New Life Assembly (Dulwich)

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2021

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New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Charity Information

Trustees

Pastor Lovel Bent (Presiding Apostle)
Pastor Nehemiah Jess
Mrs. Bernice Bent (Secretary)
Mr. Wilbert Robinson
Ms. Marie St-Hilaire

Independent examiners

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Bankers

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Registered office

116 Poplar Road Herne Hill London SE24 0BP

Registered charity number

800178

Governing document

Constitution and rules dated 31 March 1988

The trustees present their report and consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Principal activities

The Charity's principal activity during the year continued to be as a church that promotes the Christian religion and to provide places of worship in conformity with its Statement of Doctrine. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was somewhat surpassed by the Charity's work with the local community – in the form of social and financial care, as and when needed.

Objectives and activities

The objective of New Life Assembly (Dulwich), the "Charity", is to provide religious and charitable services to New Life Assembly, the "Church", and the local community;, to maintain church property and to organise conferences at various times and places.

The New Life Assembly Fellowship believes strongly in taking on outreach activities, helping to care for and develop individuals in the community. It has an inclusive approach to helping people and understands that people have other needs in addition to practising their faith.

In the community, education continues to be one of our core services. We have supported a supplementary school for many years by providing them with the use of our premises without charge. We also raise funds for the school and organise and finance youth service in the local community as well as summer camps and music workshops.

We provide much needed pastoral care for the elderly and house-bound by visiting them on a weekly basis to offer care and support.

Other on-going projects include:

- providing food for the homeless;
- · financial aid to orphanages at home and overseas;
- · support for families of prisoners and prison visits to offenders;
- provision of help for the sick in hospital:
- · work with the local community police in tackling gun crimes and gang issues;
- · support services such as debt counselling for those with financial worries;
- run training courses on child protection issues, child safe-guarding, health and safety, risk assessments, NVQ 3 qualifications, business courses and counselling courses; and
- development and management of a day nursery for the local community.

We ensure that the staff and volunteers we use have the appropriate training and qualifications for the work they do.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. We exist to serve all areas of our community which includes all age groups without discrimination. We strive to promote social welfare through the provision of facilities aimed at improving the social, physical and spiritual wellbeing of those in our local community.

New Life Assembly (Dulwich)
Registered charity number: 800178
Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Our work includes:

- · providing regular public worship open to all;
- providing sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- · conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- · teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- · counselling, fellowship or 'one-to-one' talks; and
- missions to Jamaica, the Philippines and other countries as needed.

The staff on hand therefore includes carers, social workers, doctors, solicitors etc. in order to accomplish this varied range of work.

Activities

The Charity's on-going projects/activities include:

- mentoring and supporting programme for boys and young men aged 8-20
 - Volunteer mentors are from various professions: teachers, sport coaches, IT professionals etc who have had some initial training and are empathetic, supportive, organised, listeners. They are all DBS checked, safe guarding trained and are responsible for checking in on their mentees.
- · monthly support of school and health charity in Kenya
- · senior's care home outreach initiative
 - Mixed group of DBS volunteers with various skillsets. Offer support and an activity to the subset of care homes they visit. Majority retired professionals who can utilise listening skills and are compassionate.
- Community Outreach Basketball
 - Session is led by a qualified personal trainer and nutritionist. The individual has experience of working with groups of varying abilities and is also DBS checked.
- · Health and Fitness Club
 - Sessions are facilitated by former London Division Basketball players and coaches.
- Adult Gospel Community Choir
 - Led by a director with a in depth knowledge of music with many years of choral experience. They have a good ability to teach vocal techniques in gospel genre of music.
- · Children's Choir
 - Session is facilitated by a co-ordinator with many years of choral experience as well as youth work and prior qualifications of working in a youth-based organisation. Facilitate opportunities for the choir to perform in the community and to promote equal and diverse message among the choir.
- Youth Group
 - Facilitated by volunteers who have youth work experience through volunteer work and training at other organisations or work as teachers or as teaching assistants. Volunteers organise events which enable personal and career development.
- Men's Group
 - Led by an organised individual who will organise a variety of events for the church and community. Call and connects with men and with others.
- Women's Group
 - Co-ordinated by an organised individual who relates well to women and can works well with appropriate committees and within the church and community.
- Sunday School
 - Classes are constructed and mostly facilitated by teachers and teaching assistants.
 Parents also help to lead pre-planned sessions. All volunteers are fully DBS checked.

