

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016**

- 1. Leicester Eyres Monsell Congregation of Jehovah 's Witnesses.*
- 2. Annual Report for year ending 31st of March 2016.*

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

3. Registered charity No. 1066230

4. The Registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 39a Long Street, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 2AJ

5. The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being Elders of the Congregation duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution:

Chairman: Brother John Collingwood

Secretary: Brother Peter Brookes.

Other Trustees: Brothers Alan Bott, Derek Hillsdon, Andre John,  
Donald Martin, David Richardson and Francisco Wehemba.

6. The Kingdom Hall on Long Street is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted Memorandum of constitution dated 27th 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 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 within 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 the 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 and Gift Aid repayments. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of the 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 during 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 during the year include the following:

Total amount in congregation funds at the start of year was	<b>£6,536.50.</b>
Total amount received by all forms of donations is	<b>£27,010.44.</b>
Total amount contributed by Congregation Resolution during the year included:	
A. Visiting Circuit Overseer's expenses (3)	£ 250.00.
B. Global Assistance Arrangement.	£ 255.00.
C. General Maintenance of Building	£1,800.00.
D. Regular Donation to IBSA (12 x £25)	£ 300.00
E. Worldwide Kingdom Hall Construction Fund	£ 9,200.00
G. Leicester #2 Circuit (Dudley)	£ 250.00
Total payments	<b>£ 12,055.00.</b>
Deficit/Surplus	<b>£ 14,955.34.</b>

Total amount in congregation funds at the end of 2015/16 year was **£ 21,491.84.**

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 about 6 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 Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

SIGNED BY -;

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JOHN COLLINGWOOD  
CHAIRMAN.

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SECRETARY.

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Leicester Eyres  
Monsell Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2016,  
which are set out on page 2 of the Annual report.

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 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  
commission under section  
145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 next statement.

## 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

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Date: 28 January 2017

**MONTHLY ACCOUNT SHEET FOR 2015/16 TAX YEAR**

04/15-03/16	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	TOTALS	Yearly
CONT	10	10	10	60	147.72	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	307.72	SB £6536.50
GIFT AID	115	94	114	69	74	94	69	79	69	69	69	82	997	
Small G/A	476.64	314.22	501.48	293.96	485.1	473.58	424.2	360.29	483.1	476.31	421.56	271.7	4982.14	
TAX				2603.18									2603.18	
OTHER												18,120	18,120	
													27,010.04	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>601.64</b>	<b>418.22</b>	<b>625.48</b>	<b>3026.14</b>	<b>706.82</b>	<b>577.58</b>	<b>503.2</b>	<b>449.29</b>	<b>562.1</b>	<b>555.31</b>	<b>500.56</b>	<b>18,484</b>		Rec 27010.44
REG DON	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	300	
MAINT	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1800	
KHC W/W	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	5350	350	350	9200	
CO Exps	100					60						90	250	
Leic #2								250					250	
GAA							255						255	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>525</b>	5525	<b>525</b>	615	12055	Exp 12055
Sur/Deficit	-23.36	-106.78	100.48	2501.14	181.82	-7.42	-276.8	-325.71	37.1	-4969.69	-24.44	17,492.04	14578.38	
														SB £6536.50
SB 03/15	£6,536.50													Rec 27010.44
Rec 15/16	27,010.44													Exp 12055
Exp 15/16	12,055													
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EB 2016	21,491.84													