

# **South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

**Registered Charity No (England and Wales): 1045587**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2017**

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## **Trustees**

### **For the year ended 31 December 2017**

Pastor Richard de Lisser	(Chairman - Resigned 9 April 2017)
Pastor Emmanuel Osei	(Chairman - Appointed 9 April 2017)
Pastor Douglas W McCormac	
Mr. Frederic B Shone	
Pastor Mohan Rao Abbadasari	
Mrs. Esther Aryee	
Mr. Samuel Asamoah	
Mr. Victor Barendse	
Mrs. Gloria Christopher	
Pastor Anthony Fuller	
Mr. Dominic Gyasi	
Miss Careen Hanson	
Pastor Clifford Herman	
Pastor Ebenezer Jones-Larty	
Dr. Christopher Levy	
Pastor Robin Lewis	(Appointed 15 January 2017)
Mrs. Eulalee Marshall-Wigan	
Pastor Simon M Martin	(Resigned 31 October 2017)
Mrs Pamela Millington	
Mr. Derek Morrison	
Mrs. Judith Redman	
Mr. Dave St Marie	
Pastor James Shepley	
Pastor Trevor Thomas	(Resigned 15 January 2017)
Mr. Stephen Weekes	
Mrs. Abigail Wright	

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## Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity and List of Advisors

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# **South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2017**

The Trustees of South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists present this report for the year ended 31st December 2017 together with the consolidated charity accounts, which have been audited by Kingston Smith LLP.

This Trustees' Report is not only to fulfil the legal and statutory requirements, but it is intended to explain the activities and future plans of this charity.

## **Structure, governance and management of the Charity**

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution was adopted in 1995. There have been no changes to the Constitution, Objects or Objectives since the last annual report.

### **METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The strategic oversight of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and/or co-opted under the terms of the written Constitution.

### **POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

The majority of new Trustees start their term of office at the commencement of the new quadrennium (most recently this was September 2015) and the primary induction is provided at the first meeting of that Board of Trustees and during the 3 day residential training session.

New Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity's Constitution, Policy Book and minutes of the Board of Trustees (known within the charity as the 'Executive Committee') meetings for the past year. Each Trustee also receives a copy of the Charity Commission document "The Essential Trustee - what you need to know" and the Charity Commission newsletters as they are published.

During their term of office, Trustees are provided with regular opportunities for learning and continuing Trustee development through technical briefings, presentations and updates on the charity sector plus any specific strategic projects being undertaken by the Charity, its local congregations, its educational institutions and related parties.

### **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING**

The Trustees meet seven times a year, to direct the activities of the charity. Between meetings, the day-to-day operations are managed by three executive officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer), all of whom are also Trustees.

### **RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS**

The charity has relationships with the following constituent bodies of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Great Britain:

British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists ("BUC"), to whom the charity is affiliated (charity number 1044071);

Seventh-day Adventist Association Limited (a charitable company, charity number 209780, controlled by the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists), which holds the charity's land in trust.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. A review has been made to ensure robust systems, internal controls and procedures are in place and in operation to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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### **for the year ended 31 December 2017**

#### **Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit**

#### **POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The principal object of the charity is to proclaim and teach the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ as understood by the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church.

#### **STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES**

The Charity fulfils its aim by supporting local congregations of Seventh-day Adventists in the South of England, and by operating primary schools, a voluntary aided secondary school and a conference centre. Personnel at the head office provide training and support programmes for the local congregations to enable them to carry out the mission of the church.

The charity also supports denominational activities in the wider geographical field, being part of a world-wide movement. In setting out its strategies, the Trustees have considered the regular briefings from the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

#### **GRANT MAKING POLICIES**

The charity operates a Fund-sharing policy with the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, whereby a proportion of funds received is passed on for use in the British Union and overseas. Grants to local congregations are made as a proportion of tax recovered under the Gift Aid programme, plus grants for special needs when requested and approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### **CHARITY FUNDS AND RESERVES POLICY**

The charity's reserves are generated from either restricted funds or unrestricted funds:

##### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are generated when the donor stipulates how their donation may be spent. In most cases there will be a time lag between when such funds are received and when they are expended.

##### **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds are generated when the donor does not stipulate how their donation may be spent. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the Trustees have set aside monies for a specific purpose. At 31st December 2017, the principal funds were:

##### *Tithe fund*

Tithe Fund represents contributions to the South England conference by members within our territory, and is the core fund out of which the Conference operates (operating reserves). The use of Tithe is restricted by Church policy to the support of Church Ministry in the form of Pastoral support and the structures required to deliver Ministry. The purchase of Churches, Schools and operating costs of institutions other than pastoral services are specifically excluded from use by the Tithe Fund. These funds are received from the local congregations monthly in arrears. It is policy of the Charity to hold an operating reserve equal to 20% of annual operating budget.

##### *Investment in property fund*

This fund comprises the fund invested in fixed assets, church buildings and places of worship and other functional charity buildings, that enable the charity and the local church groups to carry out their work effectively. Because this reserve comprises fixed assets, it is not possible to utilise these funds elsewhere within the charity.

##### *General Reserve*

The charity supports 233 church groups (2016: 233) and 4 subsidiary institutions (2016: 3) each with attendant risks and exposure. Allocations from the general reserve are typically applied to these activities.

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#### **Achievements and performance**

#### **2017 REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

#### **Church Growth and Global Mission**

We have sought to be a resourcing and equipping presence in the life of our local congregations. Our overarching goal is to empower healthy communities of faith that engage positively with their wider, more local neighbourhoods and boroughs.

To this end we have offered the following:

- Regular training events and coaching for local church pastors and congregations in community engagement.
- Providing regular public worship open to all.
- Providing sacred spaces for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the community including visitation of the sick and the bereaved.
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking religious assemblies in schools.
- Providing various clubs that operate from the local church building with a Christian ethos for such groups as teens, youth, senior citizens, parents and toddlers, single mums, the homeless and many other special needs groups.
- A wide variety of other activities have been encouraged and organised through the local churches including keep fit classes, stop smoking courses, stress management, healthy life style, cooking on a budget and positive parenting

Our church buildings and meeting rooms have also been made available for use by local community groups.

Through the support offered by this department, local congregations continue to promote the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of their local communities as a demonstration of our faith and mission.

#### **Communication Department**

The three key areas of focus during 2017, included the development of a crisis communication management awareness, enhancing local church visibility and the revamp of the SEC Communicator.

Local Church Communication Secretaries were taught how to enhance their presence in their respective Communities by getting their stories published in the Local press. The idea was to encourage sharing significant and relevant events that the church does which will benefit the local community in a medium that already exists for their use. Many of our churches do great programmes relevant to the community, such as Health Expo's, strengthening the family seminars, Vacation Bible Schools etc.

The 'SEC Communicator', the Church's magazine was given a new-look which now features areas of ministry that are both relevant and timely for both Adventists and non-Adventists.

The SEC embarked on training its directors in the area of crisis management and its communication to its stakeholders as well as to the wider public.

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#### Cornerstone Counselling Services (CCS)

Throughout 2017 mental and emotional health received unprecedented attention in the media, among politicians, within the National Health Service and among high profile individuals including members of the royal family. The same recognition of the need for good mental and emotional health has been felt within our conference. In recognition of the work being done by the CCS team and the extent to which the need for its services is growing, both within the churches and in their local communities, in 2017, for the first time in 20 years CCS had the opportunity to function autonomously as a separate department from the Family life department. CCS made a significant impact in the lives of people across the South of England both within various churches and local communities, helping individuals, couples and families improve their emotional and mental wellbeing.

