

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 2016**

| Receipts  |   | 2015/ 2016 |                  | Previous Year  |                  |
|---|---|------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Voluntary Sources:</b>                         |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 1   | Congregation Co Bethnal Green                       | £          | 22,296.97        | £              | 4,602.26         |
|   | Bengali   | £          | 420.00           | £              | 420.00           |
|   | Chinese   | £          | 1,188.00         | £              | 1,374.00         |
|   | Hackney   | £          | 1,680.00         | £              | 2,040.00         |
|   | Polish  | £          | 1,962.00         | £              | 1,921.50         |
|   | Spanish   | £          | 1,200.00         | £              | 1,648.00         |
|   | Stepney   | £          | 1,656.00         | £              | 2,196.00         |
|   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                    | <b>£</b>   | <b>30,402.97</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>14,201.76</b> |
| 2   | Tax Rebate  |            |                  |                |                  |
| 3   | Congregation DOC/Gift Aid                           | £          | 5,255.00         | £              | 5,073.00         |
|   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                    | <b>£</b>   | <b>5,255.00</b>  | <b>£</b>       | <b>5,073.00</b>  |
| <b>Income from assets</b>                         |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 4   | Small cash donations                                |            |                  | Small cash don |                  |
| 5   | Project refund                                      |            |                  |                |                  |
|   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                    | <b>£</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>£</b>       | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Miscellaneous Receipts</b>                     |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 6   | Intrest   | £          | 0.17             | intrest        | £ 0.04           |
| 7   | Coach   |            |                  | Coach          |                  |
| 8   | Other   |            |                  |                |                  |
|   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                    | <b>£</b>   | <b>0.17</b>      | <b>£</b>       | <b>0.04</b>      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                             |   | <b>£</b>   | <b>35,658.14</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>19,274.80</b> |
| <b>Payments:</b>                                  |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| <b>Other Expenditure</b>                          |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 9   | Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance              | £          | 3,070.67         | £              | 5,462.73         |
| 10  | Gas, Electricity, Water and Telephone (less rebate) | £          | 4,208.34         | £              | 9,375.56         |
| 11  | Cleaning Materials                                  | £          | 1,815.24         | £              | 1,347.45         |
| <b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>              |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 12  | Donations to IBSA, Watchtower Bible Society         | £          | 15,892.40        | £              | 3,851.00         |
| 13  | Pioneer School                                      |            |                  |                |                  |
| 14  | Convention Donations                                |            |                  |                |                  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Payments</b>                     |   |            |                  |                |                  |
| 15  | Visiting Speaker                                    | £          | 187.84           | £              | 100.00           |
| 16  | Gift for Full Time Servants                         |            |                  | £              | 1,000.00         |
| 17  | Insurances  |            |                  | £              | 285.00           |
| 18  | Hall Hire   | £          | 901.50           | Hall Hire      | £ 639.00         |
| 19  | Funeral costs for Albert Lee                        | £          | 2,122.92         | Miscellaneous  | £ 101.50         |
| 20  | Other Flowers                                       | £          | 65.00            | Flowers MB & M | £ 117.50         |
|   | <b>Sub-total</b>                                    | <b>£</b>   | <b>28,263.91</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>22,279.74</b> |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                             |   | <b>£</b>   | <b>28,263.91</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>22,279.74</b> |
| <b>Net receipts (expense) for the year</b>        |   | <b>£</b>   | <b>7,394.23</b>  | <b>-£</b>      | <b>3,004.94</b>  |
| Bank and cash balances at 1 April 2015(4)         |   | £          | 25,825.89        | £              | 28,830.83        |
| Bank and cash balances at March 31 2016 (5)       |   | £          | 33,219.95        | £              | 25,825.89        |
| Difference between funds at start and end of year |   | £          | 7,394.06         | -£             | 3,004.94         |

Signed:

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

Date:

The London Bethnal Green Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
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**Registered Charity No. 1065986**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at End of Year to March 31 2016**

Cash Assets

| Bank and Cash Balances:              | Ac No                          | 2015/16     | Previous Year   |                 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bethnal Green accounts               |                                |             |                 |                 |
| 1                                    | GiroBank Current Account       | 58 256 0802 | 1860.88         | 3426.89         |
| 2                                    | GiroBank Deposit Account       | 58 256 0810 |                 |                 |
| 3                                    | Barclays                       | 70653462    | 19788.51        | 2504.51         |
| 4                                    | Cash not banked                | -           | 18941.44        | 1088.34         |
| 5                                    | Cheques not cashed             |             | -19106.86       | -1706.07        |
|                                      | Sub-total                      |             | 21483.97        | 5313.67         |
| Kingdom Hall Operating Fund accounts |                                |             |                 |                 |
| 5                                    | GiroBank Current Account       | 54 895 8807 | 22360.6         | 20788.2         |
| 6                                    | GiroBank Deposit Account       | 54 895 8815 | 10.05           | 10.03           |
| 7                                    | GiroBank High Interest Account | 54 895 8823 | 33.64           | 33.49           |
| 8                                    | Cash not banked                |             |                 |                 |
|                                      | Sub-total                      |             | 11735.98        | 20512.22        |
| <b>Sub-Total Cash Balance</b>        |                                |             | <b>33219.95</b> | <b>25825.89</b> |
| -----                                |                                |             |                 |                 |
| 9                                    | Loans to other congregations   |             |                 |                 |
| 10                                   | Other None                     |             |                 |                 |
| Total Cash Balance                   |                                |             | 33219.95        | 25825.89        |

