

Church of the Living God Trust

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

for the year Ended 31 December 2022

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Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

1. Reference and administration information

The charity was established by a trust deed on 18 January 1989 and is registered with the Charities Commission (No. 803600).

The charity's Registered Office is Swallow House, 122 Fairfax Road, Teddington, Middx. TW11 9BS.

The trustees during the year were as follows:

J.M. Wendon (Chairman)

K. Martin

B. Martin

A. Millett

C. Ogwok

V. Matthews

S. Skariah

A. Wendon

The charity's professional advisers are as follows:

Accountants: HB Accountants, 28 Plumpton House, Plumpton Road, Hoddesdon, Herts. EN11 0LB

Bankers: HSBC plc, 26-28 St. Ann's Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 1AL

2. Structure, governance and management

Trustees are appointed from within the membership of the Church of the Living God by its Elders after they have examined the appointee's character and Christian walk over a period of time.

The trustees meet throughout the year to oversee and administer the running and direction of the Trust in accordance with its objects and the benefit and public requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust continues to maintain a "Welcome Pack" that includes an introduction to the Trust and its governing deed, as well as a copy of the Trust Deed, a summary of its objects and key procedures; an outline of the responsibilities of all the trustees as well as those of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; together with a "Trust Calendar" that sets out meeting dates and regular matters to be considered. Also included in the Welcome Pack are the Charities Commission's "Hallmark of an Effective Charity at a Glance", "Being a Trustee" and "Guidance on Public Benefit" as well as a summary of the Public Benefit guidance.

All of the trustees give their time freely and none of them receive any remuneration. In the event that any decision could involve a conflict of interest, it is the policy of the Trust to require the affected trustee to withdraw from any part of such discussion.

Under the Trust Deed, the Trust has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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3. Objectives and activities

The objects of the Trust are to promote the Christian faith; to organise, sponsor and promote Christian churches in the U.K.; to relieve poverty; and to promote education in the context of the Christian faith.

The trustees are satisfied that relief of poverty is within the benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and that the other objects are within the public benefit requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees are also satisfied that the decisions and gifts that have been made during this reporting year also meet the requirements of benefit and public benefit.

The general grant making activities of the Trust consist of giving money to causes that fall within the objects of the Trust.

4. Achievements and performance

The Trust continued to support the Church of the Living God with both its running and outreach costs.

The Trust continued its policy of giving 10% of its income split between various beneficiaries who fall within the Objects. This years recipients were Open Doors (OD), Living Hope Ministries (LHM), Reaching the World (RTW), The Riverbank Trust (TRT), Kick London (KL) and Mission Guatemala.

OD is an organisation that supports persecuted Christian in different parts of the world and provides disaster relief for poor people.

LHM is an evangelical outreach organisation that preaches the gospel in the UK and abroad.

RTW is a ministry that works primarily in Myanmar and Kenya, both with orphans and training ministers of the gospel.

TRT is a Christian charity which seeks to love, support and befriend vulnerable single mums and their families in the London Borough of Richmond.

KL is a charity that engages young people in London with sports activities to help them become productive individuals as they encounter the gospel message.

Mission Guatemala is a family based Christian mission which runs a Christian school, church and refuge centre in Guatemala, promoting the Gospel through outreach, social care to the poor and vulnerable and sport.

Gifts were also made to support a Christian phone ministry to Sierra Leone; to a widow in Liberia to pay for the funeral expenses of her husband who was a pastor; to Sierra Leone to help with the cost of a church building; and to Mission 24 to support a poverty cause in Rwanda.

In addition gifts were made to Jonathan Conrathe, Living Hope Ministries, Reaching The World and Luke Vardy as well as supporting a small church in Kenilworth called Word of Life Church.

The Trustees are satisfied that all of the above gifts satisfy the applicable requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding benefit and public benefit.

The Trust looked carefully into the possibility of purchasing a former chapel for The Church of the Living God, but ultimately decided that it was not suitable. The Trust is therefore continuing to retain a fund for a more permanent building when a suitable one has been found. If none is available, a rental property for helping those in need, i.e. refugees, victims of domestic violence and vulnerable adults.

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5. Financial review

The trustees consider the result for the year to be good. Total income increased from £63,223 to £72,642. Gifts paid increased from £50,450 to £53,377. As a result there was a surplus for the year of £17,433 up from a surplus of £11,005 in 2021.

The finances remain strong with total funds of £485,547 compared to £474,542 in 2020.