- Dance Group
 - Group facilitated by drama and dance specialist who are at degree and postgraduate level as well as those experienced in performance. Volunteers are DBS checked.

Financial review

Principal sources of funding

The largest contributions are from voluntary donations ("general offerings") by the Church's members.

Financial review

The Charity achieved a surplus of £310,727 for the financial year. At 31 December 2021, the Charity held total funds of £916,088 of which £402,723 was cash at the bank and £563,506 was the value of fixed assets. This is considered to be an appropriate level of funds to enable the Charity to pursue its objectives.

Reserves policy

The trustees believe that it would be advisable to hold sufficient cash reserve to provide working capital to cover seasonal fluctuations in its budgeted income and expenditure. When deciding the level of reserves, the Trustees take into consideration the forecasts for levels of income and expenditure for the coming year, the reliability of each source of income and the prospects for opening up new sources.

The trustees have forecast the level of free reserves - those funds not tied up in fixed assets - that the Charity will require to sustain its pastoral and evangelical obligations. The trustees consider that the most appropriate level of free reserves would be about six month's worth of income. Whilst our actual free reserves may be less than this, it is the trustees' view that it is prudent to work towards ensuring that there are sufficient free reserves to provide financial stability in the light of the Charity's dependence on freewill offerings.

Investment policy

The trustees have adopted a strong, socially responsible investment policy for the reserves of the Charity. This policy, in tandem with the need to fulfil our statutory obligations, has the objective of investing in such a way that the principles of socially responsible investment are promoted. A further factor is the need to have the reserves readily available, as long-term funding cannot be guaranteed, so for the current period, we have kept surplus funds in the Charity's bank current accounts.

Risk management

The trustees actively review, on a regular basis, the major risks that the Charity faces in maintaining reserves at the levels stated above, in addition to an annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out through an internal audit process.

The principal risks to the Charity have been its dependence on voluntary income and its need to safeguard and maintain its land and property portfolio. These matters are reviewed by the whole church in conference each year.

The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have taken steps to mitigate the significant risks.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The New Life Assembly (NLA) - also the "Church" - is an unincorporated charitable organisation formed on 31 March 1988. The organisation is governed by its Constitution and Rules dated 31 March 1988 supplemented by a Declaration of Trust dated 15 September 1988.

Organisational structure

The New Life Assembly is a connectional organisation made up of local churches and New Life Assembly (Dulwich) operates as a head office of sorts for NLA.

The Board of Trustees supervises, in trust, all connectional property of the Church. At their regular meetings, the Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Church, including consideration of allocation of funds, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

The Board of Trustees transacts all routine business for the Charity not dealt with by local pastors and deacons and is subject only to the church fellowship as a whole (i.e. church members) which has final say in all financial matters.

The Board consists of two offices:

- Elders (who may be Overseers or Pastors)
- · Deacons and deaconesses

The Elders elect a Presiding Elder from within their number to act as chairman in all Board of Trustees meetings.

Deacons are chosen by the church [members] to oversee the business affairs of the church as directed by the Elders. The pastor is responsible for the day-to-day running of the local church and is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees and of all organisations and clubs of that church.

Appointments

Elders (Overseers and Pastors)

The first Elders of a newly established local church are appointed by the pioneer workers or by the Elders of the church or churches from which they were sent. Subsequent Elders are appointed by the Trustees as Elders of that church subject to approval by the church fellowship. They hold office for as long as they remain scripturally qualified or until such a time as they voluntarily resign the office.

Deacons

Deacons are nominated by the church fellowship and elected by a 90% majority vote, cast by ballot. Their term of office is the same as that of the Elders.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in the Charity achieving its goals - every facet of charitable work New Life Assembly (Dulwich) undertakes is only accomplished with the help of volunteers. From ushers during church services to the cleaning up and basic upkeep of the church premises, volunteers facilitate all of the Charity's work and, as stated above, there are many activities the Charity holds that require skilled volunteers.

There were 114 volunteers throughout the year who aided in the running of the Church.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board of Trustees is the primary legal body of New Life Assembly (Dulwich). New trustees may be appointed firstly by the church Deacons from within their number or, in the absence of a sufficient number of deacons to act as trustees, by the church fellowship. The minimum number of trustees permitted by the Constitution is three.

