

**DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022**

Charity registered number 283533

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**Trust information**

Trustees	Mrs Jillian Hall Timothy Hill Bruce Townsend
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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 2021-2022 the Trust continued to support Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian causes in East Africa, mainly in Uganda.

In March 2021 Gichuru Jeremy began the process of renewing his work permit, but this was not completed by the end of the financial year due to the complicated bureaucratic requirements and dependencies. However, he was able to continue working pending a decision. The permit was eventually granted.

###### **Covid Relief**

In June the President of Uganda imposed a 42-day lockdown, closing schools and places of worship and imposing travel restrictions. In response the Trust sent some additional funds, which were used to purchase basic items of food for people who were badly affected financially. The Trust also attempted an appeal on Facebook, which raised a few more funds.

By September Uganda had reported 122,502 Covid cases and 3,135, but both are believed to be greatly under-recorded. Gichuru Jeremy reported that many people were dying at home due to the lack of hospital beds. Several neighbours and church and family members had died

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#### **Trustees' report ( continued)**

##### **Activities (continued)**

of the disease. In September both Gichuru and Eunice managed to obtain their first Covid vaccinations, but many people remain unvaccinated.

The Trust sent some further relief funds in February 2022. which were used to help a number of people still affected by Covid restrictions, some of whom were orphans.

##### **Mission trips**

In May 2021 Gichuru made a 4 day visit to Kalangala in the Ssesse Islands, to encourage the church and its Pastor and conduct mission training. He also spoke twice on the local radio station. The church there was badly affected by the Covid lockdown, with a number of members moving away. The visit was very successful and found the church showing signs of a good recovery.

Following the easing of Covid restrictions, and negative Covid tests, in August Gichuru and Eunice travelled to Nanyuki in Kenya for 4 days of mission followed by a short holiday.

In September Gichuru returned to the Ssesse Islands for 3 days, mainly to minister at Mabigo, accompanied by Pastor David from Namungoona. In Kalangala he reported that Pastor Evans' shop, which was established with seed funding from Discovery, was thriving under the management of his wife. Here also the church members had been working and fundraising to cement and tile the floor of the church building, another project commenced with support from the Trust. By November they had made good progress.

This mission was followed by a training mission in November to Sembabule, Buhembe and Kazo zones.

##### **Church Building**

In 2021 the Kampala city council required the temporary Sunday School hall built on the first storey of the Namungoona church building to be replaced with a permanent structure. The church therefore prepared plans for the long-delayed completion of the building, to add a second storey and pitched roof. An architect was engaged.

After a busy year of mission, and limitations imposed due to lockdown, in January 2022 Gichuru started work on the estimates for the project. An initial draft was received in February. Following a special Trustees' meeting to discuss the proposal, and an examination of the estimates, it was agreed to commit funds to the implementation.

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**Trustees' report ( continued)**

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**Elevate Eleven**

In order to help establish the Elevate Life teenage mental health work as a charitable project in its own right, and to help distance its founding organisation (Elevate Eleven) from the possibility of commercial gain for a not-for-profit project, the Elevate Life mental health initiative is now a project of Discovery Church Trust.

At the present time the Trust continues to subcontract to Elevate Eleven to deliver the service as it is believed it is best placed to help the local young people in this way and it is all done at cost. The project has delivered a summer holiday club service to Afghan refugees on behalf of Elmbridge Borough Council and also delivered the service to vulnerable young people in Kingston through the GrowBaby hub. Possible further initiatives with Oasis Trust schools are being explored.

**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 January 2023 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 2022.

#### **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.

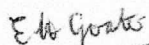
#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 January 2023



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# DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Year to 31st March 2022 Restricted Funds £	Year to 31st March 2021 Restricted Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations and legacy	14,465	18,840
Grants and sponsor collections received	9,808	5,505
Gift aid tax claimed (Note 3)	1,234	5,070
Total incoming resources	<u>25,507</u>	<u>29,415</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Charitable activities		
Grant payments	21,770	28,235
Governance costs		
Bank charges	150	300
Trustee expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	150	300
Total payments	<u>21,920</u>	<u>28,535</u>
<b>Net receipts for the year</b>	3,587	880
Cash funds last year end	11,503	10,623
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<u>15,090</u>	<u>11,503</u>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31st March 2022 Restricted Funds £	31st March 2021 Restricted Funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank balance	15,090	11,503
Total cash funds	<u>15,090</u>	<u>11,503</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 16th January 2023.



Bruce Townsend  
Trustee

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### Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2022

<b>1. Restricted funds</b>	<b>Balances 1st April</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balances 31st March</b>
<b>Year to 31st March 2022</b>				
Uganda and East Africa	5,400	15,699	14,393	6,706
Elevate Life	6,103	9,808	7,527	8,384
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,503</b>	<b>25,507</b>	<b>21,920</b>	<b>15,090</b>
<b>Year to 31st March 2021</b>				
Uganda and East Africa	3,783	23,760	22,143	5,400
Elevate Life	6,840	5,655	6,392	6,103
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,623</b>	<b>29,415</b>	<b>28,535</b>	<b>11,503</b>

### 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 £9,808 for Elevate Life and paid £7,527 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.

### 3. Gift Aid

A further claim for Gift Aid tax was made in April 2022, for £1,325, which will be included in next year's receipts and payments account.