

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

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Details

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Status	Registered
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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE RELIGION BY PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. (B) THE RELIEF AND COMFORT OF THE SICK AND THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. (C) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY NEED AND DISTRESS PARTICULARLY BUY NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE. (D) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE SO TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES AND SELF DISCIPLINE SO THAT THEY MIGHT GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: Propagation of the christian religion
General Charitable purposes
Education / Training, Care and counselling

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ghana
- Kenya
- Scotland
- United States
- Bexley
- Birmingham City
- Brent
- Haringey
- Southwark

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,001,292	£1,976,605	£6,001,353	10
2024-03-31	£1,896,933	£1,741,268	£5,976,666	11
2023-03-31	£1,762,462	£1,578,423	£5,821,001	11
2022-03-31	£1,580,506	£1,406,309	£5,636,962	13
2021-03-31	£1,458,211	£1,267,692	£5,462,765	13

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER YAW AMANKWA	Chair	2019-02-01
Angela Zamaere Smith		2025-08-23
Dr EMMANUEL OKHUEGBE OLOKE FCCA		2015-04-14
JERRY NII OKAN TAWIAH		2019-02-01
Leslie Kwame Adade Boafo		2025-08-23

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 298368

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

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Chartered Certified Accountants
& Registered Auditors
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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Reference and Administrative Details **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Peter Yaw Amankwa - Chair
Dr Kojo Menyah - Resigned 8th June 2025
Dr Emmanuel Oloke, FCA, FCCA, CeMAP
Mr Jerry Nii Tawiah
Mr Leslie Boafo - appointed 23rd August 2025
Mrs Angela Smith - appointed 23rd August 2025

SENIOR PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Samuel Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Dr Shadrach Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Rev Ben Kord, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev Mrs Betty Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Mrs Dorothy Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Pastor Segun Lawal, Dominion Chapel, UK
Pastor Femi Ilori, Dominion Centre, UK
Pastor Kwaku Sarpong, Dominion Centre, East London, UK
Pastor Albert Tetteh, Dominion Centre, South London UK
Pastor Light Zaglago, Freedom Centre International, Telford, UK
Pastor Kelvin Barfour, Freedom Centre International, Luton, UK
Rev Assibey Boafo, Freedom Centre International, Peckham, UK
Rev Yaw Adom-Fremphah Jnr., Freedom Centre International, Edinburgh, UK
Rev Njeri White, City Temple Nairobi - Kenya
Rev Jonah Mungai, City Temple Nakuri - Kenya

ADMINISTRATION

Minister Richard Owusu-Adu, Administrator, Dominion Centre, UK
Miss Beryl-Ann Agodi, Administrator, Freedom Centre International, UK
Miss Anna Adainoo, Administrator, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

OTHERS

Phillip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

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Bankers

Metro Bank
HSBC Bank
Barclays Bank

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

MISSION STATEMENT

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The Universal Prayer Group Ministry (UPGM) is a registered Christian charity dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serving communities both spiritually and socially. The charity fulfils its mission through a range of community-focused programmes and inclusive activities designed to meet the spiritual, emotional, and social needs of individuals and families. Its core objective is to make the message of faith and transformation accessible to all, while promoting unity, empowerment, and positive community impact

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2024-2025, Universal Prayer Group Ministry (UPGM) continued to advance its charitable and spiritual objectives, which include:

1. Increasing congregation membership across all branches.
2. Promoting spiritual growth among members and non-members through evangelism and community outreach.
3. Enhancing Youth Programmes and childcare provisions to benefit both church members and local communities.
4. Providing educational and training opportunities in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), First Aid, Social Care, and Life Skills.
5. Contributing to local authority and community decision-making bodies by nominating qualified members to participate in these initiatives.
6. Partnering with other churches and organisations to deliver community-based projects across the regions where UPGM branches are located.
7. Extending charitable relief to individuals facing hardship, but missionary work in Africa, Asia, and Europe is suspended until further notice due to financial limitations.
8. Acquiring and developing suitable premises in new locations to expand the ministry's work and accessibility.

Public benefit

In preparing this report, the Trustees have had full regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This report outlines in detail how UPGM's activities have fulfilled these charitable purposes over the year. The charity has remained actively involved in Christian outreach programmes and ministry activities aimed at increasing awareness of the Christian faith and spreading the love and gospel of Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The commitment and dedication of our volunteers remain at the heart of the charity's operations. Many of our longstanding volunteers have served faithfully for several years, contributing their time, skills, and experience to the ministry's success. Approximately five volunteers currently serve an average of three hours per week on Sundays or designated worship days. This equates to around 780 volunteer hours per year. Based on the national minimum wage for over-21s (£11.44 per hour), this represents a financial value of £8,923 which, although not reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA), demonstrates the vital contribution of our volunteers to the ongoing mission of UPGM.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

OBJECTIVE 1 - SUSTAIN AND INCREASE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP

Media Ministry

The DC Media Team continued to be instrumental in extending Dominion Centre's and UPGM's collective reach, ensuring that church services, conferences, and special events remained accessible both in-person and online. Through consistent livestreaming and professional-quality recordings of Sunday services, weddings, and funerals, the gospel was shared widely across local and global audiences. Social media platforms including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), and Spotify were effectively used to promote church programmes, events, and community activities. Dedicated media training was provided for volunteers, improving both confidence and technical skills. As a result, online engagement increased significantly, with many new members joining the church after first connecting through livestreams or social media content. Despite facing challenges such as limited adult volunteers and ageing equipment, the team remained resilient through teamwork, prayer, and creativity. Upgrading media infrastructure and expanding the volunteer base are key priorities for the coming year. Dominion Centre's website also underwent a major redesign to improve accessibility, engagement, and interactivity. The site continues to attract global visitors, many of whom have since attended in person or joined the congregation. Features include downloadable forms, livestream access, event information, and full social media integration-making it easier than ever for individuals to connect with the ministry locally and internationally.

FCI Television & Media Ministry

FCI's television ministry, Freedom Walk, continued to inspire and uplift viewers through broadcasts on Faith TV (Sky 589) across Europe. These programmes, supported by the FCI Media Club, delivered messages of hope, faith, and transformation to a wide audience. In addition to televised broadcasts, the ministry has effectively leveraged digital platforms, including Facebook, YouTube, and the Church on the Go App, to extend its reach and foster deeper engagement with both local and international audiences. Online services consistently attract an average weekly audience of over 1,000 participants, reflecting the ministry's strong and growing online presence. Digital engagement remains a key success factor, with FCI maintaining over 41,000 followers on Facebook and 3,580 subscribers on YouTube, where recorded sermons, worship sessions, and special events are made accessible for on-demand viewing. The Church on the Go App, which currently has more than 1,300 active subscribers, continues to provide a vital connection point for members, enabling them to book appointments with pastors, join services virtually, and receive timely church updates-all free of charge.

Furthermore, the ministry's daily prayer line, operating Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., has become a cornerstone of communal devotion. Led by the pastoral team, the sessions attract an average of 250 participants each day, offering consistent spiritual support and unity among members.

Father' Heart Centre in Birmingham carried out its activities online and in person.

Church Branches and Missions

UPG Ministries' affiliate churches in West London, South London (Tooting), Peckham, East London, Luton, Telford, West Yorkshire, and Edinburgh have continued to grow alongside international branches in Dallas (USA), East Legon (Ghana), Adenta (Ghana), and Murcia (Spain). The ministry's current mission focus includes Ghana and the USA, where apostolic partnerships are being strengthened. Joint events and online activities involving all branches have supported cohesion, ensuring consistent growth and engagement across locations. Overall membership across all branches now stands at over 5,000 members, reflecting the ongoing success of these coordinated outreach and discipleship efforts.

Bookshop & Conference Facilities

The DC and FCI Christian Bookshops have continued to play an integral role in promoting spiritual growth and community engagement. In accordance with the church's constitution, the bookshops serve as pathways for evangelism, offering Christian literature that educates, inspires, and equips readers in their faith.

Many customers have developed deeper interest in the church after discovering these resources, and several have since become active members. The increased use of church halls for conferences and social events has further strengthened ties with the local community, creating opportunities for fellowship, outreach, and sustained membership growth.

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OBJECTIVE 2 - SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Programmes for Women

The women's ministries across Universal Prayer Group Ministry continued to flourish in 2024-2025, uniting women through prayer, fellowship, and discipleship. The FCI Women's Ministry, known as Women of a Different Spirit, held quarterly in-person services titled One Night with the King, which experienced steady growth and greater participation from women of diverse backgrounds. These gatherings created opportunities for spiritual renewal and fellowship, fostering unity among women in both the church and the wider community. At Dominion Centre, the Yoke Breakers Women's Ministry remained a vibrant and spiritually enriching arm of the church. Through monthly meetings, retreats, and special events, women were equipped and inspired to walk boldly in their faith. The one-day retreat held at Thurrock Hotel on 22 June 2024 provided a valuable space for reflection and personal growth, while the Mother's Day celebration and end-of-year thanksgiving service reinforced the ministry's commitment to honouring and empowering women. Weekly Monday online prayer meetings also served as a consistent platform for intercession, with members leading sessions to strengthen their spiritual gifts. The ministry further prioritised mentoring younger women in collaboration with the Youth Ministry, helping them develop resilience, faith, and leadership. The Labour Room, launched in 2017, continued to nurture women from various churches and backgrounds, offering mentoring clinics, conferences, and weekly online prayer sessions that empower women to realise their God-given potential.

Programmes for Men

The Men's Ministry, Men in Action, experienced a dynamic year marked by growth, purpose, and fellowship. Under the leadership of its executive committee and by God's grace, the ministry focused on the holistic well-being of men—spiritually, mentally, physically, and financially. Prayer remained central to its mission, with regular online prayer meetings bringing men together to intercede for families and the church. Key highlights included the inaugural session on 15 March, themed Contending for the Future, and a follow-up meeting on 15 November, both of which strengthened the fellowship's spiritual foundation.

Beyond prayer, the ministry embraced a holistic approach through initiatives such as the Spirit, Soul, and Body Tune-Up seminar on 20 April, featuring experts including Linda Bryan (nutritionist), Andrew Bryan (fitness coach), and Dr. Chino Okwuosa. Topics covered healthy living, recovery, and hypertension awareness, accompanied by free health screenings that had life-changing outcomes. A memorable Father's Day weekend followed, featuring prayer sessions, a golf outing at TopGolf, and a celebratory service led by Pastor Jonathan, during which exemplary men were recognised for their contributions. The ministry also supported youth development by financially contributing to the New Day youth conference in Norwich and maintained engagement through an active WhatsApp group that fostered fellowship and encouragement. Looking ahead, Men in Action remains committed to building stronger families, communities, and spiritual leaders.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry remains the spiritual backbone of Universal Prayer Group Ministry, fostering an atmosphere of continual intercession, thanksgiving, and spiritual renewal throughout the year. Regular prayer meetings—both online and in person—brought members together to seek God's guidance for the church, families, and the wider community. Early morning prayer sessions, intercessory chains, and special fasting programmes provided opportunities for members to deepen their faith and witness tangible breakthroughs in their personal lives. The ministry also collaborated closely with other departments during major events, ensuring every activity was undergirded by prayer. Through its unwavering commitment to corporate and individual intercession, the Prayer Ministry continues to strengthen the spiritual foundation of the church, ignite revival, and empower believers to walk in faith and victory.

Teaching Ministry

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The Teaching Ministry continued to equip believers with a strong biblical foundation and practical Christian living skills. Central to this mission is the School of Ministry and Development, which offers structured Sunday classes for members to grow in scriptural understanding and leadership. Midweek online Bible study webinars have expanded accessibility, allowing members to participate regardless of schedule or location. These interactive sessions encouraged active engagement through testimonies, reflections, and questions, fostering deeper learning and community connection. Through its blended learning approach-combining in-person teaching with virtual resources-the Teaching Ministry continues to align with the vision of Dominion Centre and UPGM to raise leaders who are Spirit-filled, knowledgeable, and equipped to serve effectively within the church and the wider world.

Praise and Worship Ministry

The Praise and Worship Ministry maintained its role in leading Spirit-filled services, recruiting new musicians and singers, and organising concerts as evangelistic opportunities. The Prayer and Intercessory Ministry carried on faithfully despite challenges with attendance, holding regular conference calls, weekly gatherings, and training sessions to strengthen members' commitment to prayer. These ministries were vital in maintaining a culture of worship and intercession within the church. Though attendance for some prayer meetings had not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels, dedicated members ensured continuity and impact through perseverance and faith. By prioritising prayer, worship, and fellowship, these ministries continued to sustain the ministry's vision, inspire spiritual renewal, and serve as a backbone for the church's growth.

Home Care Fellowship

The Home Care Fellowship continued to function as a cornerstone of spiritual connection and discipleship within Dominion Centre. Meeting both in person and online through platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, and WhatsApp, these fellowships provided spaces for Bible study, discussion, and mutual support. Members valued the informal setting, which encouraged open dialogue, pastoral care, and a sense of belonging. Fellowship leaders played a pivotal role in promoting consistent participation and nurturing spiritual growth. The initiative also welcomed community members outside the church, serving as a key avenue for outreach and integration.

Water Baptism

In keeping with the church's doctrine and long-standing Christian tradition, thirty-five members participated in water baptism during the year. This sacred ordinance remains a vital aspect of the ministry's spiritual journey and communal life, symbolising each believer's public declaration of faith and new life in Christ. The baptismal services were marked by an atmosphere of joy, worship, and thanksgiving as family members, friends, and the wider congregation gathered to witness and celebrate these profound moments of spiritual renewal. Each baptism represented a testimony of personal transformation and a reaffirmation of the church's mission to nurture believers in their walk with God. Water baptism continues to play a central role in the spiritual growth, discipleship, and fellowship of Dominion Centre members. It serves not only as an outward expression of inward faith but also as a foundational step in the believer's commitment to serve within the body of Christ and the broader community. Through these baptisms, the ministry reaffirms its dedication to raising disciples who live out their faith with conviction and purpose.

Retreats & Camp Meetings

Throughout the year, departmental meetings, prayer services, and seminars were conducted both online and in person to nurture members' spiritual growth. Each ministry within Dominion Centre maintained its monthly prayer services, ensuring that the congregation's spiritual needs were consistently met. Quarterly leadership retreats and seminars proved transformative, fostering renewal, unity, and deeper faith among participants. These events not only strengthened leadership capacity but also served as a vital outreach tool-many attendees, including family and friends of members, later joined the church as a result. While FCI's annual camp meeting remains suspended due to rising organisational costs, its weekly two-hour prayer service, Freedom Time, has been reinstated at FCI Peckham. Led by the local pastor, this Thursday morning gathering has re-established a rhythm of corporate prayer and spiritual fellowship.

OBJECTIVE 3 - PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES

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Youth Programmes and Services

The Youth Ministry continued to play a pivotal role in equipping young people to navigate spiritual, social, and personal challenges with confidence and faith. Through Sunday school classes, Bible studies, worship services, and mentorship, the ministry provided both spiritual grounding and practical life skills to prepare youth for leadership and purposeful living. Interactive sessions addressed contemporary issues such as peer pressure, relationships, and personal development, while also promoting prayer, worship, and community engagement. Workshops were held throughout the year to develop essential skills in public speaking, entrepreneurship, and career planning.

A key highlight of the year was participation in the New Day Youth Conference (29 July - 2 August 2024), where 33 young people from Dominion Centre experienced transformative worship, teaching, and recreational activities. The Youth Alive Conference (30 August - 1 September 2024), themed Next Generation, introduced a new intergenerational format featuring worship nights, outdoor team-building activities, and open discussions on identity and relationships. These events inspired youth to deepen their faith and strengthened unity within the ministry.

Beyond large gatherings, the ministry created safe spaces such as The Chill Zone-a Christian-centred entertainment and fellowship platform-and offered one-on-one mentoring for education and career guidance. Social media and online platforms remained vital tools for engagement, allowing young people to stay connected and grow spiritually. The FCI Regeneration Youth Ministry also continued to provide both in-person and online services, with its annual youth conference in August 2024 attracting over 200 attendees across three days. Through these initiatives, UPGM's youth departments remain committed to raising a generation of Spirit-filled leaders who positively influence the church and society.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry of Dominion Centre continued to provide a warm, nurturing, and spiritually enriching environment for children aged six months to twelve years. Spirit-filled and trained teachers delivered structured biblical training designed to help children understand the Word of God while developing key values of love, respect, and integrity.

The ministry offered dynamic and age-appropriate programmes incorporating biblical lessons, music, and creative learning. Initiatives such as The Big Talk encouraged children to explore real-life themes like education, financial stewardship, and making wise choices within a Christian framework. Regular activities-including Bible quizzes, movie days, fun events, and competitions-kept children engaged and inspired. The Children's Day Celebration in October and the Christmas Thanksgiving Party were major highlights, featuring music, costumes, gifts, and performances that strengthened community bonds among families.

The FCI Children's Ministry also held weekly Bible classes for children aged 2-11, drawing around 100 attendees each Sunday as part of the church's Back-to-Church initiative. The classes created an inclusive space where parents and children could engage simultaneously in spiritual activities. Teachers received ongoing safeguarding and child protection training to ensure that all children were nurtured in a safe and supportive environment. The ministry remains committed to raising future Christian leaders and fostering faith-based family growth within the wider community.

OBJECTIVE 4 - PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

UPGM's commitment to education and personal development continued through a range of mentoring and training programmes. The FCI Regeneration Youth Services offered young people practical guidance in academic, career, and financial planning while fostering spiritual maturity.

At Dominion Centre, the Women's Ministry and The Labour Room partnered with the Youth Ministry to hold monthly mentoring sessions. These sessions addressed key topics such as behaviour, career development, personal character, and life planning-helping participants build resilience, self-awareness, and faith-driven leadership qualities.

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Through these initiatives, the ministry continues to support both youth and adults in developing essential life skills, promoting education, and empowering individuals to fulfil their God-given potential in their chosen fields.

OBJECTIVE 5 - PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

UPGM and its affiliated ministries actively engaged with various local and national bodies to promote social cohesion, faith-based collaboration, and community development.

- " Common Purpose: A network of experienced professionals who meet quarterly to share best practices and contribute to community projects. A member of our church currently serves on the steering committee.
- " Southwark for Jesus: A coalition of churches across the London Borough of Southwark working together to promote unity, social improvement, and spiritual growth. Our church has active representation on its steering committee.
- " Transform Bexley Borough: An interfaith network that brings together representatives from different faith groups to collaborate on community initiatives. Our church contributes through board-level participation.
- " Ghana Christian Council UK & Ireland (GCCUK): UPGM, through FCI, continues to play an active role in this umbrella organisation supporting Ghanaian-led churches in the UK. One of our pastors serves as the current Chair, representing and advocating for the interests of these congregations.
- " Evangelical Alliance UK: UPGM remains a proud member of this national body that unites churches, organisations, and individuals across the UK for the advancement of the gospel.
- " African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA): Membership in this network further strengthens UPGM's commitment to diversity and inclusion within the wider Christian community.
- " Police & Clergy Initiative (Haringey): In partnership with the Metropolitan Police, UPGM supports initiatives aimed at reducing crime rates and building trust between law enforcement and local residents.
- " Haringey Peace Alliance: The ministry actively supports this initiative to reduce street violence and improve family relationships within local communities, especially among young people.

Through these strategic partnerships and civic engagements, UPGM continues to play an influential role in shaping positive change within the communities it serves.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7 - COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS AND CHARITABLE HARDSHIP RELIEF

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry remained steadfast in its mission to share the gospel, bring hope, and offer encouragement to inmates at HMP Rochester and HMP Feltham. Monthly visits to HMP Rochester included Sunday services, Bible studies, and participation in the six-week Power of Good Advice (POGA) programme, which continues to receive positive feedback from prisoners seeking spiritual growth. Despite occasional staffing challenges within the prison system, chaplains consistently reported increasing engagement and renewed interest in faith among inmates.

At HMP Feltham, visits were conducted on an approval basis due to ongoing restructuring and staff shortages. Nevertheless, Dominion Centre volunteers remained committed to supporting chaplaincy programmes by facilitating Bible studies and distributing spiritual resources such as books, birthday cards, and devotional materials. These acts of service brought encouragement to prisoners, many of whom shared testimonies of transformation and renewed faith. Looking ahead, the ministry plans to expand its outreach by supporting the families of young offenders-especially during Christmas and Mother's Day-through the provision of gift hampers and pastoral care. This compassionate initiative reflects the ministry's broader vision to extend Christ's love beyond prison walls and into the community.

Community and International Outreach

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The Welfare Department played a central role in supporting both church members and the wider community throughout 2024-25. Requests for help included financial assistance, health guidance, CV support, and referrals to housing and social care services. The department's Welfare Sunday Surgeries provided personalised one-to-one support, while targeted initiatives such as the Men's Fellowship Spring Health Check (May 2024) offered free blood pressure and diabetes screenings, enabling several participants to access timely medical care.

Seasonal outreach programmes further deepened community engagement. In December 2024, food parcels were distributed to members and local residents during the annual period of fasting, alongside the Christmas Hamper Programme, which supplied families with turkeys, groceries, and beverages. Notably, this initiative was extended to non-members in need, reflecting the church's inclusive approach to service. The department also facilitated a significant donation to All People, All Places, a charity supporting those affected by housing insecurity in Enfield and Haringey. Furthermore, participation in the Wood Green War Memorial Remembrance Day Service in November underscored the ministry's commitment to civic responsibility and community cohesion.

Collaboration remained a key strength, with the Welfare Department working closely with the Counselling, Evangelism, and Pastoral Teams on joint initiatives such as the Summer Barbecue and annual Soup Kitchen. These programmes were primarily funded through monthly Welfare Sunday offerings, sustained by the faithful giving of members. Regular prayer meetings and review sessions helped maintain the team's spiritual focus and accountability. The department remains dedicated to expanding its partnerships and outreach in the coming year, continuing to serve as a beacon of compassion within the community.

Partnership with Compassion UK

UPGM strengthened its global outreach through an active partnership with Compassion UK, enabling individuals and ministry groups to sponsor children overseas-primarily across Africa. These sponsorships continued throughout the year, offering life-changing educational, nutritional, and spiritual support to disadvantaged children.

Counselling and Visitation Ministry

The Counselling and Visitation Ministry continued to provide holistic care to members and the wider community through prayer, pastoral counselling, and practical assistance. Volunteer counsellors-including ministers, social workers, and healthcare professionals-offered premarital and marital counselling grounded in biblical principles, alongside emotional and physical support for families, new mothers, and individuals in need. Visitation teams faithfully served those who were sick, hospitalised, or bereaved, often going beyond prayer to offer hands-on help with tasks such as grocery shopping, cleaning, and daily errands. Monthly "New Members Refreshment Sessions" also provided opportunities for fellowship and integration, helping newcomers connect with the church community. The ministry held regular team meetings for reflection, prayer, and planning, reinforcing a culture of spiritual care and unity. Collaborations with the Evangelism Team further extended outreach impact, ensuring that counselling and visitation efforts complemented the church's broader mission of discipleship, healing, and community support.

Performing Arts Ministry

The Performing Arts Ministry provided creative and dynamic expressions of worship and evangelism throughout the year. Through plays, dance, and sketches, the ministry effectively communicated biblical truths in ways that were engaging and relatable to diverse audiences. These performances became an important tool for outreach, blending entertainment with spiritual impact. Several productions were staged during conferences and special services, inspiring and encouraging both members and visitors. The dance group, in particular, ministered powerfully during events, drawing people closer to God through artistic expression. Performances also gave young and emerging talents an opportunity to use their gifts for the Kingdom of God. By integrating creativity into the life of the church, the Performing Arts Ministry demonstrated the importance of reaching people through varied forms of communication. This work not only enriched the worship experience but also expanded the ministry's ability to connect with the wider community in innovative and meaningful ways.

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Marriages, Dedications, and Church Events

During the 2024-2025 year, three marriages were registered and solemnised, three naming ceremonies were conducted, and twelve children were dedicated to the Lord at Dominion Centre.

There was also 6 marriages, 12 Dedications, 47 people baptised across FCI branches.

These milestones reflected the church's continued role in strengthening families and celebrating faith-based commitments.

The year also featured a series of impactful church events, including:

- " Festival of Thanksgiving (31 May - 1 June 2024)
- " International Day (July 2024)
- " Dominion Centre South London 5th Anniversary
- " Dominion Centre 20th Anniversary (October 2024, themed Next Level Impact)
- " Next Level Prayer Festivals (November 2024 & January 2025)
- " Relationship Forum (February 2025)
- " Relationship Seminar (March 2025)
- " FCI Freedom Impact Conference (May 2024)
- " FCI Easter Convention (March 2025)
- " FCI Camp Meeting (August 2024)
- " FCI Audacity to Live (August 2024)
- " FCI Autumn Bible Seminar, (October 2024)
- " FCI End of Year Convention (December 2024 - January 2025)

These events fostered unity, celebration, and spiritual renewal within the congregation, while also strengthening connections with the wider community.

Social Events and Community Activities

In addition to worship services and conferences, UPGM hosted a range of community-focused social events, including International Day celebrations, a Community Summer Barbecue, Christmas Soup Kitchen, Christmas Hamper Donations, Children's Christmas Party, and Sports Finals Viewing with Refreshments. These gatherings provided opportunities for outreach, fellowship, and evangelism while promoting inclusivity and strengthening family and community ties.

Fundraising Activities

Since its establishment, Universal Prayer Group Ministry has relied on the generosity of donors to sustain its charitable initiatives. The majority of contributions are made by individuals closely connected with the ministry, often through participation as worshippers at one of our churches. In addition, our website and social media platforms enable wider engagement, allowing us to connect with new supporters and extend our reach beyond our local congregations. UPGM does not undertake door-to-door or telephone fundraising. No fundraising complaints were received during the year. All donations are made voluntarily.

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The charity complies with UK GDPR and maintains a Privacy Policy outlining how personal data is used, stored, and protected. Only authorised personnel have access to supporter data. All donations and supporter data are securely managed through a central database, with access limited to trained personnel to ensure confidentiality and compliance. Fundraising is conducted in accordance with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Practice and our internal ethical guidelines. Transparency, accountability, and pastoral sensitivity remain at the core of our approach. The charity does not solicit donations from vulnerable individuals and adheres strictly to safeguarding protocols concerning children and adults at risk. All ministry services are provided free of charge, ensuring that no individual's participation or access to support is dependent on financial contribution. Our commitment to responsible and ethical fundraising reflects the heart of our mission-to serve communities through faith, compassion, and integrity.

OBJECTIVE 8 - ACQUIRE BUILDINGS FOR USE AS PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of Worship

During the year, the ministry continued its focus on developing and maintaining suitable places of worship to meet the growing needs of its congregations. Refurbishment work progressed steadily at the Wood Green, Welling and Edinburgh church buildings, aimed at improving accessibility and creating a more welcoming worship environment. In addition, the ministry continues to lease and maintain the property at DC West London, FCI Luton, ensuring that worshippers in the area have a consistent and comfortable place to meet. Looking ahead, Universal Prayer Group Ministry (UPGM) remains committed to acquiring additional properties in strategic locations to accommodate its expanding congregations and to further strengthen its community presence.

Times of Worship

The various branches of the ministry continue to operate hybrid worship models, combining in-person and online services to meet the needs of members locally and internationally.

Dominion Centre (Wood Green)

- " Sunday: 10:00am - 1:00pm - Worship Service (in-person & livestream)
- " Tuesday: 6:30am - 8:00am - Early Morning Prayers (telephone conference)
- " Wednesday: 7:30pm - 9:00pm - Prayer Service (in-person & livestream)
- " Thursday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer (telephone conference)
- " Friday: 8:00pm - 9:00pm - Deliverance Prayer (in-person)

Dominion Chapel - West London

- " Sunday: 11:00am - 1:00pm - Worship Service (in-person & livestream)
- " Friday: 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Prayer Meeting / New Believers' Class

Dominion Centre - East London

- " Sunday: 2:30pm - 3:30pm - Worship Service
- " Friday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm - Prayer Meeting

Dominion Centre - South London

- " Sunday: 8:00am - 8:30am - Early Morning Prayers (telephone conference)
- " Sunday: 1:00pm - 3:00pm - Worship Service (in-person)
- " Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm - Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

FCI (Welling)

Sundays:

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- " 9am - 1st Family Service
- " 11:45am 2nd Family Service
- " 1:30pm French Service
- " 2:15pm Youth Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm - Mid Week Service

Friday: 7:00pm - Prayer

Membership and Visitors (2024-2025)

Membership across all branches remained stable, reflecting the ministry's continued focus on discipleship and community engagement:

- " Dominion Centre (Wood Green): 550 members and 180 visitors
- " Dominion Chapel (West London): 90 members
- " Dominion Centre (East London): 20 members
- " Dominion Centre (South London): 17 members

FCI Membership Across Branches (Welling, Peckham, Luton, Telford, Edinburgh Churches) 1,250

Efforts to engage visitors and integrate them into church life remain ongoing through fellowship activities, new members' sessions, and pastoral follow-up.

Strategy for 2025-2026

Following a comprehensive review of the ministry's performance in fulfilling its principal objectives, leadership teams across all branches have identified key priorities and initiatives for the forthcoming year:

- " Membership Growth: Achieve a 5% increase in active membership through targeted community outreach and hybrid engagement initiatives.
- " Digital Expansion: Improve the production quality and accessibility of online broadcasts to expand the church's global digital reach.
- " Community Integration: Increase participation in community-based projects by 5%, with an emphasis on addressing local needs and building long-term partnerships.
- " Property Development: Continue the refurbishment of key church properties in Wood Green, Welling, and Edinburgh, while pursuing acquisition opportunities in Peckham, West London, Luton, and Telford.
- " Events and Conferences: Organise additional conventions, retreats, and workshops to foster spiritual growth and leadership development among members and non-members.
- " Community Partnerships: Enhance access for local organisations to utilise UPGM church facilities for social, cultural, and charitable purposes.
- " Youth and Children's Development: Expand programmes for children and youth, focusing on education, mentorship, and community service.
- " Outreach and Evangelism: Conduct regular Christian outreach programmes designed to promote spiritual awareness and the message of the gospel.
- " Family and Civic Engagement: Strengthen teaching on family values, responsible citizenship, and social responsibility through forums and workshops.
- " Economic Empowerment: Encourage entrepreneurship and self-development through seminars, mentorship, and business training initiatives.
- " Hybrid Worship Expansion: Continue nurturing online congregations and encouraging virtual worshippers to join in-person services, building new communities of faith globally.
- " Ministerial Training: Train and commission new ministers and evangelists to establish and support churches worldwide.

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These strategic goals will help UPGM strengthen its impact, extend its reach, and deepen its commitment to both local and international missions.

Conclusion

Universal Prayer Group Ministry (UPGM) continues to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and communities across its branches. The organisation remains faithful to its mission of spiritual growth, community transformation, and outreach. The year's achievements demonstrate steady progress in fulfilling UPGM's objectives, driven by faith, dedication, and effective leadership.

The trustees attribute the ministry's success and growth to several key factors:

- " Strong follow-up systems in outreach and evangelism.
- " Active involvement of service users-especially youth-in decision-making processes.
- " Demonstrable success in achieving annual objectives.
- " Genuine compassion and commitment to community welfare.
- " Effective training and empowerment through Bible study, leadership development, and mentorship.
- " Equipping members to become responsible, influential, and faith-driven contributors within their communities.

UPGM remains committed to expanding its vision, strengthening its partnerships, and continuing to serve God and humanity with excellence and integrity in the year ahead.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Universal Prayer Group Ministry (UPGM) is governed by its founding Deed of Trust and is constituted as an unincorporated charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- " Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- " Observe the methods and principles outlined in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- " Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- " State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained; and
- " Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that accurately reflect the financial position of the charity at any given time, ensuring compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the relevant regulations, and the trust deed.

Furthermore, the trustees are accountable for safeguarding the charity's assets and are required to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud or other irregularities.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, incoming resources were a combination of members' tithes, offerings, gift aid and donations. Overall, total income generated was £2,001,292 (£1,896,934 on 31 March 2024).

The Charity made a surplus of £24,687 (2024- £155,666). After taking account of the operations of the charity for the year, the charity's available funds stood at £6,011,353 on 31 March 2025 (£5,976,666 on 31 March 2024).

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £200,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitment.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES


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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

The financial statements of the prior period were audited by a predecessor Auditor.

The previous Auditor expressed an unqualified audit opinion to the financial statements dated 20 November 2024

We have nothing to report on in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

An auditor conducting an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) is responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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29 January 2026



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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		31.3.25	31.3.24
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	1,355,578	1,431,142
Other trading activities	3	582,267	429,789
Other income		63,447	36,002
Total		<u>2,001,292</u>	<u>1,896,933</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	24,198	20,413
Charitable activities	5		
Charitable		1,891,051	1,720,855
Other		61,356	-
Total		<u>1,976,605</u>	<u>1,741,268</u>
NET INCOME		24,687	155,665
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		5,976,666	5,821,001
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>

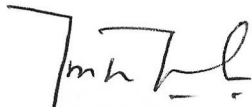
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	9,368,860	9,389,876
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	106,620	169,039
Prepayments and accrued income		41,840	26,840
Cash at bank		<u>373,813</u>	<u>415,818</u>
		522,273	611,697
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(175,719)	(359,656)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>346,554</u>	<u>252,041</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,715,414	9,641,917
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(3,714,061)	(3,665,251)
NET ASSETS		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee



Mr Jerry Nii Tawiah - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	24,687	155,665
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	70,451	75,706
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(394,156)	-
Increase in creditors	17,419	(23,499)
	<u>60,219</u>	<u>7,771</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(221,380)</u>	<u>215,643</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.4.24	Cash flow	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>415,818</u>	<u>(42,005)</u>	<u>373,813</u>
	<u>415,818</u>	<u>(42,005)</u>	<u>373,813</u>
Debt			
Finance leases	(35,751)	16,292	(19,459)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(146,274)	-	(146,274)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(3,629,500)</u>	<u>(65,102)</u>	<u>(3,694,602)</u>
	<u>(3,811,525)</u>	<u>(48,810)</u>	<u>(3,860,335)</u>
Total	<u>(3,395,707)</u>	<u>(90,815)</u>	<u>(3,486,522)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,136,824	1,190,766
Gift aid	<u>218,754</u>	<u>240,376</u>
	<u>1,355,578</u>	<u>1,431,142</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Conferences & Camp meetings	71,260	66,273
Fundraising	20,732	9,557
Hall hire & rentals	<u>490,275</u>	<u>353,959</u>
	<u>582,267</u>	<u>429,789</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Conferences & camp meetings	24,198	14,437
Media, CDs & Resources	<u>-</u>	<u>5,976</u>
	<u>24,198</u>	<u>20,413</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>1,077,908</u>	<u>813,143</u>	<u>1,891,051</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £
Charitable	<u>333,255</u>	<u>305,641</u>	<u>2,097</u>
	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>98,134</u>	<u>74,016</u>	<u>813,143</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £0 (Year ended 31 March 2024 - £2,400)

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Wages and salaries	409,857	419,494
Social security costs	60,328	48,898
Other pension costs	<u>7,965</u>	<u>8,045</u>
	<u>478,150</u>	<u>476,437</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Charitable and pastoral	8	8
Support and administration	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,431,142
Other trading activities	429,789
Other income	<u>36,002</u>
Total	<u>1,896,933</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	20,413
Charitable activities	
Charitable	<u>1,720,855</u>
Total	<u>1,741,268</u>
 NET INCOME	 155,665
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	 <u>5,821,001</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u><u>5,976,666</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	9,325,793	110,859	1,681,238
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,435</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,325,793</u>	<u>110,859</u>	<u>1,730,673</u>
 DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	345,069	4,530	1,441,293
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,876</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>345,069</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1,499,169</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>231,504</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>239,945</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	120,021	117,431	11,355,342
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,435</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>120,021</u>	<u>117,431</u>	<u>11,404,777</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	81,095	93,479	1,965,466
Charge for year	<u>7,785</u>	<u>4,790</u>	<u>70,451</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>88,880</u>	<u>98,269</u>	<u>2,035,917</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>31,141</u>	<u>19,162</u>	<u>9,368,860</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>38,926</u>	<u>23,952</u>	<u>9,389,876</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other debtors	38,825	46,444
Gift aid receivable	<u>67,795</u>	<u>122,595</u>
	<u>106,620</u>	<u>169,039</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	146,274	146,274
Trade creditors	7,788	10,539
Taxation and social security	-	171,266
Other creditors	<u>21,657</u>	<u>31,577</u>
	<u>175,719</u>	<u>359,656</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	3,694,602	3,629,500
Finance leases (see note 15)	19,459	35,751
	<u>3,714,061</u>	<u>3,665,251</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>146,274</u>	<u>146,274</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>292,548</u>	<u>292,548</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,402,054	3,336,952

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under finance leases fall due as follows:

	Finance leases	
	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Net obligations repayable:		
Between one and five years	<u>19,459</u>	<u>35,751</u>

16. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>3,840,876</u>	<u>3,775,774</u>

The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,976,666	24,687	6,001,353
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,976,666</u>	<u>24,687</u>	<u>6,001,353</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,001,292	(1,976,605)	24,687
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,001,292</u>	<u>(1,976,605)</u>	<u>24,687</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,821,001	155,665	5,976,666
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>155,665</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,896,933	(1,741,268)	155,665
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,896,933</u>	<u>(1,741,268)</u>	<u>155,665</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,821,001	180,352	6,001,353
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>180,352</u>	<u>6,001,353</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,898,225	(3,717,873)	180,352
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,898,225</u>	<u>(3,717,873)</u>	<u>180,352</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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England & Wales - Charity number 298368

Accounts

Francis King & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors
(Registered as auditors in the United Kingdom by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 298368

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Reference and Administrative Details **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Mr Peter Yaw Amankwa
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Rev Samuel Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Dr Shadrach Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Rev Ben Kord, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

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Rev Mrs Dorothy Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
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Rev Njeri White, City Temple Nairobi - Kenya
Rev Jonah Mungai, City Temple Nakuri - Kenya

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Minister Richard Owusu-Adu, Administrator, Dominion Centre, UK
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OTHERS

Phillip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

MISSION STATEMENT

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the charity is to propagate the christian gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2021-2022, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

1. Increase its congregation membership
2. Undertake activities that would lead to spiritual growth of members and non-members and serve as a means of evangelising in its various communities.
3. Improve upon the provision of Youth programmes and childcare facilities to benefit both members and the local communities
4. To provide educational training in Information and Communication Technology, First Aid, Social care and life skills for members and others within the local communities
5. To contribute to the work of local authority decision making bodies and pressure groups by nominating members to participate in the work of such bodies
6. To contribute to community based projects in partnership with other churches in the areas in which UPG branches are located.
7. To extend charitable hardship relief to the needy and support missionary work in Africa, Asia and Europe.
8. To acquire premises in various locations to extend the work of the ministry.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the public benefit in preparing the Trustees' report and the following nine-page report shows in some detail how this has been achieved.

The charity was involved in Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase christian awareness and spread the love and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The effort, commitment and skills of our volunteers are at the heart of the charity. Some of our long standing volunteers have worked with us for considerable periods contributing invaluable time and skills.

