REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 FOR UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

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The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2017.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To declare the uncompromising Gospel of the Kingdom of God to present and future generations, raise overcomers and set the captives free.

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the Charity is to propagate the Christian Gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADMINISTRATION

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OTHERS

Philip Osei-Hwere, Project Manager, Freedom Centre International, UK

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust signed on 13th December 1987, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity does not have a written policy in respect of recruitment and appointment of new trustees. The current board of trustees is made up of experienced individuals who have served the charity for many years.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees confirm that considerations have been given to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and that systems have been designed and established to mitigate those risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

During the operating year 2016-2017, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

- 1. Increase its congregation membership;
- 2. Undertake activities that would lead to spiritual growth of members and non-members and serve as a means of evangelising in its various communities;
- 3. Improve upon the provision of Youth Programmes and Childcare facilities to benefit both members and the local communities;
- 4. To provide educational training in Information and Communication Technology, First Aid, Social Care, and Life Skills for members and others within the local communities;
- 5. To contribute to the work of local authority decision-making bodies and pressure groups by nominating members to participate in the work of such bodies;
- 6. To contribute to community-based projects in partnership with other churches in the areas in which UPG branches are located;
- 7. To extend charitable hardship relief to the needy and support missionary work in Africa Asia and Europe;
- 8. To acquire premises in various locations to extend the work of the ministry.

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Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Guidance on the Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit in preparing the Trustees' Report and the following nine-page report shows in some detail how this has been achieved.

The charity was involved in Christian outreach programmes and Christian Ministry designed to increase christian awareness and spread the love and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers

The effort, commitment and skills of our volunteers are at the heart of the charity. Some of our long-standing volunteers have worked with us for considerable periods contributing invaluable time and skills.

There are approximately 15 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 2,340 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £7.20 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £16,848. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OBJECTIVE 1

Television and New Media Ministry

The ministry used television and new media to spread the Christian gospel. Religious programmes were broadcast weekly on Faith TV (SKY590) in Europe, on ABN TV (SKY 235) and on You Tube. Sunday and Wednesday services are either streamed live on the Internet or are available through the websites of the churches within the ministry.

Evangelical campaigns with online media platforms were broadcast on

- www.tunein.com/radio/Dominion-Centre-Radio-s246531
- www.facebook.com/Dominion.Centre.Church
- www.youtube.com/user/TheDominionCentre
- www.livestream.com/dominioncentre
- www.twitter.com/dominion_centre,

Freedom Walk continued to feature recorded versions of FCI church services, conferences and seminars. The programmes, including the live broadcasts continued to affect the lives of members and non-members of the church.

With the continuous improvement of the website of Dominion Centre, it has been attracting worldwide visitors and this has made some of them visit the churches and become members. The website provides an avenue to meet people's needs, download forms, watch live services, view upcoming events because they are integrated with all the social media platforms.

Church branches and missions

The affiliate churches in Southall, East London, Luton, Telford and Edinburgh continued to grow just as other affiliates in Dallas (USA), East Legon and Adenta (Ghana), Murcia (Spain).

During the year, FCI undertook 16 mission trips to spread the gospel. This involved trips to London, Milton Keynes, Luton, Telford and Edinburgh in the UK. Outside the UK, there were trips to Ghana, Malawi, Dallas, New York, Trinidad and Tobago, Israel and Spain.

Overall church membership has been sustained as a result of the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 5,590.

OBJECTIVE 2

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

All UPGM churches organised annual conferences, workshops and seminars. These were held for the benefit of both church members and the general public. The seminars and workshops were designed to train members, leaders and pastors.

The following conferences were organised during the year:

- The Freedom Impact Conference
- Annual Yoke Breakers Conference
- Dominion Summit
- Women of a different spirit conference
- Youth Alive Conference
- Freedom Centre International Youth conference
- First Fruits Seminar
- Next Level Conference

Freedom Impact Conference took place over five days, with over 3600 people attending.

