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The People's Mission

Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit

For the year ended 31st January 2021

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We have audited the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021, which have been prepared from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us by the secretary of The People's Mission, Gwen Smith.

Respective responsibilities of The People's Mission and Independent Auditor

The People's Mission are responsible for keeping proper, complete accounting records and for the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021. The secretary of The People's Mission, Gwen Smith, has undertaken these responsibilities on behalf of The People's Mission.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021 and to report our opinion exclusively to the People's Mission, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any liability to anyone other than The People's Mission, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts in the statement sufficient to give reasonable assurance that it is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Basis of opinion

We planned and performed our independent audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021 show a true and fair summary of the accounting records relating to The People's Mission and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been made available to us.

We are not required to express an opinion on the adequacy of any future expenditure.

We include appendix A, B and C as evidence of the verification of figures provided.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021

- i) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us, and
- ii) is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents.
- iii) is correctly stated and free of material error.

J. A. O'Toole

Jennifer O'Toole FCCA Ba (Hons)
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: 1st September 2021.

Peoples Mission
Year end 31.01.2021

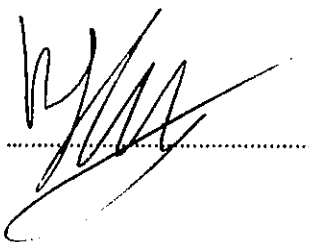
Appendix A

Income		Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021		Verified
Donations	5175			01.09.21
Gift Aid	5190			01.09.21
Misc	344			01.09.21
Pastor Expenses	841			01.09.21
Sunday Offerings	20300			01.09.21
Bank Transfers from Closed Accounts	38884			01.09.21
Total Income		70734		

On behalf of T R Dixon and Co Ltd, I can confirm that the figures in the accounts are correctly stated and free of material error.

Will Clifton
ACCA

01.09.21



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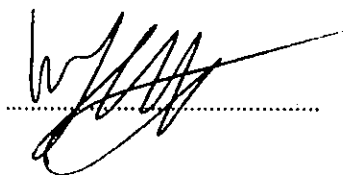
Appendix B

Expenditure	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021	Verified
Capital Expenditure	630	01.09.21
Cleaning	167	01.09.21
Communion wine	45	01.09.21
Donation	400	01.09.21
Electric	1924	01.09.21
Fire Safety	176	01.09.21
Floral Tributes	41	01.09.21
Harvest Items	0	01.09.21
Insurnace	4042	01.09.21
Investments	4383	01.09.21
Kitchen Equipment	0	01.09.21
Macmillan	0	01.09.21
Miscellaneous	387	01.09.21
Missionary Quota	3000	01.09.21
Music	108	01.09.21
Pastor Appointment	20462	01.09.21
Paster Salary	23593	01.09.21
Preachers expenses	550	01.09.21
Rent	80	01.09.21
Technical equipment	1679	01.09.21
Wifi	302	01.09.21
Total Expenses	<u>61969</u>	
Total per Management report	<u>62008</u>	
Non Material Error	<u>39</u>	

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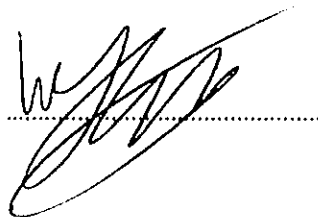
Appendix C

Bank Accounts	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021		Verified
Current Account Natwest 48836354 60-00-01		9419	01.09.21
Cash Account		22	N/A
Lloyds 00478832 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 28531760 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 26783060 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 000924211 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 00197205 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Revenue Accounts & cash in hand		<u>9441</u>	
Hodge Bank	30-16-27 07628200	74290	01.09.21
Cambridge	15011612 Deposit	80373	01.09.21
Yorkshire Bank	164999 Deposit	65000	01.09.21
Trust Fund Account Balance		<u>219663</u>	
Total Funds		<u>229104</u>	

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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st January 2021

In introducing this Annual Report, we must give the Lord our thanks for always being with us. This has been a year of grief, trial and tribulation with an international pandemic changing the lives of us all. However, this year the Lord has reminded us that He is faithful and never leaves our side. If we trust in Him, we will be blessed.

This time last year we were celebrating the arrival of Daniel and Hannah into our fellowship. We were looking forward for God's plans for us to be revealed. This Year, although we are in very different time, we can still look forward with excitement as waiting for his plans for our fellowship to unfold. Not only are able to see the end lockdown, and the returning of the new normal, but we are soon to own the Church Building. God has provided for us with this great gift, we must use this gift to bless His name and extend His kingdom.