There are approximately 5 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 780 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £9.50 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £7,410. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

OBJECTIVE 1 - SUSTAIN AND INCREASE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP

Television and Media Ministry

Our churches continue to improve the healthy balance between in-house and virtual worship by giving access to those unable to attend onsite while bringing people to Christ who may never come to our church building. The blended in-person and online media outreach approach effectively reaches both audiences.

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Dominion Centre fully utilises and maximises its weekly service live streams, online media programs promotion on:

- o <https://facebook.com/DominionCentreChurch>
- o <https://youtube.com/user/TheDominionCentre>
- o https://x.com.com/dominion_centre
- o <https://instagram.com/DominionCentreChurch>
- o <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/dominion-centre-church>
- o <https://www.tiktok.com/@dominion.centre>

The programs continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the Church.

Dominion Centre's media team is an integral part of outreach ministry; the team is tasked with recording and live streaming our church services and other activities and events on the various social media platforms, thereby making use of the most powerful tool of evangelism with the ability to communicate quickly and effectively in bringing souls to Christ.

A training programme was implemented for all members of dominion Centre media team to enhance the quality and professionalism of media outputs which led to a significant increase in online engagement, leading to higher attendance and participation and receiving positive feedback from new members attributing their decision to join or visit the Church to our online presence.

Dominion Centre's website is undergoing an extensive redesign to make it more accessible, engaging, and interactive. Global interest in the site led more people to visit our local Church, and some eventually joined. Some features available to site visitors include downloadable forms, live streaming of services, future events, and full social media integration.

FCI's TV ministry project, "Freedom Walk," continued to inspire and uplift viewers on Faith TV (SKY589) in Europe. The engaging programs and live broadcasts, profoundly impacted both members and non-members. The project is supported by FCI Media Club members.

FCI successfully maintained and grew its membership through its established online platforms and community with over 41K followers on Facebook and 3.58K subscribers on YouTube, and also through the Church's website and archived sermons available on YouTube

FCI members stay connected to resources by using the user-friendly Church on the Go App which allows members to book virtual and in-person appointments with pastors, watch services online, receive important notices and etc. Over 1,300 members have already subscribed to the app, which is free for everyone..

Pastors lead a manned prayer line for all every Monday to Friday from 7 am to 7:30 am, with an average of 250 participants joining each session. This initiative has been highly successful in providing spiritual support to members.

Father' Heart Centre in Birmingham carried out its activities online and in person.

Church branches and missions

The affiliate churches in West London, South London (Modern), Peckham, East London, Luton, Telford, West Yorkshire, and Edinburgh continued to grow just as other affiliates in Dallas (USA), East Legon (Ghana), Adenta (Ghana) and Murcia (Spain).

FCI Currently, focuses on missions to Ghana and the USA, strengthening apostolic efforts in these countries. FCI organised joint events and online activities involving all branch churches to support them. This approach aims to maintain and strengthen membership across all locations.

Overall church membership has not decreased very much due to the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 5000.

Bookshop & Conference Facilities

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The DC and FCI Christian Bookshops played a crucial role in increasing public interest in the Churches. Increased communal use of the halls of DC and FCI for conferences and social events also continues to attract new members as people who attended events at the halls learnt of the churches' activities.

OBJECTIVE 2 -SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Programmes for Women

The ministry continues to unite women by nurturing and equipping them in the Church and the community to use their God-given gifts to serve humanity faithfully and in service to God.

Monday prayer meetings online from 9 pm to 10 pm are set times when Women intercede for nations, churches, communities and families. It also fosters and promotes spiritual unity among the women in the Church. Feedback on these meetings has been positive and is enhancing the spiritual growth of women around prayers and the Word of God.

The Yoke Breakers monthly meetings comprise prayers and exhortations. These meetings have been a great way of bringing together women who have spiritual gifts for intercession and love prayers, thereby identifying with the aims and objectives of "Raising Leaders". These meetings are currently being held both in-person and virtual. It has been assessed to create bonding amongst the women within the Church and the community,

The Yoke Breakers' Morning Glory prayer meetings are when the women share from the Bible, pray, and engage in physical exercises. These meetings proved immensely successful and drew large numbers (about 40 - 50 ladies) from members of the public, some of whom became members of the Church and on Mother's Day 2024, the women held a brief "talk show" on 'Communication between parents and their children'. This short talk gave the women the opportunity to use God's Word, reflect on the teachings of the Church in the current climate, and consider how these impact the family as a unit in building solid parent-child relationships .

The Labour Room, launched in 2017, continues to assist established and fragmented women of all ages from different churches within our community in birthing their potential, inspiring lifelong learning, and advancing knowledge. They meet twice yearly for conferences but hold weekly online prayer sessions and monthly mentoring clinics.

In the ministry's drive and vision to raise leaders, they continued the "Pocket friends" women in groups of four to five to care for via phone calls and organise meals to encourage each other. These groups have successfully supported one another and provided pastoral care among the women.

The Women's Ministry held monthly mentoring sessions with the women and the Youth Ministry. This was a great way to bring together the women and the younger members of the Church. Areas of focus included learning how to bond and strengthen family relationships. They addressed areas to become more interested in each other's challenges. They tackled behaviours, careers, character, and many more.

The Women's Ministry continues to promote the spiritual growth and leadership skills of Women and Young Women by bringing them together through various hybrid, online, and in-person activities and meetings, including prayer time, monthly programmes, and retreats. Feedback from these various activities continues to be encouraging, with strides in membership numbers and spiritual and physical growth. The ministry hopes to organise more programmes and activities that promote our young adults' interests.

The ministry ended the year with a successful half-night meeting and celebrated their success in 2023 with women and guests from the community thanking God for a great 2023. Individual women were commended for their commitment, contribution and hard work in different areas of this women's ministry. This meeting also allowed women to have the Holy Communion together and receive priestly blessings from the pastor in charge .

FCI's women's Ministry, known as "Women of a Different Spirit," has reinstated their quarterly in-person women's service, "One Night with the King," in 2023/24. These services have experienced continuous growth and continue to have a positive impact on women of all ages and backgrounds.

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Programmes for Men

In 2023/2024, The 'Men in Action' organised meetings that aligned with the Church's overall vision and support the men in their spiritual, mental, physical and financial growth. These meetings involved prayer sessions, health sessions and an outing for the men. Their Zoom meetings were instrumental in fostering fellowship and ideas and provided vital knowledge for the men.

A health webinar titled 'Towards Better Mind and Body Well-Being' was held over Zoom on 1st April 2023. Speakers at the seminar were Dr Kolade Daouda, a general practitioner who advised the men on recent health trends among men, mainly of Afro-Caribbean descent, and how these health challenges can be mitigated. Our second speaker at this event was Linda Fordjour, a certified nutritionist who advised the men on healthy eating habits and the detriments of certain foods.

There was a celebration on Father's Day to honour the men and fathers in the ministry on 18th June 2023. On 8th July 2023, the men congregated at Finchley Bowling, where they engaged in a fun afternoon of banter, bowling and a good meal at a nearby restaurant afterwards. The men who attended testified to meeting other men outside the Church, and several bonds were created on the day.

In line with the leadership's vision for the men to have a more tangible presence and impact in the lives of the young people in the Church, the men's fellowship sponsored three children to New Day, a Christian event held in Norwich over several days. This event impacted most young people who attended and spiritual transformations and miracles were reported. In addition, the men also engaged in activities in the Church over the course of the year, such as the church's annual conference in October.

The first men's event in 2024 was geared towards getting the men mentally prepared for the new year. This event was titled 'Developing a Mindset for Greater Works.' The keynote speaker was Charles Kiran, an international speaker. He challenged the men to have integrity and strive to accomplish their God-given goals and assignments. Attendees at this seminar gave feedback on being empowered to do more.

The men's ministry also had a prayer meeting on Zoom on 15th March 2024, where prayer points were elicited from the men, and all in attendance agreed concerning the raised prayer points. The ministry had many men joining the Church over the past year. As a result, the men's executives strived to add new members to the Men in Action WhatsApp platform, where pertinent information is shared, and men are celebrated on their birthdays. The men's ministry believes that God's hand of favour will continually rest on them as God uses them to make a difference in the lives of our families, Church and community.

Retreats, Camp Meetings and Prayer Meetings

All DC Departmental meetings, prayers, and seminars were held online and in person. Ministries and departments in Dominion Centre continue to hold their monthly prayer services to meet the increased spiritual needs of members. Our quarterly seminars/retreats for the leadership teams and church members are of great significance, as they spiritually change people's lives. Retreats continued to attract interested people to join our congregation. Members invited their families and friends to participate and later joined the Church.

FCI's annual camp meeting remained cancelled indefinitely due to the rising costs of organising this activity FCI's weekly 2-hour prayer service, "Freedom Time," held on Thursdays at 9 am, has been reinstated at FCI Peckham. The pastor leads this service in the Peckham assembly.

Activities during the year at DC:

- Festival Of Thanksgiving in May 2023, themed "Open Heaven"
- Ordination of pastors and ministers in August 2023.
- Dominion Summit in October 2023, themed "Maximum Impact."
- Next Level Conference in January 2024, themed "Going Up Higher."
- Relationship Summit in February 2024
- Dominion Easter Convention in March 2024, themed "Our Saviour."

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Social Events at DC:

Our International Day social event, Community Summer Barbeque, Christmas Soup Kitchen, Christmas Hamper Donations, Children's Christmas Party, Sports Final Free Viewing with Refreshment

Fundraising Activities

Ever since the establishment of the charity, Universal Prayer Group Ministries has relied on the support of donors. Majority of the funds are donated from people with whom we have close ties, and this is often accomplished through their participation as worshippers at one of our churches. Our websites, and social media pages all have the potential to incorporate requests to donate, which allows us to establish ties with a wider range of people. Data pertaining to donations and contact relationships are controlled centrally using a database that is extremely secure, with access restricted to a limited number of trained staff. We raise money in a manner that is in conformity with the regulations set forth by the Fundraising Regulator in addition to our ethical commitments as a charitable organisation. At all times, we conduct our fundraising efforts in a responsible manner, paying close attention to the pastoral connection that many donors have with the Charity. We refrain from approaching persons who are vulnerable and comply with the safeguarding of children. Donations are not required to receive the services that we offer as a charitable organisation.

Home Care Fellowship:

Dominion Centre Homecare Fellowships progressed with virtual and in-person meetings for a more significant impact with existing cell groups and explored outreach in new areas. This ministry remained a forum for Bible discussions and interactive social fellowship, established closer membership support and was open to local community members. It has continued to offer opportunities for questions and answers and social interactions in an informal atmosphere. These meetings are held twice a month. The introduction of social media platforms such as Google Meet, WhatsApp Group Calls, Zoom, and Skype meetings have enhanced the connectivity of members worldwide.

Water Baptism and Child Dedication

In conformity with our beliefs and faith, ten children were dedicated to the Lord by their parents at DC.

Teaching ministries

Comprises an organised unit of trainers/ teachers responsible for teaching various adult Bible classes within the Church at the Homecare Fellowship and New Membership class. The DC teaching ministry holds a bible study teaching on Sunday mornings before the leading service entitled School of Ministry & Development. The ministry continued with adopting the Tuesdays/Thursdays webinar Bible Study on Zoom. Our leaders facilitated them, and the congregation joined in through the 'chat' by offering reflections on the topic of discussion. Verbal and written contributions of the congregation merged with the voices of the facilitators to reflect on the Word that was brought.

OBJECTIVE 3 - PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Youth Programmes and Services

Teens Programs/Service

The DC Youth Ministry holds in-person Sunday school classes for the youth three Sundays every month. These sessions, led by the youth leaders, are designed to teach foundational biblical truths. The teachings assist the youth in understanding both the spiritual and legal implications of contemporary issues affecting them. Additionally, these classes aim to help the youth avoid negative peer pressure and other social vices. The sessions also provide opportunities for prayer and worship together. The curriculum is structured to make biblical themes relatable to their everyday lives and relevant to current times. Besides spiritual teachings, the youth leaders conduct engaging sessions on practical life skills such as public speaking and CV writing.

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The "Chill Zone" is another popular activity organised by the ministry three times annually during school end terms. It enjoys good attendance and focuses on providing Christian-centred, clean entertainment for the youth

From 31st July to 5th August 2023, 22 young people aged between 12 and 18 years old attended the New Day Youth Conference-a Christian youth camp that gathers hundreds of churches across the UK together with thousands of young people for praise, worship, prayer, learning, and fun activities.

The Church sponsored this event based on what parents could afford, making it accessible even to unchurched individuals or those from financially constrained backgrounds. The DC youth had their Youth Alive Conference with the Theme: "DC Youth Alive" was on 25th - 27th August 2023 started with a vibrant worship by the youth, followed by a play written, directed, and acted out by youth members, panel discussion during which youth deliberated on what it means to be a Christian teenager in today's society, an inspiring exhortation aimed at encouraging their peers was delivered by one of the youths. An activity day was organised at a local bowling centre, which provided an opportunity for fellowship through fun activities and the conference ended on Sunday with a powerful praise and worship led by the DC Youth Choir, followed by preaching from one of the youths

FCI Regeneration Youth Ministry continue to provide online services for those unable to attend in person. The Ministry organised an in-person youth conference in August 2023, attracting over 200 attendees over three days.

Children's Ministry

The DC Children's Ministry is a vibrant setting for parents/carers and caters for biblical training of children between the ages of 3 - 12 years old, providing crèche facilities for babies from six months up to 3 years. Most teachers are trained in children's evangelism and receive full in-house training before working with the children. Most importantly, they are all born again and Spirit-filled and enjoy serving and helping the children to grow in the Word of God. Children are taught to grow up to be God-fearing adults and make a difference in their communities. Recently, the ministry acquired a 32" Smart TV for the Creche class, where they can watch Bible stories and sing along. This allows teachers to enjoy the service while it is being live-streamed.

The ministry was also a lifeline for parents and caregivers, offering them guidance and resources for nurturing their children in a Christian environment. In addition, regular training was conducted for teachers on safeguarding their responsibility to care for and nurture the children in the ministry.

This year, the ministry has included the "Big Talk" in its curriculum. This new initiative brings the children together to discuss real-life issues such as money, savings, the importance of education, what to know about joining gangs - saying no to gangs, the effects on society, etiquette and manners, Godly values and the importance of making good choices in life.

The teachers organised Bible quizzes, Movie/Fun days, fundraising and other exciting events/activities for children at least every other month. They also watched films together that supported the topics they were learning. In addition, every class could watch a video of wisdom nuggets. It was very competitive, with many gifts won by outstanding children, and rewards were given to celebrate good participation. The Children's Ministry held its annual Children's Day event in October. The ministry organised an exciting Christmas Thanksgiving Party where the children dressed in colourful Christmas costumes, exchanged surprise Christmas presents and had a professional entertainer, dancing competition, great food, takeaway goodies, and talented musical performances.

FCI Children's ministry has bible classes on Sundays for children aged 2 to 11; these classes have successfully attracted around 80 attendees each Sunday, contributing to our back-to-church initiative.

OBJECTIVES 4 -PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

FCI Regeneration Youth services continue offering young people spiritual, academic, career and financial support.

DC Women's Ministry held monthly mentoring sessions with the women and the Youth Ministry where they tackled behaviours, careers, character, and many more.

OBJECTIVE 5- PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES

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Community Engagement Activities Common Purpose: A fraternity of experienced managers who gather quarterly to discuss ways to enhance their work. They also dedicate their time to community projects. One of our church members serves on the steering committee.

Southwark for Jesus: This coalition unites all churches in the London Borough of Southwark. They collaborate to promote Southwark's development and well-being. A member of our church serves on the steering committee.

Transform Bexley Borough: This group brings representatives from different faith groups in Bexley. They regularly meet to explore how these groups can collaborate on shared goals. Our church has a board member in this group.

Ghana Christian Council UK and Ireland (GCCUK): FCI continues its membership in GCCUK, a Christian organisation that supports Ghanaian-led churches in the UK. Our pastor also serves as this group's chair, ensuring these churches' welfare and needs are met.

Evangelical Alliance UK: FCI is a proud member of this organisation, which brings together various organisations, churches, and individuals across the UK in a united effort for the sake of the gospel.

UPGM is a member of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and the Evangelical Alliance (EA)

Police & Clergy Initiative (London Borough of Haringey) - Organised by the Metropolitan Police to bring down crime rates in inner city boroughs.

Haringey Peace Alliance - This organisation works to reduce violence on the streets of North London and foster good relationship between delinquent youth and their families.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7 - COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS AND EXTENDING CHARITABLE HARDSHIP RELIEF

Prison Ministry

The ministry focussed on visits to HM Prisons for adults and young offenders to give hope, direction, Encouragement and, above all, to present Christ to them. Currently, they visit HM (YOI) in Rochester on the first Sunday of each month. One of the challenges chaplaincy faces after COVID-19 is a shortage of prison staff, which sometimes results in the inability of prisoners to attend Sunday services.

The Chaplains have reported increased interest amongst the inmates in learning more about Christ and the faith, especially the classes on Power of Good Advice (POGA), a six-week programme. Some members also helped the Chaplaincy with Bible studies and POGA during the week.

The prison community chaplaincy continues to run its Mentorship program by matching interested inmates with mentors before they are released into the community to help them. Mature members of our Church get involved by becoming mentors to these inmates.

In supporting the chaplaincy at the prisons, our ministry endeavours to meet needs that can be most beneficial to the inmates. Currently, they ask for books and prayers. The ministry purchased 20 extra copies of a book titled 'Rise', an inspirational, real-life poem for young adults pursuing personal development. The ministry continues reaching out to the inmates' families within the North London area during Mother's Day and Christmas with gift hampers, especially targeting the Young Offenders who have children by showing the love of Christ.

Community and International Outreach

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The Welfare department has undergone a period of restructuring. Like many other organisations, the Covid-19 pandemic significantly impacted Dominion Centre ('the Church'), including its Welfare Department. From 31st March 2024, the department continued to build on post-pandemic recovery strategies instituted by the Church in 2023/24. As an essential arm of the Church's broader community outreach initiatives, the reconstituted welfare department returned to offering several support services in the years before the pandemic. Petty cash funding was re-introduced to provide church members with financial support to prepare for and attend job interviews. In extreme cases, the department also considered that funding may extend to providing additional support, such as an interview that involved an overnight stay outside London. In other words, it is essential to offer as much support as possible (within the limits of the department's resources) to help unemployed members take up job offers and get back into work as soon as possible. The department also offered help with CVs, understanding/completing government forms, and responding to general queries from the welfare department for guidance and signposting.

A significant aspect of the department's offerings in the 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 period was the 'Welfare Sunday Surgery,' i.e., a weekly post (Sunday) service support session during which church members took advantage of opportunities of one-to-one meetings with some of the welfare department's qualified/specialist personnel, particularly its medical professionals, for advice on physical health issues and mental well-being. The welfare surgery was relaunched in October 2023. Church members were positioned to discuss matters of concern confidently, and they received guidance. The surgery also facilitated blood pressure and diabetes checks. As appropriate, attendees were referred to their health practitioners, where the outcome of an attendance at the surgery suggested this was needed. On at least one occasion, the Church needed to contact emergency services for a non-member attendee. Members of the welfare department provided initial care and comfort in that instance. Other areas of support were financial matters (for example, understanding pay slips) and guidance on legal matters. Pre-pandemic, the Sunday surgeries were keenly accessed by church members. As members gradually resumed attending Church in person post-pandemic, the 1st April 2023-31st March 2024 period witnessed a steady increase in numbers accessing the surgeries. The department proposed keeping attendance in view for the effective allocation of resources (human and fiscal) and reporting purposes.