Programmes for Women

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The Women's Ministry in the two main churches of the ministry organise their activities through Yoke Breakers International and Women of a Different Spirit Group. Their activities, during the year included early morning and all night prayer meetings as well as workshops and seminars designed to increase the spiritual, social and economic empowerment needs of members as well as those in the communities in which the churches are located.

The ministry also held annual conferences and workshops to empower, train and support women in the churches and within their communities. In June 2016 about 90 women went on a Retreat in Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire, which encouraged fellowship and spiritual growth among the women.

The quarterly evening programme dubbed 'One night with the King' usually brought together more than 300 women for spiritual development.

"Pocket friends" women is a group of four to five who care for each other via phone calls, meals out to encourage each other. The group has proved successful in supporting one another and providing pastoral care among the women. The women had a party called "Groovy night" in September 2016, which provided an opportunity for the women to let their hair down.

The various women's programmes were highly appreciated as they met the spiritual social and economic needs of women in the ministry which helped to bring in new members and encouraged others to take a more active part in the work of the ministry.

Bookshop & Conference Facilities

Increased communal use of the halls of both DC and FCI for conferences and social events also continued to attract new members as people who attended events at the halls learnt of the churches' activities.

The bookshops provided an avenue for numerical increase as well as service to the local community. They continue to provide relevant Christian literature to educate, enlighten and equip interested members of the community. Regular customers at the bookshop expressed great interest in the church and its services. A good number have now become active members.

Retreats, Camp Meetings and Prayer Meetings

All UPGM church branches continued to hold their monthly all night prayer services to meet the increased spiritual needs of members. Both Dominion Centre and FCI continued their prayer meetings held on specific days to encourage and support people spiritually. These meetings helped to expand the range of people who attend various ministry functions and over time some of these people have joined the church.

The church branches go on retreats with their leadership teams and church members to build their spiritual lives. Retreats continued to attract people to join our congregations.

The FCI church camp meeting was organised in August for members to spend time praying and studying the word of God. In 2016, the venue for the camp meeting was Canterbury Christ Church University in Kent. The 2016 camp had attendance of about 350 people.

OBJECTIVE 3

Youth Programmes and Services

Young people over 20 years at Dominion Centre continued their monthly discussion forum on issues affecting the youth, marriage, career, finance, etc. The purpose was to assist the youth to understand the spiritual and legal implications of issues affecting them and to help them avoid negative peer pressure and other social vices. The monthly youth services are made very interactive so that all could be involved, but still remained Christ focused. A new youth Choir was formed who met to rehearse once a week with their young drummer and guitarist. 12 - 19 year olds met every second and third Sunday of the month.

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The DC Youth Ministry held All Night Prayer Sessions three times in the year. These prayer events are usually preceded with prayers and fasting by the leaders and ministers and Holy Spirit led. They witnessed attendance in the region of fifty youth and young adults and attract people from other churches. It is a time of heart-felt prayer, worship, energetic praise, debate, discussion, exhortation and ministration. The events always leave positive impact on the lives of the young people. Emotional and physical healing, deliverance, direction, joy and tangible presence of God are among the benefits received at these prayers. The young people are always looking forward to the next one.

The 'Chill Zone' was another youth activity held 3 times during the year. It had good attendance and it was geared at providing Christian centred clean entertainment for the youth.

"Youth Alive" Conference is an annual conference of DC Youth under the theme: Stand Out. The conference started on Friday with a Workshop, Talk Show/ Life Discussions on personal development, public speaking, cooking, car maintenance and health and beauty. Prayers followed it in the evening. On Saturday, the youth went to the beach where they participated in physical activities like praying, worship, board games, dancing, archery, high ropes, mountain biking, abseiling and kiwi flying. This resulted in them being spiritually and physically refreshed. On Sunday morning, the anointed praise and worship was led by DC youth choir, followed by preaching of the word by their one of the leaders of the Youth.

FCI Youth Ministry continued to organise its Youth Church Service held every Sunday from 2:00pm- 4:00pm in Welling led by an ordained youth pastor. The service has been growing steadily in numbers and attracts the youth from the Welling and Peckham areas. During the year, the Audacity to Live youth conference was organised for the fourth year running. The conference received a lot of publicity and attracted over 300 people.

