

## Annual Report

1. CHARITY: **LONDON-WIMBLEDON** CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH **2019**

### **Legal and Administrative Information**

3. The Congregation is an unincorporated association now constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated **29<sup>th</sup> May 1997** ('the Constitution')
4. Registered Charity No. **254496**
5. The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the Congregation duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution:  
Chairman: **Brother John Morley**  
Secretary: **Brother Ken Gracias**  
Other Trustees: **Brothers William Dallas, Simon Douglas, Guy Sweny, David Rushton, Wilbert Knox, Peter Stafford, Masatori Hatori, Oluyomi Williams**
6. The registered address of the Congregation is **Plough Lane Kingdom Hall, Haydons Road, Wimbledon. SW19 8LA**
7. The Congregation's Bank is **Barclays Bank plc of Alexandra Road, Wimbledon.**
8. At the end of the year there were **106** congregation members.
9. The Congregation is within the **London No.5** Circuit of Jehovah's Witnesses.

### **Objectives and Activities**

10. The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to such purposes: It defines the objects of the Congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible.' For this purpose the Congregation is organised on the basis of scriptural precedent and as otherwise recommended by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ('the Society') with which the Congregation is affiliated.

During the year the Congregation has achieved its objects and continued to pursue its purposes by holding regular twice-weekly meetings for the public worship of God and Bible study. Further, most congregation members have assisted by sharing regularly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian living including respect for secular authority, persons and property; the maintenance of personal morality and family values; and other facets of practical Christianity.

### **Governance**

11. 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 the congregation members as provided for in the constitution. The Trustees and all other persons engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis.

### **Review of Year and Financial Developments**

12. The Congregation is funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by income from investments. Further, it is confirmed that the Congregation's accounts comply with the Constitution and with the relevant statutory requirements.

Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of the regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members toward the

costs of circuit assemblies and other conventions held during the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist it in carrying out its related religious purposes.

The Annual Assets and Liabilities Statement at **31/03/2019** confirms the cash assets of the Congregation were as follows:

Funds	Cash in Current Account	£ 13,699.08
	On Deposit with Watchtower Society	£ NIL
	Cash in Operating Committee Current Account:	£ 3,934.88
	Total	£ 14,522.56

13. These funds are held for the purposes of financing the future activities of the Congregation, including the acquisition / improvement of accommodation for the holding of meetings for worship and Bible study.
14. Property - Kingdom Hall, 24a Gladstone Road, Wimbledon & Plough Lane Kingdom Hall, Haydens Road, Wimbledon. SW19 8LA are held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.
15. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was: The contribution of **£1,796.60** approved by Congregation resolutions for the charitable work of associated Charities.

Finally in all respects the Congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other duly constituted congregations within the circuit and with the Society for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ.

#### **Internal Controls**

16. Proper controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person independently examines the accounts on a quarterly basis, using guidelines provided by the Society. The result is announced to the Congregation.

#### **Investment Policy**

17. The Trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit, but subject to the provisions of the Constitution. They will have regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and invest in harmony with Christian principals. Any funds that may be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

#### **Reserves Policy**

18. 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 is to ensure that we have free reserves at hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than three months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to **20** months working expenditure.

#### **Risk Management**

19. The Trustees actively review the major risks the charity faces and believe that by maintaining free reserves at the level stated in the Reserves Policy, combined with the internal audit programme, the charity will have sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. Established systems are in place to mitigate the significant risks.
20. Approved by the Trustees of the charity on 10th June 2019 and signed on its behalf by

