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

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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**

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#### **Bankers**

Metro Bank  
HSBC Bank  
Barclays Bank

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

### **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.

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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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**

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

#### **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](http://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  
& Registered Auditors  
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29 January 2026



# **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

## **Statement of Financial Activities** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

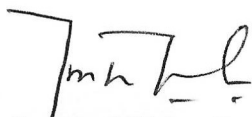
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## UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

### Balance Sheet 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	9,368,860	9,389,876
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
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
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(175,719)	(359,656)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>346,554</u>	<u>252,041</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		9,715,414	9,641,917
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(3,714,061)	(3,665,251)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17		
Unrestricted funds		<u>6,001,353</u>	<u>5,976,666</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<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



# **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

## **Cash Flow Statement** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(221,380)</u>	<u>215,643</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(221,380)</u>	<u>215,643</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(49,435)</u>	<u>(97,518)</u>
Sale of fixed asset investments		<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(19,435)</u>	<u>(97,518)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
New loans in year		150,000	-
Loan repayments in year		-	(218,132)
Capital repayments in year		48,810	2,488
		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>198,810</u>	<u>(216,840)</u>
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(42,005)</b>	<b>(98,715)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b><u>415,818</u></b>	<b><u>514,533</u></b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<b><u><u>373,813</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>415,818</u></u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements



## UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

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

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
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
	(394,156)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	17,419	(23,499)
Increase in creditors	60,219	7,771
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
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
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>
<b>Debt</b>			
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>
<b>Total</b>	<u>(3,395,707)</u>	<u>(90,815)</u>	<u>(3,486,522)</u>

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

### **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.

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

### **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**

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

#### **3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **4. RAISING FUNDS**

##### **Raising donations and legacies**

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

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

### 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>

# UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY

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

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

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

### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>			
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>
 <b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
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>
 <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
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>

# **UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRY**

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

### **10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

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

### **11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

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

### **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	21,657	31,577
	175,719	359,656

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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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,976,666	24,687	6,001,353
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>5,976,666</u></b>	<b><u>24,687</u></b>	<b><u>6,001,353</u></b>

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

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

**Comparatives for 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
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>5,821,001</u></b>	<b><u>155,665</u></b>	<b><u>5,976,666</u></b>

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	1,896,933	(1,741,268)	155,665
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>1,896,933</u></b>	<b><u>(1,741,268)</u></b>	<b><u>155,665</u></b>



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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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	5,821,001	180,352	6,001,353
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	3,898,225	(3,717,873)	180,352
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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.