

# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of The Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Registered Charity Number 1066318**

Report to the trustees of the Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on accounts for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March 2010** set out on pages two and three.

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed,

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


## **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 view given by the accounts.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act 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: 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 )

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## CANVEY ISLAND CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No. 1066318

The registered address of the Congregation is the Kingdom Hall, Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 9PN.

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

Chairman	Bro. John Reeves
Secretary	Bro. Paige Thomson
Other Trustees	Bro. Alan Adams
	Bro. William Brace
	Bro. Ian Newman-Portch
	Bro. Norman Monk
	Bro. Graham Spinks
	Bro. John Wood
	Bro. Barrie Prichard
	Bro. Keir Prichard
	Bro. Richard Norris
	Bro. Ronald Connor
	Bro. Scott Wilson
	Bro. William Westley

The Kingdom Hall, Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

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

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 Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

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

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

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

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

The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious 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 the 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 or duties.

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

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been 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.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were donations totalling £2,244.00 to the Society, and donations totalling £540.00 to Jah Jireh Homes. Noteworthy expenses were the purchase of a laptop computer for the sound system for £348.99

In addition the Congregation has loaned to the Society the amount of £35,000.

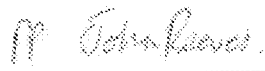
The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific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

expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 15 months working expenditure.

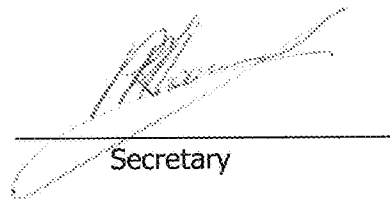
These funds including the loan to the Society are held to finance the future activities of the congregation including a refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall which is expected to commence in the next 12 to 24 months.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:



Chairman



Secretary

# Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Registered Charity No. 1066318

Inland Revenue No. XN86648

Annual receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

	2010	2009
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Voluntary Sources		
Congregation Contributions	15,569.39	4,725.04
Gift Aid Contributions	9,555.00	5,682.00
Tax repayment	-	1,212.26
	<u>25,124.39</u>	<u>11,619.30</u>
Income from Assets		
Interest from investments	<u>3.20</u>	<u>66.66</u>
	3.20	66.66
Total receipts	<u>25,127.59</u>	<u>11,685.96</u>
<b>Payments:</b>		
Direct charitable expenditure		
Donations to IBSA / Watchtower Society	2,244.00	2,894.00
Other donations	<u>1,179.00</u>	<u>845.00</u>
	3,423.00	3,739.00
Other expenditure		
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	3,658.30	2,532.61
Professional fees	160.00	160.00
Miscellaneous	<u>457.00</u>	<u>155.00</u>
	4,275.30	2,847.61
Payments for investments and asset purchases		
Equipment purchased	<u>394.98</u>	<u>-</u>
	394.98	-
Other payments		
Loans advanced to other charities	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	35,000.00	-
Total expenses	<u>43,093.28</u>	<u>6,586.61</u>
<b>Net Receipt / (Payment) for year</b>	-17,965.69	5,099.35
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balance b/f at 1st April</b>	28,507.35	23,408.00
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balance c/f at 31st March</b>	<u>10,541.66</u>	<u>28,507.35</u>

Signed.....  


Date 4/2/2011.....

**Paige Thompson**

(Secretary for the trustees of the Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses)

# Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Registered Charity No. 1066318

Inland Revenue No. XN86648

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2010

	2010	2009
<b>Cash assets:</b>		
Bank current account	5,622.28	23,804.17
Bank deposit account	4,718.38	4,715.18
Cash on hand	<u>260.50</u>	<u>          </u>
	10,601.16	28,519.35
<b>Other assets:</b>		
Place of Worship	400,000.00	400,000.00
Furniture and other contents of above	40,000.00	40,000.00
Loans outstanding from other charities	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>          </u>
	475,000.00	440,000.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<u>485,601.16</u>	<u>468,519.35</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Monies held for other charities	59.50	12.00
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<u>59.50</u>	<u>12.00</u>

Signed.....

  
**Paige Thompson**

Date... 4/2/2011.....

(Secretary for the trustees of the Canvey Island Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses)