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**BEDFORD GOLDINGTON Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Revenue Tax Reference No. XN57352 Registered Charity No. 1066006

**ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2010**

**RECEIPTS:**

**Voluntary Sources**

|                            |            |           |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Congregation Contributions | £ 8186.62  | £ 5712.26 |
| Tax repayments             | £ 1842.46  | £ 1633.08 |
| Donations From _____       | £ _____    | £ _____   |
| Congregation Gift Aid      | £ 12565.00 | £ 6423.36 |
| Legacies                   | £ 0.00     | £ 0.00    |
| Sub-total:                 | £ 22594.08 |           |

**Income from Assets**

|                           |         |        |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Interest from Investments | £ _____ | £ 0.01 |
| Rents from Property       | £ 0.00  | £ 0.00 |
| Sub-total:                | £ _____ |        |

**Misc. Receipts**

|                              |           |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Proceeds from Sale of Assets | £ 0.00    | £ 0.00  |
| Loans received               | £ 5000.00 | £ 0.00  |
| Other _____                  | £ _____   | £ _____ |
| Sub-total:                   | £ 5000.00 |         |

**Total Receipts:** £ 27594.08      £ 13768.71

**PAYMENTS:**

**Direct Charitable Expenditure**

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities) | £ 1328.00 | £ 1175.00 |
| Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses      | £ 239.00  | £ 196.00  |

**Other Expenditure**

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance | £ 7764.00 | £ 6609.00 |
| Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses | £ 125.00  | £ 95.00   |

**Payments for Investment and Other Assets**

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Long term investments (tied up for a year)                     | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Equipment Purchased for Kingdom Hall                           | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |

**Misc Payments**

|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Loan repayment to the Society re: Kingdom Hall Building | £ 0.00    | £ 0.00    |
| Other (see note 2 _____)                                | £ 3555.83 | £ 3491.11 |

**Total payments:** £ 13011.83      £ 11566.11

Net Receipts (expenses) for the year      £ 14582.25      £ 2202.60  
 Bank and cash balances at April 1 2010      £ 10614.23      £ 10614.23  
 Bank and cash balances at March 31 2011      £ 25196.48      £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed William S Date 15th April 2011

Secretary for the trustees of the Bedford Goldington Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Note 1:

Note 2: Stationery, Coaches, University Theatre Hire

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**ACCOUNTS**  
  
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## Annual Report

1. BEDFORD GOLDINGTON CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

### **Reference and Administrative details**

3. Registered Charity No. 1066006

4. The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Meadway, Bedford, MK41 9HF

5. On the date that this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: Rex Dunham Secretary: Robert Williams  
Other Trustees: Stuart Beeton, Bakhshish Chauhan, Alan Sweetland, James French, Duncan Spencer,  
Michelle Nigro and Herbert Pillay

6. The Kingdom Hall in Meadway, Bedford, is held in trust by the Kingdom Hall Trust.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1997 ('the constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ('the society').

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among the congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution.

The trustees who as members of the charity, work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year to manage the affairs of the congregation. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

### **Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit**

8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to such purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship.' For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee and social relationships and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers.

### **Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

9. The Congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest and gift aid tax repayments. Throughout the year such funds have used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of **£1842.46** from the Inland Revenue as Gift Aid tax repayment and **£20,951.62** in voluntary contributions. Noteworthy expenses


were the provision of **£3240.00** for coach travel to assemblies and conventions, **£7008.00** for the loan repayment and **£1328.00** in donations to the Society, and Kingdom Hall maintenance of **£2518.28**.

11. The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes, or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 6 months working expenditure.

12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 5th June 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Chairman  Secretary 