

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

9:38

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1 0 9 2 8 8 1

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

M. N. Johnson

Date

16/9/16

Name

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or body (if any)

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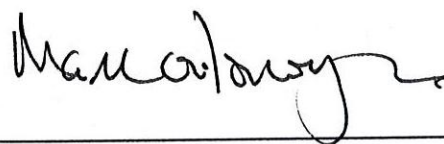
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

9:38 Receipts and Payments 2015

Receipts and Payments				
Receipts (income)		2015	2014	2013
Conferences		14,694.80	17,317.74	11,516.12
Sale of books/tapes				
Donations		27,998.07	18,953.71	22,625.82
Sundry/advertising income		6,686.08	5415.00	1810.00
Total:		49,378.95	41,686.45	35,951.94
Payments (expenses)		2015	2014	2013
Printing and postage		-336.70	-867.76	-1,486.31
Books/Tapes		0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Running Costs		-666.39	-596.55	-471.59
Conferences		-14,811.94	-11,964.49	-18,052.69
Travel		-445.76	-86.94	-327.14
Sundry Expenses		-459.12	-356.99	-157.06
HR		-23,696.35	-15,374.21	-17,266.34
Advertising and exhibiting		-469.68	-1,566.96	-1,970.00
Total:		-40,885.94	-30,813.90	-39,731.13
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		8,493.01	10,872.55	-3,779.19

Assets and Liabilities								
					Value	Details		
Assets		Cash funds			31,320.69	Bank at year end		
		Other monetary assets			-			
		Assets retained for charity use			1000.00	Computer, laptop, projector & screen		
Liabilities		Cash funds			-			

Signed by a trustee on behalf of all the trustees



Print name

Mark O'Donoghue

Date

28 September 2016



GOSPEL WORKERS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Annual Report for Nine Thirty Eight ('9:38')

For the year 1st January to 31st December 2015

This report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission. Nine Thirty Eight is a charitable trust: number 1092881 and is also known as 9:38.

Aim of 9:38

The aim is to promote the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in particular by encouraging, recruiting and training men and women to be involved in gospel ministry.

Membership

During the year the following served as trustees:

Richard Coekin

Ian Garrett

Vaughan Roberts

Ian Garrett resigned his trusteeship on the 2nd December and Mark O'Donoghue was nominated as his replacement, to commence in 2016.

In addition to the above, the following served as members of the Executive Committee:

Nigel Styles

Andy Gemmill

Chris Green

Mark O'Donoghue (Chairman)

Danny Rurlander

Carrie Sandom

Andrew Nicholls

During the year the following served as administrators to the Executive Committee:

Bonnie Rozorio (Jan-May)

Christopher Prekop (May-Dec)

Review of the Year

Conferences

In 2015 we hosted conferences for students and for church-based Ministry Trainees. Our Ministry Trainees conference was held at High Leigh, Hertfordshire and was well attended by trainees and apprentices. The conference, entitled 'Fulfilled in Christ,' included main talks from Richard Coekin and Phillip Jensen. Just over 100 Ministry Trainees, from across the country, attended for 3 days of talks, training and mutual encouragement. The conference is made possible in large part by the generosity of church workers who give up their time to serve as leaders and continues to be very well received by delegates, both for the teaching content and the chance to meet others at similar stage of ministry life.

In 2014, Nine Thirty Eight supported two regional conferences in Southampton and Lancaster. In 2015 this was expanded to three conferences, in London, Birmingham and Lancaster. Over 130 students attended. The aim of the conference is to give undergraduates the opportunity to think through whether some sort of full-time gospel ministry might be God's will for them and, more generally, to live a gospel-centred life whatever their life's work. Looking

forward, we are eager to see more regional conferences established across the UK to enable as many undergraduates as possible consider the possibility of full time ministry. Plans for a conference in Bristol, as well as the existing locations, are already underway. We are grateful for the gospel partnership of a growing number of student-churches who value these conferences and who, on the whole, appreciate that we are no longer limited to one national, residential conference.

We attempted to host a weekend Worker's Conference in 2015, however this proved unsuccessful as insufficient people signed up. This cost us a fairly significant cancellation fee but one that we were able to absorb because of our reserves. The Trustees and Executive Committee, helped by other church leaders, have given considerable thought as to why the conference was not better used. We have identified areas for improvement in our own planning and preparation but have also concluded there is a real need to promote the vision of passages like 2 Timothy 2v2 in churches, particularly in non-student churches. We have given some thought to how we might do this via printed and online resources, through engaging with regional gospel partnerships and through personal contact with church leaders. We plan to help re-build momentum for the Workers' Conference by restructuring it along the lines of the regional student conferences: in 2016 we plan to host two regional day-conferences for workers, in London and Sheffield.

Conventions, Advertising & Resources

Conventions

The 9:38 Administrator attended the Church Administrator's Conferences, as a training and networking opportunity. He also attended the Growing Healthy Churches conference, along with Mark O'Donoghue, to network with pastors there.

Advertising

9:38 placed adverts in the Word Alive brochure and in the booklets for the London's Women's Convention. We are continuing to make more use of online advertising opportunities, paying a small fee to promote content and conferences on Facebook and Twitter. Our follower base on these platforms continues to increase significantly as does our reach.

Resources

We began the significant task of overhauling our website at the end of 2015, a task due to be completed in 2016. This was designed to increase our attractiveness and usability, especially for churches advertising training posts on the site. It is also designed to lay the groundwork to launch a 9:38 blog in 2016. We also refreshed our logo and gave some thought to the overall presentation of 9:38, aiming to achieve a consistent, modern, attractive image.

Finances & Reserves

Those who give via the 'Friends of 9:38' scheme continue to fund the day-to-day activities of 9:38. We also have a smaller number of 'Patrons of 9:38' who support us by giving in excess of £1,000 per year. Our efforts to secure support from trusts, churches and individuals are on-going, so that our work can continue into 2015 and beyond. Nonetheless, we face the on-going difficulty of widening our support base, which in turn would increase our capacity to serve local churches in the task of raising up gospel workers.

Reserves

In the Trustees' view, our reserves should provide 9:38 with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its objectives for the foreseeable future. The trustees propose to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational costs (£15,000) and have done so having regards to the manner of operation of 9:38 and its likely funding streams.

Our cash in hand at the end of 2015 totalled £31,320. The excess funds (£16,320) have been designated to enable the appointment of a Director of 9:38 in the near future. We are conscious that such an appointment will require a significant increase in donations to 9:38. Raising these funds will be a challenge and so we feel it is prudent to prepare now for the increased reserves that will be required when a Director is appointed. We anticipate six months' operational costs rising to £35,000 at that time.

The trustees will review the amount of reserves, on an annual basis, to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations. The Trustees will have particular regard to the timeframe for appointing a Director as well as our manner of operation and current and potential funding streams.

Signed by a Trustee:



Print:

REV'D MARK O'DONOGHUE

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27 SEPTEMBER 2016

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