



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

LONDON CHURCH LEADERS/LONDON CHURCHES GROUP FOR  
SOCIAL ACTION

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2015

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1145750

**Set out on pages**

3

(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; and
  - 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:** G I CONNAL

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Name:** MR GEOFFREY IAN CONNAL

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

N/A

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

N/A

# London Church Leaders / London Churches Social Action

## Annual Report 2015 (with financial statement)

“London Church Leaders” (LCL) & “London Churches Social Action” (LCSA) are situated in Central Hall Westminster. The correspondence address is  
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London Church Leaders is a registered charity under the Charities Act (2011), number 1145750.  
London Churches Social Action is a co-ordinating and networking body for the London Church Leaders.

### Structure, governance and management

London Church Leaders is constituted such that most members are ex-officio by office with the power to co-opt others. London Church Leaders appoints a Chair and a Secretary. The Secretary chairs the London Church Leaders Executive. The Executive, which is also constituted with denominational representatives appointed by the London Church Leaders, has the power to co-opt others and to appoint a Treasurer. The Executive Officer acts as its Secretary.

### Objectives

London Church Leaders / London Churches Social Action aims to help the Churches in London:

- Speak with a common voice
- Make their voice heard in civil society
- Collaborate on social action

### Achievements

The London Church Leaders met twice in 2015. The spring meeting, hosted by the Bishop of Southwark included discussion on issues of ethnicity and links with the churches in Europe (attended by representatives of the churches in Berlin). The winter meeting, hosted by the Methodist District Chairs, included a presentation from the Metropolitan Police on safeguarding against attacks on faith buildings, and an endorsement of LCSA's Common Reflections on process on Migration.

The Executive met on four occasions.

Key priorities for the year were as follows:

- to resource the ‘The London Churches Social Action Network’. This met three times to address the themes ‘Gangs’, ‘Migration’ and ‘Human Trafficking’.
- to develop ‘Common Voice’ for the London churches on social issues, with the key piece of work being on Migration, and the publication of a Common Reflections on this in December.

Other work included:

- Participation the Faiths Forum for London.
- Engagement with the Contextual Theology Centre, and Citizens UK.
- Resourcing the work of the London Churches Gold Group on Resilience issues.
- Supporting the Funeral Poverty Alliance.
- Supporting the London Churches Refugee Network.
- Engaging with issues related to Calais and the Refugee Crisis
- Providing funds for JustShare, Housing Justice, and the London HIV/AIDS Chaplaincy.

**Financial Statements** are attached in a separate document.

**Membership** (see next page)

**Members of the London Church Leaders (LCL) who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 until the date this report was approved were:**

Richard Chartres, The Bishop of London (Anglican) - Chairperson  
Adrian Newman, The Bishop of Stepney (Anglican) – Secretary – from February 2015  
Vincent Nichols, The Archbishop of Westminster (Catholic)  
Peter Smith, The Archbishop of Southwark (Catholic)  
Paul Hendricks, Auxillary Bishop of Southwark (Catholic)  
John Armitage, The Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese (Catholic) – until April 2015  
Kevin Hale, The Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese (Catholic) – from April 2015  
Christopher Chessun, The Bishop of Southwark (Anglican)  
Peter Hill, The Bishop of Barking (Anglican)  
James Langstaff, The Bishop of Rochester (Anglican)  
Richard Cheetham, The Bishop of Kingston (Anglican)  
Michaela Youngson, London District Co-Chair (Methodist)  
Stuart Jordan, London District Co-Chair (Methodist) – until July 2015  
Jenny Impey, London District Co-Chair (Methodist) – from July 2015  
Andrew Prasad, Moderator of North Thames Synod (United Reformed)  
Nicola Furley-Smith, Moderator of Southern Synod (United Reformed)  
Suzanne Fincham, London Divisional Commander (Salvation Army)  
Steve Clifford, General Director (Evangelical Alliance)  
Geoff Andrews, London Regional Team Leader (Baptist) – until April 2015  
Olu Abiola (Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches) – until April 2015  
Fidelia Opukiri (Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches) – from April 2015  
Hugh Osgood (Churches in Community) – from April 2015  
Gregorios, Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain (Orthodox)  
Terry Drummond, (Chair, London Churches Social Action) – until April 2015  
Paul Wright, (Co-Chair of Faiths Forum for London) – from April 2015  
Steven Saxby, Executive Officer (London Churches Social Action)

**Members of the LCL/LCSA Executive who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 until the date this report was approved were:**

Adrian Newman, The Bishop of Stepney (Anglican) – Chairperson – from February 2015  
John Armitage, The Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese (Catholic) – until April 2015  
Kevin Hale, The Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese (Catholic) – from April 2015  
Jonathan Clarke, The Bishop of Croydon – from February 2015  
Stuart Jordan, London District Co-Chair (Methodist) – until July 2015  
Michael Youngson, London District Co-Chair (Methodist) – from July 2015  
Suzanne Fincham, London Divisional Commander (Salvation Army)  
Geoff Andrews, London Regional Team Leader (Baptist) – until April 2015  
Gregorios, Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain (Orthodox)  
Terry Drummond, (Chair, London Churches Social Action) – until April 2015  
John Perumbalath, Archdeacon of Barking – from April 2015  
Martin Hayes, Vicar General of Westminster – from April 2015  
Fidelia Opukiri - Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches – from April 2015  
Paul Wright, (Co-Chair of Faiths Forum for London)  
Grace Santhosham (Treasurer)  
Steven Saxby, Executive Officer (London Churches Social Action)

**Report by Canon Steven Saxby, Executive Officer – June 2016.**

**Report approved by the Executive and signed by the Chair,**

**the Right Reverend Adrian Newman – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**