), all of whom are Mission Partners in Latin America.

One employee during year received emoluments of between £80,000 to £90,000 (2024: One employee received emoluments of between £70,000 to £80,000). No employee benefits were received by key management personnel for their services during the year or prior year.

10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society has certain financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. The Society has the following financial instruments:

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Cash at bank and in hand	752,188	669,327
Amounts due from group undertakings		44,695
Other receivables	564,845	733,410
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Other creditors due within one year (excluding tax and deferred income)	(10,757)	(19,602)
Amounts due to group undertakings	(62,414)	-

11 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	8,148	8,148
Taxation recoverable	1,369	541
Amounts due from group undertakings		44,695
Accrued income	492,914	724,721
	<u>502,431</u>	<u>778,105</u>

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12 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,353	8,970
Accruals	8,400	5,466
Taxes and social security costs	10,893	8,795
Amounts due to group undertakings	62,414	-
Other creditors	5	5,166
	84,065	28,397

Included in "other creditors" are pension contributions of £0.00 (2024: £5,161) in respect of the society's pension schemes.

13 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) BY FUND

Net Assets/(Liabilities) by Fund - 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Current assets	1,179,288	75,331	1,254,619
Current liabilities less than one year	(84,065)	-	(84,065)
Net Assets 2025	1,095,223	75,331	1,170,554

Net Assets/(Liabilities) by Fund - 2024	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Current assets	1,380,446	66,986	1,447,432
Current liabilities less than one year	(28,397)	-	(28,397)
Net Assets 2024	1,352,049	66,986	1,419,035

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14 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

	At 1 February 2024	Income	Expenditure	Other gains and losses	Transfers	At 31 January 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Free reserves	1,352,049	51,719	(308,545)	-	-	1,095,223
Unrestricted funds	1,352,049	51,719	(308,545)	-	-	1,095,223
Mission Personnel funds (Restricted)	66,986	569,950	(561,605)	-	-	75,331
Total	1,419,035	621,669	(870,150)	-	-	1,170,554

Restricted funds

Mission Personnel funds are held as individual restricted funds for the support of SAMS Mission Partners.

15 TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees receive no remuneration for their services, there were no expenses to reimburse in respect of expenses attending meetings (2024: £0) and there were no other costs (2024: £0) relating to trustee meetings.

16 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The Society has taken advantage of the exemptions allowed by FRS102 not to disclose transactions with other group members. There were no related party transactions requiring disclosure during the year. Church Mission Society is the sole corporate member of the society, which is the controlling party. The registered address of Church Mission Society is CMS House, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ. A copy of the group financial statements is also available from this address.

17 RETIREMENT BENEFITS

A. Defined Benefit Schemes - Church of Funded Pensions Scheme England

The Society has no active members of the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (also known as the Clergy Scheme) (2024:1) which has approximately 8,000 active members. Contributions for these members of the scheme are paid for by the Archbishops Council on behalf of the Society, so the expense recognised in the SOFA is £Nil (2024: £Nil). Employer's contributions to this scheme amounting to some £6000 are funded by the Archbishops' Council in accordance with the Pensions Measure 1997, under a grant which the national church undertook to make to meet the pension costs of clergy employed by qualifying mission agencies belonging then to the Partnership in World Mission.

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18 CUSTODIAN TRUSTEESHIP

The Society acts as Custodian Trustee of funds belonging to the Diocese of Uruguay:-

	2025 £	2024 £
Value at 31 January 2025	5,854	5,559
	<u>5,854</u>	<u>5,559</u>

These funds are not part of the Society's net assets and therefore are not included in the Society's accounts. At the request of the diocese of Uruguay they are deposited with CCLA who manage the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Investment Funds.

19 ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make estimates and judgements. The matters considered below are considered to be the most important in understanding the judgements that are involved in preparing the financial statements and the uncertainties that could impact the amounts reported in the results of operations and financial position. Accounting policies are shown in note 2 to the financial statements.

Cost allocation

Costs not attributable to a single activity are allocated or apportioned to activities on a basis consistent with identified cost drivers for that cost category. Cost drivers utilised relate to the proportion of time spent by staff across different activities and judgement is exercised in applying cost drivers to cost categories.