
London Forest Hill Congregation

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 March 2017

Charity no.1069147

London Forest Hill Congregation

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

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The Trustees served during the period ended 31/03/17

Anthony Dawson
Cleveland Jones
Robert Golbourne
Wayne Jones
Freeman Appiah
Vernal Rochester
Jacob Tommy
Wilson Dodzo
Stephen Johnson
Philip Nosworthy

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Independent Examiner's Report

Charity Name London Forest Hill Congregation

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Report for the year ended 31 March 2017

The financial statement is set out on page 5 and shows the result for the year

Responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The committee, who are the trustees of the Charity, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017. **The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year (under section 43 (3) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.**

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- i. The trustees served during the period ensure that:
 - a) proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b) Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

Signed 

Date 13/11/17

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Financial Statement for the period ended 31 March 2017

Voluntary Sources	Note	2017	2016
		£	£
Congregation Contributions		15,236	20,864
Gift Aid		7,212	-
Other Donations		9,000	12,476
Gross Incoming resources		31,448	33,340
Charity expenditure			
Total resources expended		30,811	36,925
Net Fund Movement		637	(3,585)
Interest payable			
Accumulated fund bfwd		27,105	30,690
Net incoming resources are derived from continuing operations			
Bank balance as at 31/03/16		27,741	27,105

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Financial Statement for the Period ended 31 March 2017
 Balance sheet

	Notes	Mar-17 £	Mar-16 £
Fixed Asset			
Tangible Assets		0.00	0.00
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>27,741</u>	<u>27,105</u>
		27,741	27,105
Current Liabilities			
Bank Current a/c			
Accruals		0.00	0.00
Current Assets Less Current Liabilities			
Net Assets		<u>27,741</u>	<u>27,105</u>
<i>Represented By</i>			
Net Fund Movement		637	(3,585)
Reserves		27,104	30,090
Accumulated Fund		<u>27,741</u>	<u>27,105</u>

Date of approval

Trustee Signature

Trustee Name

Trustee Signature

Trustee Name

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1. CHARITY : ***LONDON FOREST HILL CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES***
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING *31st MARCH 2017*

Legal and Administrative Information

3. The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 28th May 1997 and registered with The Charity Commission.
4. Registered Charity No. *1069147*.
5. The Congregation has during the last year been administered by the following Trustees, being Elders of the Congregation duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution:

Chairman: *Anthony Dawson*

Secretary: *Cleveland Jones*

Other Trustees: *Jacob Tommy, Freeman Appiah, Philip Nosworthy, Robert Golbourne
Stephen Johnson, Vernal Rochester, Wayne Jones, Wilson Dodzo*

6. The Registered Address of the Congregation is *Kingdom Hall, 27 Brockley Rise, London SE23 1JG*.
7. The Congregation's Banks for the stated period were *Barclays Bank plc, 93 Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6BB* and *National Westminster Bank Plc, Rushey Green, Catford, London, SE6 4BJ*
8. At the end of the year there were *135* congregation members.
9. The Congregation is associated with the *London No.8 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses*.

Objects and Activities

10. The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of it's assets to such purposes: It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible.' For this purpose the Congregation is organized on the basis of scriptural precedent and as otherwise recommended by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ('the Society') with which the Congregation is affiliated.

During the year the Congregation has achieved its objects and continued to pursue its purposes by holding regular twice-weekly meetings for the public worship of God and Bible study. Further, most Congregation members have assisted by sharing regularly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian living including respect for secular authority, persons and property; the maintenance of personal morality and family values; and other facets of practical Christianity.

Governance

11. 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 all other persons engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis.

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Review of Year and Financial Developments

12. The Congregation is funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by income from (property and) investments. Further, it is confirmed that the congregation's accounts comply with the Constitution and with the relevant statutory requirements.

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 (and to other duly constituted congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at 31/03/17 confirm the cash assets of the Congregation were as follows:

Funds: Cash in Current Accounts	£ 27,741
Total Funds:	£ 27,741
Of Which	£ 13,565 is in the Kingdom hall Maintenance Fund

13. These funds are held for the purposes of financing the future activities of the Congregation, including the acquisition / improvement of accommodation for the holding of meetings for worship and Bible study.
14. Property - *Kingdom Hall, 27 Brockley Rise, Forest Hill, London SE23 1JG* - Held in trust for the Congregation by locally appointed Trustees and The Kingdom Hall Trust.
15. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year were the following expenses:-

- £ 11,465	<i>Kingdom Hall Operations and Maintenance</i>
- £ 4,571	<i>Utilities</i>
- £ 1,729	<i>Equipment Purchased</i>
- £ 4,061	<i>Maintenance</i>
- £ 1,103	<i>Others</i>
- £ 10,900	<i>Global Assistance Arrangement</i>

Contributions approved by Congregation resolution for the charitable work of associated Charities were as follows:

- £ 4,404	<i>Society's Kingdom Hall Fund</i>
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In all respects the Congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other duly constituted Congregations within the Circuit and with the Society for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the Good News of the God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ.

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Internal Controls:

16. Proper controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly reports accurately represents all Transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person independently examines the accounts on a quarterly basis, using guidelines prepared by the Society. The result is announced to the congregation.

Investments Policy:

17. The trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit, but subject to the provisions of the Constitution. They will have regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and invest in harmony with Christian principles. Any funds that may be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

Reserves Policy:

18. 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 is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designed for specific purpose or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year - end, the free reserve were roughly equal to 12 months working expenditure.

Risk Management:

19. The trustees actively review the major risks the charity faces and believe that by maintaining free reserves at the level stated in the Reserves Policy, combined with the internal audit program, the charity will have sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. Established systems are in place to mitigate the significant risks.
20. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 29th June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Chairman
A S Dawson

Secretary
C Jones