

Annual Report

1. LONDON – SEVEN KINGS CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1067656
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 562 High Road, Seven Kings, IG3 8EG.
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:
Chairman: Paul Gunning Secretary: Donovan Stewart
Other trustees: Saeed Akbari, Tayo Ayeni, David Barrett, William Newby, Cowsley Nowell, Winston Pennant, and Eric Wilson.
6. The Kingdom Hall in High Road, Seven Kings, is held in trust for the congregation by the following locally appointed trustees: Saeed Akbari, Tayo Ayeni, David Barrett, Paul Gunning, William Newby, Cowsley Nowell, Winston Pennant, Donovan Stewart, and Eric Wilson.

Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th 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. 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 to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was, £2160.00 repaid for loans to members of the Congregation leaving an outstanding balance of £6480.00.
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 40 months working expenditure.
12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 5th June 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____
Chairman

Secretary

Re: letter 29/1/10

The LONDON SEVEN KINGS Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XNG6694 Registered Charity No. 1067656

Annual Receipts and Payments Accounts Report: Year to March 31, 2011

		Previous Year
RECEIPTS		
Voluntary Sources		
Congregation Contributions	£ 7809.99	£ 6657.49
Donations from _____	£ _____	£ _____
Tax Claim	£ 141.53	£ _____
Congregation Gift Aid	£ 150.00	£ 500.00
Legacies	£ _____	£ _____
	£ 8101.52	£ _____
Income from Assets		
Interest from Investments	£ _____	£ 0.01
Rents from Property	£ _____	£ _____
	£ _____	£ _____
Misc. Receipts		
Proceeds sale of assets	£ _____	£ _____
Loans received	£ _____	£ _____
other (_____)	£ 832.18	£ 326.77
	£ 832.18	£ _____
Total Receipts	£ 8933.70	£ 7484.27
PAYMENTS		
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Registered Charities)	£ 450.00	£ _____
Donation to Circuit/District/Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses	£ 350.00	£ _____
	£ 800.00	£ _____
Other Expenditure		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£ 8426.61	£ 5593.62
Circuit Minister Expenses	£ 196.57	£ 910.94
	£ 8623.18	£ _____
Payments for investment and other assets		
Assets retained for investment purposes	£ _____	£ _____
Equipment purchase for Charity property	£ 441.98	£ 215.25
Purchase of Land/Buildings In connections with place of worship	£ _____	£ _____
	£ 441.98	£ _____
Misc. payments		
Loan repayment to the Society re KH building	£ _____	£ _____
other (_____)	£ 3555.11	£ 5234.31
	£ 3555.11	£ _____
Total Payments	£ 13420.27	£ 11953.52
Net receipt (payment) for the year	£ (4486.57)	£ (4469.25)
Bank and cash balances at April 1, 2010	£ 31925.95	£ 36395.20
Bank and cash balances at March 31, 2011	£ 27439.38	£ 31925.95

Signed [Signature] Date 6/5/11

Secretary for the Trustees of the LONDON SEVEN KINGS Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses