

## Annual Report

London Earlsfield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered Charity No 1067023

The registered address of the congregation is: Kingdom Hall, 349 Haydons Road, London SW19 8LA

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

**Chairman:** Emmanuel Solate    **Secretary:** Michael Ogene,

Other Trustees: Michael Douglas, Timothy Cuthbert, Mike Parris. Emmanuel Solate, Christopher Fordjour and Gyorgy Demeter

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

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated May 27, 1997 ("the Constitution"). The congregation is affiliated to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ("the Society").

New trustees are selected by 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 **four** times each 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 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 of Christ 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 maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such

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principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved morale 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**

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for holding 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.

Income during the year totalling £26051.35 was made up of donations from congregation members, some of which by tax-effective means.

Significant expenses during the year total £9,638.31 made of £3,000 (£250 per month) paid to the Plough Lane Kingdom Hall Operating Fund, £220 towards Circuit Minister's Expenses, £2451 Coach Hire Costs, £139.31 Literature Cart Poster Printing, £623 towards printing of Convention/Convention/Meeting Invitations, £2455 (£200 per month x 12 –Resolution + £55 Kingdom Hall Construction Box ) to The Society for the Kingdom Hall and Assembly Hall Construction Worldwide Fund, £250 for the Global Assistance Arrangement (Resolution) and £500 for the Memorial Venue.

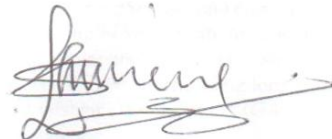
The Charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, our free reserves were roughly equal to 22 working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use or set aside for a particular purpose.

Approved by the Trustees of the Charity on June 25, 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Emmanuel Solate (Chairman)



Michael Ogene (Secretary)

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of -

LONDON EARLSFIELD Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses -  
Charity reg. no. 1067023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the London Earlsfield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Trust ( the Trust ) for the year ended 31 March 2017.

### **Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ( the Act ).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

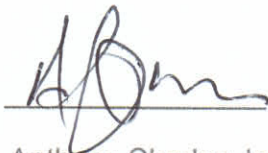
### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:




Anthony Charles Jones  
Accounting Technician ( retired )  
20 Monclar Road  
London  
SE5 8AX

2nd January 2018

**The London (Earlsfield) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Annual Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 2017**  
Registered Charity Number: 1067023  
HMRC Tax Reference: XN69313

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>
	2017
	£
<b>Receipts</b>	
Voluntary sources	
Donations for local congregation expenses	2,737
Investment income	
Interest	
Other receipts	
	<hr/> 2,737
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments	
Loan received from Watch Tower	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 2,737
<b>Payments</b>	
Costs of charitable activities	
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAHCW	655
Donations to Watch Tower for GAA	0
Literature Cart Poster - Printing	0
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	750
Hire of coach for convention	497
Meeting Invitations - Printing	0
Memorial Invitations - Printing	223
Memorial Venue Hire	500
Convention Invitations - Printing	0
Circuit overseer expenses	70
	<hr/> 2,695
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments	
Land purchased	
Loan repayments to Watch Tower	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 2,695
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	42
Total cash assets brought forward	23,639
Total cash assets carried forward	<hr/> <hr/> 23,681

Signed  EMMANUEL SOLARTE  
Date: 25/06/17

Secretary for the Trustees of the London (Earlsfield) Congregation of Jehovah's  
Witnesses Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**The London (Earlsfield) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As at March 31, 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1067023

HMRC Tax Reference: XN69313

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>
	2017
	£
<b>Cash Assets</b>	
Barclays bank account	23,732
Cash in hand	
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b> (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u>23,732</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	
Gift Aid claim not yet received	
<b>Investment Assets</b>	
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>	
Kingdom Hall	
Land for new build	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Electricity bill to be paid	
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)	

Signed  ..... EMMANUEL SOLATE

Date: 25/06/17 .....

Secretary for the Trustees of the London (Earlsfield) Congregation of Jehovah's  
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