

EPISCOPAL CHUCH OF SOUTH SUDAN AND SUDAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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TRUST INFORMATION

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Charity Registration Number	1157335
Trustees	Dr E-M M John M C Horton FCA Rev R G Hart H R John J V Wood (resigned 5 September 2020) A C Tutt (resigned 5 September 2020)
Advisory Board	J V Wood A C Tutt T Stubbs S Spencer
Patron	Caroline Welby
Correspondent	Dr E-M M John
Bankers	CAF, West Malling, Kent
Independent Examiner	David Spottiswoode, FCA 19 Reedley Road Westbury-on-Trym Bristol BS9 3SR

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Constitution

The charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 5th June 2014. The charity is governed by its Constitution and the only voting members are its charity trustees. There are no restrictions in the governing document on the operation of the charity or on its investment powers, other than those imposed by general law.

Aims of the charity

The aim of the CIO is to advance the education of the public by assisting the Episcopal Churches of South Sudan and Sudan to establish and develop a university in the Anglican Provinces of South Sudan and Sudan by providing professional expertise and support. The university will be a federation of existing colleges that are considered to be able to provide appropriate qualifications for university status.

Due to many years of educational neglect in South Sudan there are very few trained doctors, nurses, engineers, lawyers, teachers, business people and agriculturalists in the new country. As a result, the provision of the university is urgent.

Main activities and achievements

The trustees of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan University Partnership (ECSSSUP) have achieved their objectives during this period by continuing to use their expertise to provide The Episcopal University (TEU) team in South Sudan with appropriate advice as the team continued to progress the setting up of the university.

During the year much progress has been made. The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology conferred a provisional licence to the university in 2019. This enabled it to enrol degree level students, whose degrees would be recognised by the Ministry provided that the university was able to move to full registration, following further inspections and achieving its land requirements. By the end of 2020 ninety per cent of the work needed for full registration had been completed. The main issues remaining are the authentication of certificates for staff trained outside South Sudan and assembling sufficient qualified staff. All educational staff are required to hold an MA or PhD, and staff/student ratios need to be met.

During the year, ECSSSUP committed to funding all the salaries of the TEU staff during 2020 and also in future years until TEU is able to become self sufficient, providing funds are available. This was a considerable commitment, given the level of income, but the charity was able to meet its commitment for 2020.

With additional funds provided by ECSSSUP, TEU was able to arrange the audit of its accounts for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, and copies of these accounts have been received by ECSSSUP. These audits are essential to enable TEU to obtain appropriate and consistent funding in the future, and will be continued into 2020 and future years.

TEU staff, members of the Governing Council and the participating colleges in Juba, Maridi, Wau, Renk and Kajo-Keji have made progress towards the crucial work of sustained peace and development through education in South Sudan. A meeting of the principals from the colleges in November 2020 agreed a safe re-opening plan for colleges in February 2021, lecturer recruitment requirements, a fundraising strategy and the establishment of new financial systems across all the colleges.

During the year, TEU was able to purchase and install solar panels, with the use of funds provided through ECSSSUP by the Diocese of Salisbury, resulting in the provision of a cheaper and more reliable energy supply.

In September 2020 ECSSSUP received a large unrestricted individual donation of £200,792. This will enable the TEU team to start design and building work for the new campus at Rokon. TEU and ECSSSUP are currently working through plans with a global Christian based company that specialises in developing countries.

The trustees of ECSSSUP will continue to advise and monitor the progress of the university during 2021. During the year an advisory board was set up by ECSSSUP to assist the trustees in providing this advice and to widen our base of experts. The trustees will also seek to secure further appropriate grants in 2021 to assist in funding the provision of support for TEU.

Reserves

The charity's level of reserves will depend on the success of future fundraising but the trustees will ensure that a sufficient running balance will be maintained to cover likely future requirements. In particular, the trustees will ensure that sufficient funds are available to enable TEU salaries to be paid for the following three months from the year-end (currently some £20,000). The reserves will also provide funds for the Deputy Vice Chancellor to return home, if necessary, in an emergency situation.

As mentioned above, in September 2020 the charity received a substantial non-restricted donation of £200,792. The trustees are in the process of discussing with officers of TEU how the university can best use these funds. As a result, at the end of the year most of the donation remained in the charity's bank account but will be used when the most important areas of priority have been identified by TEU and ECSSSUP.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus for the year of a revenue nature of £194,732 (2019 £6,326). No income of a restricted nature was received during the year. The total reserves at the end of the year stood at £214,507 (2019 £21,775), of which £0 (£11,707 in 2019) was of a restricted nature. The reason for the increase has been explained above.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these. In particular, with regard to the finances of the charity, the charity's only material financial instruments are the bank balances which are constantly monitored and reported at trustees' meetings. The trustees also ensure that all donations made are in accordance with the pre-set budgets of the charity. These budgets are also notified to TEU, and the purposes for which the donations are given are also agreed.

