

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146816

THE RHEMA PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE
(UNAUDITED)**

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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Registered Office: Unit E, Bateman Court
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Trustees:

Dr.	Kwasi Owusu	(Presiding Bishop)
Mrs.	Anne W. Owusu	(Reverend)
Miss.	Maida Banda	(Deaconess)
Mr.	Ronald Sekiwano	(Deacon)

Accountants:

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THE RHEMA PENTECOSTAL CHURCH-UK

Trustees' Report

The Trustees of The Rhema Pentecostal Church-UK (The RPC Family) takes pleasure in submitting their report, and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the statement of recommended practice.

Constitution, objective of the charity, principal activity, and organisation of our work. The charity is constituted under a trust deed dated 25th October 2011 as amended on the 18th February 2012, and registered on 10th April 2012, with UK registered charity no. 1146816. The objectives of the charity as set out in Declaration of trust are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith, the word of God and the full gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the tenets of faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time determine.
2. Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

Thankfulness and Prayer

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-8).

Development activities and achievements:

The trustees are pleased to report that the Church has been successful spiritually by ministering to many people both members and non-member in our society.

The Christian outreach programmes were designed to increase Christian awareness and spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ while the general charitable programmes involved education, relief of poverty and community development.

Our Achievements:

The RPC Family in the year under review was involved in many activities in and outside the United Kingdom. Seminars, workshops, and conferences were organised whereby Christian values and morals were taught with the focus of healthy living (life styles) and good parenting in the society. The proper awareness of the Covid-19 and its percussion, the notion of not taking the Vaccine were disturbing as some individual African Traditional Churches were discouraging their member not to participating in the Vaccine programme.

In the year under review, charitable donations, and support were giving to individual members and partners who were in dying need of support in order to demonstrate our love to them. And also to fulfil the *Greatest Commandment* which was spoken by Our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 22:37-40, ... *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with*

all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbours as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Food was given to hungry and drinks was given to thirsty. We were unable to visit many sick people in the year under review due to the Covid-19 restriction. The RPC Family members were admonished to support people as much possible in fulfilment in Matthew 25:41-46. Parents were advised to keep watch on their children and support them in doing their homework.

1. Midweek Counselling and Advice Services:

Counselling and Advice Services were very essential due to the negative impact the Covid-19 pandemic brought to the members of our communities. From Tuesdays to Wednesdays were dedicated for Counselling and Advisory services for church and nonchurch members. The presiding bishop of the church and his counselling team are working with other organisations to enable a smooth and effective services for our communities within Midlands and its surroundings.

The RPC Family Counselling and Advisory is actively supporting the sick, poor, needy and others facing divorce, separation, and various crises in life. Also encouraging numerous of people to seek GP advice when necessary for treatment.

2. Women Ministry (Women of Substance):

The RPC Women Ministries Primary Tasks is to address the concerns and conditions of women of all ages in the congregation and community—that they may grow in their understanding of God, themselves, others, and the world—so that their quality of life may be improved through a personal faith and growth as a disciple.

The Women general focused the year under review on the following:

- ✓ Studying the hopes, concerns, and needs of women in the congregation and community to determine how best to serve them and how they might best serve each other as Christian disciples and good neighbours.
- ✓ Becoming familiar with the overall vision and ministry goals of the congregation and established objectives to help achieve these goals through the congregation's ministry with women.
- ✓ Plan and implement a varied and wide-ranging ministry with women, including worship, study, workshops/seminars, fellowship, and service opportunities.
- ✓ Identify, enlist, train and support leaders (e.g., group leaders, mission chair, etc.) for the congregation's women ministries.

The women ministries are committed to ensuring the mission and ministry of the congregation are supported and strengthened.

The Women of Substance and its members in the United Kingdom under the year of review commenced numerous activities with the aim of helping and supporting its members during the COVID-19–19 Epidemic period. The leadership encouraged its member to reach out beyond its boundaries and support the community regardless of

people gender, nationality, or religious background as we work together to overcome the deadly Virus (Covid-19).

3. Men Ministry (Men of Mission):

The men ministry in the RPC Family is a fellowship which is called to lead in the campaign of restoration of purposes for Men to fulfil their God Calling. The ministry primary objective is to repair the breach and restore the broken walls, streets to our dwellings (house of the Lord. To establish foundations of many generations and build the old waste places through prayers and word of God. Guiding men grow spiritually to become watchmen of their families, church (body of Christ) and true Disciples of Jesus Christ that will impact the society in the 21st Century.

The Men Ministry is within The Rhema Pentecostal Church-UK, but serve as Non-Denominational Group open to All Men in our society and is committed:

- ✓ To encourage and lead every man to having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- ✓ To teach and enlighten men of their roles in families and in the body of Christ
- ✓ To stand in the gap for their families, the church and the land in prayers using the word of God.

It is the duty of the men on mission to fellowship every first Saturday of month, to discuss member's welfare, plan for community projects, study and meditate on the word of God, and occasionally hold special dinner meetings for members and visitors.

4. Youth Ministry:

The youth ministry in the year under review had two (2) Religious Workers from Kenya, a Pastor, and an Event Coordinator to the glory of God. Many Activities were organised including In and Outdoor events through the youth leaders in corroboration with the Executives/Trustees. Many families are joining our church due to the effectiveness of our youth advice services, after school homework club programmes and other intervention activities available to them here in The Rhema Pentecostal Church.

5. Children Ministry:

We are thankful that God has kept us well and safe throughout these trying times. even though we haven't been able to gather together for church services in person since lockdown, we as the children ministry have continued reaching out to children and their parents, encouraging, and uplifting each other in kind and in prayer.

- ❖ Communication through social media has been maintained with the continued aim of encouragement as well as knowing their wellbeing. Parents have continued to be of great help and a bridge of interaction and teaching of God's word to the children. Bible stories, Bible verses and songs have been sent to the children with the parents facilitating their learning. With schools open now, children are still anxious with cases of Covid-19 being found in schools as well, and we are communicating to parents and

the children to allay their fears and reiterate the governments guidelines on the safety measures of keeping the virus at bay.

- ❖ As we are still waiting for the government directive on opening of Church buildings, we are still discussing our transition after lockdown, with areas of sensitivity like ways of keeping zero transmission of the virus when the children start to meet being top in our safety measures strategies. Positive feedback has been received with many looking forward to the day that they will be in the house of God rejoicing together. With this comes immense preparation for the opening and regular communication with the church leaders on the strategies to be put forth before the day comes. The children ministry being a sensitive area needs careful consideration as children are prone to not following all safety regulations especially social distancing.

These measures were discussed with the Bishop, Children ministry patron and Church leaders as a whole to come up with safe yet non-restrictive measures for the children. Some measures discussed for implementation were:

- Temperature checks at the Church entrance.
 - Sanitizing gel in place in the children room.
 - Sanitizing of chairs, tables, and toys in the children room before and after service.
 - Children learning materials like pencils, colour pencils, crayons, glue etc for every child to be stored in a pouch with the child's name on it. In this way, each child would use their own pouches, and this would help with prevention of cross contamination.
 - The children to leave the service some minutes before the main service finishes to avoid congestion on the stairs.
- ❖ Prayers and encouragement for the children ministry team has been ongoing. We all need that word that encourages our hearts as we all face things that wear us down. We are thankful to our Children Ministry patron as well as our Bishop Dr. for standing with us in prayers, kindness and encouragement in many areas.
 - ❖ During this whole Covid-19 pandemic the Church has been reminded that it has a wide mission that is not limited to any place or time and that we all need each other.

6. Welfare Program:

The year under was a very difficult year for all, many people went through our Welfare programs, donation has been given in Support of the less privileged within our community. The beneficiaries are those who do not have access to public funds for a variety of reasons and this is a valuable means of support until their financial situation changes. The Church continue in its free distribution of food and household products through our food bank, many of these items were donated by the local church community true their freewill offering (with the assistance of individual church and no church members). Rent support and cash donations were given to underprivileged families and individual.

7. Church Branches:

The RPC Family overseas Branches have been going through difficult period of time since the start of Covid-19 pandemic. Many of Branches are depending on The RPC Family in the United Kingdom to support them financially.

- ✓ There have been a leadership predicament in The Rhema Pentecostal Family Church of Nigeria (The RPC Family-Nigerian) in the year under review which has been reported the international head office in the United Kingdom, pending for further investigation.
- ✓ The Rhema Pentecostal Church of Ghana (The RPC Family-Ghana) is still waiting to receive their grant from the Head office to commence the construction of their place of worship with a mission house.
- ✓ The RPC Family-Kenya and Malawi could not be Inaugurated into full Branches due to the global pandemic which affected movements and also causes financial constrained. They have therefore been receiving our full support and are grateful unto the Lord and the leadership of The Rhema Pentecostal Church-United Kingdom.

8. Missionary assignment:

The Church through its missionary assignment has established a Welfare funds programme for vulnerable people who are heavy laden and are seeking God but are deprived of spiritual and physical assistance in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Malawi and in Kenya. Through our financial and aid support to these countries, the Organisation has successfully helped many orphans, widows and the destitute through relief of poverty and community development programmes during the year of review. The RPC Family supports both the spiritual and physical well-being of the children and young people in these African countries through educational programmes such as after school homework clubs, distribution of learning materials, prayer, and counselling sessions.

- a. The sick and vulnerable people and members have been supported through our volunteer scheme project. Our Charity/volunteer workers assists the sick in washing their clothes (laundry), transporting those who are unable to come for our services due to lack of transport and shopping for them, taking them for a walk, to a recreation centre and church activities.
- b. The Rhema Pentecostal Church-UK has been fully involved in welcoming migrants from all over the world, especially people from Italy, German, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. We developed a welcome pack which helped to introduce Derby and the Midlands to the newly arrival. Through the church Hospitality, Welfare Ministry and our Outreach Ministry, the migrants, asylum seekers and the refugees have been welcomed and supported to settle within the community.

