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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Market Harborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March 2011, which are set out on pages 3 & 4 of the Annual Report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
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- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether any 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 those 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 unqualified statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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28 May 2011

MARKET HARBOROUGH CONGREGATION
2010-11

Annual receipts & Expenditure

2010-11			2009-10	
RECEIPTS				
Cong. Contr.	9001.04		6003.59	
Tax Claim	1749.26		2392.38	
Gift Aid	6230		9840	
	16980.3	16980.3	18235.97	18235.97
EON	192.45			
Interest recd			1452.95	
	192.45	192.45		1452.95
Sale Assets	1513		75	
Misc				
Loan	69050			
Loan repaid			28000	
Coach Fares	1520		1408	
	72083	72083	29483	29483
		89255.75		49171.92
EXPENDITURE				
IBSA	240		220	
Circuit			686.3	
Other	550			
	790	790	906.3	906.3
KH Maint.	3141.9		1490.38	
Circuit Minister Exp	210		350	
	3351.9	3351.9	1840.38	1840.38
K.H. Project	122942.5		40039.82	
Loan repayment	9800			
Loan to IBSA				
Coach Hire	2050		1440	
Fardon sch	258.61			
misc	16.99			
RBC Exp	75			
	135143.1	135143.1	41479.82	41479.82
		139285		44226.5
Net		-50029.23		4945.42
Bank Apr 1/09		58841.28		53895.86
Bank Mar 31/10		8812.05		58841.28
		8042.95		

ANNUAL REPORT

1 MARKET HARBOROUGH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 2 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

Reference and Administrative Details

3 Registered Charity No. 1067284

3 The registered address of the congregation is

The Kingdom Hall Springfield Street Market Harborough Leicestershire LE16 8BD

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

Chairman: Michael Shepherd, Secretary: Geoffrey Holt

Other trustees: John Butlin, Peter Mildred, John Ricketts, Michael Perry, Chris Davis, Terry Snape, Simon White and David Newby

6 The Kingdom Hall in Springfield Street Market Harborough Leicestershire LE16 8BD

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 30th 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 .
- 10 Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of £6230 in gift aid donations, tax repayments of £1749 along with donations of £9001 the majority of which has been used for the construction of a new Kingdom Hall. £9800 has been repaid against the society loan of £69050 for Kingdom hall building project.
- 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 12 months working expenditure.
- 12 These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate savings account the balance of which at the end of March 2011 was £483.
- 13 Approved by the trustees of the charity on 23rd May 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: Michael C. Shepherd
Chairman


Secretary