

North East London Gospel Mission (known as Chorley Community Church)

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2020

Stewardship 
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NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	9 King Henry's Walk London N1 4NX
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 29 September 1936
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	264570
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	John Hayden (resigned 8th June 2020) Roger Penny Peter Dublin Joe Rodriguez Duriye Beidas
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES	Roger Gadsden John Hayden Peter Dublin
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc Virgin Money
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the spreading of the gospel among the inhabitants of north east London and the vicinity, especially among the poor.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The trustees note that the Church is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they lived.

The North East London Gospel Mission, its trustees, elders and members are committed to the restoration of those New Testament principles. It is not alone in this, it is one of many Churches in the area, country and all over the world that is re-discovering the excitement of knowing Jesus Christ. The vision is to see the people of north east London come into this experience of knowing Jesus as their Lord, Saviour and friend.

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

- a) held a church service every Sunday (not during the first lockdown). They are advertised in our monthly Newsletter. These are open to the community and we have a portable ramp to facilitate wheelchair users.
- b) held regular bible study and prayer meetings (not during the first lockdown). These are held once a week for each meeting, and again open to the community.
- c) arranged meetings on the last Thursday of every month for the over 50's. This is called the Wise Owls club and it provides a light lunch and games and a short epilogue at the end of the time. Due to Covid restrictions it has been curtailed from March 2020.
- d) ran a youth club every Monday until the end of March and continued twice a week on Zoom. The Youth Work were benefactors of a financial grant from Nicodemus/Lottery Grant in 2019 of which some funds were still being used in 2020, to facilitate training, and further expansion of the work amongst young people by way of training a specialist youth worker on a part time basis.
- e) arranged outreaches into the local community. This was done by: door-to-door visitation work, book table on the local corner of King Henrys Walk, a community lunch once a month on a Sunday whereby it is encouraged to invite people from "outside the church" until the end of March. Since Covid restrictions came in place we have focused on the book table on our local corner. Also, from September we now host the AA on a Friday evening.
- f) undertook pastoral visits every week to members of the local community until the end of March. We continued our visitations mostly online and at times deliver care packages to those in need.
- g) were a pivotal part of a food kitchen/food bank initiative throughout the Covid season.
- h) As Covid-19 has devastated communities around the world, we have continued our partnership with the team at Link to Hope who have been working even harder to provide humanitarian aid and improve access to education and social care throughout Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. Even though Covid restrictions were in we were able to send many shoeboxes again.

Most of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £5,700, to £41,900, and expenditure increased by £8,600, to £43,700. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £1,800, to £28,300, of which £25,900 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £13,500 (which equates to about 9 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £25,900 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Impact of Covid-19

In March 2020, Covid restrictions came in place. We made sure that the church is compliant with up-to-date guidelines; including social distancing - chairs 1m+ apart, we ask people to wear masks, and have them on hand in case people don't bring their own. Toilets are frequently cleaned and so is the main hall where the meetings are held. There is soap and water available to wash hands, and people had a demonstration on good hand washing before the lockdown came into force. The kitchen is out of bounds. We also have a five-minute talk (based on the Sunday Sermon of the day) sent out via WhatsApp to vulnerable people in the congregation who are not able to attend. This is ongoing.

As the church was shut for a number of months due to compliance with Government guidelines, there was lower income through the weekly offerings. However, some giving is done through the direct banking system and, in effect, the income of the charity has been slightly dented as would be expected in this season of Covid-19. On balance, the utilities bills for gas and electric for the period of non-use/closure of the church have been far less which has been helpful.

The trustees are confident that the church can continue for the foreseeable future as reserves are still in place and our finances are healthy. Regular information was sent to all Trustees and Committee during the lockdown, and going forward, as was the case beforehand, so that our finances are carefully monitored, and the leaders alerted to any problems that may occur.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. A leadership team, which includes individuals who are not trustees, determine the spiritual direction of the church and oversee the charity's day to day activities. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Roger Penny

Date:_____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of North East London Gospel Mission ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jaimée Young

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Date:

NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		27,309	-	12,061	39,370	32,763
Gift aid receipts		563	-	1,689	2,252	3,217
Interest received		107	-	-	107	164
Other		150	-	-	150	-
<i>Total receipts</i>		28,129	-	13,750	41,879	36,144
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	17,131	-	26,527	43,658	35,045
<i>Total payments</i>		17,131	-	26,527	43,658	35,045
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		10,998	-	(12,777)	(1,779)	1,098
Transfers between funds	4	(2,700)	-	2,700	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,298	-	(10,077)	(1,779)	1,098
Cash funds as at last year end		17,566	-	12,547	30,112	29,014
Cash funds at this year end	A	25,864	-	2,470	28,334	30,112

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	3,916	-	2,470	6,386	8,065
Notice deposits	21,946	-	-	21,946	21,838
Petty cash	2	-	-	2	209
	<u>25,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,470</u>	<u>28,334</u>	<u>30,112</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	307	-	2,527	2,834	1,071
	<u>307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,527</u>	<u>2,834</u>	<u>1,071</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Fee for Independent Examination	960	-	-	960	960
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	2,819
	<u>960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>3,779</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2020	
				£	
Freehold building				1,528,692	
Equipment				71,792	
				<u>1,600,484</u>	

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by _____ date _____
 Roger Penny

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

NORTH EAST LONDON GOSPEL MISSION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
General ministry (incl. speaker exps)	4,212	-	1,524	5,736	1,925
Youth ministry	-	-	16,817	16,817	9,881
Building repairs and equipment	2,870	-	2,280	5,150	11,728
Shoebox expenses	-	-	3,922	3,922	2,918
Food kitchen / foodbank initiative	-	-	1,985	1,985	-
Utilities including telephone	5,200	-	-	5,200	3,482
Insurance	1,545	-	-	1,545	1,458
Printing, postage and materials	1,177	-	-	1,177	600
General repairs and maintenance	131	-	-	131	646
Refreshments	415	-	-	415	1,205
Governance	960	-	-	960	906
Miscellaneous	620	-	-	620	296
	<u>17,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,527</u>	<u>43,658</u>	<u>35,045</u>

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3 Transactions with related parties

Except for the reimbursement of expenses, no amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person or business connected to them. However one of the trustees was provided with rent-free accommodation in respect of his ministry to the church, not for serving as a trustee.

4 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31Dec2019	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31Dec2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,566	28,129	(17,131)	(2,700)	25,864
	<u>17,566</u>	<u>28,129</u>	<u>(17,131)</u>	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>25,864</u>
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	418	3,213	(2,280)	-	1,351
Youth Work Fund	6,490	4,726	(12,617)	1,400	-
Youth Work Grant	4,200	-	(4,200)	-	-
Shoebox Fund	-	3,956	(3,922)	-	34
Wise Owls	1,141	110	(167)	-	1,084
Food kitchen/food bank initiative	-	1,685	(1,985)	300	-
Ministry Fund	297	60	(1,356)	1,000	-
	<u>12,547</u>	<u>13,750</u>	<u>(26,527)</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,470</u>
Total funds	<u>30,112</u>	<u>41,879</u>	<u>(43,658)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,334</u>

The **Building Fund** represents donations received to help fund repairs and improvements to charity property.

The **Youth Work Fund** represents donations received to help fund the charity's youth work.

The **Shoebox Fund** relates to funds donated for the purpose of the annual Shoebox Appeal.

The **Wise Owls** funds relates to the over 50's club activities (the transfer in the year relates to the balance of funds which was previously held in general funds).

The **Food kitchen/Foodbank initiative** relates to a project running through the Covid pandemic that we partnered with.

The **Ministry Fund** represents donations received to help meet the expenses of ministry volunteers.