

1. ANNUAL REPORT FOR LONDON PLUMSTEAD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1067578.

4. The registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall, 18-26 Viewland Rd LONDON, SE18

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

MR RICHARD WILLIAM DAVY (Chairman)

MR JOHN WALTER USHER SIMMONS

MR CHIJIJOKE NDUKWE ELEMSON

MR NIGEL GRAHAM EVANS (Secretary)

MR JEFFREY PETER VIRGIN

MR DAVID RICKETTS

MR MATTHEW EDWARD EVANS

MR KIRAN BANGA

MR JAMES FREDERICK SCOTT

MR CHINGIZ GOUSEINOV

MR VITALI TIMOFEEVICH ZINOVJEV

6. The Kingdom Hall in Viewland Rd LONDON SE18, 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 29 May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (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 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

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 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 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. While there were no donations made by congregation members this year towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions, funds were donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

10. During the year, the congregation has offered support towards the building of the new Britain headquarters at Chelmsford, Essex amounting to £1,333.45. A special donation of £10,000 was made to the Society from excess funds to support the worldwide work in August. This is intended to provide aid and spiritual assistance in places of disaster and need to both members and the public; to build places of worship in developing lands; for developing and providing online and printed materials in the advance of Christian education; to ensure an equalizing of funds with members in other areas of the world.

11. We received two separate inheritance bequests amounting in total to £12,000.

12. The charity has a consistent income base, some of which is made through tax efficient means, through donations from congregation members. 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 30 months working expenditure.

13. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. At the end of the year, the sum of £9,054 was held for Kingdom Hall operating expenses.

14. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28 June 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Chairman

RICHARD DAVY

Secretary

NIGEL EVANS

**The London Plumstead Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
(Combined) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Annual Receipts
and Payments Account For the Year Ended March 31, 2019**

Registered Charity Number: 1067578

HMRC Tax Reference: EW36370

**Unrestricted
Funds
2019
£**

Receipts

Voluntary sources

Donations for local congregation expenses 32,449

Adjustment for cancelled cheque

Investment income

Interest

Other receipts

Cancelled Cheque 120

HMRC Repayments 1,964

34,533

Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments

Loan received from Watch Tower

Total Receipts

34,533

Payments

Costs of charitable activities

Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work 11,500

Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA 960

Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA

Donations to Watch Tower for GAA 550

Donations to Watch Tower for Branch Construction -

Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance 7,212

Hire of coach for convention 414

Circuit overseer expenses 217

Printing Expenses 158

Miscellaneous 820

21,831

Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments

Land purchased

Loan repayments to Watch Tower

Total Payments

21,831

Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year

12,702

Total cash assets brought forward

17,768

Total cash assets carried forward

30,470

Signed ... Nigel Evans

Date:... 23 July 2019

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

**The London Plumstead Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
(Combined) Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Statement of
Assets and Liabilities As at March 31, 2019**

Registered Charity Number: 1067578

HMRC Tax Reference: EW36370

	Unrestricted Funds
	2019
	£
Cash Assets	
Barclays bank account	<u>19,296</u>
Operating Account	<u>9,054</u>
Cash in hand	
Cancelled Cheque	120
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower	<u>2,000</u>
Total Cash Assets (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u><u>30,470</u></u>
Other Monetary Assets	
Gift Aid claim not yet received	<u><u>1,686</u></u>
Investment Assets	
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	
Kingdom Hall	1,030,860
Land for new build	
Liabilities	
Electricity bill to be paid	
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)	

Signed ...Nigel Evans

Date:...23 July 2019

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

LONDON PLUMSTEAD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PLUMSTEAD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of London Plumstead Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise Monthly Kingdom Hall Operating Committee Account Report, Monthly Congregation Account Report, Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

LONDON PLUMSTEAD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PLUMSTEAD CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustee's report included with the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law,

we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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