

Life Church



**Trustee's Annual Report, and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

For the financial period ending 30th September 2024

Scottish Registered Charity SC010956

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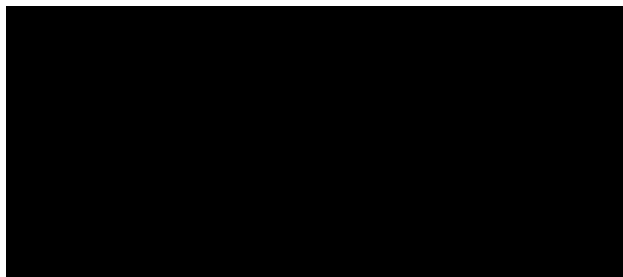
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the Financial Year Ending 30th September 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2015.

Reference and administrative information

Charity Trustee:



Registered Charity Name: Life Church

Registered Charity Number: SC010956

Constitutional Form: Unincorporated Association

Principal Address: 6-8 High Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA1 2YA

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Erskine PA8 7AA, and

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Peter Hall Finance & Accounting Solutions of Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire FK13 6DR

Structure, Governance and Management

Affiliations and connections: Life Church is part of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and is also a member of Churches Together Renfrewshire, the local expression of the "Evangelical Alliance".
<https://www.churchestogetherrenfrewshire.org>

Governing document: The Charity is controlled by its Governing Document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trust was set up by the [REDACTED] and was incorporated as a Scottish Registered Charity on the 11th March 1988. The trust is administered in accordance with the trust deed. On the 13th May 2010, the trust received permission from the "Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator" (OSCR) to change its name to "Life Church", and to update its trust deed in line with the model "Assemblies of God" deed currently recommended. This change was ratified at the Annual General Meeting on 27th October 2010.

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Recruitment and appointment of new trustees: Appointment and removal of trustees is carried out in accordance with the decisions of the Assembly Council of “Life Church”. The Assembly Council comprises of the leaders of the Assembly whose names are recorded in the Assembly Records. Trustees must first be members of the Assembly to be eligible for appointment as trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees: Induction and training of new trustees is carried out by existing trustees as necessary to enable new trustees to effectively perform their duties.

Organisational structure: The main office bearers of the charity are the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who are members of the Assembly Council. The Senior Pastor is usually the Chairman and is responsible for ensuring that the daily activities of the charity are in accordance with the charity objectives, with salaried staff and unpaid volunteers reporting to him.

Risk Management: The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. It is considered by the Trustees that there is no foreseeable risk where “Life Church” is exposed. The Trustees meet on a monthly basis and constantly review any principal risks and uncertainties. The charities financial system is adequate to ensure appropriate supervision. Non-financial risks such as health & safety and volunteer management are also reviewed monthly.

Objectives and activities

As set out in the constitution;

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith of the Assemblies of God, as approved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This is carried out in various parts of the United Kingdom and internationally, as deemed appropriate by the Assembly Council.

The relief of sickness and financial hardship, along with the promotion and preservation of good health. This is achieved through the provision of funds, goods, or services, including counselling and support, in regions as determined by the Assembly Council. Additionally, the advancement of education is supported in similar ways and regions as considered appropriate.

The pursuit of other charitable purposes that further the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

During the year, the Charity carried out the following significant activities in pursuit of its objectives:

- The provision of weekly worship services, offering spiritual guidance and fellowship to the congregation.
- Sunday school programmes aimed at nurturing the Christian faith among children and young people.
- Home groups to promote deeper study of the Christian faith and foster community support.
- Pastoral services to provide spiritual care and practical assistance to those in need.

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- Local outreaches to engage with the wider community and support vulnerable individuals.
- Youth work initiatives to encourage and mentor young people in their faith journey.
- The support of missionary work, both locally and overseas, to advance the Christian faith and provide humanitarian aid.
- The provision of community facilities to local groups, promoting social inclusion and community development.

These activities align with the Charity's commitment to advancing the Christian faith, supporting those in need, and fostering a sense of community within the local area and beyond.

Volunteers: Many of the charity's activities are carried out by unpaid volunteers. The Trustees would like to thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution to the life of the charity. The Trustees acknowledge that service to the public benefit would not be possible without these volunteers.

Achievements and performance

The Church sold the premises at 35 Moss Road, Paisley and purchased 6-8 High Street, Paisley which is a multi-storey building in the Town Centre.

Fundraising activities: The charity engages in fundraising for specific charitable projects as they arise.

Internal and external facilities: There are no other internal or external factors affecting the performance of the charity.

Financial Review

General review:

The Church has continued its financial stewardship with diligence during the financial year. The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £141,826 (2023: £246,261). Reduction is primarily due to the completion of certain restricted-funded projects in the previous period.

The Church's primary source of income was through donations and offerings, with unrestricted funds totalling £104,580 and restricted funds totalling £30,086. Additional income was generated through gift aid claims (£2,717) and other fundraising activities (£4,443).

The total expenditure for the year amounted to £163,316 (2023: £191,170), with unrestricted funds accounting for £96,023 and restricted funds £67,293.

The Church reported a deficit of £21,490 for the year (2023: surplus £55,091). This is largely attributed to the utilisation of restricted funds for the new building.

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The Trustees are satisfied that the Church remains in a sound financial position. The continued support from the congregation and careful management of resources will enable the Church to fulfil its charitable purposes in the coming year.

The financial effect of significant events: The property at 6-8 High Street, Paisley was purchased on the 1st February 2023 for £350,200 including VAT. The vendor was RAAC Developments Perth Ltd of Glasgow. The property was valued at £285,000. The remainder of the purchase being £65,200 has been allocated to Goodwill.

In the prior financial year, a long term loan from Kingdom Bank was drawn for £228,000 with the remainder of purchase coming from cash reserves which is largely made up of the sale of 35 Moss Road, Paisley. See “Funds in Deficit”.

Investment policy & objectives set: Objectives for the next financial year are to continue to grow the charity by continuing to engage with volunteers, the community by community events and maintenance of the charity’s assets. Also to relocate all operations to the new venue. The charity invests funds that are excess of short term operational requirements in order to obtain a satisfactory and safe return.

Charities Policy on Reserves: The unrestricted funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities. At the 30th September 2024, the charity held £154,623 in cash which includes cash proceeds of the building previous owned by the charity. However, the Reserves policy of the charity is that that cash reserves to be held that would cover the value of three months’ worth of running expenses of the charity. The reserves policy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis throughout the year.

Restricted funds: Restricted funds normally relate to short term projects where income is restricted, received and expended within the financial year. Most restricted funds are allocated for building renovations.

Funds in deficit: The long term loan was to partly finance the purchase of the new building at 6-8 High Street, Paisley. The balance of the loan at the end of the financial year after repayments and interest charged was £225,523.

Principle funding sources: The principle funding source of income is from the offerings of the members of “Life Church”.

Going Concern: As at the date of approval of this report, and the financial accounts, the Directors have assessed, in compliance with paragraph 25 of IAS 1 (International accounting Standards), that the accounts of “Life Church” has been prepared on a “Going Concern” basis. The Trustees have no intention of liquidating the charity’s assets or to cease operating.

Statement of disclosure of the Independent Examination: In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustee’s annual report, there is no relevant information, being information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, of which the Independent Examiner is unaware.

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Future Plans

The charity plans to continue to develop its activities in accordance with its objectives.

The Church is planning to renovate the new building at 6-8 High Street, Paisley in stages; the first stage being refurbishing the ground floor as a place of worship. In the interim, the church is currently renting another premises in Paisley. Despite the change of premises, the Church continues to function with its significant activities.

Factors likely to affect financial performance or position going forward: The most significant factors will be the cost of renovations. Currently, the church is awaiting significant funding approvals to enable the commencement of major renovation works on the Lighthouse property. In the interim, there is a plan to make the ground floor useable as a place of worship.

The Trustees believe that this report is a fair, balanced and an understandable review of the charity's structure, legal purposes, objectives and activities, financial performance & financial position.

Approved by order of the board of trustees, and signed on its behalf by:

Name: [REDACTED] Trustee

Date: 16th March 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report **For the Financial Period ended on 30th September 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of audit opinion

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

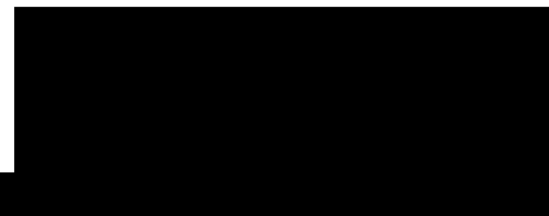
Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 20th March 2025

Fellow Certified Public Accountant UK 10227712A
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30th September 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Prior period total funds 2023	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	104,580	30,086	134,666	189,994	2
Activities for generating funds				39,398	3
Investment income	2,717		2,717	2,021	4
Other incoming resources	4,443		4,443	14,848	
Total incoming resources	111,740	30,086	141,826	246,261	
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Building running costs	1,650		1,650	7,518	
Catering department	121		121	1,996	
Depreciation	1,078		1,078	1,438	
Interest paid	21,091		21,091	13,236	
Local events & outreach	5,114		5,114	5,742	
Loss on sale of assets				13,036	
Ministry costs	6,162	67,293	73,455	24,976	
Office costs	14,548		14,548	32,553	
Overseas mission support	9,465		9,465	12,235	
Pensions	2,118		2,118	4,263	
Rent	6,533		6,533	27,013	
Social Security	174		174	692	
Sundries	85		85	1,624	
Training	675		675	271	
Wages	1,171		1,171	1,565	
Governance costs	4,297		4,297	17,595	5
Other resources expended	21,671		21,671	25,417	
Total resources expended	96,023	67,293	163,316	191,170	
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	15,717	(37,207)	(21,490)	55,091	

These notes form part of the financial statements

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Gross transfers between funds	1,197	(1,197)			12
New incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>16,914</u>	<u>(38,404)</u>	<u>(21,490)</u>	<u>55,091</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds bought forward	219,337	89,400	308,737	253,645	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>236,251</u>	<u>50,997</u>	<u>287,248</u>	<u>308,737</u>	
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CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30th September 2024

	2024	2023	
	£	£	
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Tangible assets	288,237	289,314	8
Goodwill on Building	59,981	65,590	
	<u>348,218</u>	<u>351,904</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10,695	12,532	9
Cash	154,623	171,940	
	<u>165,318</u>	<u>184,472</u>	
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	(765)	(500)	10
	<u>164,553</u>	<u>183,972</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
	<u>512,771</u>	<u>253,645</u>	535,876
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due after one year	(225,523)	(227,139)	
NET ASSETS	<u>287,248</u>	<u>308,737</u>	
	=====	=====	
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	236,251	219,337	12
Restricted	50,997	89,400	
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>287,248</u>	<u>308,737</u>	

These notes form part of the financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th March 2025
And were signed on its behalf by;

Name [Redacted] Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the Year.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by charities.

Financial reporting standard number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charity qualifies as a small charity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included under Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount quantified with reasonable accuracy. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Other resources expended comprise support costs for central functions that may be allocated directly to the individual charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures & fittings: 25%

Tenant's improvements: Straight line over 7 years

Fixtures and fittings are capitalised at cost subject to a £500 de minimus.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other time and benefits

The charity operates the 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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Voluntary income mainly comprises income received by the Assembly from weekly offerings

Income for restricted funds generally arises through donations being received for specific projects.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Offerings	85,254	30,086	115,340	173,987
Grants				
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	19,326		19,326	16,007
	<u>104,580</u>	<u>30,086</u>	<u>134,666</u>	<u>189,994</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	£	£
Letting income		39,398

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,717	2,021

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5. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	924	915
Amortisation of Goodwill	2,608	2,608
Interest paid	21,091	13,236
Leadership Team	765	
Legal		14,072
	25,388	30,831

Scrutiny costs payable to the independent Examiner on 30th September 2024 amounted to £500 (£500 in 2023).

6. TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees received a salary from the charity:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pastors/Trustees	21,671	25,417

The following trustees benefited from pension costs paid by the charity:

Pastors/Trustees	2,188	4,263
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Trustee expenses

During the year ended 30th September 2024, total amount trustees were re-imbursed for travel expenses and business calls was £nil. (£755.57 in 2023)

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages & Salaries	22,842	26,982
Social security costs	174	692
Other pension costs	2,188	4,263
	25,204	31,937

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

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	2	2

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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 October 2023	290,750
Additions (new building)	
Less: Assets disposed in the year	
At 30 September 2024	<u>290,750</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 October 2023	1,435
Fixtures & Fittings	1,078
Charge for the year	
Less: disposed in the year	
At 30 September 2024	<u>2,513</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	288,237
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At 30 September 2023	289,314
	=====

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid	<u>10,695</u>	-
	<u>10,395</u>	-

10. CREDITORS

	£	£
Other creditors	765	500

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

			2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
			£	£
Fixed assets	312,568	35,650	348,218	351,904
Current assets	149,973	15,347	165,320	184,473
Current liabilities	(765)		(765)	(500)
Non-current liabilities	(225,523)		(225,523)	(227,139)
	236,251	50,997	287,248	308,737

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/10/23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	Gains Losses	At 1/10/23
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	219,339	15,717	1,197		236,253
Restricted funds					
Building fund	80,893	(36,281)			44,612
Buy-a-pane	5,734	500			6,234
Restricted Fund	2,522	(1,926)	(447)		149
Street Connect	250	500	(750)		
	89,399	(37,207)	(1,197)		50,995
TOTAL FUNDS	308,738	(21,490)	-		287,248

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,500	(94,027)	14,473
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	31,012	(67,293)	(36,281)
Buy-a-pane	500		500
Restricted Fund	1,314	(3,240)	(1,926)
Street Connect	500		500
	33,326	(70,533)	(37,207)
TOTAL FUNDS	141,826	(164,560)	(22,734)

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds designated for specific purposes as follows;

The Building fund relates to funds for the capital purchase of a building.

13. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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. At 30th September 2024, there was nil owed to the pension scheme. (2023 Nil).

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary Income		
General Offerings	62,222	134,936
Donations	53,118	39,051
Gift Aid	19,326	16,007
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	134,666	189,994
Activities for generating funds		
Letting income		39,398
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,717	2,021
Other incoming resources		
Sundry receipts	4,443	14,848
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	141,826	246,261
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Building running costs	1,650	7,518
Catering department	121	1,996
Depreciation	1,078	1,438
Local events & outreach	5,114	5,742
Ministry costs	73,455	24,976
Office costs	14,548	32,553
Overseas mission support	9,465	12,235
Pensions	2,118	4,263
Rent	6,533	27,013
Social security	174	692
Sundries	85	1,624
Training	675	271
Wages	1,171	1,565
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	116,257	121,886

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Governance costs

Accountancy	924	915
Amortisation of Goodwill	2,608	2,608
Leadership Team	765	
Legal		14,072
	4,297	17,595

Finance Costs

Interest paid	21,091	13,236
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Other resources expended

Trustee's salaries	21,671	25,417
Loss on sale of Asset		13,036
	21,671	38,543

Total resources expended

163,316	191,170
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Net Income

(21,490)	55,091
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