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Secretary

Month	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
Open Balance	£3,111.40	£5,727.45	£5,503.14	£5,756.85	£6,226.36	£5,987.97	£7,231.21
<b>Receipts:</b>							
<i>(Voluntary Sources)</i>							
Congregation Contributions	£40.00	£90.00	£70.00	£180.00	£40.00	£110.00	£90.00
Tax Repayment							
Congregation Small Donation Contributions	£270.00	£130.08	£112.00	£125.00	£212.50	£273.80	£166.85
Congregation Contributions (via JW.ORG)							
Gift Aid Contributions	£430.00	£330.00	£230.00	£400.00	£200.00	£390.00	£435.00
KH Project							
<i>(Income from Assets)</i>							
Interest from Investments							
<i>(Misc Receipts)</i>							
Circuit Flat Fund							
Coach monies		£220.00			£100.00	£20.00	£230.00
Other (Convention / Tickets)							
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£740.00</b>	<b>£770.08</b>	<b>£412.00</b>	<b>£705.00</b>	<b>£552.50</b>	<b>£793.80</b>	<b>£921.85</b>
Open Balance (Operating Account)	£1,985.18	£2,220.65	£2,334.82	£2,441.53	£2,760.54	£3,034.05	£3,748.49
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Donations from:							
Tamil London-South Congregation	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00
London-Colliers Wood Congregation						£250.00	£250.00
London-Polish (Wimbledon) Congregation						£250.00	£250.00
London-Earlsfield Congregation							
London Tamil - Aircon							
London Wimbledon - AirCon							
Miscellaneous							
Interest							
<b>Total Receipts (Operating Account)</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£665.00</b>	<b>£665.00</b>
<b>Combined Total Receipts</b>	<b>£905.00</b>	<b>£935.08</b>	<b>£577.00</b>	<b>£870.00</b>	<b>£717.50</b>	<b>£1,458.80</b>	<b>£1,586.85</b>
<b>Payments:</b>							
<i>(Direct Charitable Expenditure)</i>							
Congregation resolution for Worldwide Work	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00
Global Assistance Arrangement					£183.00		
Pioneer Assist Metropolitan Witnessing	£9.60	£38.00		£21.90	£51.00		
Donation to Lond No 5 (Assembly, Special Day)					£365.00		
Donation to Pioneer School							
Donation to Surrey Assembly Hall							
Donation to District Convention							
<i>(Other Expenditure)</i>							
Coach / minibus Hire to Assembly		£400.00					£410.00
Invitation Printing	£70.00	£144.00		£147.60	£27.60		£44.40
Circuit Flat Fund							
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses		£261.56		£120.00	£107.00		£150.00
Personal Accident Insurance					£65.80		
Japanese Group Expenses							£120.40
<i>(Payments for Investment and Other Assets)</i>							
Equipment purchased for Kingdom Hall							£40.00
<i>(Misc Payments)</i>							
KH Project returns							
Other (Bank Interest Charges)							
Other (Kingdom Hall Trust)							
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£149.60</b>	<b>£913.56</b>	<b>£70.00</b>	<b>£359.50</b>	<b>£869.40</b>	<b>£70.00</b>	<b>£834.80</b>
<b>Payments:</b>							
Utilities - Gladstone Road	£74.93	£245.83	£253.29	£40.99	£86.49	£145.56	£90.90
Utilities - Plough Lane							£344.71
Repairs							
Supplies	£49.60						£387.90
Insurance							
Memorial Flowers							
Aircon Expenses							£300.00
Loan Repayments							
Video/Sound Desk Purchase							
Chubb Fire							
Kingdom Hall Inspection							£20.88
KHConf Annual Fee							£576.00
Kingdom Hall Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£124.53</b>	<b>£245.83</b>	<b>£253.29</b>	<b>£40.99</b>	<b>£86.49</b>	<b>£145.56</b>	<b>£1,720.39</b>
<b>Combined Total Payments</b>	<b>£274.13</b>	<b>£1,159.39</b>	<b>£323.29</b>	<b>£400.49</b>	<b>£955.89</b>	<b>£215.56</b>	<b>£2,555.19</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	£630.87	-£224.31	£253.71	£469.51	-£238.39	£1,243.24	-£968.34
Closed balance	£5,727.45	£5,503.14	£5,756.85	£6,226.36	£5,987.97	£7,231.21	£6,262.87

Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	TOTALS
£6,262.87	£16,799.87	£17,442.02	£16,721.89	£17,765.94	<b>£3,111.40</b>
					£0.00
£9,316.45	£110.00	£100.00	£201.00	£210.00	£10,557.45
					£0.00
£223.35	£256.21	£126.22	£150.00	£226.70	£2,272.71
£30.00	£458.60	£25.00	£25.00	£117.50	£656.10
£520.00	£330.00	£320.00	£320.00	£320.00	£4,225.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
			£70.00	£40.00	£680.00
					£0.00
<b>£10,089.80</b>	<b>£1,154.81</b>	<b>£571.22</b>	<b>£766.00</b>	<b>£914.20</b>	<b>£18,391.26</b>
£2,888.10	£3,635.30	£3,630.04	£2,878.21	£4,016.06	<b>£1,985.18</b>
					£1,980.00
£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£165.00	£1,750.00
£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£1,750.00
£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00	£1,750.00
£500.00			£750.00	£250.00	£1,500.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
<b>£1,165.00</b>	<b>£665.00</b>	<b>£665.00</b>	<b>£1,415.00</b>	<b>£915.00</b>	<b>£6,980.00</b>
<b>£11,254.80</b>	<b>£1,819.81</b>	<b>£1,236.22</b>	<b>£2,181.00</b>	<b>£1,829.20</b>	<b>£25,371.26</b>

Current Account  
 Operating Account

					£0.00
£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£840.00
					£183.00
		£40.10		£108.00	£268.60
				£140.00	£505.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
			£410.00		£1,220.00
	£122.40	£34.42	£64.80	£452.00	£1,107.22
					£0.00
	£120.00	£200.00	£120.00		£1,078.56
					£65.80
£35.00					£155.40
					£0.00
					£40.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
<b>£105.00</b>	<b>£312.40</b>	<b>£344.52</b>	<b>£664.80</b>	<b>£770.00</b>	<b>£5,463.58</b>
£88.99	£88.99	£88.99	£88.99	£160.74	£1,454.69
£469.72	£247.51	£684.82	£383.16	£130.44	£2,260.36
	£441.00	£397.10			£838.10
		£440.92			£878.42
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£300.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£0.00
					£20.88
					£576.00
£54.09	£87.76			£900.00	£1,041.85
<b>£612.80</b>	<b>£865.26</b>	<b>£1,611.83</b>	<b>£472.15</b>	<b>£1,191.18</b>	<b>£7,370.30</b>
<b>£717.80</b>	<b>£1,177.66</b>	<b>£1,956.35</b>	<b>£1,136.95</b>	<b>£1,961.18</b>	<b>£12,833.88</b>
£10,537.00	£642.15	-£720.13	£1,044.05	-£131.98	£12,537.38
£16,799.87	£17,442.02	£16,721.89	£17,765.94	£17,633.96	<b>£17,633.96</b>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 'The London Wimbledon Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses' Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The London Wimbledon Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Trust for the year ended 31 March 2019.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act).

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.

*SJ Griffiths*

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15 January 2020