The Annual report is an opportunity to recall the occasions during the year when the Lord has blessed us. This year it is a reflection of how the Lord has continued to challenge us to put our trust in Him.

The start of the year was with disappointment as Covid restrictions prevented us from having the Induction of Pastor Daniel. However, this has only been delayed, and it provides something to look forward to in the coming year.

The Good Friday Sunday School March of Witness was cancelled for the first time in 168 years. This change in tradition was difficult for all, but it did not stop us from remembering the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary for the Salvation of us all.

The Sunday School Anniversary was different this year, with it being delivered online via YouTube. However, we were able to still enjoy the celebration of the children as they took part in the safety of their home.

Changes in membership

Resignations

- Bob and Janet Wilson

New members

- Nicola Daglish
- Daniel and Hannah Butt

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we record the home call to Glory of our dear Sisters Hilda Hunter and Pat Bedlington. They were both faithful members of the fellowship, with unique and special ministries that impacted the lives of myself and so many others. They

are both greatly missed. However, we do not mourn but celebrate in the knowledge that they are both singing and praising in the presence of our Saviour.

Believers Baptisms

No requests were made this year for a believer's baptism. May we pray that as the cases of Coronavirus reduce and life returns to normal that God will place a desire in the hearts of those not baptised will follow in Jesus' example and step through the waters of baptism.

Births

The 22nd June 2021 was a day of great joy as we give thanks to God for the safe delivery of Alexandra Jane Butt.

Dedications

We were unable to have any child dedication this year. Let us pray that those dedications which were cancelled have only postponed, with the families still having a desire to dedicate their child to God later this year.

Auxiliaries

God has blessed us with a wide number of active auxiliaries, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to meet in fellowship, and learn more about our saviour Jesus Christ. Most of the auxiliaries were postponed over the last year. This did not however prevent us from keeping in touch. Through the use of technology, the Sunday Services could continue throughout the year, with the service streamed via YouTube. The Bible Study was also able to take part via Zoom. This use of technology has allowed us to bring praise to His name, and to study His word. The auxiliaries have also kept in contact in their own ways. May we pray that as the auxiliaries recommence that God will encourage the attendees to return.

May God bless us during this year ahead as we continue to seek His Kingdom in all that we do.

Gwen Smith

Secretary

Pastors Report

Getting Started:

In my Pastor's Report submitted at the Annual General Meeting on 7th March 2020, I shared with the congregation how I formatted my Pastoral calendar for the 2020 year into three simple objectives that we would work together implementing and developing with God's help. Nine days later (16th March) Matt Hancock told the House of Commons that all unnecessary social contact "should cease" and sixteen days later (23rd March) Prime Minister Boris Johnston told the country that people "must stay at home."

The pandemic hit, life changed, and the plans we made were cancelled, paused or postponed to a future date.

But God is good even in difficult times and I am pleased to report that the state of the Mission is strong and growing in strength even during the difficulty of this past year when we had to learn how to do things in a different way. Over the last year, everyone came together and maintained ministry momentum which will make things easier as we begin the process of exiting lockdown. I am thankful that before the pandemic hit we were able to host a Coffee Connection on 29th February which was an encouraging morning that saw involvement from the Mission family along with a large number of people from the community coming and supporting.

Despite there being only a handful of weeks last year when we were able to meet together "In-Person" for Sunday worship and prayer, the majority of our time spent together was online, including our mid-week Bible study sessions on Zoom, covering topics on the Apostle's Creed, Rico Tice's book *Honest Evangelism*, and most recently the Acts of the Apostles. It was encouraging to see people take part and adjust to these meetings being held online. The Mission, despite the hindrances that COVID-19 presented, was still active in many ways with outreach and support in the community. The Mission sent donations to Hospitality & Hope along with other local charities and food banks throughout the year; collecting shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child along with care packages for a local Women's Shelter, with donations coming in from the community and The Mission to Seafarers to assist in that initiative.

God's Impact in our Ministry:

Over this last year we have learned that the reach of the People's Mission has extended beyond our community in this virtual world where geography no longer matters, with participants in our weekly studies and worship joining us from all over the United Kingdom and even globally. The "views" and "statistics" connected to our services shared online are the involvement of real people who are being impacted by the ministry of the People's Mission. In God's goodness our efforts that seek to give expression to the hope that we know and share, by stepping outside our comfort zones to reach people for Jesus and His Kingdom, are yielding fruit.