The Key Activities that CCS successfully embarked on in 2017 include the following:

- **Mental Health Awareness** – Workshops were held across our conference on depression and anxiety, addictions, dealing with trauma and loss, domestic violence, emotional health to mention a few.
- **Focus on the Youth** – a teens conference on self-esteem in Milton Keynes in May and presentations on depression and self-harm for the teens at camp meeting and the Teens department Prayer and Faith Conference. A youth team was established to focus on how to effectively reach the youth. A new website with online counselling, Facebook and Instagram accounts were established as a result.
- **Community Help**– In June, members of the CCS team were on the ground after the fire at Grenfell Tower in London to provide counselling and support to distraught victims and their families. At Christmas several CCS counsellors were at hand at the Advent Homeless Shelter in London to help and listen to the those who availed of it's services during the Christmas season.
- **Equipping Members** – Recognising the need to help members help others, in June 2017, CCS embarked on designing and delivering a training program, where church members were trained to provide help and support to people suffering from trauma.
- **Counselling Training** – In June 2017 the first cohort of 13 students graduated in the Level 2 CPCAB accredited Counselling Skills course and continued onto Level 3. In September 18 students started another level 2 in Bristol and London, bringing our total of trainee counsellors to 30.
- **Increased Accessibility and Team Expansion** – CCS expanded its satellites to Lewisham, Reading West and re-established Basingstoke and Newbold satellites. In addition, telephone lines are now open Monday – Thursday 9:30 am– 17:30pm. Skype and telephone counselling continue. The team of counsellors expanded to 12 in 2017.
- **In Conclusion...** Overall, 2017 was a very productive year for the Counselling Department. Moving forward into 2018, the team is well positioned to do more to promote good and sound mental and emotional health, reclaiming hope in individuals, families and communities, and helping people experience a holistically satisfying life.

#### Music Department

In 2017 the department convened the annual Worship Leaders' Conference at Newbold College in January 2017. Our other major event was the songwriters workshop at the North Wembley Church in August 2017. Both these events were created to equip Pastors and Worship Leaders with the necessary theory and practical skills that will benefit their local congregations with regards to enlivening the worship experience of church members and visitors alike. When ministering in churches I have frequently seen member of the public attending and requesting prayers, sharing their testimonies, and showing appreciation for the way the church has received them.



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#### Disability and Diversity Departments

Experiencing disability, special needs or difference in some way can lead to social exclusion and feelings of isolation. Our departments play a major part in addressing some of these issues by providing training for the church community to develop environments where everyone feels welcome no matter the situation thereby reaching out to all those who need to hear the gospel of God's Love.

These training programmes have included workshops, seminars and residential breaks addressing issues such as:

- *Disability and personal attitudes,*
- *Disability and the Church,*
- *Disability and the church in action,*
- *Making the Gospel Accessible .*

Diversity Seminars have also taken place throughout the conference addressing areas other than disability. The overarching theme for the seminars, workshops and residential breaks have been '*Creating a Sense of Belonging*'. All the projects and resources that have been developed have been geared towards this theme.

The key objective of the two departments over the last 4 years, has been to develop the membership and our churches to become centres of Belonging. This has culminated in the development of Regional Hubs for Ministry in Disability, Diversity and Belonging (RHMDDB). There are currently 11 Hubs across our conference. The 11 HUBs consist of groups of churches within a specified area, actively involved in ministry in disability and diversity. This includes seminars on mental illness awareness, autism awareness, training in British sign language Level 1 and 2, community fun days, community interactive Sabbaths and much, much more.

The Disability and Diversity ministry departments aim to provide training and support in enabling the church to break barriers of exclusion and to build connections that go beyond inclusion to belonging.

#### Education Department

With the introduction of new aspects to the education curriculum and legislation promoting 'Fundamental British Values', legislation surrounding new requirements for teaching lifestyle and citizenship to children, Christian teachers under pressure to teach moral and social theories that may compromise their Christian beliefs - this year has been a tremendously busy one for our Education Department.

Working closely with our Religious Liberty Department, we held a number of seminars, educating our congregations on the current educational affairs and how they affect us as parents, our children and our teachers. We continue to tour our churches with these seminars in the hope of making our membership aware and proactive in current educational legislation.

During the month of May, we launched Adventist Teachers Association (ATA). The ATA is a network, formed to help parents, teachers and other educators not in Adventist Schools.

- For teachers - to join a group of like-minded ambitious Christian educators and help them shape and build successful careers in education.
- For parents - to get insights into the school system and help support their children's transition through education.
- For local church youth/education leaders - to hear about quality education and career related activities that will engage and support the youth in our church that are aged 15 - 23yrs.

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Throughout the year, Education Day programmes were held in a number of churches across the SEC. These programmes were very well received. We showcased Adventist Education, our talented pupils and shared educational advice with members.

The department continues to work closely with the Head Teachers of our schools. Supplying training and professional support. We have shared 'good practice', ensuring that our schools continue to uphold Christian values and promote high educational standards. Parents continue to testify to the benefits of educating their children in our Adventist schools; education which prepares their children for today's world and the world to come. Our schools continue to be beacons in their local communities.

The department is working with some churches as they run supplementary schools / homework clubs / home-schooling / visiting our youth at university / career fairs.

In the strategic framework of our Conference, 'Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere', 2017 being the year of Restoration, the SEC Education Department had a mission to rebuild, repair and renew all aspects of education within our church.

#### **Health Department**

We have had such an eventful year in the health department. Around the country many of our churches have decided to use the health message in a powerful way to help their communities get healthier. Whilst doing this, the communities have gotten to meet and talk to our members, this has led to friendships which has opened the way for the gospel to be shared. This is the practical and modern demonstration of "Christ's Method"

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then bade them, "Follow Me." Ministry of Healing 143.3

With Christ's method in mind, the wonderful men, women & children throughout this conference have dedicated themselves to ministering to the needs of their communities. We, the Health department, have been able to assist by providing our excellent Health Expo team who come to many health outreach programmes and also train local volunteers to set up their own Expos. We have also been showcasing Life Colours, the Health Programme which helps the public understand how to reverse disease. Many churches have used this as a powerful outreach tool.

- Dunstable Church, because the excellent work that they do in the community, were given the opportunity to lead a health fair backed by the council and local MPs. Many community members attended. Dunstable church continues to have a great relationship with the community leaders.
- Aylesbury Church set up a health fair in the town centre. Food demos, music & consultations were free to the public.
- Oxford church had a combined Health & Teens day. It was great to see the young people so engaged in Health.
- Wimbledon invited the public and former members to a great day of health where people were able to ask me any questions on health.
- Health at Camp Meeting focused on "Healing from Depression" where we also had our Cornerstone Counsellors available for help.
- Portsmouth invited the public to hear how to reverse disease. Many locals who are health professionals attended.

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- It was a privilege to be at The Hub in Watford where members and guests came together for a health day.
- Bristol & Gloucester put on Health events which were focused on the public. Such is their standing in the community that the Mayor of Gloucester and a Councillor from Bristol were in attendance.
- The West Bletchley health team led by Pilira also did their first public health event where the Mayor was in attendance.
- The London Asian church put on a very informative Health day where the young people, musicians etc were all used to proclaim the message of Health, Healing & Hope.
- Stanborough Church used every Monday evening in October to invite the public to hear a health message. It was so wonderful to see over 100 people each night, mainly from the community. Many have already asked for bible studies and some for baptism.

#### **Men's Ministry Department**

We organised a Men's Breakfast on the 19th November 2017 at the Advent Centre where we were celebrating International Men's Day which was 18th November 2017.

We had around 60 men there. Paul lee, Shaun Mitchell and Daniel Costin performed and we had some words of encouragement by Pastor Bobby Bovell and Pastor Augustus Lawrence. The Men came together to network, get to know each other and fellowship.

#### **Ministerial Association**

The Ministerial Association Department resourced trustees, pastors, train elders and deacons to function effectively. We have organised training conferences for elders and deacons. We have taken pastors and trustee to Florida Hospital to observe chaplaincy in a hospital setting. We continue to invest in pastors to receive training in evangelism and leadership training.

#### **Pathfinder Department**

Area 1 set in motion plans to set up a club at Exeter and had their induction in January of this year.

**Area 2:** Experienced a growth spurt with two new clubs. Taunton, Yeovil and Chard combined to become Taunton Eagles whilst Swindon Old Town formed an Adventurer club to run alongside it's Portuguese Pathfinder group. The Taunton Eagles had their first investiture whilst Gloucester, Bristol Central and Bristol North had their investiture at the close of the year.

**Area 4:** Has one new Pathfinder and Adventurer club started in Eastbourne called Polegate Eagles. This give a total of 6 Pathfinders and Adventurer clubs in Area 4.

They currently have locally run Pathfinder curriculum camps, where club leaders come together and run yearly camps.

We have three club drum corps in Chatham, Gatwick Highflyers and Wimbledon Fireflies. These drum corps and pathfinders and adventurers got involved in marching parades and other community outreach programmes such as: Visiting nursing homes; visiting the sick in hospital, holding messy church for community children, carol singing, helping with feeding the homeless, distributing leaflets in the community and performing at community fairs.

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In Area 4 we had 4 PLAs invested last year and 4 PLAs working towards being invested this year at Rally Day.

**Area 5:** New clubs in 2017, Aylesbury, Oxford Filipino, Reading Central, Parkside, Reading Ghana, Reading Ngaza, Frimley, Slough. They join the more established clubs Reading West, Oxford, Newbold.

A number of clubs have welcomed community members to their clubs. These members have thrived in the Adventist environment some gaining 'best pathfinder of the year' and 'most improved pathfinder of the year'.

Further highlights in Area 5 includes the management of the Area wide sports day by the Adventurer and Pathfinder leaders of AREA 5. This increased the involvement and intentional inclusion of younger children and children with Special Needs.

The first Area 5 curriculum camp took place in April. Over 200 attended this weekend. The theme 'Light bearers for Jesus' was carried throughout the year with pathfinder clubs using the theme to 'carry the light where you are' as a mantra for the work of the club.

We continue to have had four induction services, five investiture services, five students completed Bronze DOE. Many left for university in 2016/7. Some have continued in youth work either as Tutors, youth team leaders, praise team members and more.

We praise God for the magnificent work taking place in the Thames Valley. Four new clubs formed in 2017.

**Area 6A:** Had one team participating in the Pathfinder Bible Experience competition and that team went on to achieve first place in the finals in the USA.

Area 6A joined with areas 6D, 6C & 7 to have our curriculum camp which took place in May at the Gilwell Park camp site. Our theme for the event was 'One Direction' and all who attended reported that it was an excellent experience.

Many clubs within the area participated in various community events such as the annual Remembrance Day parade, feeding the homeless, visitation initiatives and fund-raising events.

**Area 6b:** Among the numerous experiences, we saw two teams participating in the Pathfinder Bible Experience program for 2017 and went on to qualify for the Divisional finals in Michigan, thus maintaining their first place position.

The Area is growing from strength to strength, with five new Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs.

The Area enjoyed another curriculum camp, held at The Downe campsite in Orpington, Kent.

A number of drummers from various clubs met to participate in the Remembrance Sunday Parade to the local Cenotaph, then through the high streets of Lewisham, into the town centre for a drum display in the community as they shared God's word and exchanged flyers.

After celebrating the '100 year of the Reformation' and '100 years in Croydon', the Pathfinders took to the streets and the Town Hall to engage in community service work to mark the occasion. Additionally, sharing their own Art exhibition with the local community and Mayor at their local church.

**Area 6C:** We have had a positive and eventful year. Two clubs, London Ghana and Plaistow, have taken part in the Pathfinder Bible Experience event and both clubs have successfully come through to the next round of questioning. A number of clubs have participated in numerous community events including some of our drum corps heading the local Remembrance Day parades.

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We took part in a very well supported Curriculum Camp in May together with Area 6a, 6d, and 7 at the Chingford International campsite, Gilwell Park. Our attendance numbers swelled into the hundreds and the feedback given was one of a very positive spiritual and social experience which will stay with our Pathfinders for a lifetime.

**Area 6D:** Six teams participated in Pathfinder Bible Experience, four went all the way to divisional finals in US all four gaining first place!

Our Area Curriculum Camp took place in May at Gilwell Park with record numbers attending, we were joined by areas 6a 6c and 7. The theme was "one Direction - Heaven bound" Speaker Pastor D Stojkovic. One new club started Hayes Maranatha. All clubs participated in various community service projects including activities for Global youth day.

**Area 7:** We joined with other areas (6A, 6C, 6D) to take part in the Area Curriculum Camp at Gilwell Park making it as big as an SEC Camporee! We have had one new club inaugurated (Watford Romanian) during the year. Two teams from one of our clubs participated in the PBE finals with a first place finish. West Bletchley's Pathfinders led the annual carnival parade with the assistance of the SEC Drum Corps and received a plaque in recognition of their contribution to society. Stanborough Park's Pathfinders organised and managed a health fair in July that met the needs of their community.

**Area 8:** Basic Staff Training saw 5 husband and wife couples amongst those who joined pathfinder leadership within the Area. We had our biggest Area 8 Curriculum Camp to date with more than 250 campers. We finished the year with an Area 8 investiture, witnessed by the mayor of South-end On Sea and her Mace Bearer. We invested 150 Pathfinders and Adventurers at this event.

We had four Pathfinders who completed the Teen Leadership Training programme, which is a four-year Leadership track for a select group of young people from the age of 14. We also saw the investiture of 30 Master Guides at our annual Pathfinder Rally Day giving a total of 36 Master Guides invested for 2017.

A total of eight teams took part in the Pathfinder Bible Experience in the USA, all eight teams achieved first place with one team being the only team to scoring 100% which is a remarkable achievement.

#### **Personal Ministry and Sabbath School Departments**

The department is supporting the ministers and ministry leaders to align their plans and programs with the mission and methods of Christ. In partnership with the local pastor, the department has facilitated Disciple Makers Conferences and Training. These programs aim to help the church

- Clarify and unify their shared understanding regarding the mission of the church
- Compare the coherence of the church plans and program to real mission of Christ
- Continue or create effective models, structures and routine for a truly missional church

These trainings will be facilitated through:

- Discipleship conference over the weekend, the Sabbath and/or a period of time
- By sourcing and/or developing resources and personal for the church training program
- By directing and helping those who want to attend retreats and further training

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The Department is promoting and supporting the following programs:

- Nurture and Retention Conference in March by the BUC
- Mission Possible in June
- Church Growth & Personal Ministry Retreat in September

## Prayer Ministry Department

This year the department sought significant progress in making prayer accessible and practical to all. Creative ways to encourage and inspire people of all ages to participate in Prayer were implemented.

At the annual prayer retreat prayer rooms were introduced. These spaces provided opportunity for private and group prayers. As well as utilising the biblical model of the Jewish temple to talk with God be way of the various furnishing within. These rooms were designed so they can be replicated in any setting.

Amongst other activities local churches offered prayers in the community as and when it was requested and employees could receive prayers from individuals available to meet their needs at every workers meeting. Speaking engagements were used to teach and train members on the best practices of prayer.

At the beginning of the year a new initiative was started. Every week people came together on a weekly basis for prayer online. This has been successful in offering help, support and comfort to those who attend.

## Stewardship Department

Our department has spent the year in Educating, Engaging and Empowering local churches to become 'A More Resourceful Church' – a direct response to the SEC's strategy for the Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere key messages.

It has been a blessing to celebrate a **Stewardship Emphasis Day**, in nineteen different churches around the conference, promoting faithful stewardship and generous living. Stewardship days come as a time to empower and engage members in the local church to renew their life commitment to God, teaching that living by God's principles with wholistic stewardship will bring joy and happiness to every area and aspect of our lives, highlighting the importance of managing the best use of Stewardship.

In most churches that we have visited, we would spend an afternoon, to encourage local church leaders and members on how to engage everyone in the church, including children and young people, in the ministry of the church, valuing their giftedness and God-given talents. I would also spend time for a Q&A where members ask questions on any area of Stewardship Ministry.

We realised our plan to get **the Children's Tithe and Offering envelopes** printed and rolled-out to the churches. During the Camp Meeting, the first batch of these envelopes have been distributed, and since then, envelopes, in box of 500 pieces, have been requested, sent, and taken to local churches, where children has enjoyed using them, while being educated to be regular and systematic givers and donors for mission.

The **Stewardship Resource Pack**, a bag full of different useful materials, aimed to empower local church stewardship leaders on Stewardship Principles and practices, have now been distributed to 58 local church leaders. It is always my prayer that local church leaders will make use of these materials to lead our membership to a more generous living.

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As Frank Holbrook suggests, *"God has high expectations for His special people to press together spiritually and to pull together financially to accomplish His global objectives. The times demand a personal renewal of our covenant relationship with God. The global task of the church and its tremendous need for adequate financial support is many times greater than the task of Israel to underwrite a single temple. With so large a challenge before us let every minister and member enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of Nehemiah and Israel's commitment: "We will not neglect the house of our God" (Neh 10:39).* I would continue to solicit your generosity in advancing the 'cause of God' through the faithful stewardship of your life and everything that God has blessed you with.

#### **Teens Events Department**

The Teens department celebrates six activities throughout the year:

- Student Day of Fellowship (18+)
- Prayer and Faith Conference April (PFC)
- Camp Meeting: Teen Services
- Student Camp (18+)
- Extreme Teens Camp
- Summer Teens Concert
- Student Congress (18+)
- PFC October
- Teens Day of Fellowship

These events cater for teens ages 13 – 19 and teach them, not only how to nurture their spiritual lives, but also how to live. These events combine spiritual activities such as prayer and worship service with workshops and talks that tackle psychological, emotional and social issues that challenge the teens of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Such as how to build a healthy self-esteem, the importance of openness, dealing with depression, lesson on team work, what to do with suicidal thoughts, self-harm, media on the self-image, bullying, littering, coping, tips on how to study at school, helping at home, being law abiding citizens, respect for the authorities, being relevant in your community, etc. Besides this, there is also a social dimension to these events where the teens and students play games, build together, do arts and crafts and sports.

Part of the programme includes a session where the teens share their lives. In this session, we emphasise the importance of caring for our fellow human beings. As the parents and guardians of the teens often struggle not knowing how to cope or handle the modern pressure their children are submitted to. The SEC teens Department also wants to create a Teens Parents Forum or network that will facilitate and promote mutual and professional support among the parents and guardians, talks, seminars, important contacts, etc. All parents are welcome.

#### **Women's Ministry Department**

The Department continues to address the needs of our women in the church and our community. With the focus on Women's Health and Emotional Wellbeing, we began the year with a Tea Party organised to address important issues such as anger, guilt and rejection by health professionals.

We launched our first Domestic Abuse awareness training course. Topics covered included defining abuse, the different forms of abuse, the impact of abuse on the family and practical tips on how to respond sensitively to those experiencing abuse in a supportive and helpful way. We also established links with other agencies such as Women's Aid and Solace to signpost women for those who require further help and assistance in this area.

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### **for the year ended 31 December 2017**

During Easter we encouraged women to enjoy quality time with their friends via a play called 'Asylum' in North London which explored the issues of brokenness, healing and restoration depicted through the lives of three women and their journey to freedom.

We launched our Easy Sew sewing school in South London, Balham and Luton. Sewing is a lost art; it is also a therapeutic craft and a fantastic way of mentoring/build relationships with people, learning new skills and rekindling old skills in a relaxing environment.

We also established a new leadership programme called the 'Woman of Faith' for those interested in how they can develop their existing skills to a higher degree.

In addition to the above we have held other programmes on prayer, healthy living and social activities that benefit the entire family throughout the year.

#### **Youth Ministries Department**

On the 28, January we held our first event of the year 'It's Time'. This special day of fellowship was attended by over 2000 young people primarily millennials which was followed by a "Throwback" concert in the evening. Youth often find themselves communicating more through social media than traditional media, and therefore the annual youth week of prayer held between March 18-25 was conducted online, I was stunned and blessed that young people shared to friends from university, work and school increasing our engagement to over 5,000 hits across our community-based Facebook page.

Project 50\*7 called for intergenerational dialogue, with youth and young adults being given the opportunity to open and express their concerns in a safe space to church leaders. The two-day event attracted 400 people and provided key data with which to assist our department going forward. We also hosted a women's only conference dealing with real life issues called "metamorphosis" over 150 attended with many inviting their friends from local communities. Our "Game Changers" youth innovation summit took place October 13-15 and the annual Advent Shelter held from Christmas Eve to January 02, 218 which was well attended by youth and young adults who value an appreciate community driven projects.



# **South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

## **Trustees Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2017**

#### **Financial review**

Without our committed staff and faithful church members, the success achieved during 2017 would not have been possible. Strong leadership was provided by our 207 employees and hundreds of volunteers in local churches. Pivotal to the work of the charity during the year was the financial support of our membership, who gave a total of over £14.7m in tithes and freewill offerings and donations to support the work. These funds were used for staff salaries, evangelistic endeavours, humanitarian work, education, retirement benefits and the general governance and administrative operations of the South England Conference.

The Trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason, the Trustees continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

#### **RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS & RESERVES**

Restricted funds are generated when the donor stipulates how their donation may be spent. In most cases there will be a time lag between when such funds are received and when they are expended. At 31 December 2017, restricted funds totalled £5,437,364 (2016: £3,696,090).

Unrestricted funds are generated when the donor does not stipulate how their donation may be spent. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the Trustees have set aside monies for a specific purpose. At 31 December 2017, the principal unrestricted funds were:

##### **Tithe fund (Operating Reserves)**

It is Charity policy to hold an operating reserve equal to 20% of annual operating budget. Anticipated resources for 2017 of £11,399,000 - based on a prudent estimated increase of 3.7% on prior year. This indicates a reserve requirement of £2,280,000. This fund amounted to £2,280,000 at 31 December 2017 (2016: £2,815,350).

##### **Investment in property fund**

At 31 December 2017, the level of this reserve was £28,037,990 (2016: £27,340,398) and includes the assets disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **General Reserve**

Our current budget for the General Reserve is based on performance projected as 15% advance on the prior year budget. It is estimated that a reserve of £879,000 (2016: £879,000) would be appropriate. The general reserve funds amounted to £272,595 as at 31 December 2017 (2016: £2,219,553).

At 31 December 2017, unrestricted funds totalled £35,670,756 (2016: £36,473,008).

#### **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND SAFEGUARDING THE VULNERABLE**

The South England Conference continues to operate a policy of care for the vulnerable within its community. All employees and congregation members working with children, vulnerable adults/elderly are required to undergo a mandatory check for suitability using the Disclosure and Barring Service

The Trustees are confident that the South England Conference was operated in harmony with its Purpose, which as stated in its Constitution is "to proclaim and teach the everlasting gospel".

The South England Conference is indebted to its staff and the membership for their support and effort in achieving its objectives.

# **South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

## **Trustees Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2017**

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

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and the group and of the outgoing resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Statement of Disclosure to Auditors**

- So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Trustees of South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists signed on their behalf by:

Date:

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Executive Secretary

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees and  
Members Of the South England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists  
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the South of England Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Group and Charity's Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charity's Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs(UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

- the information given in the Trustees Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; 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.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees and  
Members Of the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group and parent charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or parent charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Silvia Vitiello (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

Date  
4 Victoria Square  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL1 3TF

Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

### Group Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2017

		2017			2016		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b>Income from:</b>							
Income from donations and legacies		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations		14,730,457	1,727,412	16,457,869	14,705,845	654,914	15,360,759
Grants		212,219	-	212,219	155,645	783,767	939,412
Legacies		18,392	-	18,392	10,051	-	10,051
Government grants		890,463	1,313,289	2,203,752	2,300,019	239,924	2,539,943
	2	15,851,531	3,040,701	18,892,232	17,171,560	1,678,605	18,850,165
Income from charitable activities	3	1,463,007	-	1,463,007	1,527,609	2,453	1,530,062
Investment income	4	92,230	-	92,230	264,654	-	264,654
Other income	5	411,556	-	411,556	231,199	-	231,199
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,818,324</b>	<b>3,040,701</b>	<b>20,859,025</b>	<b>19,195,022</b>	<b>1,681,058</b>	<b>20,876,080</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds		-	-	-	391	-	391
Charitable activities:	6	18,901,471	1,296,372	20,197,843	17,068,068	2,346,735	19,414,803
Governance	9	26,160	-	26,160	30,683	-	30,683
		<b>18,927,631</b>	<b>1,296,372</b>	<b>20,224,003</b>	<b>17,099,142</b>	<b>2,346,735</b>	<b>19,445,877</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,109,307)</b>	<b>1,744,329</b>	<b>635,022</b>	<b>2,095,880</b>	<b>(665,677)</b>	<b>1,430,203</b>
Gains/(losses) on investments		146,958	-	146,958	120,573	-	120,573
Other recognised gains/(losses):		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(962,349)</b>	<b>1,744,329</b>	<b>781,980</b>	<b>2,216,453</b>	<b>(665,677)</b>	<b>1,550,776</b>
Fund balances brought forward		36,643,815	3,723,949	40,367,764	34,427,362	4,389,626	38,816,988
Fund balances carried forward		<b>35,681,466</b>	<b>5,468,278</b>	<b>41,149,744</b>	<b>36,643,815</b>	<b>3,723,949</b>	<b>40,367,764</b>

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities

**South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**  
**Charity Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	2017 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2016 Restricted Funds	Total Funds
<b>Income from:</b>							
Income from donations and legacies		£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations		14,730,730	1,724,357	16,455,087	14,698,467	1,438,681	16,137,148
Grants		131,091	-	131,091	102,977	-	102,977
Legacies		18,392	-	18,392	10,051	-	10,051
Government grants		890,464	1,313,289	2,203,753	2,300,019	239,924	2,539,943
Other voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	15,770,677	3,037,646	18,808,323	17,111,514	1,678,605	18,790,119
Charitable activities	3	661,435	-	661,435	721,651	-	721,651
Investment income	4	91,324	-	91,324	264,547	-	264,547
Other income	5	404,699	-	404,699	231,199	-	231,199
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,928,135</b>	<b>3,037,646</b>	<b>19,965,781</b>	<b>18,328,911</b>	<b>1,678,605</b>	<b>20,007,516</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities:	6	17,851,185	1,296,372	19,147,557	16,215,353	2,346,193	18,561,546
Governance	9	26,160	-	26,160	30,683	-	30,683
		<b>17,877,345</b>	<b>1,296,372</b>	<b>19,173,717</b>	<b>16,246,036</b>	<b>2,346,193</b>	<b>18,592,229</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(949,210)</b>	<b>1,741,274</b>	<b>792,064</b>	<b>2,082,875</b>	<b>(667,588)</b>	<b>1,415,287</b>
Gains/losses on investment assets		146,958	-	146,958	120,572	-	120,572
Other gains/(losses)							
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(802,252)</b>	<b>1,741,274</b>	<b>939,022</b>	<b>2,203,447</b>	<b>(667,588)</b>	<b>1,535,859</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2017		36,473,008	3,696,090	40,169,098	34,269,561	4,363,678	38,633,239
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2017		<b>35,670,756</b>	<b>5,437,364</b>	<b>41,108,120</b>	<b>36,473,008</b>	<b>3,696,090</b>	<b>40,169,098</b>

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities

**South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**  
**Consolidated Accounts - Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2017**

	Notes	Group		Charity	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	12	27,560,445	26,862,852	27,517,575	26,835,398
Investment Properties	13	505,000	505,000	505,000	505,000
		<u>28,065,445</u>	<u>27,367,852</u>	<u>28,022,575</u>	<u>27,340,398</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks	14	100,833	77,860	100,833	77,860
Debtors	15	2,294,854	2,074,126	2,536,350	1,999,676
Investments	16	1,174,304	1,071,863	1,174,304	1,071,863
Cash at bank and in hand		11,822,980	12,348,209	11,504,442	12,072,380
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>15,392,971</u>	<u>15,572,058</u>	<u>15,315,929</u>	<u>15,221,779</u>
Creditors: Amounts due within a year	17	1,467,102	1,275,451	1,409,663	1,104,247
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>13,925,869</u>	<u>14,296,607</u>	<u>13,906,266</u>	<u>14,117,532</u>
Creditors: Amounts due after one year	18	841,570	1,296,695	820,721	1,288,832
Provisions for liabilities		<u>841,570</u>	<u>1,296,695</u>	<u>820,721</u>	<u>1,288,832</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u><u>41,149,744</u></u>	<u><u>40,367,764</u></u>	<u><u>41,108,120</u></u>	<u><u>40,169,098</u></u>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
Unrestricted		35,681,466	36,643,815	35,670,756	36,473,008
Restricted		5,468,278	3,723,949	5,437,364	3,696,090
<b>Total Funds</b>	19	<u><u>41,149,744</u></u>	<u><u>40,367,764</u></u>	<u><u>41,108,120</u></u>	<u><u>40,169,098</u></u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on .....  
and signed on its behalf by:

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Treasurer

The notes on pages 23 to 39 form part of these accounts.

# South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## Cash flow statements For the year ended 31 December 2017

<b>A Statement of cash flows</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	21	413,089	675,946
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	22	(643,128)	(1,334,175)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	23	(295,190)	(211,394)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(525,229)</b>	<b>(869,623)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>12,348,209</b>	<b>13,217,832</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>11,822,980</b>	<b>12,348,209</b>

<b>B Analysis of changes in net debt</b>	<b>01 January 2017</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>Other non- cash</b>	<b>31 December 2016</b>
<b>Cash:</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	12,348,209	(525,229)		11,822,980
less: Deposits treated as liquid resources	(11,684,341)	404,411		(11,279,930)
	663,868	(120,818)		543,050
<b>Cash equivalents:</b>				
Deposits included in cash	11,684,341	(404,411)		11,279,930
	12,348,209	(525,229)		11,822,980
<b>Debt:</b>				
Debts due within one year	(172,092)	295,190	(396,721)	(273,623)
Debts due after more than one year	(1,076,499)		396,721	(679,778)
	<b>11,099,618</b>	<b>(230,039)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,869,579</b>



# South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2017

### Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102). The company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS102 and a registered charity and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP) and Charities Act 2011.

#### 1.2 Basis of consolidation

The Group's financial statements consolidate the financial statements of The South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31st December each year. The results of subsidiaries acquired or sold are consolidated for periods from or to the date upon which control passed. Acquisitions are accounted for under the acquisition method.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group entities are eliminated on consolidation.

#### 1.3 Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of going concern is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. After making enquiries, the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

#### 1.4 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those which are to be used for the specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is allocated to the appropriate fund. The nature of restriction is further explained in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds are those which have been set aside by the administration with the consent of trustees for specific anticipated purposes or events. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General or Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the furtherance of the objects of the charity without specified purposes and, therefore, are available as general funds.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 1.5 Grant-making policies

The trustees allocate grants in accordance with the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the charitable company, which are summarised in the Trustees' Annual Report. In general, grants are made to associated charities through appropriate committee requests and policy arrangements rather than public application.

#### 1.6 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

#### 1.7 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and included project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made, except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of time spent on those activities. Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. All costs include value added tax where applicable.

#### 1.8 Risk mitigation

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and established systems or procedures in order to manage those risks. They are supported in this regard by Adventist Risk Management who create awareness of risk for the world-wide operations of the church and source cover to mitigate attendant risks.

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#### 1.9 Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets in order to write off each asset over its expected economic life. The rates of depreciation applied to each class of asset are:

Freehold property	1-4%
Long term leasehold property - over the term of the lease	

Furniture fixtures and equipment	5-20%
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Items of furniture and equipment costing less than £1,000 each are treated as an expense on acquisition.

#### 1.10 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion for fixed and variable overheads.

#### 1.11 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.12 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

#### 1.13 Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the Balance Sheet at their open market value.

#### 1.14 Financial instruments

##### a. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

##### b. Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable or payable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payment discounted at a market rate of interest.

#### 1.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following judgements and estimates have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The Charity makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, Trustees consider factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience.

The annual depreciation charge for fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually.

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2	Income from donations and legacies	Unrestricted Funds	2017 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2016 Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>a. Group:</b>						
	Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations	14,717,249	-	14,717,249	14,679,586	-	14,679,586
	Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	126,842	-	126,842	99,977	-	99,977
	Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations	-	722,635	722,635	-	783,767	783,767
	Donations in local congregations for local use	-	979,703	979,703	-	654,914	654,914
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations	890,463	1,313,289	2,203,752	2,300,019	239,924	2,539,943
	<b>Subtotal of base donations</b>	<b>15,734,554</b>	<b>3,015,627</b>	<b>18,750,181</b>	<b>17,079,582</b>	<b>1,678,605</b>	<b>18,758,187</b>
	Donations	13,208	25,074	38,282	26,259	-	26,259
	Legacies	18,392	-	18,392	10,051	-	10,051
	Grants	85,377	-	85,377	55,668	-	55,668
	<b>Subtotal of other donations</b>	<b>116,977</b>	<b>25,074</b>	<b>142,051</b>	<b>91,978</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,978</b>
	<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>15,851,531</b>	<b>3,040,701</b>	<b>18,892,232</b>	<b>17,171,560</b>	<b>1,678,605</b>	<b>18,850,165</b>
	<b>b. Charity:</b>						
	Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations	14,717,249	-	14,717,249	14,679,586	-	14,679,586
	Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	126,842	-	126,842	99,977	-	99,977
	Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations	-	722,635	722,635	-	783,767	783,767
	Donations in local congregations for local use	-	979,703	979,703	-	654,914	654,914
	Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations	890,464	1,313,289	2,203,753	2,300,019	239,924	2,539,943
	<b>Subtotal of base donations</b>	<b>15,734,555</b>	<b>3,015,627</b>	<b>18,750,182</b>	<b>17,079,582</b>	<b>1,678,605</b>	<b>18,758,187</b>
	Donations	13,481	22,019	35,500	18,881	-	18,881
	Legacies	18,392	-	18,392	10,051	-	10,051
	Grants	4,249	-	4,249	3,000	-	3,000
	<b>Subtotal of other donations</b>	<b>36,122</b>	<b>22,019</b>	<b>58,141</b>	<b>31,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,932</b>
	<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>15,770,677</b>	<b>3,037,646</b>	<b>18,808,323</b>	<b>17,111,514</b>	<b>1,678,605</b>	<b>18,790,119</b>

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3 Incoming Resources from charitable activities	2017			2016		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Group</b>						
Church Ministry	669,165	-	669,165	779,548	-	779,548
Education	793,842	-	793,842	748,061	2,453	750,514
<b>Total Charitable Income</b>	<b>1,463,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,463,007</b>	<b>1,527,608</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>1,530,062</b>
<b>Charity</b>						
Church Ministry	661,435	-	661,435	721,651	-	721,651
<b>Total Charitable Income</b>	<b>661,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>661,435</b>	<b>721,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>721,651</b>
4 Investment Income	2017			2016		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Group</b>						
Locally listed investments	89,692	-	89,692	263,011	-	263,011
Return on local cash	2,538	-	2,538	1,643	-	1,643
Unrealised Gains on Investment	146,958	-	146,958	120,573	-	120,573
	<b>239,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239,188</b>	<b>385,227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>385,227</b>
<b>Charity</b>						
Locally listed investments	89,692	-	89,692	263,011	-	263,011
Return on local cash	1,632	-	1,632	1,536	-	1,536
Unrealised Gains on Investment	146,958	-	146,958	120,572	-	120,572
	<b>148,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>238,282</b>	<b>122,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>385,119</b>
5 Other Incoming Resources	2017			2016		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Group</b>						
Gain on sale of assets	404,416	-	404,416	231,199	-	231,199
Other income	7,140	-	7,140	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>411,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>411,556</b>	<b>231,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,199</b>
<b>Charity</b>						
Gain on sale of assets	404,416	-	404,416	231,199	-	231,199
Other income	283	-	283	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>404,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>404,699</b>	<b>231,199</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,199</b>

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6	Expenditure by Charitable Activity	2017			2016		
	Summary by fund type	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Group</b>							
	Church Ministry	11,558,716	600,009	12,158,725	10,795,220	1,559,075	12,354,295
	Education	2,427,529	-	2,427,529	1,398,906	542	1,399,448
	Humanitarian Aid & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Objectives in other geographical areas	3,531,805	696,363	4,228,168	3,523,420	787,118	4,310,538
	Retirement responsibilities	1,383,421	-	1,383,421	1,350,522	-	1,350,522
	<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>18,901,471</b>	<b>1,296,372</b>	<b>20,197,843</b>	<b>17,068,068</b>	<b>2,346,735</b>	<b>19,414,803</b>
<b>Charity</b>							
	Church Ministry	10,981,431	600,009	11,581,440	9,496,592	1,559,075	11,055,667
	Education	1,954,528	-	1,954,528	1,844,819	-	1,844,819
	Humanitarian Aid & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Objectives in other geographical areas	3,531,805	696,363	4,228,168	3,523,420	787,118	4,310,538
	Retirement responsibilities	1,383,421	-	1,383,421	1,350,522	-	1,350,522
	<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>17,851,185</b>	<b>1,296,372</b>	<b>19,147,557</b>	<b>16,215,353</b>	<b>2,346,193</b>	<b>18,561,546</b>

