

# Annual Report – London Bethnal Green Congregation

1. Charity: London Bethnal Green Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
2. Registered Charity Commission Number 1065986.
3. Annual Report for Year Ending 31st March 2010

## Reference and Administrative Details

4. The registered address of the Congregation is the Kingdom Hall, 184 Grove Road London E3
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: Keith Barrett

Secretary: Stephen Tizzard

Other Trustees: Alberto Bergantino, Bob Kerner, Albert Lee, Joseph Mensah, Kerrin Murphy, David Pluck, Rondoll Samuel.

## Structure Governance and Management

6. The Kingdom Hall in Grove Road is held in trust by the Kingdom Hall Trust.
7. The congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated May 29th 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,

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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, and other duly constituted congregation in order to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was £875 spent to assist the regular pioneers with their winter expenses and £1500 towards the upcoming refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall on air conditioning. This was paid from the Kingdom Hall Operating fund.
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 7 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 save a separate Kingdom Hall Operating Fund, the balance of which was at 31st March 2010 was £4,500. The balance in the Kingdom Hall Operating Fund on that date was £101,000.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 4 July 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature of Chairman:

Signature of Secretary:

The London Bethnal Green Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN73535

Registered Charity No. 1065986

Annual Receipts and Payments Account: Year to March 31 2010

Receipts	2009 / 2010	Previous Year
<b>Voluntary Sources:</b>		
1 Congregation Cot Bethnal Green	£ 8,343.86	£ 24,720.19
Bengali	£ 512.50	£ 1,001.60
Chinese	£ 1,560.00	£ 1,560.00
Hackney	£ 4,047.57	£ 6,095.53
Polish	£ 5,003.78	£ 2,857.77
Spanish	£ 3,158.64	£ 8,248.00
Stepney	£ 2,376.00	£ 4,376.00
Sub-total	£ 25,002.35	£ 48,859.07
2 Tax Rebate		
3 Congregation DOC/Gift Aid	£ 7,078.00	£ 4,823.00
Sub-total	£ 7,078.00	£ 4,823.00
<b>Income from assets</b>		
4 Interest from investments	£ 223.58	£ 842.32
5 Rents from property		£ -
Sub-total	£ 223.58	£ 842.32
<b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>		
6 Proceeds from sales of assets		
7 Loans Received	£ 3,018.82	£ -
8 Other	£ 404.00	£ 32.00
Sub-total	£ 3,422.82	£ 32.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£ 35,726.75</b>	<b>£ 54,556.41</b>
<b>Payments:</b>		
<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
9 Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 3,252.68	£ 17,652.68
10 Gas, Electricity, Water and Telephone	£ 6,610.41	£ 5,822.11
11 Cleaning Materials	£ 1,037.60	£ 1,047.21
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
12 Donations to IBSA, Watchtower Bible Society	£ 1,256.00	£ 2,615.43
13 Pioneer School	£ 100.00	
14 Convention Donations		
<b>Miscellaneous Payments</b>		
15 Visiting Speaker	£ 1,355.00	£ 1,520.00
16 Gift Aid for Full Time Servants	£ 875.00	£ 875.00
17 Insurances	£ 732.00	£ 396.00
18 Bank Charges		£ 69.51
19 Miscellaneous	£ 667.00	£ 359.92
20 Other	£ 2,550.00	£ 770.98
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 18,535.69</b>	<b>£ 31,128.84</b>
<b>Net receipts (expense) for the year</b>	<b>£ 17,191.06</b>	<b>£ 23,427.57</b>
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Bank and cash balances at 1 April 2009 (4)	£ 87,617.66	£ 64,190.09
Bank and cash balances at March 31 2010 (5)	£ 104,808.72	£ 87,617.66
Difference between funds at start and end of year	£ 17,191.06	£ 23,427.57

Signed:



Date:

(Secretary for the trustees of the London Bethnal Green Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses)

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at End of Year to March 31 2010

Cash Assets

Bank and Cash Balances:	Ac No	Amount	Previous Year
Bethnal Green accounts:			
1 GiroBank Current Account	58 256 0802	£ 886.89	£ 4,328.89
2 GiroBank Deposit Account	58 256 0810	£	£
3 Barclays	70653462	£ 4,719.06	£ 1,898.91
4 Cash not banked		£ 502.75	£ 163.54
5 Cheques not cashed		-£ 1,610.56	-£ 4,048.64
	Sub-total	£ 4,498.14	£ 2,282.70
Kingdom Hall Operating Fund accounts:			
5 GiroBank Current Account	54 895 8807	£ 15,551.94	£ 50,350.00
6 GiroBank Deposit Account	54 895 8815	£ 55.28	£ 55.15
7 GiroBank High Interest Account	54 895 8823	£ 34,960.27	£ 34,736.82
8 Cheques not cashed		-£ 256.91	£ 132.99
	Sub-total	£ 50,310.58	£ 85,274.96
	Sub-Total Cash Balance	£ 54,808.72	£ 87,617.66
Other Cash Assets:			
9 Loans to other congregations		£ 50,000.00	
10 Other None			
	Total Cash Balance	£ 104,808.72	£ 87,617.66


Liabilities

- 11 Due for immediate repayment
- 12 Future and contingent Liabilities
- 13 Loan for construction of Kingdom Hall

Other (non-cash) Assets

14 Long-term investments			
15 Place of Worship		£ 500,000.00	£ 500,000.00
16 Furniture and other contents of place of worship		£ 45,000.00	£ 50,000.00

Signed:

  
 [Signature Box]

Date:

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(Secretary for the trustees of the London Bethnal Green Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses)