

## EXTERNAL SCRUTINY REPORT

To: Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of  
Jehovah's Witnesses

Address: 26 Glenburnie Road, London SW17 7PJ

Registered Charity Number: 1066196

This is to certify that a full review of the Income & Expenditure Statement ("the Statement") for the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Charity") for the tax period 6th April 2014 to 5th April 2015 was completed and an External Scrutiny Report ("the Report") was prepared. The Report outlines the issues, errors and omissions that appear in the Statement and require adjustment. The Report has been submitted to the Trustees of the Charity with appropriate recommendations of adjustments that need to be made to the Statement to provide a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Charity for the period under review.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Rob Knight, MBA \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: Director, Global Head of Operational Compliance

Address: 17 Cavendish Road, London SW12 0BH \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_04/06/2017\_\_\_\_\_

# Annual Report

1. LONDON TOOTING BEC (20305) CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

3. Registered Charity No. 1066196
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 26 Glenburnie Road SW17 7PJ.
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:  
**Chairman:** Clyde Simpson, **Secretary:** Thomas Boland.  
**Other trustees:** David Moore, Linford Baccas, Hayden Neal, Samson Peters.

Edwyn Billingsby also served as a trustee up till September 2015.

6. The Kingdom Hall at 26 Glenburnie Road, is held in trust for the congregation by London Balham Congregation charity no 1066292

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 16 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 (and income from property).

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.

### **Financial affairs of the congregation**

10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the Donation to International Bible students Association (charity No.216647) of £110,000. Other noteworthy expenses were the refurbishment of the Kingdom Hall £20472.77, also Visting Speaker Brother Lett of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses £1111.11. The Congregation also made the donation of £2000 for Kingdom Hall Construction World Wide.

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 three months working expenditure.

12. There are no funds held subject to restrictions on their use, or set aside for a particular purpose.

13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Chairman: Clyde Simpson

Secretary: Thomas Boland

**The London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Annual Receipts and Payments Account  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015**

Registered Charity Number: 1066196  
HMRC Tax Reference: XN30064

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2015 £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	£28,679.94	
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	£6,658.59	
Investment income		
Other receipts		
Deed of Covenant		
Inheritance Gift		
	<u>£35,338.53</u>	<u>-</u>
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><u>£35,338.53</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	£110,000.00	
Congregation Coach Hire	£857.30	
Kingdom Hall Refurbishment Project	£20,472.77	
Printing	£91.60	
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	£2,400.00	
Circuit overseer and visiting speaker expenses	£1,442.16	
Donations Kingdom Hall Construction World Wide	£2,000.00	
	<u>£137,263.83</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Land purchased		-
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u><u>£137,263.83</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	<b>-£101,925.30</b>	-
Total cash assets brought forward	£138,048.00	
Total cash assets carried forward	<u><u>£36,122.70</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Signed .....

Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

**The London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at March 31, 2015**

Registered Charity Number: 1066196  
 HMRC Tax Reference: XN30064

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2015 £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Barclays bank account	£36,122.70	
Cash in hand		
Funds on deposit with Watch Tower		
<b>Total Cash Assets</b> (should agree with Receipts and Payments Account)	<u>£36,122.70</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>		
Gift Aid claim not yet received		
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>		
Kingdom Hall		
Land for new build		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Electricity bill to be paid		
Loan (repayable to Watch Tower)		

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Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the London Tooting Bec Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses