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31 MAR 2012

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of "Hertford
Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses" Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2012.

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 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 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 1993 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.



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Date: 10th December 2012

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HERTFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012.

Reference and Administrative Details.

Registered Charity No. 1067261

The registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall , 141, Hertingfordbury Road, Hertford.SG14 1NL

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

Chairman: Andrew Chamberlain. Secretary: Neil Longsworth.

Other trustees: Kevin Skuce , Alan Young , Philip Chamberlain , James Chamberlain , Paul Oliver, Jason Smith.Mark Young,Steve Willoughby,Paul Osborne.

The Kingdom Hall, 141 Hertingfordbury Road, Hertford SG14 1NL is held in trust by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure , Governance and Management.

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th 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 other 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 £3000 to the Society , £1250.00 to IBSA Milton Keynes Convention ,£100 to Pioneer School.

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 confidently plan 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 three months working expenditure. At the year-end , the free reserves were roughly equal to 58 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use , or set aside for a particular purpose.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 3rd June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____
Chairman

Secretary

THE HERTFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2012.

| Cash Assets. | Current Year | Previous Year |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Bank and Cash Balances | | |
| Bank Current Account | 500-00 | 500-00 |
| Bank Deposit Account | 4903.15 | 18094.28 |
| Cash | 84.50 | 75.00 |
| Loans to Watchtower Society | 36600.00 | 0.00 |
| Total: agrees with March 31st balance on annual account | 42087.65 | 18669.28 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Due for immediate payment | 0-00 | 0-00 |
| Loans(repayment within one year on request) | 0-00 | 0-00 |
| Future and contingent | 0-00 | 0-00 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Long term investments(tied up for a year or more) | 0-00 | 0-00 |
| Held for functional use by charity | | |
| Place of worship(footnote A) | 99000-00 | 99000-00 |
| Furniture and other contents of place of worship(footnote b) | 33000-00 | 33000-00 |

Footnotes

- A** Registered place of worship: Kingdom Hall 141,Hertingfordbury Road,Hertford. Shown at estimated reconstruction value.
- B** Contents shown at cost. Condition of contents good.

THE HERTFORD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Inland revenue tax reference no. XN56212. Registered charity no. 1067261
ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31ST 2012.

| | Current Year | Previous Year |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | |
| (Voluntary sources) | | |
| Congregation contributions | 6229.24 | 3309.18 |
| Tax repayment | 1663.06 | 1732.32 |
| Congregation gift aid | 24185.00 | 5915.00 |
| Sub-total | | 32077.30 |
| (Income from assets) | | |
| Interest from investments | 4.93 | 9.45 |
| Rents from properties | 0-00 | 0-00 |
| Sub-total | | 4.93 |
| (Misc. receipts) | | |
| Sub-total | | 0-00 |
| Total receipts | | 32082.23 |

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Inland revenue tax reference no.XN56212 Registered charity no. 1067261
ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31ST 2012

PAYMENTS

(Direct charitable expenditure)

Donation to IBSA/watchtower society/associated registered charity

Other donations(e.g. circuit funds)

(Other expenditure)

Kingdom hall operation and maintenance

Circuit and visiting minister expenses

Misc. congregation expenses

Convention coach

Sound System

Alarm System

Current year

3000.00

1350.00

3062.35

172.51

359.00

720.00

0.00

0.00

Total payments

8663.86

3000.00

1505.00

3228.25

138.65

452.29

755.00

658.00

806.05

Net receipts(expense) for the year

Bank/cash balances at 1st April 2011

Bank/cash balances at March 31st 2012

23418.37

18669.28

42087.65

422.71

18246.57

18669.28

Signed.....Date.....

(secretary for the trustees)