

**ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**ST. MARY OF ZION**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 282910**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL**

**STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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# ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ST. MARY OF ZION

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 1 Reference and Administrative Details

The principal administrative details are included below:

Charity Number 282910

Charity Name Ethiopian Orthodox Church St Mary of Zion

Registered Address 61 Coopers Lane  
London  
E10 5DG

Board of Trustees		Status	Date Elected
	Mr. Reginald Henry (Amde Mariam)	Keyholder	23 May 1981 (deceased)
	Mr. Keith Samuels (Kes Haile Maskel)	Priest/ Keyholder	30 April 2008
	Mr. Trevor Field (Melaka Sion Habte Mariam)	Priest in Charge	30 April 2008
	Mr. Guy Tombs (Tekle Wolde)	Financial Advisor	26 November 2018

Legal Status Registered with Charities Commission

Independent Examiner Sam Tanyi: FAAT. MIFS. MCIE  
13 Arkley Road  
London  
E17 7PD

### 2 Objectives and Activities

Ethiopian Orthodox Church St. Mary of Zion (EOCSMZ) is a branch church Of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo (EOC), based in London UK. EOCSMZ has been catering for the spiritual, social, cultural and educational needs of her membership for the last 47 years. The EOCSMZ was registered as a charity on 23rd May 1981 with the objective of the propagation of the Gospel of Christ by advancing the EOTC faith and, in particular, charitable works within the Greater London, Africa and the Caribbean Islands. Ordained priests and deacons of the EOCSMZ conduct baptisms, marriages, funerals and other services in accordance with canon law. A key objective is to support families and their children by educating them on the orthodox way of life.

During the year the church has lost faithful members of the church who have departed this world. Memorial services took place to commemorate the life of Amde Mariam (one of the churches founders) and the faithful who are no longer with us.

A key project is the renovation of the property at 229 Lower Clapton Road into a place of worship/community centre in the traditional Ethiopian Orthodox style. The building is already used for a number of church activities including meetings and classes, but work is required to make it fully suitable for the all the required activities. The project was presented for discussion at the annual general meeting. It was then formally approved by a meeting of the parish council and also by a meeting of the trustees. Planning permission for the proposed development is in place and some work has been completed. A re-design has recently taken place which is intended to focus efforts on making full use of the building as soon as resources permit.

### 3 Structure, Governance and Management

The EOTCSMZ is constituted as a trust. The governing body of the EOTCSMZ is the parish council, the membership of which includes a chairperson (the priest in charge), vice chairperson, the General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Selected members of the parish council are also trustees of the charity.

Besides the parish council there are other sub-committees that have been established to carry out the aims and objectives of the EOCSMZ, including:

- Clergy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Funding Application Committee
- Multimedia Committee
- Building Maintenance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Sembete (Festival) Events Committee
- St. Mary Mehabre
- Evangelism Committee
- St. Tekle Haymanot Youth Association
- St. Gabriel Mehabre

The annual activities and financial status of EOCSMZ are reported to the congregation every year in September. Our parish council also has a bi-annual meeting in March to monitor the half yearly progress. All sub-committees also submit progress reports at these meetings. All trustees, parish council members, committee members as well as priests and deacons are voluntary workers.

New trustees are appointed from the church membership by unanimous vote of the existing trustees. Every three years there is a formal selection committee formed to manage the re-election of parish council members.

### 4 Achievements and Performance

Our community continues to support all the fundraising initiated by various committees. This includes events such as auctions of religious items including icons, church outings, major donations, sponsorship of key initiatives by members, selling tea, coffee and refreshments from the kitchen after services, an internal shop selling religious items and a church entrance shop which serves the community prior to entering the church before the liturgical service.

Although the COVID pandemic has continued to have some impact, church activities are now returning to normal, with the Fundraising Committee activities see growth as a result including increased entrance shop sales and income from church outings.

### 5 Financial Review

There has been an increase in general ministry income, from £49,372 to £66,849 mostly due to increased collections since services have returned to normal. Restricted fund income has increased from £35,806 to £49,650 due to shop sales and fundraising recovering since lockdown.

There has been a small increase in expenses relating to charitable activities, from £27,794 to £37,285, primarily due to increased church rent costs. Expenses relating to restricted funds have decreased from £110,801 to £44,589, due to the main development work stopping, with a focus on the re-design.

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The cash reserves have increased slightly in the last year, from £117,387 to £126,877. This is due to a combination of reduced project expenditure and income from church collections and fund-raising activities returning to their normal levels, now that the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic are reducing. The mortgage liability has continued to reduce, falling from £298,331 to £273,485.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by Mr. Trevor Field (Melaka Sion Habte Mariam):

Signed.....*Mr T.D. Field*.....Trustee

Date.....*05/10/2022*.....

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
General Ministry Income		66,849	-	66,849	49,372
Project Income		-	49,650	49,650	35,806
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>66,849</b>	<b>49,650</b>	<b>116,499</b>	<b>85,178</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable Activities		37,285	-	37,285	27,794
Project Activities		-	44,589	44,589	110,801
<b>Total resources Expended</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37,285</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>81,874</b>	<b>138,595</b>
Net Movement in Funds before transfers		29,564	5,061	34,625	(53,417)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/ (losses)		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		225,419	721,087	946,506	999,923
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>254,983</b>	<b>726,148</b>	<b>981,131</b>	<b>946,506</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	4	1,130,000	1,130,000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	2,148	-
Cash at bank and in hand	6	126,877	117,387
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>129,025</b>	<b>117,387</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(29,093)	(28,528)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>99,932</b>	<b>88,859</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,229,932</b>	<b>1,218,859</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	8	(248,801)	(272,353)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>981,131</b>	<b>946,506</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted Funds	9	296,148	291,087
Unrestricted Funds	9	254,983	225,419
Property Revaluation Reserve	9	430,000	430,000
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>981,131</b>	<b>946,506</b>

The notes on pages 7-11 form part of these accounts

The trustees declare that they have approved the above accounts which are signed on their behalf by Mr Guy Tombs (Tekle Wolde):

Signed..........Trustee

Date.....5/10/22.....

