

DISCOVERY CHURCH TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

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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Bank	Lloyds Bank Plc
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

In 2022-23 the Trust continued to support the Christian mission, church planting and humanitarian work of the Quality Discipleship Church in Uganda.

The Quality Discipleship Church in Namungoona, which was badly affected by the Covid pandemic, began to recover and grow, and several new baptisms took place. The church itself raised money to complete and seal the baptistry, avoiding the cost of hiring a swimming pool for the purpose.

Missions

In August a team from Kampala in Uganda and Meru in Kenya conducted a 5-day mission in Kalangala in the Ssese Islands in Lake Victoria. This was attended by nearly 150 people, with many travelling from other islands and staying overnight at the church. The team conducted workshops for different age groups, an open-air evangelistic event and a program on the local radio station. 8 people were baptised at the end of the event.

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Trustees' report (continued)

Activities (continued)

In December the Namungoona church hosted a team from South Africa for a mission organized by Sam Kiryowa in association with a number of pastors in Kampala. As part of the wider mission the team conducted person to person evangelism in Namungoona.

In January 2023 Stephen Appleton visited from the UK for several weeks. He travelled extensively for a combination of preaching and conducting agricultural seminars, and also spoke on local radio.

Training

In April a team of five facilitators from Kampala conducted a 4-day leadership training seminar in the Hoima region.

Bible Gift Aid

Issues with the vehicle prevented Bible Gift Aid from fulfilling a promise to deliver Bibles in the Hoima region. A personal donation was received and sent, enabling the necessary repairs to be made.

Church Building

For the first part of the year there were extensive discussions between Gichuru Jeremy and the Trustees regarding the work needed on the church building in Namungoona. Although it would leave the church with no accommodation for its Sunday School, the Trustees favoured waterproofing the existing flat roof and leaving the option of adding to the structure later. This was due to the cost of adding a second floor with a pitched roof, for which insufficient budget was available. However, the city council rejected this option, insisting that the building should be finished according to the plans agreed.

After discussions with the architect and foreman a more economical method of construction found, using timber instead of steel for the frame. Further funds were then pledged by two donors so that construction of the second floor could begin. Construction work continued in phases throughout the year, with the main structure of the roof being in place by July. For each phase an estimate of costs was provided beforehand and an account of spending afterwards.

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Trustees' report (continued)

Activities (continued)

Elevate Life

Elevate Life ran four 12 week #Be OK programmes – which support young people with mental health challenges - during 2022-23. The first, was a group based at a hotel in SW London supporting about 40 Afghan young people throughout August. This was at the request of Kingston council and funded from grants given to them by central government. Without Elevate Life's provision the young people would have had nothing to do all summer. Our programme consisted of creative wellbeing activities, physical indoor games and language learning.

Elmbridge family services (Spurgeons) ran our Junior #Be OK programme supporting Tier 3 children referred to them by schools and social services, starting in Autumn 2022. A secondary programme was also started in early spring for secondary aged children who were on the CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) waiting list. This was a lifeline for those children who were waiting for their 121 therapies. This group was based in central Kingston to provide mental health support for Southwest London young people.

Finally, Elevate Life ran a group in Chertsey, for which we got a wellbeing award, supporting Junior aged Ukrainian children, having to come to terms with moving to a new country and coming to terms with relatives facing atrocities back in The Ukraine.

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 30th November 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 2023.

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.

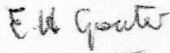
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 6th December 2023



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Year to 31st March 2023 Restricted Funds £	Year to 31st March 2022 Restricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations, also legacy in previous year	67,954	14,465
Grants and sponsor collections received	-	9,808
Gift aid tax claimed (Note 3)	5,115	1,234
Total incoming resources	<u>73,069</u>	<u>25,507</u>
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Grant payments	58,290	21,770
Governance costs		
Bank charges	240	150
Trustee expenses	-	-
	<u>240</u>	<u>150</u>
Total payments	<u>58,530</u>	<u>21,920</u>
Net receipts for the year	14,539	3,587
Cash funds last year end	15,090	11,503
Cash funds this year end	<u>29,629</u>	<u>15,090</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31st March 2023 Restricted Funds £	31st March 2022 Restricted Funds £
Cash funds		
Bank balance	29,629	15,090
Total cash funds	<u>29,629</u>	<u>15,090</u>

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 6th December 2023.



Bruce Townsend
Trustee

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Notes on the Receipts and Payments account Year to 31st March 2023

1. Restricted funds	Balances 1st April	Receipts	Payments	Balances 31st March
Year to 31st March 2023				
Uganda and East Africa	6,706	72,437	54,630	24,513
Elevate Life	8,384	632	3,900	5,116
Totals	<u>15,090</u>	<u>73,069</u>	<u>58,530</u>	<u>29,629</u>
Year to 31st March 2022				
Uganda and East Africa	5,400	15,699	14,393	6,706
Elevate Life	6,103	9,808	7,527	8,384
Totals	<u>11,503</u>	<u>25,507</u>	<u>21,920</u>	<u>15,090</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 £9,808 for Elevate Life and paid £7,527 to Elevate Eleven for work with troubled teenagers.