9. Partnership/Corroboration:

The Rhema Pentecostal Church-UK in the year under review worked in Partnership/Corroboration with Organisation for Better Environment and Childcare (OBECC), and PHA Coaching Ltd.

- ✓ With the Organisation for Better Environment and Childcare (OBECC), The RPC Family works in a corroboration to help and support families with children and young people in Derby, Derbyshire, midlands and across the globe in the year under review.
- ✓ The RPC Family have also been working in partnership with PHA Coaching helped several people to increase their confidence and focus, resulting in a sense of fulfilment and a better quality of life. With PHA Coaching, we support individuals to move from where they are now to where they want to be in the most effective and efficient way possible. More so, to support organisations to create powerful strategies and develop the perfect environment and team to make them work, and build a coaching relationship upon truth, openness, and trust.

PHA Coaching was founded in the year 2016 by Priscilla Hackman-Asamoah who came up with the idea over drive-time home from work. She was pondering upon the profound impact coaching has had on her career and family life and she had a thought that she should start a coaching practice to support others.

- ✓ The Rhema Pentecostal Church-UK in the year under review worked in Partnership/Corroboration with such Organisation have seen many Christians and non-Christians attended our services and many re-dedicated their lives to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Review of the financial position

The charity made a deficit for the year amounting to £18,621.

Approval

The report was approved by the board of trustees on 25th October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr. Kwasi Owusu
(The Presiding Bishop)

Date: 30th October 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees

THE RHEMA PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on the following pages which have been prepared on the basis of their accounting policies shown in the corresponding pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the church are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: they consider that the audit requirement under section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43(3) of the 1993 Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions made under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act.
- 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 church 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 and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the trustees have not met reasonable requirements to ensure that:
 - Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act)
 - Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act: 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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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st December 2020 Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	2020 £
Income Resources		
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary contributions in Bank	(2)	148,502
Voluntary contributions in Cash	(2)	35,617
Other Income		116,532
		<u>300,651</u>
Loan		<u>22,300</u>
Incoming Resources. B/F- Cash at hand		5,469
Incoming Resources. B/F- HSBC Bank		1,433
Total Incoming Resources		<u>329,853</u>
Resources expended		
Charitable activities		
Loan Back Payments		7,986
Migrant Workers Support		4,880
Mission House Support		16,615
Office Supplies		3,094
Website Maintenance & Media		5,305
Utilities		2,081
Conference & Evangelism		6,100
Ministries		13,732
Missions		34,857
Bank Charges		545
Rent		11,850
Church Car Expenses		7,224
Minister Honorarium		5,580
Admin & Hospitality		4,070
Telephone, Internet & Web		2,455
Training		1,550
Travel & Accommodation		6,350
Charitable Donations & Welfare		16,295
Cleaning		1,299
Salaries & Wages		155,914
Instruments		4,550
Insurance		322
Legal/ Professional/ Subscriptions/ DBS		6,338
Depreciation of Fixed Assets		280
Total Resources expended		<u>319,272</u>
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources		<u>(18,621)</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses in the year. All activities derive from continuing operations.

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Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2020

	Note	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	(3)	839
Current Assets		
Bank		2,056
Cash		8,805
		10,861
Creditors		
Amount falling after one year	(4)	<u>22,300</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>(11,439)</u>
Net Assets		<u>(10,600)</u>
Represented by:		
Reserves		8,021
Net Profit		(18,621)
		<u>(10,600)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25th October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Bishop Dr. Kwasi Owusu
(Trustee)



Deaconess Maida Banda
(Trustee)



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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Accounting basis

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 42(3) of the charities Act 1993 and the statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities published in March 2008. The adoption of the revised SORP has resulted in reclassification of some items.

(b) Incoming resources

i) Voluntary income

Voluntary income is received by way of Tithes offerings, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

(c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(d) Fixed Assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are included at cost. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life using the reducing balance method.

Motor Vehicle - 25%

Equipments & Instruments – 25%

(e) Cash Flow

The church has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small church.

2. Incoming resources from generated funds

	2020
	£
Income from Voluntary Contributions	<u>184,119</u>

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£
Cost @ 01/01/2020	<u>8,384</u>	<u>8,384</u>
Depreciation @ 01/01/2020	7,265	7,265
for year	<u>280</u>	<u>280</u>
	<u>7,545</u>	<u>7,545</u>
Net book Value @ 31/12/2020	<u>839</u>	<u>839</u>

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4. Creditors- amounts falling due after one year

	2020
	£
Loan	<u>22,300</u>
	<u>22,300</u>

5. Financial Commitments

Capital Commitments

The Church had no capital commitments as of 31st December 2020.

Operating lease commitments

The church had an operating lease commitment as of 31st December 2020.