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **a. Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention, with the exception of property which is included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in: accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102.

##### **b. Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **c. Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### **d. Investment income**

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

##### **e. Resources Expended**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### **f. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Property is shown at market value and is not depreciated. Other fixed assets costing more than £500, are capitalised and depreciated on a 25% straight line basis.

##### **g. Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **h. Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity had a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

##### **i. Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose the fund was established.



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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
2. Incoming Resources	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>General Ministry Income</b>				
Dues - Cash	2,782	-	2,782	980
Dues - Standing Orders	22,476	-	22,476	23,848
St Mary Mehabre income	1,520	-	1,520	1,260
Collections & Dues	22,192	-	22,192	13,856
Fundraising Committee	-	-	-	184
Memorial	615	-	615	410
Funeral	849	-	849	-
Baptism	1,640	-	1,640	1,210
Tithes	3,966	-	3,966	4,119
Clergy Fund	420	-	420	360
Annual/ Church Outings	3,660	-	3,660	660
Candle Box Collection	59	-	59	416
Sponsorship/ Pledges	6,514	-	6,514	1,701
Miscellaneous Income	156	-	156	638
<b>Total General Ministry Income</b>	<b>66,849</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,849</b>	<b>49,372</b>
<b>Project Income</b>				
Building Pledges	-	2,030	2,030	1,542
Fundraising Committee	-	60	60	543
Auction	-	1,365	1,365	60
PayPal	-	260	5	2,185
Building Fund Donations	-	8,200	7,992	4,545
Bank Interest – Project Account	-	38	38	10
200 Names	-	14,573	14,573	20,282
Sembete Committee income	-	-	-	209
Entrance Shop	-	21,424	11,166	3,230
Event Income	-	-	-	50
Building Project Sponsorship	-	1,700	1,700	1,900
Ecclesiastical Items	-	-	-	1,250
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,650</b>	<b>49,650</b>	<b>35,806</b>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>66,849</b>	<b>49,650</b>	<b>116,499</b>	<b>85,178</b>

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	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Church Rent	20,875	-	20,875	12,259
Diocese	1,200	-	1,200	2,400
Fundraising Committee Expenses	283	-	283	998
Ministry Insurance	306	-	306	404
Miscellaneous expenses	642	-	497	11
Annual/Church Outings	2,560	-	2,560	2,385
Storage	3,089	-	3,089	3,345
Travel	187	-	187	195
Utility Bills	1,790	-	1,790	1,752
Bank charges	209	-	205	107
Multimedia	1,762	-	1,322	1,852
Donations to Monastery/ Churches	-	-	-	625
Accounts/ Audit Expenses	380	-	380	350
PC Administration	442	-	442	892
Funeral Expenses	3,515	-	3,515	-
Repair and Maintenance	45	-	45	-
<b>Total Charitable Activities</b>	<b>37,285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,285</b>	<b>27,794</b>
<b>Project Activities</b>				
Mortgage Interest Payments	-	11,742	11,742	10,725
Legal/Professional Fees	-	31,251	31,251	4,467
Utility/ Security Expenses	-	625	625	603
Building Works	-	100	100	88,766
Building Insurance	-	871	871	5,024
Fundraising Events Expenses	-	-	-	27
Building Repairs	-	-	-	835
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	351
<b>Total Project Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>110,801</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>37,285</b>	<b>44,589</b>	<b>81,874</b>	<b>138,595</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4. Tangible Fixed Assets	2022	2021
	£	£
Property Cost/ Valuation brought forward	1,130,000	1,130,000
<b>Total Property Valuation carried forward</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>

The charity owns a property at 229 Clapton High Road which cost £700,000 in 2011. Following an independent valuation which took place in 2017, based on the planning permission that had been obtained, this is now showing at market value of £1,130,000.

5. Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	2,148	-
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>-</b>

6. Cash at bank and in hand	2022	2021
	£	£
HSBC BMM A/C	94,684	94,646
HSBC Current A/C	9,389	6,811
HSBC Deposit A/C	5,225	3,055
HSBC Project A/C	14,567	6,392
Paypal A/C	730	3,628
Cash in hand	2,282	2,855
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>126,877</b>	<b>117,387</b>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	137	85
Accrued expenses	2,172	365
Provision	2,100	2,100
Mortgage Loan Account	24,684	25,978
<b>Total current creditors</b>	<b>29,093</b>	<b>28,528</b>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Mortgage Loan Account	248,801	272,353
<b>Total long-term creditors</b>	<b>248,801</b>	<b>272,353</b>

Amounts falling due between one and two years	25,935	26,886
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Amounts falling due between two and five years	86,305	86,403
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Amounts falling due after five years	136,561	159,064
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The acquisition of the property at 229 Clapton High Road was part funded by a 20-year repayment mortgage from HSBC.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### 9. Movement of Funds

	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	225,419	66,849	37,285	254,983
Restricted Funds	721,087	49,650	44,589	726,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>946,506</b>	<b>116,499</b>	<b>81,874</b>	<b>981,131</b>

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH ST. MARY OF ZION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

**It is my responsibility to:**

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, that the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;
- have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sam Tanyi, FMAA, MLIBF, MACIE  
13 Arkley Road  
London  
E17 7PD

Date \_\_\_\_\_

05/10/2022