In December 2023, the Church, through the welfare department, continued its annual Christmas hamper distributions. A hamper (containing a Christmas turkey/chicken, an assortment of other food items and non-alcoholic beverages) was made available to members who, in the weeks preceding Christmas, requested to receive a hamper. Some hampers were also given to others outside the Church. To enrich the interaction with the local community, the Church, through the welfare department collaborating with other departments (the Evangelism and Counselling departments), held its annual summer barbeque/garden party in August 2023. The event was well attended.

The welfare department was accessible to church members, visitors, and non-members throughout the reporting period. Funding for the department was mainly from monies donated by church members during the designated church welfare day ('Welfare Sunday'), held on the last Sunday of every month. The Welfare Sunday was re-instituted in the 1st April 2023-31st March 2024 reporting period. Church members have an opportunity to contribute to the welfare needs of members and to support community outreach projects. The church 'Foodbank' was vital to the welfare departments' pre-pandemic services. The foodbank served community members needing emergency food supplies, and church members and local businesses also contributed to supplies. Several factors constrained a relaunch of the foodbank post-pandemic (2022/23). Those factors have remained present in the current period, 1st April 2023-31st March 2024. The department proposed keeping the foodbank in view and relaunching it as soon as reasonably practical.

In observing Remembrance Day on 13th November 2023, the team encouraged members to purchase a poppy, wristbands/other Poppy Appeal merchandise to raise funds supporting bereaved families coping with the loss of a loved one, men and women who leave the Forces and need assistance to find work and housing, and older veterans that require care and help. On the day, a two-minute silence was observed at 11 am year to honour the heroic efforts, achievements, and sacrifices made in past wars.

Compassion UK

UPGM is partnering with Compassion UK leading to individuals within the ministry and groups sponsoring children overseas, largely in Africa. These donations by members continued during the year.

Counselling & Visitation Services

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All voluntary counselling was done to support many people in our community and ministry. This team of volunteers includes church ministers, marriage counsellors, social workers, and midwives. Some provided valuable emotional and physical support services to new mothers and babies. They have also continuously visited the sick in the hospital and the long-term sick at home. In some cases, they undertook grocery shopping, cleaning, and other daily chores free of charge, which they have done tirelessly and cheerfully for the church and local individuals. The Visitation teams also offered support for bereaved members by supporting them and offering prayers.

Counselling for both premarital and marital couples: appointments were made available to members to provide them with biblically validated guidance and solutions. All couples were made aware of the fact that the counselling that was provided was in accordance with the beliefs of the ministry and the Church's adherence to the Bible.

Weekly visitors and new members are welcome, and after-care and follow-up are active on a rota basis. The monthly refreshments for new members and visitors are still ongoing. Dates and times are forwarded to the office and included on all weekly notice boards to enable good attendance. The counselling team is also encouraged to inform and remind new members of refreshment dates and times in their care. During the refreshment session, new members are encouraged to introduce themselves and talk about how they discovered the Church, how long they have been attending, and what they love about the Church. There is interaction with team members and one-to-one sessions with new members for prayer, counselling, advice, support and guidance when required. The new members are also reminded of membership training days and times and encouraged to join at their earliest convenience. The Refreshment session is usually within the hour, lasting about thirty to forty minutes, after which a text of appreciation for their attendance and participation is sent later in the day.

Team meetings also occur monthly on Zoom to foster efficient functioning in their roles. They include prayer sessions for stability and breakthroughs for new members/visitors and old members facing challenges. The ministry aspires to continue functioning diligently in our role in collaboration with the evangelism team to enable consistent, productive outcomes in the Kingdom of God with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Marriages

Five marriages were registered and solemnised, two naming ceremonies and three children were dedicated in 2023/2024.

During the year, the following church events were organised virtually:

- Festival Of Thanksgiving in May 2023, themed "Open Heaven"
- Ordination of pastors and ministers in August 2023.
- Dominion Summit in October 2023, themed "Maximum Impact."
- Next Level Conference in January 2024, themed "Going Up Higher."
- Relationship Summit in February 2024
- Dominion Easter Convention in March 2024, themed "Our Saviour."
- FCI successfully organised the Freedom Impact Conference in May 2023

Social Events

Our International Day social event, Community Summer Barbeque, Christmas Soup Kitchen, Christmas Hamper Donations, Children's Christmas Party, Sports Final Free Viewing with Refreshment

Fundraising Activities

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Ever since the establishment of the charity, Universal Prayer Group Ministries has relied on the support of donors. Majority of the funds are donated from people with whom we have close ties, and this is often accomplished through their participation as worshippers at one of our churches. Our websites, and social media pages all have the potential to incorporate requests to donate, which allows us to establish ties with a wider range of people. Data pertaining to donations and contact relationships are controlled centrally using a database that is extremely secure, with access restricted to a limited number of trained staff. We raise money in a manner that is in conformity with the regulations set forth by the Fundraising Regulator in addition to our ethical commitments as a charitable organisation. At all times, we conduct our fundraising efforts in a responsible manner, paying close attention to the pastoral connection that many donors have with the Charity. We refrain from approaching persons who are vulnerable and comply with the safeguarding of children. Donations are not required to receive the services that we offer as a charitable organisation.

OBJECTIVE 8 - ACQUIRE BUILDINGS FOR USE AS PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of Worship

The ministry continued to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent. And also continue to rent out the leased property at FCI Luton. FCI is also being renovated.

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The various branches respectively observed the following times of hybrid worship:

DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Sunday 12.00pm - 1.00pm Youth Bible study Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm Intercessory Prayer
Friday 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm Deliverance Prayer
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30pm (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer Cells/Discipleship Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek Service/New Members Class
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom Time / Unemployed
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FATHER'S HEART CENTRE - BIRMINGHAM

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing Service

DOMINION CHAPEL - WEST LONDON

Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Meeting/New Believer's class

DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON

Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00 pm Worship Service
Friday 8.00pm -11.00 pm Prayer and Deliverance Meeting

DOMINION CENTRE - South London

Sunday 4:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service

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Tuesday 7:30 pm - 9:45pm Prayer & Deliverance Meeting

MEMBERSHIP & VISITORS

- " Dominion Centre's membership currently stands at 530 and hosted 112 visitors.
- " Dominion Chapel West London's membership currently stands at 80
- " Dominion Centre East London's membership currently stands at 18
- " Dominion Centre South London's membership currently stands at 15

STRATEGY FOR 2024-2025

Following a thorough analysis of the ministry's performance in achieving our principal objectives, the leadership of the various branches have set out to improve on the church's performance and activities in the coming year. The following are some of the activities planned by the Church for the coming year:

- " Strive for increase in church membership at all branches.
- " Expand the reach of the church's online ministry broadcast programs to attract a larger global audience.
- " Increase community-based activities at all the branches
- " Facilitate the acquisition of church properties for FCI churches in Peckham, Luton, and Telford, fostering their growth.
- " Continue ongoing refurbishment projects at Welling and Edinburgh
- " Enhance access for community organisations to utilise UPG church premises.
- " Expanding the Youth and Children Programmes provision for members and the community.
- " Organise Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase Christian awareness and spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- " Minister to the congregation and the local community by emphasising the virtues and importance of strong families, voting values, and social responsibility. Recurrently advocate self-development and business enterprise through seminars, workshops, and practical advice.
- " Continue to encourage new online worshippers to join us in person one day, continue nurturing these online communities, and see it as a way of reaching out to new people and building new communities of faith.
- " Train and send out ministers and evangelists to establish churches worldwide.

CONCLUSION

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES continue to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

- " Good follow-up methods in our outreach and evangelism projects
- " Involving service users to participate in the decision-making process of projects particularly, the youth initiatives.
- " Success in achieving our objectives
- " Showing genuine compassion to local community members.
- " Training and empowering people through Bible teaching, seminars, and leadership training programmes.
- " Equipping members to be responsible and influential members of their community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, incoming resources were a combination of members' tithes, offerings, gift aid and donations. Overall, total income generated was £1,896,934 (£1,762,462 on 31 March 2023).

The Charity made a surplus of £155,666 (2023- £184,039). After taking account of the operations of the charity for the year, the charity's available funds stand at 5,976,667 on 31 March 2024 (£5,821,001 on 31 March 2023).

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Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £200,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitment.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		31.3.24	31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	Notes 2	1,431,142	1,374,233
Other trading activities	3	429,789	368,659
Other income		36,002	19,570
Total		1,896,933	1,762,462
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	20,413	15,688
Charitable activities	5		
Charitable		1,720,855	1,562,735
Total		1,741,268	1,578,423
NET INCOME		155,665	184,039
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		5,821,001	5,636,962
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,976,666	5,821,001

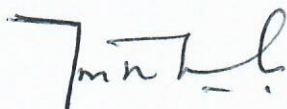
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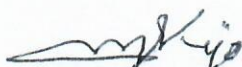
Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

		31.3.24	31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	10	9,389,876	9,368,066
Investments	11	-	30,000
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		9,389,876	9,398,066
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	169,039	124,938
Prepayments and accrued income		26,840	17,442
Cash at bank		415,818	514,533
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		611,697	656,913
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(359,656)	(351,885)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		252,041	305,028
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/> 9,641,917	<hr/> 9,703,094
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(3,665,251)	(3,882,093)
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NET ASSETS		5,976,666	5,821,001
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		5,976,666	5,821,001
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TOTAL FUNDS		5,976,666	5,821,001
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>215,643</u>	<u>162,821</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>215,643</u>	<u>162,821</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(97,518)</u>	<u>(39,053)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(97,518)</u>	<u>(39,053)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(218,132)	(185,153)
Capital repayments in year		2,488	(22,764)
		<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>115,974</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(216,840)</u>	<u>(91,943)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(98,715)</u>	<u>31,825</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>514,533</u>	<u>482,708</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>415,818</u>	<u>514,533</u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	155,665	184,039
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	75,706	70,252
Increase in debtors	(23,499)	(142,380)
Increase in creditors	7,771	50,910
Net cash provided by operations	<u>215,643</u>	<u>162,821</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	514,533	(98,715)	415,818
	<u>514,533</u>	<u>(98,715)</u>	<u>415,818</u>
Debt			
Finance leases	(34,461)	(1,290)	(35,751)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(146,274)	-	(146,274)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(3,847,632)	218,132	(3,629,500)
	<u>(4,028,367)</u>	<u>216,842</u>	<u>(3,811,525)</u>
Total	<u>(3,513,834)</u>	<u>118,127</u>	<u>(3,395,707)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,190,766	1,131,394
Gift aid	240,376	242,839
	<hr/> 1,431,142 <hr/>	<hr/> 1,374,233 <hr/>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Conferences & Camp meetings	66,273	58,256
Fundraising	9,557	23,234
Hall hire & rentals	353,959	259,169
Rent receivable	-	28,000
	<hr/> 429,789 <hr/>	<hr/> 368,659 <hr/>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Conferences & camp meetings	14,437	15,688
Media, CDs & Resources	5,976	-
	<hr/> 20,413 <hr/>	<hr/> 15,688 <hr/>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>996,984</u>	<u>723,871</u>	<u>1,720,855</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £
Charitable	<u>249,851</u>	<u>316,780</u>	<u>1,833</u>
	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>105,890</u>	<u>49,517</u>	<u>723,871</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £2400 (Year ended 31 March 2023 - £Nil)

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Wages and salaries	419,494	422,031
Social security costs	48,898	50,382
Other pension costs	8,045	8,103
	<u>476,437</u>	<u>480,516</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Charitable and pastoral	8	8
Support and administration	3	3
	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

2 employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,374,233
Other trading activities	368,659
Other income	19,570
Total	<u>1,762,462</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	15,688
 Charitable activities	
Charitable	1,562,735
Total	<u>1,578,423</u>
 NET INCOME	184,039
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	5,636,962
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>5,821,001</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	9,325,793	110,859	1,583,720
Additions	-	-	97,518
	<u>9,325,793</u>	<u>110,859</u>	<u>1,681,238</u>
At 31 March 2024			
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	345,069	4,530	1,381,306
Charge for year	-	-	59,987
	<u>345,069</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1,441,293</u>
At 31 March 2024			
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>8,980,724</u></u>	<u><u>106,329</u></u>	<u><u>239,945</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>8,980,724</u></u>	<u><u>106,329</u></u>	<u><u>202,414</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	120,021	117,431	11,257,824
Additions	-	-	97,518
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At 31 March 2024	120,021	117,431	11,355,342
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	71,363	87,490	1,889,758
Charge for year	9,732	5,989	75,708
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At 31 March 2024	81,095	93,479	1,965,466
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	38,926	23,952	9,389,876
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At 31 March 2023	48,658	29,941	9,368,066
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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other debtors	46,444	42,444
Gift aid receivable	122,595	82,494
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	169,039	124,938
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	146,274	146,274
Trade creditors	10,539	7,450
Taxation and social security	171,266	187,606
Other creditors	31,577	10,555
	<u>359,656</u>	<u>351,885</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 15)	3,629,500	3,847,632
Finance leases (see note 16)	35,751	34,461
	<u>3,665,251</u>	<u>3,882,093</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>146,274</u>	<u>146,274</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>292,548</u>	<u>292,548</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,336,952	3,555,084

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under finance leases fall due as follows:

	Finance leases	
	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Net obligations repayable:		
Between one and five years	<u>35,751</u>	<u>34,461</u>

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17. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>3,775,774</u>	<u>3,993,906</u>

The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net	At
	£	movement	31.3.24
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,821,001	155,665	5,976,666
	<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>155,665</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>155,665</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,896,933	(1,741,268)	155,665
	<u>1,896,933</u>	<u>(1,741,268)</u>	<u>155,665</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,896,933</u>	<u>(1,741,268)</u>	<u>155,665</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net	At
	£	movement	31.3.23
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,636,962	184,039	5,821,001
	<u>5,636,962</u>	<u>184,039</u>	<u>5,821,001</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,636,962</u>	<u>184,039</u>	<u>5,821,001</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,762,462	(1,578,423)	184,039
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,762,462</u>	<u>(1,578,423)</u>	<u>184,039</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,636,962	339,704	5,976,666
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,636,962</u>	<u>339,704</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,659,395	(3,319,691)	339,704
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,659,395</u>	<u>(3,319,691)</u>	<u>339,704</u>

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19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and my Report of the Independent Auditor thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

**Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

My responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditor that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

An auditor conducting an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) is responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my Report of the Independent Auditor.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Francis King & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants &
Registered Auditor
234 Old Kent Road
London
SE1 5UB

20 November 2024



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UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 298368

Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year 31 March 2023
for
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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Reference and Administrative Details **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Dr Emmanuel Oloke, FCA, FCCA
Mr Peter Yaw Amankwa
Mr Jerry Nii Tawiah

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Rev Samuel Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Dr Shadrach Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Rev Ben Kord, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev Mrs Betty Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Mrs Dorothy Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Pastor Segun Lawal, Dominion Chapel, UK
Pastor Femi Ilori, Dominion Centre, UK
Pastor Kwame Owusu-Ansah, Dominion Centre, East London, UK
Pastor Kwaku Sarpong, Dominion Centre, East London, UK
Pastor Albert Tetteh, Dominion Centre, South London UK
Pastor Light Zaglago, Freedom Centre International, Telford, UK
Pastor Kelvin Barfour, Freedom Centre International, Luton, UK
Rev Assibey Boafo, Freedom Centre International, Peckham, UK
Rev Yaw Adom-Frempeh Jnr., Freedom Centre International, Edinburgh, UK
Rev Njeri White, City Temple Nairobi - Kenya
Rev Jonah Mungai, City Temple Nakuri - Kenya

ADMINISTRATION

Minister Richard Owusu-Adu, Administrator, Dominion Centre, UK
Miss Beryl-Ann Agodi, Administrator, Freedom Centre International, UK
Miss Anna Adainoo, Administrator, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

OTHERS

Phillip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

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Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

MISSION STATEMENT

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the charity is to propagate the christian gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2021-2022, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

1. Increase its congregation membership
2. Undertake activities that would lead to spiritual growth of members and non-members and serve as a means of evangelising in its various communities.
3. Improve upon the provision of Youth programmes and childcare facilities to benefit both members and the local communities
4. To provide educational training in Information and Communication Technology, First Aid, Social care and life skills for members and others within the local communities
5. To contribute to the work of local authority decision making bodies and pressure groups by nominating members to participate in the work of such bodies
6. To contribute to community based projects in partnership with other churches in the areas in which UPG branches are located.
7. To extend charitable hardship relief to the needy and support missionary work in Africa, Asia and Europe.
8. To acquire premises in various locations to extend the work of the ministry.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the public benefit in preparing the Trustees' report and the following nine-page report shows in some detail how this has been achieved.

The charity was involved in Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase christian awareness and spread the love and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The effort, commitment and skills of our volunteers are at the heart of the charity. Some of our long standing volunteers have worked with us for considerable periods contributing invaluable time and skills.

There are approximately 5 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 780 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £9.50 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £7,410. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

OBJECTIVE 1 - SUSTAIN AND INCREASE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP

Television and Media Ministry

Since the easing of the pandemic, our approach has been to find a healthy balance between in-house and virtual worship, to give access to those unable to attend onsite, and, best of all, make it a new means of bringing people to Christ who may never come to our church building. Hybrid worship, a blended in-person and online ministry approach, has effectively reached both audiences. Dominion Centre fully utilised and maximised its weekly service live streams, online media programs promotion on:

The churches fully utilised and maximised the following platforms for its activities through live streams and availability later online to promote its programs

Zoom

GoToMeeting

WhatsApp

YouTube

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

Snapchat

The programs continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the Church.

Dominion Centre's website has undergone extensive maintenance to make it more accessible, engaging, and interactive. Global interest in the site led more people to visit our local Church, and some eventually joined. Downloadable forms, streaming video of services, future events, and full social media integration are some features available to site

FCI continued to use television and social media to spread the Christian gospel. Religious programmes were broadcast weekly on Faith TV (SKY589) in Europe, You Tube and Facebook. This ministry is supported through monthly donations by members of the FCI Media Club.

FCI used its established online platforms and community to maintain its membership during the pandemic. In addition, archived sermons recorded at FCI were uploaded on YouTube.

The Church on the Go App which was launched by FCI in 2020/2021 year to ensure that members were kept up to date on activities and had access to resources at FCI during the pandemic was maintained. The App, which runs on all mobile platforms, allows members to book virtual appointments with a pastor, watch services online, receive notices of service times etc. The App is open to all and free to subscribe.

The 24-hour prayer room online continued to offer prayers for all who needed a place to pray. The prayer line also offered three daily prayer sessions led by a pastor.

Freedom Walk continued to feature recorded versions of FCI church services, conferences, and seminars. The programmes, including the live broadcasts continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the church.

Father' Heart Centre in Birmingham carried out its activities online and in person.

Church branches and missions

The affiliate churches in West London, South London (Modern), Peckham, East London, Luton, Telford, West Yorkshire, and Edinburgh continued to grow just as other affiliates in Dallas (USA), East Legon (Ghana), Adenta (Ghana) and Murcia (Spain).

FCI organised joint activities online in which all branches, especially those in the UK participated. During the year, there were about 7 mission activities undertaken by FCI.

Overall church membership has not decreased very much due the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 4000.

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Bookshop & Conference Facilities

DC Christian Bookshop played a key role in increasing public interest in the Church. The bookshop has provided an excellent avenue for the numerical increase and service to the local community. In accordance with our constitution, it serves as a pathway by which we reach people with the Gospel of Christ. It also provides relevant Christian literature to educate, enlighten and equip interested community members. Regular customers at the bookshop expressed great interest in the Church, its services, and the fact that they could now locally obtain material for religious instruction. A good number have now become active members. Increased communal use of the halls of DC for conferences and social events also continues to attract new members as people who attended events at the halls learnt of the churches' activities

OBJECTIVE 2 -SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Programmes for Women

Programmes for Women

The Yoke Breakers women's ministry continues bringing together Women and Young Women through monthly meetings. These meetings have become hybrid following the COVID-19 pandemic. The year 2022/23 was a significant year for the Yoke Breakers Women's Ministry in that it was a year when the ministry was trying to shift its meetings from virtual to in-person following the lifting of the "lockdown".

The ministry also saw a decline in attendance, particularly with the older and more vulnerable women among us. Nonetheless, Yoke Breakers has now recommenced in-person meetings at the Dominion Centre Church Auditorium, which is seeing an increase in attendance. The ministry was pleased that the area of numerical growth is steadily picking up and are planning to take this expansion forward.

The Yoke Breakers women's fellowship had its first physical meeting at the main church auditorium on November 18th 2022, where they had a guest preacher, attending to minister to the women. This in-person meeting was a great opportunity for women in the Church to meet and worship together physically.

Another women's meeting was held in January 2023, where another guest speaker was attending to minister to the women. With all glory to God, the Pastor who ministered that day, was a former Dominion Church member who has become a Pastor. This is indeed fulfilling the ethos of Dominion centre church. The meeting was one of the ministry's end-of-year meetings where women came together to celebrate each other, unusually this in the form of a half-night program. Also, individual women were commended for their commitment, contribution and hard work in different areas of this women's ministry. This meeting also allowed women to have the Holy Communion together and receive priestly blessings from our leader, Pastor Betty.

The ministry continues to bring women together in nurturing and equipping them in the Church and the community to faithfully use their God-given gifts to the service of humanity and in service to God. This is achieved by organising the weekly Monday prayer meetings held online from 9pm-10pm. Women are encouraged and given the opportunity within the ministry to exercise their God-given gifts in leading these prayer sessions. These Monday prayers are set times where Women intercede for nations, churches, communities and families. It also fosters and promotes spiritual unity among the women in the Church. Feedback on these meetings has been positive and is enhancing the spiritual growth of women in the area of prayers and the Word of God.

The Yoke Breakers ministry's monthly meetings comprise prayers and exhortations. This is usually delegated and led by members within the ministry. These meetings have been a great way of bringing together women who have spiritual gifts for intercession and love prayers, thereby identifying with the aims and objectives of the Dominion Centre Church in "raising Leaders". These meetings are currently being held both in-person and virtual. It has been assessed to create bonding amongst the women within the Church and the community, as the more they met and prayed, the closer they bonded.

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In-person attendance at the "Morning Glory" and "Dawn of the Morning" meetings has not been possible since the beginning of 2022. However, the ministry is gradually shifting some of its meetings from virtual to in-person, and the response to these has been encouraging, drawing between 40-60 women at its last meeting in the church auditorium on July 1st 2023.

Yoke Breakers women's ministry held its first annual one-day retreat post the COVID pandemic on June 3rd 2023. This meeting was held at the 'Christ the King Dominion Place' in Tottenham, and our theme was "The Upper Room". Attendance was between 70-80 women. Women had the opportunity to listen to the Word of God, delivered by our leader, Pastor Betty. This retreat was an 'Upper Room' experience. The ministry also listened to a talk on 'Healthy Eating' and 'Well-being' from a guest speaker who was also a former member of Dominion Centre (as she has relocated) but remained a member of the Yoke Breakers ministry. God is indeed using women in the Church positively and in diverse ways. The feedback from the retreat was very positive, and from the feedback, several requests were made for an extended period for these retreats.

On Mother's Day this year, March 19th 2023, the women's ministry held a brief "talk show" on 'Communication between parents and their children'. This short talk allowed the women to use God's Word and reflect on the Church's teachings in the current climate and how these impact the family as a unit in building solid parent-child relationships. It was one of those days in the year when the women's ministry formally appreciated the women and women leaders.

The women's ministry has also been having executive retreats, and two meetings have been held between April 2022-April 2023. These meetings offer a forum for the executives to meet with their leader and reflect on the group's activities and programmes. It is also an opportunity for the executives to pray and study the Word of God. They also reviewed the group's goals and objectives at these meetings and set new ones as required.

The Yoke Breakers Women's Ministry continues to promote the spiritual growth and leadership skills of Women and Young Women by bringing them together through various hybrid, online and in-person activities and meetings, including prayer time, monthly programmes and retreats. Feedback from these various activities continues to be very encouraging, with strides made in the area of membership numbers as well as spiritual and physical growth. The ministry hopes to organise more programmes and activities promoting our Young Adults' interests.

FCI made a financial contribution to Compassion UK. They donated clothing items to Zion Ministry Sierra Leone led by Rev Michael Kanu and supported the activities of the Ghana Christian Council UK and Ireland

FCI's women's Ministry, known as "Women of a Different Spirit, reinstated their quarterly in-person women's service, "One Night with the King," in 2022/23. These services have experienced continuous growth and continue to have a positive impact on women of all ages and backgrounds

Programmes for Men

The Men's Ministry of Dominion Centre (Men in Action) organised several meetings via Zoom over the past year. These quarterly meetings involved prayer sessions, health sessions and an outing for the men. Our Zoom meetings were instrumental in fostering fellowship and ideas and provided vital knowledge for the men.

A health seminar was conducted during spring, and industry professionals advised the men on nutrition and their general well-being. Emphasis was placed on the foods men eat and which types of foods cause certain diseases prone to men of Afro-Caribbean descent. The men also participated in a trainer-led exercise session which the men well received.

A social event was held for the men in the summer, and the men went out bowling in Finchley. This event was very beneficial as it attracted various age groups among the men. The youngest in attendance was a fourteen-year-old lad, while the oldest was about sixty. One participant at this event was a recent member of the Church, and he found it enriching as it was an opportunity for him, outside the church walls, to interact with other men in the Church and build relationships. Bowling was followed by a meal at a local restaurant where the men had further opportunities to fellowship. The men's executives intend to conduct more of these events in the future as it's a way to build relationships and provides a forum for us to strengthen each other.

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The DC men executives spearheaded the planning of the Father's Day service, where tributes were made to the senior pastor - Pastor Sam - and men in the house were acknowledged via prayers from different groups in the Church. It was also an opportunity for talents in the Church to be celebrated, such as a special saxophone rendition by a Brazilian choir member.

The men also contributed a significant sum towards the 5-day DC Youth Summer camp program, which is taking place in Norwich. This event will go a long way in helping our children have new encounters with the Lord, bond with each other and keep them busy and productive during the summer months. More events are planned over the next year to empower the men in various areas of their lives.

Common Purpose - A fraternity of experienced managers who gather quarterly to discuss ways to enhance their work. They also dedicate their time to community projects. One member of FCI serves on the steering committee.

FCI understands the power of prayer. The church offers a 24-hour unmanned prayer room for individuals seeking solace and guidance. Pastors lead a manned prayer line every Monday to Friday from 7 am to 7:30 am, with an average of 200 participants joining each session. This initiative has been highly successful in providing spiritual support to members. The Annual 12-hour prayer service returned to in person. The annual 21-day prayer and fasting and bimonthly 1st Sunday 6am in-person devotions resumed.

Retreats, Camp Meetings and Prayer Meetings

UPGM Departmental meetings, prayers, and seminars were partially held online and in person. Ministries and departments continue to hold their monthly prayer services to meet the increased spiritual needs of members. Our quarterly seminars/retreats for the leadership teams and church members are of great significance, as it spiritually changes people's lives. Retreats continued to attract interested people to join our congregation, and the attendees bore the costs of the retreat. Members invited their families and friends to participate and later joined the Church. FCI has cancelled annual camp meetings indefinitely.

Activities during the year:

- Dominion Easter Convention in March 2023, themed "Blessed"
- Festival of Thanksgiving in May 2022, themed "Remember To Give Thanks To God"
- Relationship Seminars in April, October 2022 and February 2023
- Dominion Summit in October 2022, themed "Grace for the Next Level."
- Next Level Conference in January 2023, themed "Be fruitful, Multiply and Increase"
- Freedom Impact Conference.

Home Care Fellowship - Dominion Centre Homecare Fellowships progressed with virtual and in-person meetings for a more significant impact with existing cell groups and explored outreach in new areas. This ministry remained a forum for Bible discussions and interactive social fellowship, established closer membership support and was open to local community members. It has continued to offer opportunities for questions and answers and social interactions in an informal atmosphere. These meetings are held twice a month. The introduction of social media platforms such as Google Meet, WhatsApp Group Calls, Zoom, and Skype meetings have enhanced the connectivity of members worldwide.

Teaching ministries - Comprises an organised unit of trainers/ teachers responsible for teaching various adult Bible classes within the Church at the Homecare Fellowship and New Membership class. The DC teaching ministry holds a bible study teaching on Sunday mornings before the leading service entitled School of Ministry & Development. The ministry continued with adopting the Tuesdays/Thursdays webinar Bible Study on Zoom. Our leaders facilitated them, and the congregation joined in through the 'chat' by offering reflections on the topic of discussion. Verbal and written contributions of the congregation merged with the voices of the facilitators to reflect on the Word that was brought.

Prayer and Intercessory ministry - Overall responsibility for praying for the needs of the Church and community and organising prayer services.

OBJECTIVE 3 - PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Youth Programmes and Services

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The DC Youth Ministry held Sunday school classes for the youth three Sundays every month. The youth leaders ran these classes to teach the youth about foundational biblical truths. They assist the youth in understanding the spiritual and legal implications of issues affecting them and help them avoid negative peer pressure and other social vices. It was also a chance for them to pray and worship together. The teachings were structured in a way that made the biblical themes relatable to their lives and relevant to their times.

The program/services provided a place where people connected to Holy Spirit inspired praise, worship, and prayers to God. This was done in a contemporary style and accompanied by Bible-based teaching to share the love of God with this generation. They continue to hold twice-a-month Bible study, where young adults collectively study and apply the truths of the Bible to their lives. It provided an opportunity for them to network and share experiences. Testimonies have been shared following people receiving the answer to prayers. The online meetings served as an opportunity for those new to the faith to ask questions and understand the fundamentals of our faith. They used the powerful medium of social media to reach those traditionally not reached with the Good News. By streaming the services live on social media and connecting with new audiences on various platforms (like podcast services), the Church has received testimonies from young adults of how the life-changing messages have blessed them.

The 'Chill Zone' was another youth activity held three times during the year. It had good attendance and focused on providing Christian-centred, clean entertainment for the youth. Life skills, career advice webinars, and motivational talks were organised annually. The "Youth Alive" Conference, the annual conference of DC Youth, was held from Friday, 19th to Sunday, August 21st 2022, under the theme "Encouraging The Youth To Know Jesus Christ" The conference started on Friday with a Workshop, Talk Show/ Life Discussions on entrepreneurship, personal development, public speaking, cooking, car maintenance and health and beauty. It was followed by an activity day and a musical concert on Saturday, where they participated in physical activities like praying, worship, board games, dancing, etc. This resulted in them being spiritually and physically refreshed. On Sunday morning, the anointed praise and worship were led by the DC youth choir, followed by preaching the Word to one of the youth leaders.

The DC Youth Ministry held Prayer Sessions three times this year. These prayer events are usually preceded by prayers and fasting by the leaders and ministers and Holy Spirit led. They witnessed attendance in the region of sixty youth and young adults and attracted people from other churches. It is a time of heartfelt prayer, worship, energetic praise, debate, discussion, exhortation and ministration. These events always leave a positive impact on the lives of young people. Emotional and physical healing, deliverance, direction, joy and the tangible presence of God are among the benefits received from these prayers. Young people are always looking forward to the next one. The Regeneration Youth Ministry at FCI, organised weekly youth service, prayer and bible studies in person to promote spiritual, academic, career support. Each service attracted an average of 50 young people. The Ministry organised an in-person youth conference in August 2022, attracting over 200 attendees over 3 days

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry of Dominion Centre is a vibrant setting for parents/carers and caters for biblical training of children between the ages of 3 - 12 years old, providing crèche facilities for babies from six months up to 3 years. Most of our teachers are trained in children's evangelism and receive full in-house training before working with the children. Most importantly, they are all born again and Spirit-filled and enjoy serving and helping the children to grow in the Word of God. Children are taught to grow up to be God-fearing adults and make a difference in their communities.

The ministry conveyed Christian ideals age-appropriate through engaging online experiences, meaningful music, and ministry encouraging kids to engage, producing moments that the children will never forget. The ministry was also a lifeline for parents and caregivers, offering them guidance and resources for nurturing their children in a Christian environment.

The teachers organised movie days and other exciting events/activities for children at least every other month. They also watched films together that supported the topics they were learning. In addition, every class could watch a video of wisdom nuggets. It was very competitive, with many gifts won by outstanding children, and rewards were given to celebrate good participation. The Children's Ministry held its annual Children's Day event in October. The ministry organised an entertaining Christmas Thanksgiving Party where the children dressed in their colourful Christmas costumes, exchanged surprise Christmas presents and had a dancing competition, great food, takeaway goodies, and talented musical performances.

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FCI renovated Sunday school facilities, implementing safety measures to enable in-person Bible classes on Sundays. They reintroduced the in-person Sunday school class successfully which attracted around 50 attendees each Sunday, contributing to the back-to-church initiative.

Performing Arts team - Responsible for writing and staging plays, Dance performances, and sketches. As an evangelism and communication tool and for entertainment. These are held both in and outside the Church. Several productions were held during conferences where the dance group ministered to the congregation and community in attendance.

Child Dedication and Naming

There were eleven children dedicated by their parents to the Lord. There were five naming ceremonies.

OBJECTIVES 4 -PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

The training and mentoring activities involving businesspeople and entrepreneurs known as the Tent Makers and The Ministerial Academy of in-house pastors and leadership training programmes of FCI as well as the Kingdom Ministry Training School of DC to train disciples for missions and ministry continued to be cancelled.

Prestige School - Dominion Centre's Saturday School sessions remained cancelled.

OBJECTIVE 5- PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES

Community Engagement Activities

Southwark for Jesus - This is a network of churches in Southwark who work together for common purpose & betterment of Southwark. A member of the FCI branch sits on the steering committee.

Transform Bexley Borough (TBB) - FCI joined the TBB group, which made up of various faith organisations and the police.

Southwark Community Care Forum - This is a community group that works with families and young people in Southwark. A member of FCI is part of the group.

Common Purpose - This is a fraternity of senior managers who meet quarterly to discuss strategies that will improve their work. They also volunteer their time on various community projects. A member of FCI sits on the steering committee.

Ghana Christian Council, UK, and Ireland. FCI continued its membership of the organisation, which sees to the welfare and needs of Ghanaian led churches in the UK. The Zoom account of FCI was used to host an online prayer service to support all affected directly or indirectly by the pandemic. The event attracted more than 1000 Views online. The FCI Zoom platform was also used to hold GCCUK meetings.

UPGM is a member of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and the Evangelical Alliance (EA)

Police & Clergy Initiative (London Borough of Haringey) - Organised by the Metropolitan Police to bring down crime rates in inner city boroughs.

Haringey Peace Alliance - This organisation works to reduce violence on the streets of North London and foster good relationship between delinquent youth and their families.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7 - COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS AND EXTENDING CHARITABLE HARDSHIP RELIEF

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Prison Ministry

As part of the Outreach department of Dominion Centre, the ministry focussed on visits to HM Prisons for adults and young offenders to give hope, direction, Encouragement and, above all, to present Christ to them. Currently, they visit HM (YOI) in Rochester and Feltham on the first and second Sundays of the month. One of the challenges the prison chaplaincy faces after Covid is a shortage of prison staff which sometimes results in the inability of the prisoners to attend Sunday service.

The Chaplains have reported increased interest amongst the inmates to know more about Christ and the faith, especially the classes on Power Of Good Advice (POGA), a six- week programme. Some members also helped the Chaplaincy with Bible studies and POGA during the week.

The Feltham community chaplaincy runs a Mentorship program, matching interested inmates with mentors before they are released into the community to help them. This is also a programme that the ministry encouraged the mature members of the Church to get involved.

To support the chaplaincy at the prisons, the ministry asks them if any needs can be met to help the inmates. Currently, they ask for books and prayers. The ministry purchased 20 copies of a book titled 'Rise', an inspirational, real-life poem for young adults pursuing personal development. The ministry wants to reach out to the inmates' families within the North London area during Mother's Day and Christmas with gift hampers especially targeting the Young Offenders who have children by showing the love of Christ

Community and International Outreach

The Welfare Team is an essential arm of our community outreach ministry. To enhance the Church's interaction with community members, The Welfare Team organised Summer Barbeques, Garden parties, Christmas End of Year Soup Kitchen outreach and entertainment evenings for the homeless, vulnerable and needy in the community. Hampers containing foodstuffs and Bibles were also given out in the community. In observing Remembrance Day on November 13th 2023, the team encouraged members to purchase a poppy, wristbands/other Poppy Appeal merchandise to raise funds supporting bereaved families coping with the loss of a loved one, men and women who leave the Forces and need assistance to find work and housing, and older veterans that require care and help. On the day, a two-minute silence was observed at 11am year to honour the heroic efforts, achievements, and sacrifices made in past wars.

The FCI welfare team maintained its food bank to support all in need. The foodbank was funded through donations by members. It stocked non-perishable food items and nappies for babies. Over 150 people have benefited from the foodbank to date. FCI donated clothing, shoes and baby items to Zion Ministries in Sierra Leone led by Rev Michael Kanu.

Compassion UK

UPGM is partnering with Compassion UK leading to individuals within the ministry and groups sponsoring children overseas, largely in Africa. These donations by members continued during the year.

Counselling & Visitation Services

All voluntary counselling work was done on the phone to support a lot of people whose challenges were escalated by the lockdown. This team of volunteers includes church ministers, marriage counsellors, social workers, and midwives. Some of them provided useful services by offering emotional and physical support services to new mothers and babies. Hospital visitations were minimised although the team undertook grocery shopping for both the church and local individuals. The Visitation teams also offered support for bereaved members by supporting them and offering prayers.

Solemnisation of Marriages

Five marriages were registered and solemnised during the year.

Social Events

Our International Day social event, Community Summer Barbeque, Christmas Soup Kitchen, Christmas Hamper Donations, Children's Christmas Party, World Cup Final Free Viewing with Refreshment.

OBJECTIVE 8 - ACQUIRE BUILDINGS FOR USE AS PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of Worship

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The ministry continued to look at how it could continue to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent. During the year, a major structural repair was undertaken in Welling. Additionally, some temporary roof repairs were replaced. The branches in Edinburgh and Luton continued to make refurbishments on their purchased property. DC continued to maintain its building.

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The times of worship and prayers summarised below were adjusted as appropriate during the lockdown and as specified by government regulations. The times of worship and prayers during total lockdown differed from when churches were allowed to worship in person with restrictions. The times have been retained below for use when the pandemic is over.

DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Sunday 12.00pm - 1.00pm Youth Bible study Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm Intercessory Prayer
Friday 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm Deliverance Prayer
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30pm (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer Cells/Discipleship Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek Service/New Members Class
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom Time / Unemployed
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FATHER'S HEART CENTRE - BIRMINGHAM

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing Service

DOMINION CHAPEL - WEST LONDON

Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Meeting/New Believer's class

DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON

Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00 pm Worship Service
Friday 8.00pm - 11.00 pm Prayer and Deliverance Meeting

DOMINION CENTRE - South London

Sunday 4:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service
Tuesday 7:30 pm - 9:45pm Prayer & Deliverance Meeting

STRATEGY FOR 2023-2024

In response to the ministry's overall performance in achieving our principal objectives, the leadership of the various branches have set out to build upon and expand the church's performance and activities in the coming year. To do this the ministry is aiming to embark on the following activities:

- " Grow the online ministry programs of the churches to reach more viewers across the world.
- " Acquire church properties for FCI branches in Telford in the UK as well as in Accra-Ghana to enable the churches to grow.
- " To lay the groundwork for acquiring a property for the West London church instead of leasing
- " Increase church membership by opening new branches in major UK cities and various parts of London.
- " Extend the TV and social media ministry programmes to other branches in the USA and Africa.

