

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2013**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the London Hounslow Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Dear Sirs,

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2012.

**Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner' report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiners statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Acts; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met.

The accounts are in good order apart from a few clerical errors that have been rectified, after speaking with the trustees.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts reached.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012**

### **LONDON HOUNSLOW CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Registered Charity No. 1066269/0.

The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29 May 1997 ('the Constitution') and registered with the Charity Commission.

The registered address of the Congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Argyle Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW3 2BE. This Property is held in trust by locally appointed Trustees

The Congregation Bank is Barclays Bank plc of High Street, Hounslow, Middlesex.

At the end of the year there were 154 congregation members.

The Congregation is affiliated with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society). The Congregation is within the London No. 3 Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses.

On the date this report was approved, the Congregation was administered by the following Trustees: Alfred Cumberland (Chairman), Stojan Vukic (Secretary), Robin Atkins, Mario Fernandes, Stephen Fulker, Elias Hanna, Tony Hunte, Lawrence Is-hak, Stephen Lloyd-Wynter, Trevor Roberts, Stanley Tremenheere and Stavro Valassidis.

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.

The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation 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 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.

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

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year were the following donations to the IBSA/Watchtower Society of £4200, also to the Circuit funds for Pioneer School and Kingdom Hall Assist Fund totalling £501 and the tax refund from the tax office of £5,462.84 for Gift Aid contributions.

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 over 12 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the Congregation. Some of these funds are to be used in the future plans to develop the site adjoining the Kingdom Hall. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at 31/3/2012 confirm the cash assets of the Congregation were as follows:

Funds Cash on Deposit:	£41,732.11
Money loaned to Society:	£12,395.70
Operating Committee A/C:	£ 5,422.24
Total Funds available:	£59,550.05

This excludes the amount held in the Operating Account, this figure not available at this time

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 8 June 2012 and signed in its behalf by

Alfred Cumberland  
Chairman

## The Hounslow Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at March 31, 2012

	<b><u>Current</u></b> <b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Previous</u></b> <b><u>Year</u></b>
<b><u>Cash Assets</u></b>		
Bank and Cash Balances		
Hounslow Congregation account	£41,732.11	£27,101.57
Operating Account	£ 5,422.24	£ 3,030.95
Cash not banked £	£	£
Loans to other congregations and Watch Tower Society	£12,395.70	£12,395.70
Total: Agrees with March 31 balance on annual account	£59,550.05	£42,528.32
Other ( _____ )	£	£
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Due for immediate payment	£	£
Loans (Repayment within one year on request)	£	£
Future and contingent		
Loan re construction of place of worship (see footnote A)	£	£
<b><u>Other Assets</u></b>		
Long term investments (tied up for a year or more)	£	£
Held for Functional use by Charity	£	£
Place of worship (Footnote B)	£271,885.30	£261,885.30
Furniture and other contents of place of worship (Footnote C)	£24,409	£24,409

#### **Footnotes:**

A Loan: Loan secured by freehold place of worship

B Registered Place of Worship: Argyle Road, Hounslow TW3 2BE. Shown at historic cost November 1997, new building (£261,885.30) plus £10,000 for adjoining land purchased during year 2010

C Contents: Carpet and flooring £6477, chairs £7565, curtains and blinds £711, furniture £5494, kitchen £1806, sound equipment £2416