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**7 a. Analysis of Resources by Activity**

Group	2017			
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	Total Expense £
Church Ministry	10,448	10,042,374	2,105,903	12,158,725
Education	372,222	1,800,088	255,219	2,427,529
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,228,168	-	-	4,228,168
Retirement responsibilities	1,383,421	-	-	1,383,421
	5,994,259	11,842,462	2,361,122	20,197,843

	2016			
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	Total Expense £
Church Ministry	10,051	10,739,888	1,604,356	12,354,295
Education	334,376	873,015	192,058	1,399,448
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,310,538	-	-	4,310,538
Retirement responsibilities	1,350,522	-	-	1,350,522
	6,005,487	11,612,902	1,796,414	19,414,803

Charity	2017			
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	Total Expense £
Church Ministry	10,448	9,684,356	1,886,634	11,581,438
Education	668,862	1,076,040	209,626	1,954,528
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,228,168	-	-	4,228,168
Retirement responsibilities	1,383,421	-	-	1,383,421
	6,290,899	10,760,396	2,096,260	19,147,555

	2016			
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	Total Expense £
Church Ministry	10,051	9,731,674	1,313,942	11,055,667
Education	617,528	1,081,297	145,994	1,844,819
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,310,538	-	-	4,310,538
Retirement responsibilities	1,350,522	-	-	1,350,522
	6,288,639	10,812,971	1,459,936	18,561,546

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**7 b. Analysis of non-grant expenditure by Charitable Activity**

Group	2017			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	5,770,967	450,954	5,926,357	12,148,277
Education	1,693,743	9,034	352,531	2,055,307
	<u>7,464,709</u>	<u>459,988</u>	<u>6,278,887</u>	<u>14,203,584</u>

	2016			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	6,099,245	453,900	5,791,099	12,344,244
Education	1,019,519	8,036	37,517	1,065,072
	<u>7,118,764</u>	<u>461,936</u>	<u>5,828,616</u>	<u>13,409,316</u>

Charity	2017			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	5,848,079	405,858	5,317,054	11,570,990
Education	649,787	45,095	590,784	1,285,666
	<u>6,497,865</u>	<u>450,953</u>	<u>5,907,838</u>	<u>12,856,656</u>

	2016			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	5,596,220	401,884	5,047,512	11,045,616
Education	621,802	44,654	560,835	1,227,291
	<u>6,218,022</u>	<u>446,538</u>	<u>5,608,347</u>	<u>12,272,907</u>

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### 8 Analysis of grants

		2017		2016	
Grants to Individuals		Number of Beneficiaries	Total £	Number of Beneficiaries	Total £
Group - Education Grants & Support		66	240,462	149	190,856
Charity - Education Grants & Support		66	240,462	149	190,856
Grants to Institutions		2017		2016	
Name of Institution / grant	Grant description	Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Primary schools	Christian education	131,760	428,400	143,520	426,672
British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	Mission in other areas	1,873,408	1,873,408	1,961,804	1,961,804
	General Operations	2,354,760	2,354,760	2,348,734	2,348,734
Local congregations	General Operations	10,448	10,448	10,051	10,051
Retirement Fund	Past pension deficit	1,383,421	1,383,421	1,350,522	1,350,522
<b>Total Institutional Grants</b>		<b>5,753,797</b>	<b>6,050,437</b>	<b>5,814,631</b>	<b>6,097,783</b>
<b>Total Grants</b>		<b>5,994,259</b>	<b>6,290,899</b>	<b>6,005,487</b>	<b>6,288,639</b>

### 9 Governance costs

		2017		2016	
		Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Audit costs		19,560	19,560	20,016	20,016
Trustee expenses		6,600	6,600	10,667	10,667
		<b>26,160</b>	<b>26,160</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>30,683</b>



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<b>10 Net resources expended</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:	459,988	461,936
Reimbursement of expenses to trustees	6,600	10,667
Fees payable to the charity's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts	19,560	20,016

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 12 Trustees in respect of pension schemes

<b>11 Staff Costs</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and Salaries	6,116,002	5,866,547
Social Security Costs	617,618	606,146
Other pension Costs	731,089	646,071
	<u>7,464,709</u>	<u>7,118,764</u>

The average number of employees during the year  
in the following categories were:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>
Charitable activities	158	152
Support activities	32	28
Management and administration	17	17
	<u>207</u>	<u>197</u>

No employees received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year

Employed trustees and their immediate family members received emoluments as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Key management	145,175	237,153
Other trustees	259,760	322,405

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<b>12 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Freehold Property</b>	<b>Leasehold property</b>	<b>Operational Equipment</b>	<b>Other Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Group Cost</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	30,081,723	1,058,056	698,209	752,973	32,590,961
Additions	380,803	-	64,827	731,437	1,177,067
Disposals	-	(3,145)	(23,753)	-	(26,898)
As at December 31, 2017	30,462,526	1,054,911	739,283	1,484,410	33,741,130
<b>Depreciation</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	4,934,003	195,207	598,899	-	5,728,109
Charge for Year	412,273	10,116	40,488	-	462,877
On Disposals	-	(3,144)	(7,157)	-	(10,301)
As at December 31, 2017	5,346,276	202,179	632,230	-	6,180,685
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	25,147,720	862,849	99,310	752,973	26,862,852
As at December 31, 2017	25,116,250	852,732	107,053	1,484,410	27,560,445
<b>Charity Cost</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	30,081,723	1,058,056	565,002	752,973	32,457,754
Additions	380,803	-	40,299	731,437	1,152,539
Disposals	-	(3,145)	(23,753)	-	(26,898)
As at December 31, 2017	30,462,526	1,054,911	581,548	1,484,410	33,583,395
<b>Depreciation</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	4,934,003	195,207	493,146	-	5,622,356
Charge for Year	412,273	10,116	31,376	-	453,765
On Disposals	-	(3,144)	(7,157)	-	(10,301)
As at December 31, 2017	5,346,276	202,179	517,365	-	6,065,820
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
As at January 1, 2017	25,147,720	862,849	71,856	752,973	26,835,398
As at December 31, 2017	25,116,250	852,732	64,183	1,484,410	27,517,575

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**13 Investment Property**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market Value at 01 January	505,000	505,000	505,000	505,000
Market value at 31 December	505,000	505,000	505,000	505,000

The valuation was undertaken on March 13, 2013 by Lawton Prior & Mecklenburgh a firm of chartered surveyors.

