

DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

Charity registered number 283533

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Trust information

Trustees	Mrs Jillian Hall Timothy Hill Bruce Townsend
Managing trustee	Bruce Townsend
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Independent examiner	E H Goater 71 Burtons Road Hampton Hill TW12 1DE
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Trustees' report

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was set up with a declaration of trust date 6th July 1981 under the name Teddington Christian Fellowship, with a supplemental deed date 10th November 1981. For some period subsequently the Trust operated under the name Thames Christian Community. The Trust has been registered with HMRC as a charity for many years.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objects under the Constitution are focused on the advancement of the Protestant and Evangelical tenets of the Christian faith, either in the UK or overseas. Additionally there are objects relating to the furtherance of religious or secular education, relief of the poor and needy, and help and comfort of the sick and aged.

The Trust currently supports Christian mission, relief work, and education in Eastern Africa, primarily Uganda; also teenage mental health work in the UK. The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities

East Africa

During 2020-2021 the Trust continued its support for Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian causes in East Africa, mainly in Uganda.

In East Africa as elsewhere, the year was dominated by the Coronavirus pandemic and its effects. Uganda endured a particularly severe lockdown, with most people receiving no corresponding help and support from the government, leading to very severe hardship. Also the border between Kenya and Uganda was closed, making personal visits to Quality Discipleship Churches in Kenya impossible.

Through the support of UK donors, Discovery Trust was able to send over £4,000 in staged payments over a period of seven months, specifically for the relief of hardship resulting from Covid and lockdown. In some locations the money was used to buy food and other supplies, which were distributed by church members to people known to be in particular need. In a few cases money was transferred by mobile payment to people in need who were further away and could not be reached in person.

During periods of partial relaxation of the lockdown, Gichuru Jeremy was able to make pastoral visits to church members in the Sesse Islands to offer encouragement and support.

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Trustees' report (continued)

Activities (continued)

The question of potential succession was raised with Gichuru, as discussed at the last year's Trustees' meeting, leading to his nomination of Pastor David in Namungoona to succeed him in the event of his incapacity or death.

Elevate Eleven

The Trust continued to partner with Elevate Life to help raise funds for its work for teenage mental health.

The Trust helped to facilitate fundraising to a total of £5,655, and payments totalling £6,392 were released to the project.

Priorities for 2021-2022

In 2021-2022 the Trustees agreed to continue our general support for the Quality Discipleship Churches in Uganda and Elevate Eleven in the UK.

Issues remain with the QDC central building in Namungoona, which could lead to structural deterioration if not addressed. These were followed up and three priorities were agreed:

1. Prioritise completion of the external rendering and obtain a realistic estimate for the work.
2. Obtain an estimate for fully covering the building with a pitched roof.
3. Get more information about the cause of water ingress around the stairwells.

Financial review

The Trust makes grants out of donations and funds received. It is not sought to retain funds other than as a working balance.

Approved by the trustees on 16th December 2021 and signed on their behalf.



Bruce Townsend

Trustee

DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Discovery Church Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts and notes of Discovery Church Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

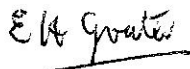
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts and notes do not accord with those records.

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

Signed on 16th December 2021



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DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Year to 31st March 2021 Restricted Funds £	Year to 31st March 2020 Restricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations	18,840	12,096
Grants received	5,505	10,300
Gift aid tax claimed	5,070	2,766
Total incoming resources	<u>29,415</u>	<u>25,162</u>
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Grant payments	28,235	17,893
Governance costs		
Bank charges	300	150
Trustee expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	300	150
Total payments	<u>28,535</u>	<u>18,043</u>
Net receipts for the year	880	7,119
Cash funds last year end	10,623	3,504
Cash funds this year end	<u>11,503</u>	<u>10,623</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31st March 2021 Restricted Funds £	31st March 2020 Restricted Funds £
Cash funds		
Bank balance	11,503	10,623
Total cash funds	<u>11,503</u>	<u>10,623</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 16th December 2021.

Bruce Townsend
Trustee

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Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2021

1. Restricted funds	Balances 1st April	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31st March
Year to 31st March 2021				
Uganda and East Africa	3,783	23,760	22,143	5,400
Elevate Life	6,840	5,655	6,392	6,103
Totals	<u>10,623</u>	<u>29,415</u>	<u>28,535</u>	<u>11,503</u>
Year to 31st March 2020				
Uganda and East Africa	3,504	14,256	13,977	3,783
Elevate Life	-	10,906	4,066	6,840
Totals	<u>3,504</u>	<u>25,162</u>	<u>18,043</u>	<u>10,623</u>

2. Related party transactions

Trustee Tim Hill is a partner, together with his wife Anita Hill, in Elevate Eleven, which is a tutoring and consulting business aimed at helping children. As part of Elevate Eleven they have set up Elevate Life, which runs clubs that support teenagers who have anxiety and mental health issues, through a varied programme.

For Elevate Life to apply for grants it needed to be part of a registered charity. The Trustees agreed that the Trust would help obtain funding for this work. During the year the Trust raised £5,655 for Elevate Life and paid £6,392 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.