

# **ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017**

## **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 136 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 prepared, the Congregation was administered by the following Trustees: John Croad, (Chair of the Charity), Alfred Cumberland, (Secretary), Robin Atkins, David Collison, Jason Fernandes, Mario Fernandes, Stephen Fulker, Tony Hunte, Ghassan Ishak, Russell Jones, Trevor Roberts, and Dennis Williams. 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 donations to the IBSA/Watchtower Society of £15,000

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. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at 31/3/2017 confirm the cash assets of the Congregation were as follows:

Funds Cash on Deposit:	£12,649.30
Operating Committee A/C:	£ 6,872.14
Total Funds available:	£19,521.44

Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 15 June 2017 and signed in its behalf by

John Croad  
Chairman

**The London Hounslow Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No: XN51079    Registered Charity No.: 1066269/0

**COMBINED ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31 2017**

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		Previous Year
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£5,093.00	£12,715.68
Tax Repayment		
Small Cash Donations	£7,598.11	
Congregation Gift Aid	£9,320.20	£17,039.00
Parking funds	£100.00	
sub total:	<u>£22,111.31    £22,111.31</u>	<u>£29,754.68</u>
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments		
Rents from Property		
sub total:	<u>£0.00    £0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
(Misc. Receipts)	£12,050.15	£10,019.86
Received Arabic Cong	<u>£3,050.00</u>	
Received Punjabi Cong	£2,770.00	
Received Portuguese Cong	£2,900.00	
sub total:	<u>£20,770.15    £20,770.15</u>	<u>£10,019.86</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u><u>£42,881.46</u></u>	<u><u>£39,774.54</u></u>

**PAYMENTS:**

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	-£15,420.00	-£47,797.70
Other Donations (e.g. Pioneer Ministers School, Circuit Funds)	-£1,080.29	-£1,600.00
District Convention		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	-£1,202.01	-£11,315.86
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	-£330.73	-£197.56
Utility Bills	-£15,154.24	-£450.12
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall	-£8,558.44	-£180.90
Deposit for Legal Services		
Other		<u>-£1,000.00</u>
Purchase of Land/Buildings in Connection with Place of Worship		
(Misc. Payments)		
Convention Coach	-£2,479.64	
Other (Insurance_____)		
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<u><u>-£44,225.35</u></u>	<u><u>-£62,542.14</u></u>
Net receipts (expense) for the year	<u>-£1,343.89</u>	<u>-£22,767.60</u>
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2016	<u>£20,865.33</u>	<u>£43,632.93</u>
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2017	<u>£19,521.44</u>	<u>£20,865.33</u>

Signed S J Fulker Date 23/12/2017

Secretary for the trustees of the London Hounslow Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

LONDON HOUNSLOW CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

On accounts for the year  
ended

MARCH 2017

Charity no  
(if any)

1066269/0

Set out on pages

1-3

(in numbers of individual sheets)

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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. [~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body].~~ Delete [ ] if not applicable.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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