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- " Continue with outstanding refurbishment works in Welling and the Edinburgh church
- " Expand our involvement in community-based activities
- " Increase youth community-based activities by training more youth leaders.
- " Focus more activities that will develop the spiritual needs and the family life of its members and non-members through conventions, seminars, crusades, and prayer retreats.
- " Increase the public use of the premises of UPG ministry.
- " Train and send out ministers and evangelists to establish churches outside the UK.

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES continue to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

- " Good follow-up methods in our outreach and evangelism projects
- " Involving service users to participate in the decision-making process of projects particularly, the youth initiatives.
- " Success in achieving our objectives
- " Showing genuine compassion to local community members.
- " Training and empowering people through Bible teaching, seminars, and leadership training programmes.
- " Equipping members to be responsible and influential members of their community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, incoming resources were a combination of members' tithes, offerings, gift aid and donations. Overall, total income generated was £1,762,462 (2022 - £1,580,506).

The Charity made a surplus of £184,039 (2022- £174,197). After taking account of the operations of the charity for the year, the charity's available funds stand at (5,821,001) on 31 March 2022 (£5,636,962 on 31 March 2022).

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £200,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitment.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and my Report of the Independent Auditor thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

**Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

My responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditor that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

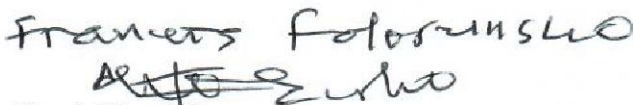
An auditor conducting an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) is responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my Report of the Independent Auditor.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.



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21 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	1,374,233	1,384,826
Other trading activities	3	368,659	171,640
Other income		<u>19,570</u>	<u>24,040</u>
Total		<u>1,762,462</u>	<u>1,580,506</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	15,688	3,586
Charitable activities	5		
Charitable		1,562,735	1,381,373
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>21,350</u>
Total		<u>1,578,423</u>	<u>1,406,309</u>
NET INCOME		184,039	174,197
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,636,962</u>	<u>5,462,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>

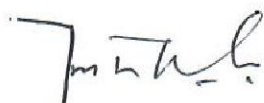
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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	9,368,066	9,399,265
Investments	11	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
		9,398,066	9,429,265
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	124,938	88,421
Prepayments and accrued income		17,442	24,104
Cash at bank		<u>514,533</u>	<u>482,708</u>
		656,913	595,233
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(351,885)</u>	<u>(308,908)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>305,028</u>	<u>286,325</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,703,094	9,715,590
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	<u>(3,882,093)</u>	<u>(4,078,628)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>5,821,001</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**Cash Flow Statement**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>162,821</u>	<u>401,079</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>162,821</u>	<u>401,079</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(39,053)	(76,033)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		<u>-</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(39,053)</u>	<u>(79,033)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(185,153)	-
Capital repayments in year		(22,764)	(278,172)
		<u>115,974</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(91,943)</u>	<u>(278,172)</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		31,825	43,874
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>482,708</u>	<u>438,834</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>514,533</u>	<u>482,708</u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	184,039	174,197
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	70,252	78,053
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(142,380)	95,863
Increase in creditors	<u>50,910</u>	<u>52,966</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>162,821</u>	<u>401,079</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.4.22	Cash flow	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>482,708</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>514,533</u>
	<u>482,708</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>514,533</u>
Debt			
Hire purchase and finance leases	(45,843)	11,382	(34,461)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(146,274)	-	(146,274)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(4,032,785)</u>	<u>185,153</u>	<u>(3,847,632)</u>
	<u>(4,224,902)</u>	<u>196,535</u>	<u>(4,028,367)</u>
Total	<u>(3,742,194)</u>	<u>228,360</u>	<u>(3,513,834)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,131,394	1,120,968
Gift aid	242,839	209,090
Grants	-	54,768
	<u>1,374,233</u>	<u>1,384,826</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other grants	-	54,768

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Conferences & Camp meetings	58,256	40,325
Fundraising	23,234	20,158
Hall hire & rentals	259,169	83,157
Rent receivable	28,000	28,000
	<u>368,659</u>	<u>171,640</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Conferences & camp meetings	15,688	3,059
Media, CDs & Resources	-	527
	<u>15,688</u>	<u>3,586</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>948,069</u>	<u>614,666</u>	<u>1,562,735</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £
Charitable	<u>233,691</u>	<u>215,389</u>	<u>3,263</u>
	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>116,413</u>	<u>45,910</u>	<u>614,666</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £Nil (Year ended 31 March 2022 - £Nil)

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Wages and salaries	422,031	436,524
Social security costs	50,382	46,888
Other pension costs	<u>8,103</u>	<u>7,761</u>
	<u>480,516</u>	<u>491,173</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Charitable and pastoral	8	8
Support and administration	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

2 employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,384,826
Other trading activities	171,640
Other income	<u>24,040</u>
Total	<u>1,580,506</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	3,586
Charitable activities	
Charitable	1,381,373
Other	<u>21,350</u>
Total	<u>1,406,309</u>
NET INCOME	174,197
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	5,462,765
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>5,636,962</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	9,325,793	110,859	1,544,667
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,053</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>9,325,793</u>	<u>110,859</u>	<u>1,583,720</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	345,069	4,530	1,330,703
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,603</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>345,069</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1,381,306</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>202,414</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>213,964</u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	120,021	117,431	11,218,771
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,053</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>120,021</u>	<u>117,431</u>	<u>11,257,824</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	59,199	80,005	1,819,506
Charge for year	<u>12,164</u>	<u>7,485</u>	<u>70,252</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>71,363</u>	<u>87,490</u>	<u>1,889,758</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>48,658</u>	<u>29,941</u>	<u>9,368,066</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>60,822</u>	<u>37,426</u>	<u>9,399,265</u>

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Investments and projects	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other debtors	42,444	14,444
Gift aid receivable	<u>82,494</u>	<u>73,977</u>
	<u>124,938</u>	<u>88,421</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	146,274	146,274
Trade creditors	7,450	6,229
Taxation and social security	187,606	148,472
Other creditors	<u>10,555</u>	<u>7,933</u>
	<u>351,885</u>	<u>308,908</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 15)	3,847,632	4,032,785
Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 16)	<u>34,461</u>	<u>45,843</u>
	<u>3,882,093</u>	<u>4,078,628</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>146,274</u>	<u>146,274</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>292,548</u>	<u>292,548</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,555,084	3,740,237

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

	Hire purchase contracts		Finance leases	
	31.3.23	31.3.22	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
Net obligations repayable:				
Between one and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,382)</u>	<u>34,461</u>	<u>57,225</u>

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17. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>3,993,906</u>	<u>4,179,059</u>

The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,636,962	184,039	5,821,001
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,636,962</u>	<u>184,039</u>	<u>5,821,001</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,762,462	(1,578,423)	184,039
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,762,462</u>	<u>(1,578,423)</u>	<u>184,039</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,462,765	174,197	5,636,962
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>174,197</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,580,506	(1,406,309)	174,197
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,580,506</u>	<u>(1,406,309)</u>	<u>174,197</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,462,765	358,236	5,821,001
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>358,236</u>	<u>5,821,001</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,342,968	(2,984,732)	358,236
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,342,968</u>	<u>(2,984,732)</u>	<u>358,236</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 298368

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 298368

**Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year 31 March 2022
for
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Rev Samuel Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
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Rev Ben Kord, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

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Pastor Kwame Owusu-Ansah, Dominion Centre, East London, UK
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Pastor Light Zaglago, Freedom Centre International, Telford, UK
Pastor Kelvin Barfour, Freedom Centre International, Luton, UK
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Mr Richard Owusu-Adu, Administrator, Dominion Centre, UK
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Miss Anna Adainoo, Administrator, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

OTHERS

Phillip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2022

MISSION STATEMENT

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the charity is to propagate the christian gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2021-2022, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

1. Increase its congregation membership
2. Undertake activities that would lead to spiritual growth of members and non-members and serve as a means of evangelising in its various communities.
3. Improve upon the provision of Youth programmes and childcare facilities to benefit both members and the local communities
4. To provide educational training in Information and Communication Technology, First Aid, Social care and life skills for members and others within the local communities
5. To contribute to the work of local authority decision making bodies and pressure groups by nominating members to participate in the work of such bodies
6. To contribute to community based projects in partnership with other churches in the areas in which UPG branches are located.
7. To extend charitable hardship relief to the needy and support missionary work in Africa, Asia and Europe.
8. To acquire premises in various locations to extend the work of the ministry.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the public benefit in preparing the Trustees' report and the following nine-page report shows in some detail how this has been achieved.

The charity was involved in Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase christian awareness and spread the love and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The effort, commitment and skills of our volunteers are at the heart of the charity. Some of our long standing volunteers have worked with us for considerable periods contributing invaluable time and skills.

There are approximately 5 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 780 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £9.50 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £7,410. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

OBJECTIVE 1 - SUSTAIN AND INCREASE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP

Television and Media Ministry

As COVID-19 lockdown rules were eased in 2021, our churches began to go back to in-person worship. Hybrid worship, a blended approach to in-person and online ministry, has become an effective way we reach our members. Our approach was to continue to give access to those unable to attend onsite and make it a new means of bringing people to Christ who may never come to our church building.

The churches fully utilised and maximised the following platforms for its activities through live streams and availability later online to promote its programs

Zoom
GoToMeeting
WhatsApp
YouTube
Facebook
Instagram
Twitter
Snapchat

The programs continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the Church.

Dominion Centre's website has undergone extensive maintenance to make it more accessible, engaging, and interactive. Global interest in the site led more people to visit our local Church, and some eventually joined. Downloadable forms, streaming video of services, future events, and full social media integration are some features available to site

FCI continued to use television and social media to spread the Christian gospel. Religious programmes were broadcast weekly on Faith TV (SKY589) in Europe, You Tube and Facebook. This ministry is supported through monthly donations by members of the FCI Media Club.

FCI used its established online platforms and community to maintain its membership during the pandemic. In addition, archived sermons recorded at FCI were uploaded on YouTube.

The Church on the Go App which was launched by FCI in 2020/2021 year to ensure that members were kept up to date on activities and had access to resources at FCI during the pandemic was maintained. The App, which runs on all mobile platforms, allows members to book virtual appointments with a pastor, watch services online, receive notices of service times etc. The App is open to all and free to subscribe.

The 24-hour prayer room online continued to offer prayers for all who needed a place to pray. The prayer line also offered three daily prayer sessions led by a pastor.

Freedom Walk continued to feature recorded versions of FCI church services, conferences, and seminars. The programmes, including the live broadcasts continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the church.

Father' Heart Centre in Birmingham carried out its activities online and in person.

Church branches and missions

The affiliate churches in West London, South London (Modern), Peckham, East London, Luton, Telford, West Yorkshire, and Edinburgh continued to grow just as other affiliates in Dallas (USA), East Legon (Ghana), Adenta (Ghana) and Murcia (Spain).

FCI organised joint activities online in which all branches, especially those in the UK participated

During the year, there were about 7 mission activities undertaken by FCI.

Overall church membership has not decreased very much due the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 5000.

Bookshop & Conference Facilities

Communal use of the halls of both DC and FCI for conferences and social events started again during the year when restrictions were eased.

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The DC and FCI Christian bookshops which play a key role in increasing public interest in the churches were also open during the year.

OBJECTIVE 2 -SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Programmes for Women

The Yoke Breakers' Morning Glory prayer meetings were convened via a telephone prayer conference facility but hosted some seminars in-person (Switch On Again) and others on zoom when lockdown restrictions were in place. Women shared from the Bible, prayed, and engaged in interactive sessions. These meetings mobilised women to renew their passion for Jesus through praying unceasingly and participating in ministry prayer initiatives. They proved immensely successful and drew an average of 115 ladies. The ministry organised these hybrid events to cater to all women's age groups.

Yummy Mummies (a group of mothers for under-five-year-olds) met online to share advice relating to motherhood and parenting. The over 50 years old, women, the Golden Ladies, met on Zoom to pray and interact. Aroma (a group of Married women) had virtual sessions every other month to discuss ways to improve their marriages. Spices, the young unmarried women, and Salt, the older unmarried women, held Zoom sessions to focus on their careers and deepen their relationship with the Lord. Girls Talk sessions were held on Snapchat to help teenage girls stay engaged and involved by providing various age-appropriate faith-based activities on an ongoing basis.

The ministry organised a Virtual End of Year Celebration on zoom, which attracted 200 ladies and featured testimonies, comedy, music, and various interactive entertainment segments. In addition, their Mother's Day Celebrations were held in person with great musical performances, words of appreciation from the children, awards for outstanding women, and refreshments for the women who attended.

Programmes for Men

In 2021/2022, The 'Men in Action' prayer meetings and seminars continued Zoom. The Men were educated by doctors about different health conditions, how to improve their diet, and other related health information. In addition, finance, wealth creation, and seminars were organised to advise men about finances, credit checks, real estate, wills, and probate.

Retreats, Camp Meetings and Prayer Meetings

All UPGM meetings by departments, for prayers, and seminars were partially held online and in-person when lockdown rules were eased. All outside retreats and camp meetings were cancelled.

Home Care Fellowship

During the year, Dominion Centre Homecare Fellowships progressed with virtual meetings for more significant impact with existing cell groups and explored outreach in new areas. This ministry remained a forum for Bible discussions, and interactive social fellowship established closer membership support and was open to members of the local community. It has continued to offer opportunities for questions and answers and social interactions in an informal atmosphere. These meetings are held twice a month. The introduction of social media platforms such as Google Meet, WhatsApp Group Calls, Zoom, and Skype meetings have enhanced the connectivity of members from any part of the world.

Water Baptism and Child Dedication

In adherence to government protocols, all water baptisms were stopped. Seventeen children were dedicated to the Lord by their parents when places of worship were permitted to hold physical services and there were 5 naming ceremonies.

OBJECTIVE 3 - PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Youth Programmes and Services

Teens Programs/Service

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The DC Youth ministry held the Sunday school classes for the youth twice a month on Zoom until they resumed in-person meetings in January 2022. The youth leaders ran these classes to teach the youth about foundational biblical truths. They assist the youth in understanding the spiritual and legal implications of issues affecting them and help them avoid negative peer pressure and other social vices. It was also a chance for them to pray and worship together. The teachings were structured in a way that made the biblical themes relatable to their lives and relevant to the times they lived in. The DC Youth ministry put their end-of-term "Chill Zones" on hold. However, online events such as life skills, career advice webinars, and motivational talks were organised. There was no "Youth Alive" Conference this year.

Young Adults (The Table) Programs/Services

The 20+ young adults at Dominion Centre moved online their weekly "The Table DC" services. It provided a place where people connected to Holy Spirit inspired praise, worship, and prayers to God. This was done in a contemporary style and accompanied by Bible-based teaching to share the love of God with this generation. The Table DC went virtual with their twice-a-month Bible study, where young adults collectively studied and applied the truths of the Bible to their lives. It provided an opportunity for them to network and share experiences together. Testimonies have been shared following people receiving the answer to prayers. The online meetings served as an opportunity for those new to the faith to ask questions and understand the fundamentals of our faith. The Table DC used the powerful medium of social media to reach those traditionally not reached with the Good News. By streaming the services live on social media and connecting with new audiences on various platforms (like podcast services), the Church has received testimonies from young adults of how the life-changing messages have blessed them. The Regeneration Youth Ministry at FCI, organised weekly youth service, prayer and bible studies on Instagram and YouTube every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Each service attracted an average of 50 young people.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry of Dominion Centre conveyed Christian ideals in an age-appropriate manner via engaging online experiences, meaningful music, and ministry encouraging kids to engage, producing moments that the children will never forget. The ministry was also a lifeline for parents and caregivers, offering them guidance and resources for nurturing their children in a Christian environment. The children continued recording from home and had lessons in various media formats, quiz review videos, worship songs, and Scripture films via their online platforms until in-person services resumed on 4th July 2021 with a welcome party. During their first service back, the children presented various God-given talents and skills they had developed during the lockdown. In addition, several events were organised, including poetry writing and recitations, song-writing workshops, and performances.

The teachers organised movie days and other exciting events/activities for children at least every other month. They also watched films together that supported the topics they were learning. In addition, every class had the opportunity to watch a video of wisdom nuggets. It was very competitive with many gifts won by outstanding children, and rewards were given to celebrate good participation. The Children's ministry did not hold its annual Children's Day event, usually held in October. However, the ministry organised an entertaining Christmas Thanksgiving Party where the children dressed in their colourful Christmas costumes, exchanged surprise Christmas presents, and had a dancing competition, great food, takeaway goodies, and talented musical performances.

The Children's ministry used this transition period after the pandemic to build strong relationships with parents. Now more than ever, the interactive weekly hybrid programs have become a supportive resource for parents struggling to keep their kids occupied for many hours of the day. Opportunities like this allowed the team to resource families while equipping parents to fulfil their primary responsibility of discipling their children.

FCI set up a weekly activity dubbed Saturday Bible Club via zoom for children 2 to 11 years. The class offered bible lessons along with other creative learning activities. Each session attracted up to 50 children and was open to all.

OBJECTIVES 4 -PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

The training and mentoring activities involving businesspeople and entrepreneurs known as the Tent Makers and The Ministerial Academy of in-house pastors and leadership training programmes of FCI as well as the Kingdom Ministry Training School of DC to train disciples for missions and ministry continued to be cancelled.

Prestige School - Dominion Centre's Saturday School sessions remained cancelled

OBJECTIVE 5- PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES

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Community Engagement Activities

Southwark for Jesus - This is a network of churches in Southwark who work together for common purpose & betterment of Southwark. A member of the FCI branch sits on the steering committee.

Transform Bexley Borough (TBB) - FCI joined the TBB group, which made up of various faith organisations and the police.

Southwark Community Care Forum - This is a community group that works with families and young people in Southwark. A member of FCI is part of the group.

Common Purpose - This is a fraternity of senior managers who meet quarterly to discuss strategies that will improve their work. They also volunteer their time on various community projects. A member of FCI sits on the steering committee.

Ghana Christian Council, UK, and Ireland. FCI continued its membership of the organisation, which sees to the welfare and needs of Ghanaian led churches in the UK. The Zoom account of FCI was used to host an online prayer service to support all affected directly or indirectly by the pandemic. The event attracted more than 1000 Views online. The FCI Zoom platform was also used to hold GCCUK meetings.

UPGM is a member of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and the Evangelical Alliance (EA)

Police & Clergy Initiative (London Borough of Haringey) - Organised by the Metropolitan Police to bring down crime rates in inner city boroughs.

Haringey Peace Alliance - This organisation works to reduce violence on the streets of North London and foster good relationship between delinquent youth and their families.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7 - COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS AND EXTENDING CHARITABLE HARDSHIP RELIEF

Prison Ministry

The public health guidelines issued in 2021/2022 were challenging to both DC Prison Ministry Team and the inmates as we were not allowed into the Prisons. However, with the collaboration from other churches, the team purchased materials for artwork, books, and letters of encouragement delivered to HMP Cookham Wood.

Community and International Outreach

The Welfare Team is an essential arm of our community outreach ministry, but the pandemic constrained their activities. Hampers containing provisions were also given out in the community during the Christmas celebrations. The team supports the government's move to promote public awareness of healthy living, blood pressure, blood sugar levels, and cholesterol checks. The Welfare team partners with many care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, and police to identify and support people in crisis. In response to the difficulty faced by members because of the pandemic, FCI welfare team maintained its food bank established in 2020/21 to support all in need. The foodbank was funded through donations by members. It stocked non-perishable food items and nappies for babies. Over 150 people have benefited from the foodbank to date. FCI donated clothing, shoes and baby items to Zion Ministries in Sierra Leone led by Rev Michael Kanu.

Compassion UK

UPGM is partnering with Compassion UK leading to individuals within the ministry and groups sponsoring children overseas, largely in Africa. These donations by members continued during the year.

Counselling & Visitation Services

All voluntary counselling work was done on the phone to support a lot of people whose challenges were escalated by the lockdown. This team of volunteers includes church ministers, marriage counsellors, social workers, and midwives. Some of them provided useful services by offering emotional and physical support services to new mothers and babies. Hospital visitations were minimised although the team undertook grocery shopping for both the church and local individuals. The Visitation teams also offered support for bereaved members by supporting them and offering prayers.

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Marriages

Seven marriages were registered and solemnised in 2021/2022.

During the year, the following church events were organised virtually:

- Dominion Easter Convention in April 2021, themed "Victory."
- The Vaccination Conversation Webinar in April 2022.
- Relationship Seminars in August, October 2021, and February 2022.
- Dominion Summit in October 2021, themed "Return In His Power."
- Next Level Conference in January 2022, themed "Power To The Next Level."
- Dominion Easter Convention in March 2022, themed "Eternal Life."
- Freedom Impact Conference.

Social Events

Our International Day social event, seaside trips, Community Summer Barbeque, Christmas Party, and Awards Night were not held as per our risk management.

OBJECTIVE 8 - ACQUIRE BUILDINGS FOR USE AS PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of Worship

The ministry continued to look at how it could continue to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent. During the year, there were major structural works and planned installation of a new fire and intruder alarm system. Unfortunately, FCI was unable to undertake these due to financial constraints caused by the pandemic. The branches in Edinburgh and Luton continued to make refurbishments on their purchased property. Due to the financial constraints caused by the pandemic, no major work was undertaken in the Peckham branch in 2021/22.

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The times of worship and prayers summarised below were adjusted as appropriate during the lockdown and as specified by government regulations. The times of worship and prayers during total lockdown differed from when churches were allowed to worship in person with restrictions. The times have been retained below for use when the pandemic is over.

DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Sunday 12.00pm - 1.00pm Youth Bible study Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm Intercessory Prayer
Friday 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm Deliverance Prayer
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30pm (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer Cells/Discipleship Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek Service/New Members Class
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom Time / Unemployed
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FATHER'S HEART CENTRE - BIRMINGHAM

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing Service

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DOMINION CHAPEL - WEST LONDON

Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service

Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Meeting/New Believer's class

DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON

Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00 pm Worship Service

Friday 8.00pm -11.00 pm Prayer and Deliverance Meeting

DOMINION CENTRE - South London

Sunday 4:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service

Tuesday 7:30 pm - 9:45pm Prayer & Deliverance Meeting

STRATEGY FOR 2022-2023

In response to the ministry's overall performance in achieving our principal objectives, the leadership of the various branches have set out to build upon and expand the church's performance and activities in the coming year. To do this the ministry is aiming to embark on the following activities:

- " Grow the online ministry programs of the churches to reach more viewers across the world.
- " Acquire church properties for FCI branches in Telford in the UK as well as in Accra-Ghana to enable the churches to grow.
- " To lay the groundwork for acquiring a property for the West London church instead of leasing
- " Increase church membership by opening new branches in major UK cities and various parts of London.
- " Extend the TV and social media ministry programmes to other branches in the USA and Africa.
- " Continue with outstanding refurbishment works in Welling and the Edinburgh church
- " Expand our involvement in community-based activities
- " Increase youth community-based activities by training more youth leaders.
- " Focus more activities that will develop the spiritual needs and the family life of its members and non-members through conventions, seminars, crusades, and prayer retreats.
- " Increase the public use of the premises of UPG ministry.
- " Train and send out ministers and evangelists to establish churches outside the U

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES continue to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

- " Good follow-up methods in our outreach and evangelism projects
- " Involving service users to participate in the decision-making process of projects particularly, the youth initiatives.
- " Success in achieving our objectives
- " Showing genuine compassion to local community members.
- " Training and empowering people through Bible teaching, seminars, and leadership training programmes.
- " Equipping members to be responsible and influential members of their community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year, incoming resources were a combination of members' tithes, offerings, gift aid and donations.

Overall, total income generated was £1,580,506 (2021 - £1,458,211).

The Charity made a surplus of £174,197 (2021- £190,519). After taking account of the operations of the charity for the year, the charity's available funds stand at (5,636,962) on 31 March 2022 (£5,462,765 on 31 March 2021).

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £200,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitment.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and my Report of the Independent Auditor thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

My responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditor that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

An auditor conducting an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) is responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.


Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my Report of the Independent Auditor.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Francis King & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants &
Registered Auditor
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Francis Folegusko (Principal)


25 November 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	1,384,826	1,400,482
Other trading activities	3	171,640	38,379
Other income		24,040	19,350
Total		1,580,506	1,458,211
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	3,586	569
Charitable activities	5		
Charitable		1,381,373	1,267,123
Other		21,350	-
Total		1,406,309	1,267,692
NET INCOME		174,197	190,519
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		5,462,765	5,272,246
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,636,962	5,462,765

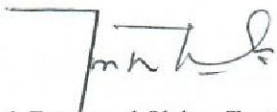
The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	9,399,265	9,401,285
Investments	11	30,000	27,000
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		9,429,265	9,428,285
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	88,421	83,764
Prepayments and accrued income		24,104	12,099
Cash at bank		482,708	438,834
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		595,233	534,697
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(308,908)	(248,009)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		286,325	286,688
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,715,590	9,714,973
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,078,628)	(4,252,208)
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NET ASSETS		5,636,962	5,462,765
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FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		5,636,962	5,462,765
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TOTAL FUNDS		5,636,962	5,462,765
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>401,079</u>	<u>309,039</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>401,079</u>	<u>309,039</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(76,033)	(41,577)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(3,000)	-
Sale of fixed asset investments		-	27,000
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(79,033)</u>	<u>(14,577)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Capital repayments in year		<u>(278,172)</u>	<u>(11,381)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(278,172)</u>	<u>(11,381)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>43,874</u>	<u>283,081</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>438,834</u>	<u>155,753</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>482,708</u></u>	<u><u>438,834</u></u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		174,197	190,519
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		78,053	78,558
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		95,863	(8,605)
Increase in creditors		52,966	48,567
		<u>401,079</u>	<u>309,039</u>
Net cash provided by operations		<u>401,079</u>	<u>309,039</u>
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT			
	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	438,834	43,874	482,708
	<u>438,834</u>	<u>43,874</u>	<u>482,708</u>
Debt			
Hire purchase and finance leases	(57,225)	11,382	(45,843)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(146,274)	-	(146,274)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(4,194,983)	162,198	(4,032,785)
	<u>(4,398,482)</u>	<u>173,580</u>	<u>(4,224,902)</u>
Total	<u>(3,959,648)</u>	<u>217,454</u>	<u>(3,742,194)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,120,968	1,060,303
Gift aid	209,090	217,334
Grants	54,768	122,845
	<u>1,384,826</u>	<u>1,400,482</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other grants	<u>54,768</u>	<u>122,845</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Conferences & Camp meetings	40,325	-
Fundraising	20,158	8,579
Hall hire & rentals	83,157	1,800
Rent receivable	28,000	28,000
	<u>171,640</u>	<u>38,379</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Conferences & camp meetings	3,059	-
Media, CDs & Resources	527	569
	<u>3,586</u>	<u>569</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>780,529</u>	<u>600,844</u>	<u>1,381,373</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £
Charitable	<u>265,981</u>	<u>153,949</u>	<u>1,391</u>
	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>140,221</u>	<u>39,302</u>	<u>600,844</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £Nil (Year ended 31 March 2021 - £Nil)

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Wages and salaries	436,524	434,328
Social security costs	46,888	40,722
Other pension costs	7,761	7,029
	<u>491,173</u>	<u>482,079</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Charitable and pastoral	-	7
Support and administration	-	6
	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,400,482
Other trading activities	38,379
Other income	19,350
Total	<u>1,458,211</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	569
Charitable activities	
Charitable	1,267,123
Total	<u>1,267,692</u>
NET INCOME	<u>190,519</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	5,272,246
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>5,462,765</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	9,325,793	110,859	1,481,346
Additions	-	-	63,321
At 31 March 2022	<u>9,325,793</u>	<u>110,859</u>	<u>1,544,667</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	345,069	4,530	1,277,212
Charge for year	-	-	53,491
At 31 March 2022	<u>345,069</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1,330,703</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u><u>8,980,724</u></u>	<u><u>106,329</u></u>	<u><u>213,964</u></u>
At 31 March 2021	<u><u>8,980,724</u></u>	<u><u>106,329</u></u>	<u><u>204,134</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	107,309	117,431	11,142,738
Additions	12,712	-	76,033
At 31 March 2022	120,021	117,431	11,218,771
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	43,993	70,649	1,741,453
Charge for year	15,206	9,356	78,053
At 31 March 2022	59,199	80,005	1,819,506
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	60,822	37,426	9,399,265
At 31 March 2021	63,316	46,782	9,401,285

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other	30,000	27,000

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Investments and projects	30,000	27,000

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other debtors	14,444	28,794
Gift aid receivable	73,977	54,970
	88,421	83,764

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	146,274	146,274
Trade creditors	6,229	5,352
Taxation and social security	148,472	83,154
Other creditors	7,933	13,229
	<u>308,908</u>	<u>248,009</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 15)	4,032,785	4,194,983
Hire purchase and finance leases (see note 16)	45,843	57,225
	<u>4,078,628</u>	<u>4,252,208</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>146,274</u>	<u>146,274</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>292,548</u>	<u>292,548</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,740,237	3,902,435

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

	Hire purchase contracts		Finance leases	
	31.3.22	31.3.21	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Net obligations repayable:				
Between one and five years	<u>(11,382)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,225</u>	<u>57,225</u>

17. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>4,179,059</u>	<u>4,341,257</u>

The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,462,765	174,197	5,636,962
	<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>174,197</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>174,197</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,580,506	(1,406,309)	174,197
	<u>1,580,506</u>	<u>(1,406,309)</u>	<u>174,197</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,580,506</u>	<u>(1,406,309)</u>	<u>174,197</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,272,246	190,519	5,462,765
	<u>5,272,246</u>	<u>190,519</u>	<u>5,462,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,272,246</u>	<u>190,519</u>	<u>5,462,765</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,458,211	(1,267,692)	190,519
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,458,211</u>	<u>(1,267,692)</u>	<u>190,519</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,272,246	364,716	5,636,962
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,272,246</u>	<u>364,716</u>	<u>5,636,962</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,038,717	(2,674,001)	364,716
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,038,717</u>	<u>(2,674,001)</u>	<u>364,716</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,120,968	1,060,303
Gift aid	209,090	217,334
Grants	54,768	122,845
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	1,384,826	1,400,482
Other trading activities		
Conferences & Camp meetings	40,325	-
Fundraising	20,158	8,579
Hall hire & rentals	83,157	1,800
Rent receivable	28,000	28,000
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	171,640	38,379
Other income		
Sundry receipts	24,040	19,350
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total incoming resources	1,580,506	1,458,211
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Conferences & camp meetings	3,059	-
Media, CDs & Resources	527	569
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	3,586	569
Charitable activities		
Wages	279,621	278,722
Social security	30,374	30,291
Pensions	5,155	4,525
Rates and water	129,167	127,195
Ministry & Outreach & Media	53,427	70,696
Ministerial services	93,108	93,108
Donations to charities	17,080	2,821
Ministry and outreach	41,062	40,901
Music and church choir	11,259	2,620
Training & community projects	-	500
Security services	3,727	1,507
Website, internet & IT	10,396	12,644
Hall hire & refunds	28,100	1,016
Plant and machinery	53,491	51,033
Fixtures and fittings	15,206	15,829
Carried forward	771,173	733,408

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	771,173	733,408
Motor vehicles	9,356	11,696
	<hr/> 780,529	<hr/> 745,104
Other		
Adverts and publicity	21,350	-
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	43,893	40,436
Light and heat	17,128	49,702
Telephone	9,488	10,654
Printing and publications	17,889	9,846
Licences and subscriptions	4,963	4,127
Repair, maintenance & cleaning	154,953	66,761
Travel & motor expenses	17,667	13,711
	<hr/> 265,981	<hr/> 195,237
Finance		
Mortgage interest	139,584	138,526
Bank & credit card charges	14,365	14,422
	<hr/> 153,949	<hr/> 152,948
Information technology		
Equipment expensed and rental	1,391	1,793
Human resources		
Wages	127,593	124,946
Social security	10,022	9,762
Pensions	2,606	2,504
	<hr/> 140,221	<hr/> 137,212
Governance costs		
Book keeping and accounting	29,310	30,660
Legal & professional fees	6,492	669
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
	<hr/> 39,302	<hr/> 34,829
Total resources expended	<hr/> 1,406,309	<hr/> 1,267,692
Net income	<hr/> 174,197	<hr/> 190,519

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 298368

Accounts

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Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors

(Registered as auditors in the United Kingdom by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

for

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Mr Emmanuel Oloke, FCCA
Mr Peter Yaw Amankwa
Mr Jerry Nii Tawiah

SENIOR PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Samuel Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
Rev Dr Shadrach Ofosuware, Freedom Centre International, UK
Rev Ben Kord, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

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Rev Mrs Betty Ohene-Apraku, Dominion Centre, UK
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Pastor Femi Ilori, Dominion Centre, UK
Pastor Kwame Owusu-Ansah, Dominion Centre, East London, UK
Pastor Albert Tetteh, Dominion Centre, South London UK
Pastor Light Zaglago, Freedom Centre International, Telford, UK
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ADMINISTRATION

Mr Richard Owusu-Adu, Administrator, Dominion Centre, UK
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Miss Anna Adainoo, Administrator, Father's Heart Centre, Birmingham, UK

OTHERS

Phillip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

MISSION STATEMENT

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the charity is to propagate the christian gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2021-2021, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

1. Increase its congregation membership
2. Undertake activities that would lead to spiritual growth of members and non-members and serve as a means of evangelising in its various communities.
3. Improve upon the provision of Youth programmes and childcare facilities to benefit both members and the local communities
4. To provide educational training in Information and Communication Technology, First Aid, Social care and life skills for members and others within the local communities
5. To contribute to the work of local authority decision making bodies and pressure groups by nominating members to participate in the work of such bodies
6. To contribute to community based projects in partnership with other churches in the areas in which UPG branches are located.
7. To extend charitable hardship relief to the needy and support missionary work in Africa, Asia and Europe.
8. To acquire premises in various locations to extend the work of the ministry.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the public benefit in preparing the Trustees' report and the following nine-page report shows in some detail how this has been achieved.

The charity was involved in Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase christian awareness and spread the love and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The effort, commitment and skills of our volunteers are at the heart of the charity. Some of our long standing volunteers have worked with us for considerable periods contributing invaluable time and skills.

There are approximately 5 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 780 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £8.92 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £6,958. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE **ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

OBJECTIVE 1 - SUSTAIN AND INCREASE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP

Television and Media Ministry

The UK government declared a countrywide lockdown because of Covid-19 pandemic in April 2020 which did not allow physical church activities. As a result, all church activities moved to online platforms. At DC the approach was to prioritise the virtual experience of sharing together as a community, recognising that whilst we were not able to physically gather, we could nonetheless have a 'live' gathering for worship, being present together in time if not in space. Services were recorded and streamed to allow worship to continue throughout the various stages of lockdown, with the quality and content of the recordings improving all the time. Dominion Centre fully utilised and maximised its weekly service live streams, and online media programs promotion on various media platforms.

Dominion Centre continued to develop its website with more compelling information, to make it user friendly and more interactive. For Test and Trace purposes during lockdown, church members and all visitors registered each week via the Eventbrite plugin on the website before attending in person service when lockdown was eased to allow limited congregational worship. The online services and website have increased the number of worldwide visitors and, from their growing interest some have come to visit the church, and some have become members.

FCI continued to use television and social media to spread the Christian gospel. Religious programmes were broadcast weekly on Faith TV (SKY589) in Europe, You Tube and Facebook. This ministry is supported through monthly donations by members of the FCI Media Club. FCI used its established online platforms and community to maintain its membership during the pandemic. The church's following in 2020/21 on Facebook increased to 30,000 and over 3000 subscribers on YouTube. FCI did broadcast Sunday and Wednesday services live online via its website and Facebook pages. In addition, archived sermons recorded at FCI were uploaded on YouTube.

The Church on the Go App was launched by FCI during the year to ensure that members were kept up to date on activities and had access to resources at FCI during the pandemic. The App, which runs on all mobile platforms, allows members to book virtual appointments with a pastor, watch services online, receive notices of service times etc. The App is open to all and free to subscribe to. To date, 850 members have subscribed to the Church App.

A 24-hour prayer room was set up online for all who needed a place to pray during the lockdown. The prayer line also offered three daily prayer sessions led by a pastor. This initiative has been very successful, with an average of 200 participants joining in each prayer session. All the online and virtual sessions used the following media platforms:

Zoom
GoToMeeting
WhatsApp
YouTube
Facebook
Instagram
Twitter
Snapchat

Freedom Walk continued to feature recorded versions of FCI church services, conferences, and seminars. The programmes, including the live broadcasts continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the church.

Father' Heart Centre in Birmingham carried out its activities online.

Church branches and missions

The affiliate churches in West London, South London (Modern), Peckham, East London, Luton, Telford, West Yorkshire, and Edinburgh continued to grow just as other affiliates in Dallas (USA), East Legon (Ghana), Adenta (Ghana) and Murcia (Spain).

The FCI French Church participants joined the online English activities.

During the year, there were no mission activities undertaken by FCI because of the pandemic.

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Overall church membership has not decreased very much due the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 5200.

Bookshop & Conference Facilities

There was no communal use of the halls of both DC and FCI for conferences and social events because of the pandemic.

The DC and FCI Christian bookshops which play a key role in increasing public interest in the churches were also closed, because they were deemed non-essential retail outlets.

OBJECTIVE 2 -SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

Programmes for Women

In response to lockdown, the Women's Ministry of Dominion Centre held all their monthly early 'Morning Glory' prayer meetings via a telephone prayer conference facility and hosted their seminars on Zoom. These proved immensely successful and drew on average 100 ladies. The ministry organised online events to cater for all women age groups. Yummy Mummies (a group of mothers for under-five-year-olds) met online to share advice relating to motherhood and parenting. The over 50 years old women, the Golden Ladies, met on Zoom to pray and interact. Aroma (a group of married women) had virtual sessions every other month to discuss ways to improve their marriages. Spices, the young unmarried women and Salt, the older unmarried women both held Zoom sessions to focus on their careers and deepen their relationship with the Lord. The ministry organised a Virtual Zoom Christmas party in December 2020 which attracted 150 ladies.

Monthly early Morning Prayer and Breakfast meetings were held on Zoom. They shared from the Bible, prayed and engaged in interactive sessions virtually. The Conference Prayer Line was used to mobilise women to renew their passion for Jesus through praying unceasingly and participating in ministry prayer initiatives. Girls Talk sessions were held on Snapchat to help teenage girls stay engaged and involved by providing a variety of age-appropriate faith-based activities on an on-going basis.