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                            |              |              |
| Held for functional use by charity |  |              |              |
| 15                                 | Place of Worship                                 | £ 500,000.00 | £ 500,000.00 |
| 16                                 | Furniture and other contents of place of worship | £ 50,000.00  | £ 50,000.00  |

Signed:

Date:

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



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name  
LONDON BETHNAL GREEN CONGREGATION OF  
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to 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 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 (other than that disclosed below\*):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

Date

25/01/2017

Name

SAMUEL KAMLANI

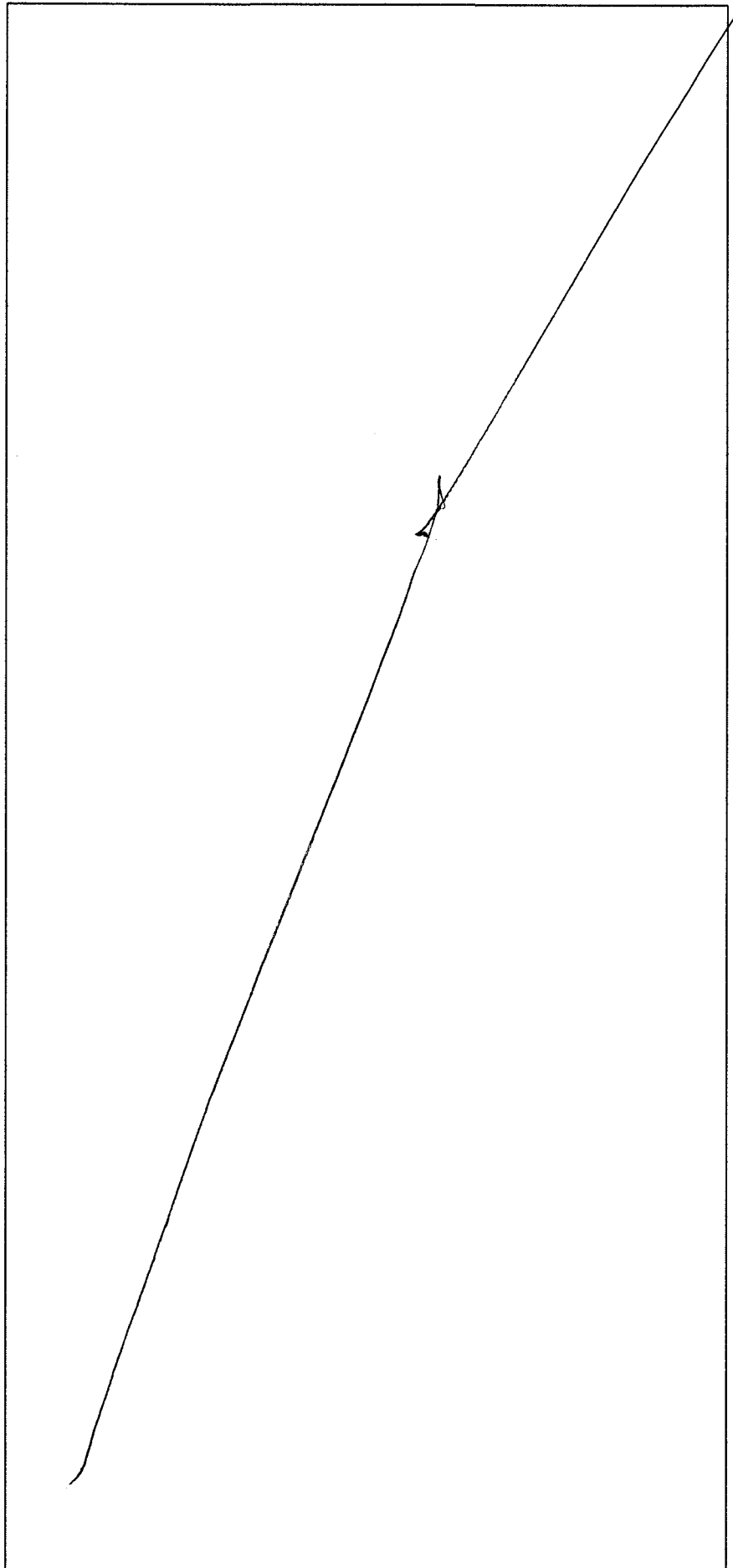
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

Address

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JODRELL ROAD E3 2LQ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose



# 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 2016

## 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: Bob Kerner

Other Trustees: Alberto Bergantino, Peter Fairbank, Kerrin Murphy, David Pemberton, Cardinal Ward, Alexandre Petit.

## 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, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the

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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 is the regular monthly donation made from Congregation funds to the World Wide Work – during the year, this amounted to £1,200.00 for the World Wide Work and £2,868.00 for Kingdom Hall Construction Worldwide. Additionally, in the same period, the Congregation paid a total of £2,670.00 toward the maintenance of 184 Grove Road.
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 30 months working expenditure. Our total reconciled funds for the exclusive use of the Congregation at the end of the accounting period was £21,483.97
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, at 31st March 2016, was £11,735.98
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 June 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature of Chairman:

Signature of Secretary: