

Annual Report

1. PENZANCE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31stMARCH 2012

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1065370
4. The registered address of the congregation is :
The Kingdom Hall, Treloweth Lane, St.Erth, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 6JP
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:
Chairman: Simon Pitts Secretary: Len Farmer
Other trustees: V Cock P Holmes M.Rickard
J Pitts, W O'Callaghan, R.Vercesi

Alfred Revell also served as a trustee up until his death
6. The Kingdom Hall in Treloweth Lane, St Erth, 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 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. 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 Hayle Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was the receipt of £19,502 from member donations to be used for the refurbishment of the present Kingdom Hall. Noteworthy expenses were a contribution of £1,300 toward Plymouth Kingdom Hall/Assembly Hall and donations totalling £300 to the Society.
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 2 months working expenditure which is addressed by our approved forthcoming Gift Aid Remittance by HM Revenue & Customs.
12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate Kingdom Hall Refurbishment fund, the balance of which at 31 March 2012 was £1,935. The upgrade of the building is expected to be completed, in the latter half this year.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11th May 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 
Chairman


Secretary

The PENZANCE Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No: XN6T974A Registered Charity No. 1065370

ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2012

RECEIPTS:

		Previous Year
(Voluntary Sources)		
Congregation Contributions	£5421.81	£7710.39
Tax Repayment	£981 -	£30. -
Congregation Deeds of Covenant	£1290 -	£1060. -
Congregation Gift Aid	£ -	£1000. -
Legacies	£1000. -	£1000. -
Sub-total	£9192.81	£10,860.39
(Income from Assets)		
Interest from Investments	£ -	£ -
Rents from Property	£ -	£ -
Sub-total	£ -	£ -
(Misc Receipts)		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	£ -	£ -
Loans Received	£ -	£ -
Other (TRANSFER FROM <u>REFURB/OT135507</u>) (Instant Access)	£15831. -	£4206.69
Sub-total	£ -	£ -
Total Receipts:	£25,023.81	£15,067.08

PAYMENTS:

(Direct Charitable Expenditure)		
Donation to IBSA/Watch Tower Society (Associated Reg. Charities)	£300. -	£300. -
Other Donations (eg Pioneer Ministers School, Circuit Funds)	£140. -	£1550. -
(Other Expenditure)		
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance (PAID TO KHAA)	£279. -	£5473
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses (PLYMOUTH EXP)	£4720. -	£1920. -
	£330.21	£312.14
	£1040. -	£1080. -
(Payments for Investments and Other Assets)		
Long Term Investments (USE OF HELSTON KH)	£150. -	£55. -
Equipment Purchase for Kingdom Hall (REFURB)	£19502. -	£1700. -
Purchase of Land/Buildings (FLOWERS)	£81.50	£11.20
(Misc Payments)		
Loan Repayment to the Society re. Kingdom Hall Building	£ -	£65. -
Other (LISTENING SERVICE)	£96. -	£620. -
		£96. -
		£603. -
		£6870. -
Total Payments:	£26,638.71	£15,637.07

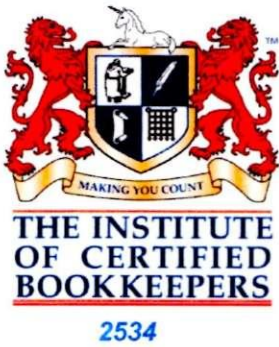
Net Receipts (Expense) for Year	£-1614.90	£-569.99 (Deficit)
Bank and Cash Balances at April 1, 20	£4631.96	£5201.85
Bank and Cash Balances at March 31, 20	£3016.96	£4631.86

Signed [Signature]

Date 17/4/2012

Secretary for the trustees of the [Signature]

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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Date: 22 September 2012

To: Penzance Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
c/o Len Farmer

To my Professional services:

Review and Examination of Charity Accounts for y/e 5.4.12

To enable End Of Year accounts to be compiled etc....

TOTAL £150.00

If paying by cheque, please pay to:

"John Canning Bookkeeping Partnership"

If paying by Bank Transfer:

Sort Code 30 97 28

Account Number 02290020

THANKS, LEN!

- John