Programmes for Men

In 2020/2021, the Men's Ministry at DC transferred their quarterly 'Men- In-Action' prayer meetings and seminars to Zoom. The Men were educated by doctors about different health conditions as well as how to improve their diet and other related health information. Various finance, wealth creation, wills and probate seminars were organised to advise men about finances, credit checks, real estate, etc. The men were also encouraged to be physically active and stay hydrated.

Retreats, Camp Meetings and Prayer Meetings

All UPGM meetings, services, prayers, workshops, and seminars were held online. All retreats and camp meetings were cancelled.

Home Care Fellowship

During the year, Dominion Centre Homecare Fellowships held virtual meetings and explored outreach in new areas. This ministry continued to remain as a forum for Bible discussions, interactive social fellowship to establish closer membership support and that of the local community. It has continued to offer opportunities for questions and answers and social interactions in an informal atmosphere. These meetings are held twice a month. The introduction of social media platforms such as Google Meet, WhatsApp Group Calls, Zoom, and Skype meetings have enhanced connectivity of members from any part of the world.

Water Baptism and Child Dedication

In adherence to the lockdown protocols, all water baptisms and child dedications were cancelled.

OBJECTIVE 3 - PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Youth Programmes and Services

Teens Programs/Service

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The DC Youth ministry held the Sunday school classes for the youth twice a month on Zoom. These online classes were run by the youth leaders to teach the youth about foundational biblical truths. It was also a chance for them to pray and worship virtually together. The teachings were structured in a way that made the biblical themes relatable to their lives and relevant to the times they live in. The DC Youth ministry cancelled their end of term "Chill Zones". However, online events such as life skills, career advice, webinars and motivational talks were organised. The "Youth Alive" Conference, the annual conference of DC Youth was also cancelled.

Young Adults (The Table) Programs/Services

The 20+ young adults at Dominion Centre moved their weekly "The Table DC" services online. It provided a place where people connected to Holy Spirit inspired praise, worship, and prayers to God. This was done in a contemporary style and accompanied by Bible-based teaching to share the love of God to this generation. The Table DC went virtual with their twice a month bible study where young adults collectively studied and applied the truths of the Bible to their lives. It provided an opportunity for them to network and share experiences together. Testimonies have been shared following people receiving the answer to prayers. The online meetings served as an opportunity for those who are new in the faith to ask questions and understand the fundamentals of our faith. The Table DC used the powerful medium of social media to reach those traditionally not reached with the Good News. By streaming the services live on social media and connecting with new audiences on various platforms (like podcast service); Church has been receiving testimonies from young adults of how the life-changing messages have blessed them.

The Regeneration Youth Ministry at FCI, moved all its activities online. They organised weekly youth service, prayer and Bible studies on Instagram and YouTube every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Each service attracted an average of 50 young people.

Children's Ministry

The Children ministry used the time in lockdown to build strong relationships with parents. Now more than ever, the interactive weekly online programs have become a supportive resource for parents struggling to keep their kids occupied for many hours of the day. Opportunities like this allowed the team to resource families while equipping parents to fulfil their primary responsibility of disciplining their children.

Through fun online experiences, meaningful music and ministry that encourage kids to participate, the Children's Ministry of Dominion Centre appropriately virtually presented Christian values, creating moments which children will never forget. It also provided essential support to parents/carer in the areas of Christian Child Development. Each weekly online service included home recordings from the children, multimedia teachings; quiz review segments; praise & worship tracks & videos; Bible verse videos, and interactive printed materials. The children showcased their God-given talent and aspects they have been learning all through the year. Poems writing/recitals, in-house music writing projects and singing are some of the activities organised online.

The teachers organised movie days, and other exciting events/activities for children at least every other month on Zoom. They also watched films together on zoom that supported the topics they were learning. Every class had the opportunity to watch a video of wisdom nuggets. It was very competitive with lots of gifts won by outstanding children, and rewards were given to celebrate good participation. The Children's ministry at DC cancelled their annual Children's Day event which was usually held in October. The Summer Playscheme which the Children's Ministry has been providing since 2012 for both children in DC and the community were cancelled due to lockdown restrictions.

Bar Mitzvah and Children's Day celebrations at FCI were cancelled due to the lockdown. The church set up weekly activities via Zoom for children from 2-11 years. The classes offered Bible lessons along with other creative learning activities. Each session attracted up to 50 children and those outside the Ministry were encouraged to join.

OBJECTIVES 4 -PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

The training and mentoring activities involving business-people and entrepreneurs known as the Tent Makers and The Ministerial Academy of in-house pastors and leadership training programmes of FCI as well as the Kingdom Ministry Training School of DC to train disciples for missions and ministry were cancelled.

Prestige School - Dominion Centre's Saturday School sessions were cancelled during the lockdown.

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OBJECTIVE 5 -PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF LOCAL DECISION-MAKING BODIES

Community Engagement Activities

Southwark for Jesus - This is a network of churches in Southwark who work together for common purpose & betterment of Southwark. A member of the FCI branch sits on the steering committee.

Transform Bexley Borough (TBB) - FCI joined the TBB group, which made up of various faith organisations and the police.

Southwark Community Care Forum - This is a community group that works with families and young people in Southwark. A member of FCI is part of the group.

Common Purpose - This is a fraternity of senior managers who meet quarterly to discuss strategies that will improve their work. They also volunteer their time on various community projects. A member of FCI sits on the steering committee.

Ghana Christian Council, UK and Ireland. FCI continued its membership of the organisation, which sees to the welfare and needs of Ghanaian led churches in the UK. The Zoom account of FCI was used to host an online prayer service to support all affected directly or indirectly by the pandemic. The event attracted more than 1000 Views online. The FCI Zoom platform was also used to hold GCCUK meetings.

UPGM is a member of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and the Evangelical Alliance (EA)

Police & Clergy Initiative (London Borough of Haringey) - Organised by the Metropolitan Police to bring down crime rates in inner city boroughs.

Haringey Peace Alliance - This organisation works to reduce violence on the streets of North London and foster good relationship between delinquent youth and their families.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7 - COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS AND EXTENDING CHARITABLE HARDSHIP RELIEF

Prison Ministry

The COVID19 pandemic lockdown was challenging to both DC Prison Ministry Team and the inmates as we were not allowed into the Prisons. The team was able, with the collaboration from other churches to purchase materials for artwork, books and also wrote letters of encouragement which was delivered to HMP Cookham Wood.

Community and International Outreach

The Welfare Team is an essential arm of our community outreach ministry. Although their activities were constrained by the pandemic, the Welfare Ministry in association with the Haringey Foodbank and other church volunteers, sourced food from members and supermarkets. These were Packed in various weight categories and stored for distribution. Majority of the clients are community people from the Haringey area. The foodbank served an average of 15 people every Wednesday and has helped over 500 people since its inception. Well over 5,000 kilograms of food have been served to the community this year alone. The Welfare Ministry's links with other organisations in the community like the Metro bank - Wood Green, Food4U Ltd (European Food Wholesaler Company), and Funnel Ventures Ltd (an African Food Wholesaler) whose commitment, generous, and palliative food donations have been crucial in providing a minimum of three-day' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable tinned and dried foods for the less privileged since the Covid-19 pandemic started.

In response to the difficulty faced by some members and some in the community because of the pandemic, FCI's welfare team set up a food bank to support all in need. The foodbank was funded through voluntary donations by members. It stocked non-perishable food items and nappies for babies. Over 100 people have benefited from the foodbank to date.

FCI donated clothing, shoes and baby items to Zion Ministries in Sierra Leone led by Rev Michael Kanu.

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FCI donated boxes of assorted non-perishable food to Bexleyheath Food Bank. The women's ministry at FCI raised funds and donated to the Cancer Research shop in Bexleyheath.

Compassion UK

UPGM is partnering with Compassion UK leading to individuals within the ministry and groups sponsoring children overseas, largely in Africa. These donations by members continued during the year.

Counselling & Visitation Services

All voluntary counselling work was done on the phone to support a lot of people whose challenges were escalated by the lockdown. This team of volunteers includes church ministers, marriage counsellors, social workers and midwives. Some of them provided useful services by offering emotional and physical support services to new mothers and babies. Hospital visitations were minimised although the team undertook grocery shopping for both the church and local individuals. The Visitation teams also offered support for bereaved members by supporting them and offering prayers.

Social Events

Two marriages were registered and solemnised in 2020/2021

OBJECTIVE 8 - ACQUIRE BUILDINGS FOR USE AS PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of Worship

The ministry continued to look at how it could continue to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent. During the year, there were major structural works and planned installation of a new fire and intruder alarm system. Unfortunately, FCI was unable to undertake these due to financial constraints caused by the pandemic.

The branch in Edinburgh continued to make refurbishments on their purchased property.

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The times of worship and prayers summarised below were adjusted as appropriate during the lockdown and as specified by government regulations. The times of worship and prayers during total lockdown differed from when churches were allowed to worship in person with restrictions. The times have been retained below for use when the pandemic is over.

DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Sunday 12.00pm - 1.00pm Youth Bible study Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study
Thursday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm Intercessory Prayer
Friday 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm Deliverance Prayer
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30pm (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer Cells/Discipleship Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek Service/New Members Class
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom Time / Unemployed
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

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FATHER'S HEART CENTRE - BIRMINGHAM
Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing Service

DOMINION CHAPEL - WEST LONDON
Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service
Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Meeting/New Believer's class

DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON
Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00 pm Worship Service
Friday 8.00pm -11.00 pm Prayer and Deliverance Meeting

DOMINION CENTRE - South London
Sunday 4:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service
Tuesday 7:30 pm - 9:45pm Prayer & Deliverance Meeting

STRATEGY FOR 2021-2022

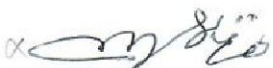
In response to the ministry's overall performance in achieving our principal objectives, the leadership of the various branches have set out to build upon and expand the church's performance and activities in the coming year. To do this the ministry is aiming to embark on the following activities:

- " Grow the online ministry programs of the churches to reach more viewers across the world;
- " Acquire church properties for FCI branches in Telford in the UK as well as in Accra-Ghana to enable the churches to grow;
- " To lay the groundwork for acquiring a property for the West London church instead of leasing
- " Increase church membership by opening new branches in major UK cities and various parts of London;
- " Extend the TV and social media ministry programmes to other branches in the USA and Africa;
- " Continue with outstanding refurbishment works in Welling and the Edinburgh church
- " Expand our involvement in community-based activities
- " Increase youth community-based activities by training more youth leaders;
- " Focus more activities that will develop the spiritual needs and the family life of its members and non-members through conventions, seminars, crusades and prayer retreats;
- " Increase the public use of the premises of UPG ministry.
- " Train and send out ministers and evangelists to establish churches outside the UK

CONCLUSION

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES continue to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

- " Good follow-up methods in our outreach and evangelism projects
- " Involving service users to participate in the decision-making process of projects particularly, the youth initiatives.
- " Success in achieving our objectives
- " Showing genuine compassion to local community members.
- " Training and empowering people through Bible teaching, seminars and leadership training programmes.
- " Equipping members to be responsible and influential members of their community.



Trustee

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £200,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitment.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES**

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and my Report of the Independent Auditor thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Report of the Independent Auditor to the Trustees of
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

My responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditor that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

An auditor conducting an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) is responsible for obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with ISAs (UK).

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my Report of the Independent Auditor.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my audit work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Francis Folarunso FCCA (PRINCIPAL)

[Signature]

Francis King & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants &
Registered Auditor
348 East Street
London
SE17 2SX

29 November 2021

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	1,400,482	1,464,143
Other trading activities	3	38,379	372,944
Other income		<u>19,350</u>	<u>28,298</u>
Total		1,458,211	1,865,385
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	569	82,295
Charitable activities	5		
Charitable		1,267,123	1,638,773
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>
Total		1,267,692	1,723,468
NET INCOME		190,519	141,917
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		5,272,246	5,130,329
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>5,272,246</u>

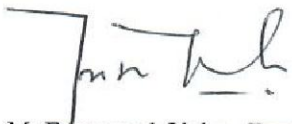
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UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	9,401,285	9,438,266
Investments	11	<u>27,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>
		9,428,285	9,492,266
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	83,764	80,877
Prepayments and accrued income		12,099	6,381
Cash at bank		<u>438,834</u>	<u>155,753</u>
		534,697	243,011
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(248,009)</u>	<u>(195,641)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>286,688</u>	<u>47,370</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,714,973	9,539,636
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	<u>(4,252,208)</u>	<u>(4,267,390)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>5,272,246</u>
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds		<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>5,272,246</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>5,462,765</u>	<u>5,272,246</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Emmanuel Oloke - Trustee



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>309,039</u>	<u>169,960</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>309,039</u>	<u>169,960</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(41,577)	(47,734)
Sale of fixed asset investments		<u>27,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(14,577)</u>	<u>(16,734)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		-	68,606
Loan repayments in year		-	(150,364)
Capital repayments in year		<u>(11,381)</u>	<u>(11,382)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(11,381)</u>	<u>(93,140)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		<u>283,081</u>	<u>60,086</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>155,753</u>	<u>95,667</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>438,834</u>	<u>155,753</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		190,519	141,917
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		78,558	87,803
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(8,605)	1,373
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		<u>48,567</u>	<u>(61,133)</u>
Net cash provided by operations		<u>309,039</u>	<u>169,960</u>
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT			
	At 1.4.20	Cash flow	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>155,753</u>	<u>283,081</u>	<u>438,834</u>
	<u>155,753</u>	<u>283,081</u>	<u>438,834</u>
Debt			
Finance leases	(68,606)	11,381	(57,225)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(146,274)	-	(146,274)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(4,198,784)</u>	<u>3,801</u>	<u>(4,194,983)</u>
	<u>(4,413,664)</u>	<u>15,182</u>	<u>(4,398,482)</u>
Total	<u>(4,257,911)</u>	<u>298,263</u>	<u>(3,959,648)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,060,303	1,176,849
Gift aid	217,334	287,294
Grants	<u>122,845</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,400,482</u>	<u>1,464,143</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other grants	<u>122,845</u>	<u>-</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Conferences & Camp meetings	-	173,315
Fundraising	8,579	11,605
Hall hire & rentals	1,800	160,024
Rent receivable	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
	<u>38,379</u>	<u>372,944</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Conferences & camp meetings	-	79,425
Media, CDs & Resources	<u>569</u>	<u>2,870</u>
	<u>569</u>	<u>82,295</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>745,104</u>	<u>522,019</u>	<u>1,267,123</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £
Charitable	<u>195,237</u>	<u>152,948</u>	<u>1,793</u>
	Human resources £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>137,212</u>	<u>34,829</u>	<u>522,019</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £Nil (Year ended 31 March 2020 - £Nil)

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Wages and salaries	434,328	410,537
Social security costs	40,722	42,124
Other pension costs	<u>7,029</u>	<u>7,041</u>
	<u>482,079</u>	<u>459,702</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Charitable and pastoral	7	7
Support and administration	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,464,143
Other trading activities	372,944
Other income	<u>28,298</u>
Total	1,865,385
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	82,295
Charitable activities	
Charitable	1,638,773
Other	<u>2,400</u>
Total	1,723,468
NET INCOME	141,917
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	5,130,329
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>5,272,246</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	9,325,793	110,859	1,464,618
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,728</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>9,325,793</u>	<u>110,859</u>	<u>1,481,346</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	345,069	4,530	1,226,179
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,033</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>345,069</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1,277,212</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>204,134</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>8,980,724</u>	<u>106,329</u>	<u>238,439</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	82,460	117,431	11,101,161
Additions	<u>24,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,577</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>107,309</u>	<u>117,431</u>	<u>11,142,738</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	28,164	58,953	1,662,895
Charge for year	<u>15,829</u>	<u>11,696</u>	<u>78,558</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>43,993</u>	<u>70,649</u>	<u>1,741,453</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>63,316</u>	<u>46,782</u>	<u>9,401,285</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>54,296</u>	<u>58,478</u>	<u>9,438,266</u>

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other	<u>27,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Investments and projects	<u>27,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other debtors	28,794	15,592
Gift aid receivable	<u>54,970</u>	<u>65,285</u>
	<u>83,764</u>	<u>80,877</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	146,274	146,274
Trade creditors	5,352	9,538
Taxation and social security	83,154	32,543
Other creditors	13,229	7,286
	<u>248,009</u>	<u>195,641</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 15)	4,194,983	4,198,784
Finance leases (see note 16)	57,225	68,606
	<u>4,252,208</u>	<u>4,267,390</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>146,274</u>	<u>146,274</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>292,548</u>	<u>292,548</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,902,435	3,906,236

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under finance leases fall due as follows:

	Finance leases	
	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Net obligations repayable:		
Between one and five years	<u>57,225</u>	<u>68,606</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

17. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>4,341,257</u>	<u>4,345,058</u>

The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.21
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,272,246	190,519	5,462,765
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,272,246</u>	<u>190,519</u>	<u>5,462,765</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,458,211	(1,267,692)	190,519
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,458,211</u>	<u>(1,267,692)</u>	<u>190,519</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.3.20
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,130,329	141,917	5,272,246
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,130,329</u>	<u>141,917</u>	<u>5,272,246</u>

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,865,385	(1,723,468)	141,917
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,865,385</u>	<u>(1,723,468)</u>	<u>141,917</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,130,329	332,436	5,462,765
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,130,329</u>	<u>332,436</u>	<u>5,462,765</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,323,596	(2,991,160)	332,436
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,323,596</u>	<u>(2,991,160)</u>	<u>332,436</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,060,303	1,176,849
Gift aid	217,334	287,294
Grants	<u>122,845</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,400,482	1,464,143
Other trading activities		
Conferences & Camp meetings	-	173,315
Fundraising	8,579	11,605
Hall hire & rentals	1,800	160,024
Rent receivable	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
	38,379	372,944
Other income		
Sundry receipts	19,350	17,250
JR Scheme Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>11,048</u>
	19,350	28,298
Total incoming resources	1,458,211	1,865,385
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Conferences & camp meetings	-	79,425
Media, CDs & Resources	<u>569</u>	<u>2,870</u>
	569	82,295
Charitable activities		
Wages	278,722	268,557
Social security	30,291	28,997
Pensions	4,525	4,438
Rates and water	127,195	166,556
Ministry & Outreach & Media	70,696	126,710
Ministerial services	93,108	96,368
Donations to charities	2,821	11,308
Ministry and outreach	40,901	104,383
Music and church choir	2,620	42,260
Training & community projects	500	4,445
Security services	1,507	26,099
Website, internet & IT	12,644	11,640
Carried forward	<u>665,530</u>	<u>891,761</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward		
Hall hire & refunds	665,530	891,761
Plant and machinery	1,016	76,367
Fixtures and fittings	51,033	59,610
Motor vehicles	15,829	13,574
	<u>11,696</u>	<u>14,619</u>
	745,104	1,055,931
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	40,436	40,185
Light and heat	49,702	42,064
Telephone	10,654	18,420
Printing and publications	9,846	21,569
Licences and subscriptions	4,127	3,936
Repair, maintenance & cleaning	66,761	91,804
Travel & motor expenses	13,711	18,914
	<u>195,237</u>	<u>236,892</u>
Finance		
Mortgage interest	138,526	160,864
Bank & credit card charges	14,422	22,999
	<u>152,948</u>	<u>183,863</u>
Information technology		
Equipment expensed and rental	1,793	3,277
Human resources		
Wages	124,946	120,467
Social security	9,762	9,983
Pensions	2,504	2,603
	<u>137,212</u>	<u>133,053</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy	30,660	21,513
Legal & professional fees	669	3,144
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
	<u>34,829</u>	<u>28,157</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,267,692</u>	<u>1,723,468</u>
Net income	<u>190,519</u>	<u>141,917</u>

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