Reserves policy:

The trustees have had a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not designated, should normally be six months of the normal resources expended, currently around £50,000, and they see no reason to adjust or change this policy. At this level the trustees consider that they would be able to continue, for a period of six months, the current activities of the Trust in the event of a significant drop in income.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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M. Wendon

Trustee

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
on the unaudited accounts of
The Church of the Living God Trust**

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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HB Accountants

Chartered Accountants

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds			2022
	<u>General funds</u>	<u>Designated funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
Gifts receivable	45,535	-	9,520	55,055
Income tax recoverable	11,198	-	2,012	13,210
	56,733	-	11,532	68,265
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable	4,377	-	-	4,377
Total incoming resources	61,110	-	11,532	72,642
Resources expended				
Charitable expenditure				
Charitable activities:				
Advancement of the gospel				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	41,016	-	9,256	50,272
Support costs: Sundry expenses	152	-	-	152
Governance costs: Accountancy fees	1,680	-	-	1,680
	42,848	-	9,256	52,104
Relief of poverty				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	1,230	-	375	1,605
Advancement of education				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	-	-	1,500	1,500
Total resources expended	44,078	-	11,131	55,209
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	17,032	-	401	17,433
Funds brought forward	80,161	400,000	5,386	485,547
Funds carried forward	97,193	400,000	5,787	502,980

	Unrestricted funds			2021
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income				
Gifts receivable	38,213	-	11,755	49,968
Income tax recoverable	9,533	-	2,678	12,211
	47,746	-	14,433	62,179
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable	1,044	-	-	1,044
Total incoming resources	48,790	-	14,433	63,223
Resources expended				
Charitable expenditure				
Charitable activities:				
Advancement of the gospel				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	34,544	-	13,038	47,582
Support costs: Sundry expenses	208	-	-	208
Governance costs: Accountancy fees	1,560	-	-	1,560
	36,312	-	13,038	49,350
Relief of poverty				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	1,545	-	1,323	2,868
Advancement of education				
Gifts payable (Note 3)	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	37,857	-	14,361	52,218
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	10,933	-	72	11,005
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	10,933	-	72	11,005
Funds brought forward	69,228	400,000	5,314	474,542
Funds carried forward	80,161	400,000	5,386	485,547

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Current assets		
Income tax debtor	3,192	1,952
Short-term deposits	422,567	418,190
Cash at bank	<u>82,045</u>	<u>69,483</u>
	507,804	489,625
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	<u>4,824</u>	<u>4,078</u>
	(4,824)	(4,078)
Net assets	<u>502,980</u>	<u>485,547</u>
Represented by:		
Funds		
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	97,193	80,161
Designated funds (note 4)	400,000	400,000
Restricted funds (note 5)	<u>5,787</u>	<u>5,386</u>
	<u>502,980</u>	<u>485,547</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

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M. Wendon

Church of the Living God Trust
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

Charity information:

Church of the Living God Trust is a trust. The registered office is Swallow House, 122 Fairfax Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 9BS.

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the trust deed and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions of the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

(c) Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable activities unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by the donors as to how they may be used.

(d) Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash gifts are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the gift, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Income tax recoverable in relation to gifts received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the gift.

Investment income is recognised in the accounts on a receivable basis.

(e) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. All expenses are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(g) Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is no intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Gifts payable

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	No.	£	No.	£
Advancement of the Gospel:				
To Institutions				
Church of the Living God	42	33,332	40	25,651
Open Doors	4	2,023	4	1,575
Reaching The World Ministries	5	3,117	4	1,726
Kick London	2	1,059	2	869
Living Hope Ministries	3	1,682	2	763
Word of Life Church	14	1,117	8	4,047
Valley Life Trust	6	3,523	-	-
Portchester Free Church	1	568	-	-
Riverbank Trust	2	605	1	352
CAP UK	-	-	1	353
Father's Nest	-	-	1	1,125
Ignite Ministries	13	1,433	16	3,982
	92	48,459	79	40,443
To Individuals	7	1,813	18	7,139
	99	50,272	97	47,582
Relief of Poverty:				
To Institutions				
Valley Life Trust	3	1,250	-	-
Living Hope Ministries	1	125	-	-
	4	1,375	-	-
To Individuals	2	230	9	2,868
	6	1,605	9	2,868
Advancement of Education:				
To Individuals	1	1,500	-	-
	1	1,500	-	-
Total	106	53,377	106	50,450

3. Trustees

The trustees did not receive any remuneration and were not reimbursed for any personal expenses during the year.

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4. Designated funds	Balance brought <u>forward</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Expenses</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	Balance carried <u>forward</u> £
Building fund	400,000	-	-	-	400,000

The designated building fund represents funds set aside by the trustees for a future purchase of a building for the Church of the Living God.

5. Restricted funds	Balance brought <u>forward</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Expenses</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	Balance carried <u>forward</u> £
Current year:					
Christian ministries	12	11,532	11,131	-	413
Building fund	5,374	-	-	-	5,374
	<u>5,386</u>	<u>11,532</u>	<u>11,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,787</u>
Prior year:					
Christian ministries	2	14,371	14,361	-	12
Building fund	5,312	62	-	-	5,374
	<u>5,314</u>	<u>14,433</u>	<u>14,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,386</u>

The building fund is to help finance a future purchase of a building for the Church of the Living God.

6. Analysis of net assets between funds	Current <u>assets</u> £	<u>Creditors</u> £	Net <u>Assets</u> £
Unrestricted general funds	102,017	(4,824)	97,193
Designated funds	400,000	-	400,000
Restricted funds	5,787	-	5,787
	<u>507,804</u>	<u>(4,824)</u>	<u>502,980</u>

7. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during both this year and last year.