**14 Stocks**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Departmental supplies	100,833	77,860	100,833	77,860
	100,833	77,860	100,833	77,860

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**15 Debtors**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due after more than one year</b>				
Loans owed by employees	121,533	78,630	121,533	78,630
Other receivables	28,250	25,827	28,250	25,827
	<u>149,783</u>	<u>104,457</u>	<u>149,783</u>	<u>104,457</u>
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	52,321	75,193	21,991	1,516
Other amounts owed by related charities	106,748	80,601	357,174	80,601
Amounts owed by local congregations	511,075	480,927	511,075	480,927
Government grants due	1,125,971	950,484	1,125,971	950,484
Accrued Income	78,390	72,213	78,390	72,213
Prepayments	29,504	63,650	25,514	61,994
Employees	55,919	86,450	55,919	86,450
Other Receivables	185,143	160,151	210,533	161,034
	<u>2,145,071</u>	<u>1,969,669</u>	<u>2,386,567</u>	<u>1,895,219</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,294,854</u>	<u>2,074,126</u>	<u>2,536,350</u>	<u>1,999,676</u>

**16 Current Asset Investments**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	1,174,304	1,047,634	1,174,304	1,071,863
	<u>1,174,304</u>	<u>1,047,634</u>	<u>1,174,304</u>	<u>1,071,863</u>

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**17 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	273,623	172,092	273,623	172,092
Suppliers	91,887	16,422	91,887	16,602
Advances for charitable activities	63,013	137,432	-	-
Due to associated charities	415,902	391,671	415,902	351,078
Due to local congregations	165,433	101,943	165,433	102,979
Employees	7,549	-	7,549	-
Accrued expenses	275,542	243,340	275,542	243,340
Taxes payable	169,320	160,522	169,320	160,522
Other Creditors	4,833	52,029	10,407	57,634
	<b>1,467,102</b>	<b>1,275,451</b>	<b>1,409,663</b>	<b>1,104,247</b>

**18 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Charity</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	679,778	1,076,499	679,778	1,068,636
Amounts due to associated charities	131,438	212,333	131,438	212,333
Deferred income	30,354	7,863	9,505	7,863
	<b>841,570</b>	<b>1,296,695</b>	<b>820,721</b>	<b>1,288,832</b>

Of which amounts falling due after 5 years:

Repayable by instalments	<b>259,419</b>	<b>438,482</b>	<b>259,419</b>	<b>438,482</b>
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<b>19 a. Statement of Funds (Group)</b>	<b>Brought Forward £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Transfers In / Out £</b>	<b>Carried Forward £</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Invested in Property	27,367,853	-	(527,744)	1,225,336	28,065,445
Church and School Buildings	933,524	-	-	-	933,524
Local Congregation Needs	1,020,908	15,011	(160,917)	130,480	1,005,482
Buildings Maintenance	450,000	-	-	-	450,000
General Conventions Youth	85,000	-	-	-	85,000
Camp Facilities	1,600,000	-	-	-	1,600,000
Other Program Funds	8,275	-	(2,110)	-	6,165
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>31,465,560</b>	<b>15,011</b>	<b>(690,771)</b>	<b>1,355,816</b>	<b>32,145,616</b>
<b>General Funds</b>					
Tithe Fund	2,815,350	11,271,580	(12,003,468)	196,538	2,280,000
Other General Funds	2,362,905	6,678,691	(6,233,392)	(1,552,354)	1,255,850
<b>Total General Funds</b>	<b>5,178,255</b>	<b>17,950,271</b>	<b>(18,236,860)</b>	<b>(1,355,816)</b>	<b>3,535,850</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>36,643,815</b>	<b>17,965,282</b>	<b>(18,927,631)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,681,466</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Donations for World Missions	4,129	722,970	(696,363)	-	30,736
Retirement Home	291,808	-	-	-	291,808
Church Building Funds Schools'	108,433	9,281	-	-	117,714
Equipment	27,859	3,055	-	-	30,914
Local Congregational Funds Other	3,229,439	2,294,934	(587,535)	-	4,936,838
restricted funds	62,281	10,461	(12,474)	-	60,268
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>3,723,949</b>	<b>3,040,701</b>	<b>(1,296,372)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,468,278</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>40,367,764</b>	<b>21,005,983</b>	<b>(20,224,003)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,149,745</b>

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<b>19 b. Statement of Funds (Charity)</b>	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Transfers In / Out</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Invested in Property	27,340,398		(527,744)	1,225,336	28,037,990
Church and School Buildings Local	933,524				933,524
Congregation Needs Buildings	1,020,908	15,011	(160,917)	130,480	1,005,482
Maintenance General Conventions	450,000				450,000
Youth Camp Facilities	85,000				85,000
Other Program Funds	1,600,000				1,600,000
	8,275		(2,110)		6,165
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>31,438,105</b>	<b>15,011</b>	<b>(690,771)</b>	<b>1,355,816</b>	<b>32,118,161</b>
<b>General Funds</b>					
Tithe Fund	2,815,350	11,271,580	(12,003,468)	196,538	2,280,000
Other General Funds	2,219,553	5,788,502	(5,183,106)	(1,552,354)	1,272,595
<b>Total General Funds</b>	<b>5,034,903</b>	<b>17,060,082</b>	<b>(17,186,574)</b>	<b>(1,355,816)</b>	<b>3,552,595</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>36,473,008</b>	<b>17,075,093</b>	<b>(17,877,345)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,670,756</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Donations for World Missions	4,129	722,970	(696,363)		30,736
Retirement Home	291,808				291,808
Church Building Funds	108,433	9,281			117,714
Local Congregational Funds Other	3,229,439	2,294,934	(587,535)		4,936,838
restricted funds	62,281	10,461	(12,474)		60,268
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>3,696,090</b>	<b>3,037,646</b>	<b>(1,296,372)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,437,364</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>40,169,098</b>	<b>20,112,739</b>	<b>(19,173,717)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,108,121</b>

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	27,560,445	-	27,560,445	26,862,852
Investments	-	-	-	-
Investment property	505,000	-	505,000	505,000
Current Assets	9,924,693	5,468,278	15,392,971	15,572,058
Creditors due within one year	(1,467,102)	-	(1,467,102)	(1,275,451)
Creditors due in more than one year	(841,570)	-	(841,570)	(1,296,695)
Pension Scheme Liability	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>35,681,466</b>	<b>5,468,278</b>	<b>41,149,744</b>	<b>40,367,764</b>

  

21 Net cash flow from operating activities	2017	2016
	£	£
Net incoming resources before revaluations	781,980	1,550,776
Returns on investments & servicing of finance	(231,964)	(182,783)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	462,877	461,936
Deficit / Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(387,819)	(231,199)
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks	(22,973)	(18,843)
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(220,728)	(852,807)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	31,716	(51,134)
Increase / (Decrease) in Pension Liability	-	-
	<b>413,089</b>	<b>675,946</b>

  

22 Analysis of cash flows from investing activities	2017	2016
	£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		
Interest received	135,841	26,400
Interest paid	(6,318)	-
	<b>129,523</b>	<b>26,400</b>
Proceeds of sale of property, plant & equipment	404,416	442,175
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,177,067)	(1,802,750)
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(643,128)</b>	<b>(1,334,175)</b>

  

23 Analysis of cash flows from financing activities		
Loans received	-	-
Less loans repaid	(295,190)	(211,394)
<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(295,190)</b>	<b>(211,394)</b>



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**24 Related party transactions**

The charity is affiliated to the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (a registered charity), Stanborough Park, Garston Watford, herts, WD25 9JZ, and with which the charity has a tithe-sharing agreement.

The charity also has relations with The Eden School, a private primary school operated by the spouse of an officer of the charity.

	British Union Conference	The Eden School	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Tithe-sharing grants received	126,842		126,842	99,997
Tithe-sharing grants made	3,532,140		3,532,140	3,523,101
Tithe-sharing for Pension Deficit	1,383,421		1,383,421	1,350,522
Other grants made		71,760	71,760	71,760
Amounts due to charity < 1 year		75,116	75,116	-
Loans due by charity < 1 year	96,128		96,128	111,361
Loans due by charity > 1 year	131,438		131,438	212,332
Other amounts due by charity < 1 year	304,781	-	304,781	231,207

**Other related entities**

		Country	Description
Seventh-day Adventist Association Ltd Garston, Watford, Hertfordshire	Charity No. 209780 Company No. 89953	UK	Titular holder of property (Trustees are appointed by BUC executive committee)