

## Annual Report

1. HYDE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2012

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

3. Registered Charity No.1066380
4. The registered address of the congregation is: The Kingdom Hall, Castle Street, Hyde.
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:  
Chairman: Geoffrey Grayson      Secretary: Philip Stansfield  
Other trustees: Peter Auty, Michael Evans, Michael Reed, Ronald Roe, Timothy Sharp,  
Harry Stewart, Steven Thompson.
6. The Kingdom Hall in Castle Street Hyde is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

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

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29<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 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 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

9. 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.

10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were:

Kingdom Hall upkeep	£2964
Travelling overseer's expenses	£200
Donation to Circuit Expenses	£508
Contributions	£15,322 (inc. £8860 gift aid)

Rebuilding project	
Loan from Society	£28,000
Loans from Congregation	£30,000
Balance	£12,000

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 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 12 months working expenditure.

12. 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.

13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 7<sup>th</sup>. June 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Secretary

The Hyde Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Annual Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2012

Registered Charity Number 1066380  
HMRC Tax Reference: XN31359

## Receipts

### Voluntary Sources

Donations for local congregation expenses	6226.51
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	570.47
Legacies received	200.00

Bank interest	8.69
Loan repaid to us	1000.00
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	8005.67

### Receipts resulting from movements of assets

Loan received from Watchtower	28000.00
Insurance from Kingdom Hall Assistance	42579.74
Donations from members for rebuilding	28644.30
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	99224.04

Total Receipts 107229.71

## Payments

Donation to Sign Language Congregation	200.00
Donation to Watchtower Assistance arrangement	336.00
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	2964.02
Circuit overseer expenses	200.00
Hire of Hall for Memorial Service	100.00
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	3800.02

### Payments from Movements on assets

Loan repayment to Watchtower	3200.00
Cost of rebuilding Kingdom Hall	103495.62
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	106695.62

Total payments 110495.64

Net Receipts (payments) for the year (3265.93)  
Total cash assets brought forward 7766.86

Total cash assets carried forward 4500.93

Dated 13<sup>th</sup>. January 2013

Secretary, Hyde Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hyde Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

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

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Name: Mark O'Brien

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA (part qualified)

Address: 9, Ruby Street, Denton, M34 3GY

Date: 20<sup>th</sup>. January 2013