OBJECTIVES 4

Training opportunities

"Tent Makers", the business-people and entrepreneurs' club of FCI continued to offer free business advice to both members and non-members of the church. They met monthly with similar organisations to network and discuss how to develop their businesses.

FCI Ministerial Academy- This in-house pastor's and leadership training programme continued during the year. The objective is to train pastors and leaders who will be assigned to lead and manage FCI branch churches.

Kingdom Ministry Training School - This Dominion Centre Monday School continued to provide Christ-centred and Bible-based training in discipleship for the practice of mission and ministry. Facilitators use sessions to teach, train, develop and offer training placements to students who are either in leadership positions, desire to learn about leadership or are simply taking leadership of their destiny to better equip themselves to lead or lead others.

Prestige School - Dominion Centre started this Saturday School in October 2014 to offer children extra education and learning support in studying core subjects at school. They have specialised teachers carefully selected and trained to teach Maths, English & Science, KS1-GCSE, KS2-GCSE, KS3-GCSE and all exam boards in a friendly informal atmosphere.

Mentoring

"Youth Alive" is an annual community youth programme that brings youth together for a number of activities. The event spanned the weekend with the youth leading events like Praise and Worship at the Friday evening concert and the Main Sunday service followed by a drama.

UPGM's community youth mentoring projects yielded positive results from the feedback and participation of the youth in the community.

The Men's fellowship in Dominion Centre also undertook a mentoring programme with the Youth Ministry to offer career advice and crime prevention.

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CITB, our Midlands branch situated near a university also continued to run Mentors In Training (MINT), a mentoring programme geared towards young people, helping them to discover their potential.

OBJECTIVE 5

Community Engagement Activities

Southwark for Jesus - This is a network of churches in Southwark who work together for common purpose & betterment of Southwark. A member of the FCI branch sits on the steering committee.

Transform Bexley Borough (TBB) - FCI joined the TBB group, which made up of various faith organisations and the police.

Southwark Multi-Faith Forum - This is a group made up of members from various faith groups who meet regularly to discuss how faith groups can work together on common goals. A member of FCI sits on the board.

Southwark Community Care Forum - This is a community group that works with families and young people in Southwark. A member of FCI is part of the group.

Common Purpose - This is a fraternity of senior managers who meet quarterly to discuss strategies that will improve their work. They also volunteer their time on various community projects. A member of FCI sits on the steering committee.

PECAN (Peckham Evangelical Action Network) - This organisation helps people get back to work. They have a special project for ex-offenders. A member of the church sits on the board.

Tottenham Christian Council - Churches working together in Tottenham

UPGM is a member of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance (ACEA) and the Evangelical Alliance (EA)

Police & Clergy Initiative (London Borough of Haringey) - Organised by the Metropolitan Police to bring down crime rates in inner city boroughs.

Haringey Peace Alliance - This organisation works to reduce violence on the streets of North London and foster good relationship between delinquent youth and their families.

DC offered the use of our premises for community programmes and events thereby impacting directly and positively on the activities and growth of the local community.

OBJECTIVES 6 & 7

Prison Ministry

The Prison Teams of both DC & FCI Churches continued to visit prisons and detention centres in the UK. Some of the centres visited in the year were HMP Pentonville, Brixton, Peterborough, Maidstone, Feltham YOI and Rochester YOI as well as Dover Immigration Removal Centre.

In February 2017, in conjunction with Prison Outreach Network, a Training Day was organised in to equip members and learn about how countless prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families can be redeemed, restored, and reconciled through the love and truth of Jesus Christ. At Feltham YOI the chaplain reported an increase in the number of inmates who are now bold and not ashamed to declare that they are Christians. The Outreach Network was able to buy a projector for the Feltham YOI and also provide Christian reading materials to both Feltham and Rochester YOI.

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Community and International Outreach

The DC Welfare Team is an essential arm of the community outreach ministry. Their activities continued to be in the form of a food pantry where needy people both in and outside the church came to collect food and other household items all donated free of charge by members of the church. Items supplied include children's essentials, canned food, cereals, sanitary items and clothing. This service was advertised by way of church members voluntarily distributing leaflets in the local community.

