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**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**  
**for**  
**UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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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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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  
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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



## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

### **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**

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##### **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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### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### **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](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](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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### **Report of the Trustees**

#### **for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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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#### **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 20 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee



**UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY****Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

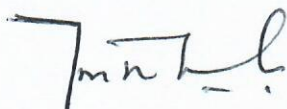


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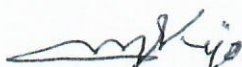
### Balance Sheet 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	9,389,876	9,368,066
Investments	11	-	30,000
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		9,389,876	9,398,066
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
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
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(359,656)	(351,885)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		252,041	305,028
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		9,641,917	9,703,094
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(3,665,251)	(3,882,093)
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		5,976,666	5,821,001
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<b>FUNDS</b>	18		
Unrestricted funds		5,976,666	5,821,001
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		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

The notes form part of these financial statements



**UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY****Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
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>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
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>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
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>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(98,715)</u>	<u>31,825</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>514,533</u>	<u>482,708</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>415,818</u>	<u>514,533</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



## UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

### 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	<u>514,533</u>	<u>(98,715)</u>	<u>415,818</u>
	<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	<u>(3,847,632)</u>	<u>218,132</u>	<u>(3,629,500)</u>
	<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>

The notes form part of these financial statements



## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

### **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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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 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
	<u>1,431,142</u>	<u>1,374,233</u>

#### 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
	<u>429,789</u>	<u>368,659</u>

#### 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	-
	<u>20,413</u>	<u>15,688</u>



## UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 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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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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



# UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

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

### 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
	169,039	124,938

# UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 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>



# UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 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 movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,821,001	155,665	5,976,666
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,896,933	(1,741,268)	155,665
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,896,933</u>	<u>(1,741,268)</u>	<u>155,665</u>

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,636,962	184,039	5,821,001
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,762,462	(1,578,423 )	184,039
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,636,962	339,704	5,976,666
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	3,659,395	(3,319,691 )	339,704
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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.



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**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](http://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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20 November 2024



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. King'.