

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

1. London Hammersmith Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.
2. Annual Report for year ending 31st March 2015

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No 1066226.
4. The registered address of the congregation is 1a Poplar Grove, Hammersmith, London, W6 7RF
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman	-	Peter Haughton
Secretary	-	Bernard Stewart
Other Trustees	-	Nathan Adjei Simon Robertson Herbert Fowler Franklyn Quarshie Neil Macleod Charles Beresford Colin Martin Graham Cowles

6. The Kingdom Hall in 1a Poplar Grove is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of 'Constitution dated 29th of May 1997. (the Constitution') The congregation is affiliated with Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (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 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 Bible 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.

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 congregations) to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at **31/03/15** confirm the cash assets of the congregation were as follows:

Funds Cash in Current Accounts:

Hammersmith Congregation – Barclays Current & Saving Accounts - £22,105.25

Operating Committee - Cater Allen Banking Account - £25, 277.82

10. Notable expenses were Donations - **£6455.20**; Non routing expenses - £2206.20.

Total expenditure was £11.178.21

Total Receipts from Contribution boxes, small donations, Gift Aid & Deed of Covenants etc - £26,483.99

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 **8 months** working expenditure.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on **27th May 2015** and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____
Chairman (Peter Haughton)

Secretary (Bernard Stewart)

Jehovah's Witnesses - London Hammersmith Congregation - Accounts Summary April 2014 - March 2015 (Audited Accounts)													
	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Totals
Receipts													
Contributions	530.26	65.00	540.00	190.00	95.00	762.00	105.00	175.00	75.00	626.10	13,122.87	65.00	16351.23
Contributions - Small donations	333.60	636.08	662.53	682.36	616.10	571.60	649.01	375.10	373.30	636.65	378.70	540.17	6455.20
Deeds of Covenant	106.00	101.00	101.00	91.00	51.00	551.00	91.00	51.00	131.00	91.00	51.00	131.00	1547.00
Gift Aid	140.00	180.00	250.00	100.00	180.00	130.00	40.00	290.00	100.00	190.00	280.00	250.00	2130.00
Interest			0.14			0.15			0.14			0.13	0.56
Total Receipts	1,109.86	982.08	1,553.67	1,063.36	942.10	2,014.75	885.01	891.10	679.44	1,543.75	13,832.57	986.30	26483.99
Payments													
KH and Assembly Hall Construction Resolution		50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	550.00
Kingdom Hall Maintenance	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	398.00	4776.00
CO's visit/Pub.Speaker Exp.					150.00					30.00			180.00
Bank charges													0.00
Cir Ass'bly/district convention donation	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1200.00
BT line (other Generic Conferencing Connections etc.)	57.60												57.60
Sundries - Veronica's Estate			600.00										600.00
Sundries - C. Beresford Posters Print Trolleys												53.4	53.40
Contribution to Memorial Venue Hire												526.20	526.20
2014 International convention contribution		500.00											500.00
Bus/Mini bus Convention/Assembly					795.01	800.00				900.00			2495.01
Travelling Overseers' Assistance	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	32.50	390.00
Pioneer school contribution		400.00											400.00
Total Payments	588.10	1,480.50	1,180.50	580.50	1,525.51	1,380.50	580.50	580.50	580.50	1,510.50	580.50	1,160.10	11178.21
Received in Contribution Boxes for WT/I.B.S.A													
W	483.11	407.08	202.51	290.40	154.95	1,298.42	991.64	790.60	602.03	892.92	801.94	674.77	7590.37
K	166.55												166.55
Total	649.66	407.08	202.51	290.40	154.95	1,298.42	991.64	790.60	602.03	892.92	801.94	674.77	7756.92
Total funds Opening Balance	7,349.47	7,871.23	7,372.81	7,745.98	8,228.84	7,645.43	8,279.68	8,584.19	8,894.79	8,993.73	9,026.98	22,279.05	
Movement	521.76	(498.42)	373.17	482.86	(583.41)	634.25	304.51	310.60	98.94	33.25	13,252.07	(173.80)	
Total funds Closing Balance	7,871.23	7,372.81	7,745.98	8,228.84	7,645.43	8,279.68	8,584.19	8,894.79	8,993.73	9,026.98	22,279.05	22,105.25	

Dear Ben and Colin,

I have gone through figures for accounts last year and come up with some totals.

Still I would like to point out that the yearly accounts audit has not been carried out yet, so the figures have not been double checked.

Also I believe there was a £40 difference carried forward from last year's report due to two Deeds of Covenant on March 31, 2014 that were not included in the totals.

Please check the following information along with the attached Accounts Summary Excel file:

Funds on Hand at March 31, 2015 (account 60886963 plus saving account 90728748) : **£22,105.25**

INCOME

- Gift Aid: £21,30.00

- Deeds of Covenant: £1,547.00

TOTAL: **£3677.00**

Receipt from Contribution Boxes: £16,351.23

Small Donations: £6,455.20

Interest: £0.56

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **£26483.99**

NOTE: According to the Letter August 30, 2014 we should take away from the total above the Convention Coach Money (£2,495.01) as they are not a contribution.

EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures: £11,178.21

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See a breakdown of our expenses on the attached Excel file.

The items highlighted in yellow are "**non routine**" expenses. Also I have not highlighted the Convention Coach money.

Non routine expenses: £2,206.20

Please kindly let me know if I can be of more assistance.

Kind Regards

Andrea