Assistance is also given to the unemployed who are looking to get back to work, in terms of proper filing of application forms and creating acceptable CVs. Career advice and interview skills are part of the seminars arranged by the church's Welfare Team. A good number of people gained employment through this initiative.

The DC Welfare Team is still supporting the government's move to promote public awareness on healthy living. Areas concentrated on were blood pressure, blood sugar levels and cholesterol checks which are carried out free of charge; also exercises (aerobics) in a view to keep is carried out during our prayer meetings.

During the year, the Welfare Team at DC attended to single parents, supported people with housing issues, job vacancies and Immigration. Toiletries and second hand clothes were also donated to the Finsbury Park family and friends. During the Welfare Health Checks Surgery, the community was advised on issues pertaining to housing, medical and career advice. Blood pressure and diabetes check were done during the weekly Sunday drop in surgeries and Bibles were donated to the Cascade Mental Health Home.

The Welfare Team at DC supported homeless people with the winter shelter outreach until end of March 2017. There was also a Christmas End of Year Soup Kitchen outreach and entertainment evening for the homeless, vulnerable and needy in the community. Hampers containing foodstuffs and Bibles were also given out in the community as well as larger donations to shelter and children's homes. Individuals were helped with finances for items like bus passes, nappies and food. The ministry gave gifts and visited those in nursing and elderly care homes. The congregation donated many items.

For free housing advice and debt management advice, walk-in days were arranged. These were all open to members of the church and the local community.

UPGM continued to support our branches in Kenya and Ghana.

UPGM regularly offer assistance to the homeless and unemployed through the Serving Our Community Team.

The FCI women's ministry in 2016/17 organised a Mission trip to Lagos, Nigeria. They visited and made donation to the International Women's Society in Lekki, Lagos and Sharon Field School and College, Jakande, Lagos, Nigeria. The women during their visit presented toys, used clothing and cash donation.

Compassion UK

UPGM is partnering with Compassion UK leading to individuals within the ministry and groups sponsoring children overseas, largely in Africa

Counselling & Visitation Services

All churches in the ministry offer Christian counselling services to church members and the general public. FCI and DC have prayer and counselling telephone lines. All counselling work is done on a voluntary basis. The team of counselling volunteers included social workers and midwives who visited and offered emotional and physical support to new mothers. The counselling group also visited the sick in hospital or at home. In a number of cases, they did grocery shopping, cleaning, and other day-to-day chores free of charge, for both the church and local individuals. The Visitation teams also offered support for bereaved members by visiting them at home to offer prayers.

Children's Ministry

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Bar Mitzvah - This FCI training programme is aimed at training and preparing children to make the transition from childhood to adulthood. The children undertook a 12-week course starting September and graduated in January. In 2016/17, 21 children graduated from this programme

Tailor made for teenagers and youth from age 11+, and in the light of rapidly deterioration of discipline in society, the youth ministry of UPGM is a crucial and significant one, which echoed biblical instruction to the young ones. They instruct the youth in matters relating to spiritually, morality and discipline, as well as bringing to them recreational activities, such as football matches played with other church youth ministries, a day trip, the arts, music, and skills development such as dance and drama.

The Children's ministry at DC and FCI put together their annual children's day events, which are held during the main Sunday service. Children aged 2-11 years made various presentations of poems, songs and recitations to showcase their talents. The two-week summer play scheme for children in the community continued to grow during the year.

Home Care Fellowship

Homecare Fellowship of all UPGM branches had remained a forum for Bible discussions and has been open to all in the local community. An opportunity for questions and answers and social interactions in an informal atmosphere took place in the homes of selected members, for easy, local access. These meetings are held twice a month.

Solemnisation and registration of marriages

There were 5 marriages registered and solemnised in 2016/2017

Water Baptism and Child Dedication

In conformity with our beliefs and faith over 15 adults in all were baptised in water by immersion and over 16 children were dedicated to the Lord by their parents.

Social Events

Christmas event - Last year DC organised Christmas Hamper and 'food pantry' for the needy in the community. In partnership with some local businesses, donations of various items were made to women's shelters. FCI donated boxes of assorted non-perishable food to Bexleyheath Food Bank. The women's ministry at FCI raised funds and made a donation to the Red Cross Charity Shop in Bexley.

Summer recreational events: As arranged by the various branches, beach outings, trips and picnics were organised for both friends and families of UPG members and people from the local community.

OBJECTIVE 8

Places of Worship

The ministry continued to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent during the year to bring into use other areas of the building. Due to financial constraints, further refurbishment works are planned for next year.

Dominion Centre refurbished the seats and added more seats to the balcony section of the building to bring the seated capacity to 2000.

FCI Branch in Murcia formally took a 5year lease on the property they were renting on a monthly basis.

Dominion chapel is continuing to refurbish its leased property.

FCI branch in Luton leased a property in the town centre that has a 300-seater auditorium and offices

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During the year the freeholder of the Edinburgh property offered FCI the option to buy the property. Plans are underway to continue fundraising to purchase the property in 2017/18

The FCI Branch in Peckham also underwent some major repair work on the roof and internal structures during 2016/17. However, due to financial constraints a large proportion of the work that needs undertaking was deferred to 2017/18.

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The various branches have the following times of worship and prayers:

DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service Sunday 12.00pm - 1.00pm Youth Bible study Class Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study Thursday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm Intercessory Prayer Friday 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm Deliverance Prayer Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church Service
Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer Cells/Discipleship Class
Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek Service/New Members Class
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom Time / Unemployed
Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) Prayer Meeting

CITY TEMPLE INTERNATIONAL - BIRMINGHAM

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main Church Service Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing Service

DOMINION CHAPEL

Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship Service Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Meeting/New Believer's class

DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON

Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00 pm Worship Service

Friday 8.00pm -11.00 pm Prayer and Deliverance Meeting

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE STRATEGY FOR 2017-2018

In response with the ministry's overall performance in achieving our principal objectives, the leadership of the various branches have set out to build upon and expand the church's performance and activities in the coming year. To do this the ministry is aiming at embarking on the following activities:

To continue the refurbishment of our Welling, Kent auditorium and upgrade the Peckham church;

Acquire church properties for FCI branches in Telford in the UK as well as in Accra-Ghana to enable the churches to grow;

Increase church membership by opening new branches in major UK cities and various parts of London;

Extend the TV and new media ministry programmes to other branches in the USA and Africa;

Expand our involvement in community-based activities

Increase youth community based activities by training more youth leaders;

Focus more activities that will develop the spiritual as well as family life of its members and non-members e.g. conventions, seminars, crusades and prayer retreats;

Increase the public use of the premises of UPG ministry.

CONCLUSION

The UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES continues to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

- Good follow-up methods in our outreach and evangelism projects
- Involving service users to participate in the decision making process of projects particularly the youth initiatives.
- Success in achieving our objectives
- Showing genuine compassion to local community members.
- Training and empowering people through the Bible teaching, seminars and leadership training programmes.
- Equipping members to be responsible and influential members of communities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain sufficient free reserves equivalent to a approximately £250,000. These reserves are held in case of any sudden decline in income and to ensure that we can meet our commitments to providing our services and activities. Specifically, these commitments include our contractual obligations in relation to our outreach work and staff commitments.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 August 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Elder Joseph K Kwaw - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

We have audited the financial statements of Universal Prayer Group Ministries for the year ended 31 March 2017 on pages fifteen to twenty three. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page twelve, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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8 August 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	31.3.17 Unrestricted fund £	31.3.16 Total funds
Incoming RESOURCES Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	1,594,293	1,639,566
Activities for generating funds	2 3	375,160	302,288
Other incoming resources	-	10,767	3,963
Total incoming resources		1,980,220	1,945,817
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds	4	104 102	04.910
Costs of generating voluntary income Charitable activities	4 5	104,193	94,810
Charitable activities Charitable donations	3	15,323	20,040
Ministry and Outreach		1,570,734	1,568,566
Governance costs	7	20,421	38,387
Total resources expended		1,710,671	1,721,803
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		269,549	224,014
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		4,422,445	4,198,431
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		4,691,994	4,422,445

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017

		31.3.17	31.3.16
		Unrestricted fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	8,808,099	8,789,426
Investments & Projects	11	150,428	
		8,958,527	8,789,426
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	127,208	109,322
Prepayments and accrued income Cash at bank		828 143,061	8,823 169,514
Cash at bank		140,001	100,514
		271,097	287,659
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(152,336)	(194,054)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		118,761	93,605
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		9,077,288	8,883,031
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,385,294)	(4,460,586)
Amounts faming due after more than one year	14	(4,363,274)	
NET ASSETS		4,691,994	4,422,445
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		4,691,994	4,422,445
TOTAL FUNDS		4,691,994	4,422,445

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BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED AT 31 MARCH 2017

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 8 August 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

Elder Joseph K Kwaw -Trustee

Elder J K Mensah -Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

Income from tithes and offerings is included in incoming resources when these are receivable. Given the voluntary nature of this income, the receivable date is considered to be the actual date of receipt.

Gift aid income is only recognised when the associated income has been received and when a claim has been substantially prepared and verified against records held. Provision is made for the amounts that may not be recoverable. The charity does not receive legacies or other forms of voluntary income.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated and apportioned to the various categories of expenditure on the following basis:

- i. Costs that relate solely to one activity are allocated to that activity.
- ii. Costs that relate to more than one activity are split between the activities, based on the estimated usage attributable to each activity. In the case of staff costs, the allocation is based on estimated staff time attributed to each activity.
- iii. Costs that are common to all activities are categorised as support costs.

Support costs, comprising Management & Administration, Finance and Property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property

- 2% on cost

Plant and machinery

- 20% on reducing balance

Motor vehicles

- 25% on reducing balance

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on a reducing balance basis.

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £50 are capitalised and included at cost. Any assets that are considered to be impaired in value or use are written down as required.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in market value is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheets.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Tithes, offerings & donations Gift aid	31.3.17 £ 1,265,105 329,188	31.3.16 £ 1,308,634 330,932 1,639,566
3.	ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS	1,594,293	1,039,300
	Conferences & Camp meetings Media, audio & CD sales Fundraising Hall hire & Property rentals	31.3.17 £ 224,065 754 12,204 138,137	31.3.16 £ 187,516 3,285 15,782 95,705
4.	COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME		
	Conferences & camp meetings Media, CD's & Resources	31.3.17 £ 102,718 	31.3.16 £ 94,345 465

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

5.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS				
			Direct costs	Support costs (See note 6)	Totals
			£	£	£
	Charitable donations		15,323	-	15,323
	Ministry and Outreach		911,611	659,123	1,570,734
			926,934	659,123	1,586,057
6.	SUPPORT COSTS				
				Human	
		Management	Finance	resources	Totals
		£	£	£	£
	Ministry and Outreach	312,774	172,688	173,661	659,123
7.	GOVERNANCE COSTS				
				31.3.17	31.3.16
				£	£
	Trustees' expenses			4,516	4,773
	Property valuation fees				3,900
	Accountancy			3,352	21,221
	Legal & professional fees			8,353	4,293
	Auditors' remuneration			4,200	4,200
				20,421	38,387
8.	TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BE	ENEFITS			
	There were no trustees' remuneration or othe 31 March 2016.	r benefits for the ye	ear ended 31 M	arch 2017 nor for	the year ended
	Trustees' expenses				
				21 2 17	21 2 16
				31.3.17 £	31.3.16 £
	Trustees' expenses			4,516	4,773
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