Prior to lockdown, Michael and Julie were only able to take part in the People's Mission worship when they were in town visiting. But with our services being online, they have been able to take part even though they live far away. When asked to give feedback on their overall experience with the People's Mission, both "online" and "in person", Michael wrote:

"...Julie and I have always enjoyed the friendly welcome received at People's Mission in person. One of the few advantages of the pandemic, is that we can have fellowship with you weekly. We particularly enjoy Margaret's Junior Church, which never fails to raise a smile in these uncertain times. Keep up the good work!"

Paul joined the People's Mission during the months of lockdown and has been taking part in the online services as well as some of our most recent Zoom Bible Studies. When asked to share his "online" experience with the Mission, Paul wrote:

"..Since being with People's Mission my experience has been great. The online services are good mixture of Bible and songs even down to kids segment. I always look forward each Sunday for the service because it's always different in how it's produced and filmed. Even though I have only had the opportunity so far of doing People's Mission online, the few zoom meetings I've been part of are welcoming and everyone is down to earth and friendly. I feel I have been welcomed in as part of the family."

Moving Forward:

With our ministry moving online it prompted our leadership to evaluate and assess the Mission's presence and accessibility on the world wide web and social media. From January to December 2020, we had over 17,000 page views on our website, from over 3,600 visitors with the majority of activity and support coming from Canada, United States and the United Kingdom.

Access to the People's Mission online is important because it gives us a platform whereby, we can build an awareness of our ministry, sending people to our website where they can learn more, watch videos of our services and get a feel, both visually and audibly, for what People's Mission is all about. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and our new People's Mission website has given the community another level of interaction with the Mission. It also takes the People's Mission to where people are already spending so much of their time - connecting with others Online!

Email newsletters have also helped with the flow of communication. At the beginning of last year we produced "Mission Bulletins" that were distributed during our Morning and Evening services which helped communicate events and information to visitors and regular attendees. But with the pandemic we were no longer able to give these weekly bulletins out and much of our communication moved to phone calls and online

communication, with the exception of the People's Mission Insider which was the monthly Newsletter that was sent out in the mail between June to September last year. Email updates, resources and prayer news have also been regularly sent out to those who have signed up to the People's Mission email mailing list.

We are grateful to all our volunteers and ministry leaders for their hard work and dedication over 2020. We are especially thankful to Matthew, our Technical Operations Officer, for his time, help and countless volunteer hours spent transforming our online presence along with his work formatting the music arrangements put together by the People's Mission Silver Band.

New Ideas and Ministry Ventures:

While there was a lot that didn't happen last year, the downtime did give our leadership and volunteers time to stop, reflect and assess the different projects and ministry ventures of the People's Mission. It's been encouraging to hear your ideas about how to develop current ministries in the Mission, along with the great ideas some of you have regarding new ministry ventures. We're prayerful and looking forward to when government guidelines will be lifted so that we will be able to develop these ideas more and more.

With the easing of lockdown regulations during the summer months last year we had the opportunity to organize an exercise/ social group that met outdoors at different locations in the beautiful, scenic North East of England.

These outings were formalized under the name "Walk & Talk: A People's Mission Initiative" which has three objectives: 1) for people to WALK together, sharing in the experience of healthy exercise that helps, improves and boosts physical and mental health, 2) for people to TALK with each other, sharing perspective and experience in life, while taking part in positive fellowship, and 3) for people to take time to LOOK, enjoy and share in the beauty and wonder of God's Creation.

The walking group met in different locations twice a week from July to September and those who took part were people already connected to the People's Mission along with members of the community who had no prior involvement. The nature of this ministry is versatile, outreach oriented and has the potential to be adapted in many ways, allowing us to take "church" and "Christian fellowship" outside the Mission building, into the wider community.

Moving Forward:

As you read/ listen to the reports and summaries of what has happened this past year and perhaps what hasn't happened; be sure to take time to thank God and praise His Name for all that He has done at the People's Mission. Also, continue to pray for the ongoing encouragement of our Ministry leaders and volunteers, for their refreshment

and renewal as we moved forward into 2021, as we continue to welcome in the stranger
as we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word...

*"...What a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he
abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey."*

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Daniel Butt