

# ANNUAL REPORT

LONDON TOTTENHAM CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2013.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity No. 1066197

The registered address of the congregation is, Kingdom Hall, 679 – 685 Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham, London N15 5LA.

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

Chairman: David Judd                      Secretary: Cetin Oktay  
Other trustees: Denis Abrams, Michael Boateng, Benjamin Hart, Michael Howe, Ricardo Roach,  
Selwyn Saunders, David Wong.

The Kingdom Hall at 679 – 685 Seven Sisters Road, Tottenham, London N15 5LA is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 28 May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with the 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

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 the 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 due consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

## **Achievements, Performance and Financial Review**

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.

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation is the annual loan repayment of £16,940 to the Society, the balance at March 31, 2013 being £102,082. Noteworthy expenses included £15,502 relating to the maintenance of the Kingdom Hall.

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 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 19 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on June 02, 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Secretary

## London Tottenham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

HMRC Tax Reference No.XN 60629A

Registered Charity No. 1066197

### Annual Receipts and Payments Report:

Year to March 31, 2013

	Current Year	Previous Year
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Voluntary Sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	14618	8042
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC		
Congregation Gift Aid	2360	2160
Donations - Bruce Grove Congregation	5310	5310
Downhills Park Congregation		698
French Congregation	2639	2714
Lingala Congregation	2475	2700
Portuguese East Congregation	5130	5130
Spanish Seven Sisters Congregation	3264	6441
Turkish Congregation	1158	1158
TLondon Circuit No.6	250	
Sub-		
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>37203</b>	<b>34353</b>
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA	462	
Donations to Watch Tower Missionary Fund	230	
Donations to London Circuit No.6		318
Donation to District Convention	500	
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	15502	14866
Hire of coach for convention	924	407
Circuit Overseer & Speakers Expenses	265	
Equipment	1917	
Memorial Expenses	520	332
Loan Repayments to the Society re Kingdom Hall Building	16940	18480
<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>37259</b>	<b>34403</b>
Net Receipts (Expenses) for the year	-56	-50
Bank and Cash Balances at April 1, 2012	17865	17915
Bank and Cash Balances at March 31, 2013	17809	17865

Signed:

Date: June 2, 2013

Secretary for the Trustees of the London Tottenham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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## **RICHARD W. HOUGHTON**

The Trustees,  
London Tottenham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses,  
c/o 82, Black Boy Road,  
LONDON,  
N15 3AR

January 16, 2014

Dear Brothers,

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees: Charity No. 1066197  
The London Tottenham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

I report on the accounts of the Congregation for the year ended 31st March 2013, as provided to me as an attachment to your annual report.

**Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act.)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

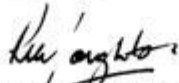
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination of the 2012-13 accounts, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met -
  - ◆ To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act ; and
  - ◆ To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yours faithfully,



Richard W. Houghton, B. Sc.