9.	STAFF COSTS					
					31.3.17	31.3.16
	Wages and salaries				£ 381,056	£ 391,188
	Social security costs				36,642	39,985
	Other pension costs				<u>5,706</u>	<u>7,386</u>
	Total				423,404	438,559
	The average monthly number	of employees duri	ing the year was	as follows:		
					31.3.17	31.3.16
	Charitable and pastoral				7	7
	Support and administration				<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
	administration					
	Total				<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
10.	No employee earned more that TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET COST	· -	um (2016 - nil) Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
	At 1 April 2016	8,721,874	88,174	1,258,783	26,061	10,094,892
	Additions	**	22,685	77,229		99,914
	At 31 March 2017	8,721,874	110,859	1,336,012	26,061	10,194,806
	DEPRECIATION					
	At 1 April 2016	345,069	4,530	929,807	26,060	1,305,466
	Charge for year	_	-	81,241	-	81,241
	At 31 March 2017	345,069	4,530	1,011,048	26,060	1,386,707
	NET BOOK VALUE					
	At 31 March 2017	8,376,805	106,329	324,964	1	8,808,099

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

11.	INVESTMENTS & PROJECTS		
	MARKET VALUE		£
	Additions		150,428
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2017		150,428
	At 31 March 2016		-
12.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.17	31.3.16
	Other debtors	£ 127,208	£ 109,322
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.17	31.3.16
	Bank loans and overdrafts	£ 131,629	£ 130,009
	Trade creditors	6,407	5,777
	Taxation and social security Other creditors	6,388 7,912	33,876 24,392
	Cities decisions		
		152,336	194,054
14.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YE	CAR	
		31.3.17	31.3.16
	Bank loans	£ 4,385,294	£ 4,460,586
	Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
	Repayable by instalments:		
	Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	3,893,294	3,968,586
15.	SECURED DEBTS		
	The following secured debts are included within creditors:		
		31.3.17	31.3.16
	Bank loans	£ 4,508,294	£ 4,583,586
	The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold properties.		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		Net movement in	
	At 1.4.16	funds	At 31.3.17
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
General fund	4,422,445	269,549	4,691,994
TOTAL FUNDS	4,422,445	269,549	4,691,994
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
	Incoming	Resources	Movement in
	resources £	expended £	funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,980,220	(1,710,671)	269,549
TOTAL FUNDS	1,980,220	(1,710,671)	269,549

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Tithes, offerings & donations	1,265,105	1,308,634
Gift aid	329,188	330,932
	1,594,293	1,639,566
Activities for generating funds		
Conferences & Camp meetings	224,065	187,516
Media, audio & CD sales	754	3,285
Fundraising	12,204	15,782
Hall hire & Property rentals	138,137	95,705
	375,160	302,288
Other incoming resources		
Sundry receipts	10,767	3,963
Total incoming resources	1,980,220	1,945,817
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Conferences & camp meetings	102,718	94,345
Media, CD's & Resources	1,475	465
		-
	104,193	94,810
Charitable activities		
Wages	222,069	250,194
Social security	23,366	27,810
Pensions	4,308	5,988
Rates and water	163,041	157,185
Ministry & Outreach & Advertising & Media	157,754	164,152
Ministerial Services	81,108	, <u>.</u>
Donations to other charities	15,323	20,040
Ministry and outreach	77,659	77,457
Music and church choir	42,514	43,606
Training & community projects	12,724	16,297
Security services	22,473	23,108
Website, internet & IT	9,278	10,753
Hall hire expenses & refund	14,076	9,425
Plant and machinery	81,241	82,244
	926,934	888,259

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Governance costs	-	
Trustees' expenses	4,516	4,773
Property valuation fees	-	3,900
Accountancy	3,352	21,221
Legal & professional fees	8,353	4,293
Auditors' remuneration	4,200	4,200
	00.404	20.207
	20,421	38,387
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	31,677	36,690
Light and heat	54,819	70,935
Telephone	17,154	17,268
Printing & publications	24,340	29,847
Licences & subscriptions	3,270	1,232
Repair, maintenance & cleaning	153,010	172,751
Travel & motor expenses	28,504	27,365
	312,774	356,088
Finance		22 555
Fees & re-financing expenses	152.024	22,555
Mortgage Bank and credit card charges	152,934 19,754	125,040 21,835
Bank and credit card charges	19,734	21,033
	172,688	169,430
Human resources	1,2,000	107,120
Wages	158,987	160,799
Social security	13,276	12,632
Pensions	1,398	1,398
	<u>173,661</u>	174,829
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Total resources expended	1,710,671	1,721,803
Net income	269,549	224,014

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