In the event of the work in South Sudan having to cease, the trustees will review the situation and repay any remaining donations held to the donors.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed on the basis of having specialist skills required by the charity or having local interest in universities, especially in Africa.

During the year two trustees resigned but have become members of the new advisory board set up to assist the trustees in providing the expertise necessary to support the work of TEU. This Board currently has five members, including our patron, and it is hoped that more will agree to join.

Patron

Caroline Welby accepted the trustees’ invitation to act as Patron of ECSSSUP. She leads a programme, “Women on the Frontline”, aimed at supporting and equipping women leaders in their ministries. She has spent time with bishops’ spouses in Juba twice in this capacity.

Governance

The trustees assisted by providing specimen instruments of governance, which were discussed, adapted and formally accepted at a conference in Juba at which all participating colleges were represented, prior to the launch in April 2019. At the launch of the University, the Project team was replaced by a formally appointed Project Board, and Rev Dr. Joseph Bilal was appointed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Change of name

In January 2021 the trustees resolved to change the name of the charity to the Episcopal Churches of South Sudan and Sudan University Partnership. This is to reflect the fact that the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan no longer exists. However, ECSSSUP continues to be in partnership with both of the newly formed Churches, namely the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The change of name was registered by the Charity Commission in January 2021.

Trustees’ responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity’s transactions. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees’ Report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Date:

Dr E-M M John
On behalf of the Trustees

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
Income from:		£	£	£	£
Donations	1	274,304	-	274,304	45,742
Total		<u>274,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,304</u>	<u>45,742</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	1	67,574	11,707	79,281	39,168
Fees and expenses	1	291	-	291	248
Total		<u>67,865</u>	<u>11,707</u>	<u>79,572</u>	<u>39,416</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		206,439	(11,707)	194,732	6,326
Provision for TEU 2020 audit fees		(2,000)	-	(2,000)	-
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movements in funds		204,439	(11,707)	192,732	6,326
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		10,068	11,707	21,775	15,449
Total funds carried forward		<u>214,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>214,507</u>	<u>21,775</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		2020 £	2019 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		196,655	21,775
Payments in Advance	1	19,852	-
		<u>216,507</u>	<u>21,775</u>
Less Provision for TEU 2020 audit fees	1	(2,000)	-
Net assets		<u>214,507</u>	<u>21,775</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		-	11,707
Unrestricted funds		214,507	10,068
Total charity funds		<u>214,507</u>	<u>21,775</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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M.C.Horton
Trustee

Date.....

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102)”, issued in July 2014, and applicable accounting standards.

Income

The charity’s income during the year comprised voluntary donations of a general nature. No donations of a restricted nature have been received during the year. All donations are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient accuracy.

The amount of the charity’s income donated by the trustees during the year was £19,797 (2019 £18,280).

Expenditure

Expenditure included in the SOFA is on a cash payment basis. There are no liabilities at the end of December 2020

Payments in advance of £19,852 in the balance sheet comprise a payment made in December 2020 to TEU in respect of TEU salaries for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

A summary of the expenditure is as follows:

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Support for the project in South Sudan	67,574	11,707	79,281	39,168
Bank and Paypal Fees	291	-	291	248
Total	67,865	11,707	79,572	39,416

Provision for TEU 2020 audit fees

The charity has made a provision for TEU’s audit fees relating to 2020, which will not be paid by TEU until the audit is completed in 2021.

Fixed Assets

The charity has no fixed assets.

Investments

The charity has no investments, other than its bank account balance

2. Trustees’ Expenses

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In 2019 three of the trustees travelled to South Sudan to provide specialist advice on the project's progress, including financial controls and other matters. This is in accordance with the charity's objectives. The costs of these expenses, amounting to £2,982, were reimbursed in 2020 and have been included as support for the project and treated as a charitable activity. The trustees have received no other payments.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

3. Employees

The charity has no employees.

4. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions

5. Taxation

The CIO is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

6. Post Balance Sheet Events

The current Covid-19 pandemic has not so far had any material effect on the financial sustainability of the charity. However, it may have some effect on the on-going work of developing the university in South Sudan. The level of such effect cannot be quantified at the present time but the trustees do not currently expect the work to be affected to a significant degree by the pandemic. The trustees, however, continue to monitor the situation in South Sudan during 2021.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SOUTH SUDAN AND SUDAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Partnership”) for the year ended 31st December 2020, as set out on ages 6 to 9.

As the charity’s trustees, 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 Partnership’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

The charity’s gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a “true and fair” view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

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