

**LONDON DAGENHAM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
ANNUAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

Receipt

Congregation Funds at the beginning of the year		28,322.73
Congregation contribution	6706.44	
Gift Aid	3685.75	
World Wide Work (Congregation)	3062.06	
Interest	3.63	
HM Revenue Tax Refund	0.00	
Unallocated Funds	0.00	13457.88
Total Income		41780.61

Payment

Kingdom Hall Operation Fund	2400.00	
World Wide Work Donation	3708.96	
Kingdom Hall Construction WWW	1650.00	
Regular Donation to Society	275.00	
Travel Overseer assistance arrangement	394.00	
Coach Ticket	6100.00	
C/O (Andrew Smith)	72.00	
C/O (Tony Quarrie)	86.54	
Richard Cook - Bethellite	30.00	
Aderienne Sadler	175.00	
Payment to A Erikitola	86.50	
2014 International Convention	31.00	
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(Surplus/Deficit) for the year		-1590.12
Congregation Funds at the end of the year		26732.61

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON DAGENHAM CONGREGATION OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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 Charity Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charity Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the Charity 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.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charity Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charity Act have not been met; or

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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Signed

ACEG Associated Ltd

Date

27 JUNE 2014

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1. CHARITY: London, Dagenham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1065778

4. The registered address of the congregation is: 11 Hubert Road, Rainham, Essex RM13 8AB.

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

Chairman:	Lloyd Stewart
Secretary:	Dale Church
Other Trustees:	Kwame Darkwah, Mark Lyon, Raphael Stapleton, Abel Lamptey Oladele Majekodunmi, Harry Odoi, Adeyinka Adewunmi.

Structure, Governance and Management

6. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16th 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

7. 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.

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Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

8. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others and 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.

9. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation during the year was:

- a) Expenditure of £2400 was used for paying Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance costs during the year.
- b) Expenditure of £394 for Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement
- c) Expenditure of £1650 donation to Watch Tower Society for Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement.
- d) Expenditure of £6100 for Coach Tickets for District Convention and Circuit Assembly

10. 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 equal to more than 58 months working expenditure.

11. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

12. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use, or set aside for a particular purpose. The balance as at 31 March 2013 was £26,732.61 of which £20,000 is held in the funds on deposit Arrangement.

13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on June 2, 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: *Lloyd Stewart*
Chairman

Signed: *Dale Church*
Secretary

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