Much of the Charity's work focuses upon the promotion of the Christian religion and the running and maintenance of its places of worship as well as on overseas aid, mental health work, work with children, young people, orphanages, the homeless, senior citizens, mothers and toddlers, and the local community.

The Board of Trustees seeks to ensure that the needs of these groups are appropriately represented by the members of the Board and so seek to maintain a body of trustees with diverse backgrounds. To enhance the potential pool of trustees, the Charity has, through selective advertising and networking with voluntary organisations active in the sector, sought to identify those who would be willing to become members of the Charity and so use their own experience to

Trustee induction and training

Many trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity as they are also active members of the church as well as involved in other churches and organisations.

New trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with charity law, their responsibilities as trustees and with NLA church rules and practices.

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees during the year:

Pastor Lovel Bent (Presiding Apostle)
Pastor Nehemiah Jess
Mrs. Bernice Bent (Secretary)
Mr. Wilbert Robinson
Ms. Marie St-Hilaire
Mrs. Deloris Williamson

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website as well as:

- a) to prepare financial statements which show a true and fair view;
- b) in preparing financial statements:
 - (i) to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis; and
 - (ii) to make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.
- c) to keep proper accounting records.

Disclosure of information to independent examiners

Each person who was a trustee at the time this report was approved confirms that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant information of which the Charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 10 November 2022 and signed on its behalf.

Pastor Lovel Bent

Trustee

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of New Life Assembly (Dulwich)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out in pages 9 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Charity'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.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of 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.

Mark Jackson (Independent examiner)

for and on behalf of Jacksons Chartered Accountants First Floor, Albion House Albion Street Hull HU1 3TE

10 November 2022

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income from charitable activities	2	610,647	143,741
Expenditure on charitable activities		(68,787)	(69,324)
Net operating income		541,860	74,417
Support costs		(294,211)	(80,659)
Governance costs		(12,940)	(7,229)
Other operating income		76,018	35,713
Operating surplus	3	310,727	22,242
Movement in funds: Net income/(expenditure)		310,727	22,242
Reconciliation of funds			
Net movement in funds		310,727	22,242
Total funds brought forward		605,361	583,119
Total funds carried forward		916,088	605,361

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Notes		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	5		563,506		564,139
Current assets Cash on deposit Cash at bank and in hand		402,723 402,723		5,793 40,409 46,202	
Creditors: amounts falling du within one year	e 6	(50,141)		(4,980)	
Net current assets			352,582		41,222
Net assets		_	916,088	_	605,361
The funds of the charity Unrestricted funds	7		916,088		605,361
Total funds		_	916,088	· -	605,361

Pastor Lovel Bent

Trustee

Approved by the board on 10 November 2022

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Statement of Changes in Charitable Funds for the year ended 31 December 2021

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	Income and Expenditure account	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
At 1 January 2020	583,119	583,119
Income for the financial year	22,242	22,242
At 31 December 2020	605,361	605,361
At 1 January 2021	605,361	605,361
Income for the financial year	310,727	310,727
At 31 December 2021	916,088	916,088

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Operating activities Profit for the financial year		310,727	22,242
Adjustments for: Depreciation Increase in creditors		633 45,161 356,521	844 1,676 24,762
Cash generated by operating activities		356,521	24,762
Financing activities Repayment of loans		-	(2,239)
Cash used in financing activities			(2,239)
Net cash generated Cash generated by operating activities Cash used in financing activities		356,521 -	24,762 (2,239)
Net cash generated		356,521	22,523
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		46,202 402,723	23,679 46,202
Cash and cash equivalents comprise: Cash at bank		402,723	46,202

1 Summary of significant 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 (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

The charity's main sources of income are in the form of donations (titled "Tithes" and "Offering") from members of New Life Assembly, the "Church", as well as deeds of covenant. All non-investment income is shown gross and is accounted for when received by New Life Assembly (Dulwich), the "Charity".

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land and buildings, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings *nil*Plant and machinery over 4 years, reducing balance depreciation

Freehold properties are maintained by a programme of repair and refurbishment to ensure that the overall residual values of these properties will not fall below cost. In the opinion of the trustees, a depreciation charge is not appropriate.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation under sections 521 to 536 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007).

Fund accounting: restricted and unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis, which implies that the Trustees believe the Charity will be in operational existence twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

There are no material uncertainties.

Provisions

Provisions (i.e. liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2	Analysis of income from charitable activities	2021 £	2020 £
	Tithes and offerings Gifts, donations and pledges Gift aid Other contributions	537,176 44,912 26,819 1,740	140,096 2,275 - 1,370
		610,647	143,741
	By geographical market:		
	UK	610,647	143,741
3	Operating surplus	2021 £	2020 £
	This is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets Carrying amount of stock sold	633 32,255	844 28,709
4	Staff costs	2021 £	2020 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	133,884 26,474	45,266 3,570

The following employees received emoluments of more than £60,000:

2021 £

Ruthlyn O. Bradshaw

69,075

	Average number of employees during the year		Number	Number
	Administration		3	3
			3	3
5	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings At cost £	Plant and machinery At cost £	Total £
	Cost or valuation	~	~	~
	At 1 January 2021	561,608	25,928	587,536
	At 31 December 2021	561,608	25,928	587,536
	Depreciation At 1 January 2021 Charge for the year At 31 December 2021	- - -	23,397 633 24,030	23,397 633 24,030
	Carrying amount At 31 December 2021	561,608	1,898_	563,506
	At 31 December 2020	561,608	2,531	564,139
6	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2021 £	2020 £
	Trade creditors Other taxes and social security costs		7,560 42,581	4,980 -
			50,141	4,980
7	Reserves Unrestricted funds		2021 £	2020 £
	At 1 January Profit for the financial year		605,361 310,727	583,119 22,242
	At 31 December		916,088	605,361

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, in order to further the charity's objectives.

8 Related party transactions

The following payments were made to trustees, during the financial year, for pastoral services. This figure is included in Wages and Salaries.

£ 15,000

Pastor Lovel Bent (Presiding Apostle)

No other trustee expenses were incurred in the year.

9 Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound (£).

10 Legal form of entity and country of incorporation

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) is an unincorporated charity, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

11 Principal place of business

The address of the charity's principal place of business and registered office is:

116 Poplar Road Herne Hill London SE24 0BP

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income from charitable activities		
Tithes and offerings	537,176	140,096
Gifts, donations and pledges	44,912	2,275
Other contributions	1,740	1,370
	610,647	143,741
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Church: Missions	32,255	28,709
Church: Worship	2,513	1,738
Church: Youth and children	2,917	4,150
Church: Evangelism support	12,721	11,506
Church: Welfare and counselling	7,700	22,916
Gifts and donations	9,070	-
Catering and hospitality	1,311	305
	(68,787)	(69,324)
Net operating income	541,860	74,417
Administrative expenses	(307,151)	(87,888)
Other operating income	76,018	35,713
Operating surplus	310,727	22,242
Movement in funds: Surplus	310,727	22,242

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments from charitable activities		
Tithes and offerings	537,176	140,096
Gifts, donations and pledges	44,912	2,275
Gift aid	26,819	-
Other contributions	1,740	1,370
	610,647	143,741
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Church: Missions	32,255	28,709
Church: Worship	2,513	1,738
Church: Youth and children	2,917	4,150
Church: Evangelism support	12,721	11,506
Church: Welfare and counselling	7,700	22,916
Gifts and donations	9,070	-
Catering and hospitality	1,311	305
Other direct costs	300	-
	68,787	69,324
Administrative expenses		
Support costs		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	133,884	45,266
Employer's NI	26,474	3,570
Temporary staff and recruitment	154	129
Staff training and welfare	1,785	737
Travel and subsistence	14,875	(2,651)
	177,172	47,051
Premises costs:		
Rates	10,652	(4,583)
Light and heat	9,073	16,844
	19,725	12,261
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	2,935	3,963
Stationery and printing	2,920	1,326
Bank charges	621	630
Insurance	9,604	4,762
Equipment expensed	4,598	-
Equipment hire	95	-
Computers and software	4,413	624
Repairs and maintenance	63,322	6,224
Depreciation	633	844
Sundry expenses	8,173	2,974
	97,314	21,347
Support costs	294,211	80,659

New Life Assembly (Dulwich) Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

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	2021	2020
Governance costs Legal and professional costs:	2.400	£
Independent examination fees Accountancy fees Other legal and professional fees	2,400 960 9,580	1,760 - 5,469
Governance costs	12,940	7,229
Administrative expenses	307,151	87,888
Other operating income Nursery rent and maintenance costs Other operating income	41,054 34,964	35,000 713
	76,018	35,713