Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

for
UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

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### Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

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Miss Abigail Amoah, ACCA

#### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) is a Christian Charity. The focus of the charity is to propagate the christian gospel. This is done through organising community inclusive programmes and activities that meet the social and spiritual needs of individuals as well as that of the community at large.

# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES Objectives and aims PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

During the operating year 2018-2019, Universal Prayer Group Ministries (UPGM) continued to pursue the following long-standing objectives:

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

#### Public benefit

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

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

#### Volunteers

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

There are approximately 15 volunteers who work an average of 3 hours a week on Sundays or worship days. This equates to some 2,340 man-hours over the year. If one applies the national minimum wage (for over 21 year olds) of £7.82 per hour, the cash value to the charity of the volunteer force is some £18,299. This has not been reflected on the SOFA.

# ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **OBJECTIVE 1**

Television and New Media Ministry

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The ministry used television and new media to spread the Christian gospel. Religious programmes were broadcast weekly on Faith TV (Sky 590) in Europe, on ABN TV (Sky235) and on You Tube. Sunday and Wednesday services are either streamed live on the Internet or are available through the websites of the churches within the ministry.

Evangelical campaigns with online media platforms were broadcast on

- -www.tunein.com/radio/dominion-centre-radio-s246531
- -www.facebook.com/dominion.centre.church
- -www.youtube.com/user/thedominioncentre
- -www.instagram.com/dominioncentrechurch
- -www.livestream.com/dominioncentre
- -www.twitter.com/dominion centre

The same media platforms are used by FCI for their evangelical campaigns.

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

Dominion Centre continued to develop its website with more compelling information, to make it user friendly and more interactive. The website has thereby increased the number of worldwide visitors and from their growing interest have come to visit the churches and some have become members. On the website there are variety of avenue to meet people's needs, download forms, watch lives services, view upcoming events and integration with all the social media platforms.

#### Church branches and mission

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

The FCI French Church continued to cater for the spiritaul needs of the growing number of French speaking members of the congregation. The French service is held every Sunday at 1pm as a third service at the Welling auditorium.

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

Overall church membership has been sustained as a result of the programmes noted above. The combined membership of all the branches stands at over 5,800..

#### **OBJECTIVE 2**

### Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

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

The following conferences and seminars were organized during the year:

- -The Freedom Impact Conference
- -Thanksgiving conference
- -Women of different spirit conference
- -Youth Alive conference
- -FCI Audacity to live Youth conference
- -First Fruits seminar
- -Next level conference
- -Prophetic conference

Freedom Impact conference took place over five days, with over 6,150 people attending.

#### Programmes for women

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

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The ministry also held annual conferences and workshops to empower, train and support women in the churches and within their communities. The quarterly evening programme dubbed 'One night with the King' usually brought together more than 300 women for spiritual development.

The labour Room continued to assist established and new members of all ages from different churches within our community to develop their potentials through lifelong learning & skills development. They meet twice a year for conferences but hold weekly online prayer sessions and monthly mentoring clinics.

"Pocket friends" is a group of four to five who care for each other via phone calls, meals out to encourage each other. The group continues to be successful in supporting one another and providing pastoral care among the women. The women had a party called "Groovy night" in September 2018, which provided an opportunity for the women to let their hair down.

FCI women in 2018/19 undertook a mission to Bo in Sierra Leone. During their mission they visited a maternity clinic and made donations to nursing mothers and babies. They also donated used clothing to children. In total, over 200 children and their families in various communities in Bo benefited from the charitable donations.

#### Programme for Men

The Men's ministry of Dominion Centre continued to organise quarterly 'Men In Action' prayer meetings and seminars, which drew members of the public, friends and colleagues. the Men activity participated during meetings that covered Health, Education and Marriage. Various Finance and Wealth creation seminars were organised to advise men about finances, credit checks, real estate, etc. The men were also encouraged to be physically active.

In 2018, the men's fellowship undertook various community projects. During the summer they set up a program to reach out to our community as well as evangelism within Wood Green. They had breakfast meetings and a barbecue in reaching out to the less privileged by dinning with them for lunch. They also set up various prayer and counselling sessions with them.

#### **Bookshop & Conferences Facilities**

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

The DC and FCI Christian biookshop played a key in increasing public interest in the church. The bookshops provided a great avenue for numerical increase as well as service to the local communities.

It serves as a pathway by which we reach people with the Gospel of Christ. It also provides relevant Christian literature to educate, enlighten and equip interested members of the community. Regular customers at the bookshop expressed great interest in the church and its services and the fact that they could now locally obtain material for religious instruction. A good number have now become active members.

#### Retreats, Camp meetings and Prayer meetings

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

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

The FCI church camp meeting was organised in August 2018 at Canterbury Christ Church, University of Kent for 5 days for members to spend time praying and studying the word of God. About 300 people attended the camp meeting

#### **OBJECTIVE 3**

#### Youth Programmes and Services

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

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

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

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

FCI Youth ministry continued to organise its youth church service held every Sunday from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in Welling led by an ordained youth pastor. The service has been growing steadily in numbers and attracts the youth from the Welling and Peckham areas. During the year, the Audacity to live youth conference was organised for the sixth year running. The conference received a lot of publicity and attracted over 300 people, the youth camp meeting introduced in the previous year was again held during the year.

#### **OBJECTIVE 4**

#### Training opportunities

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

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

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

**Prestige School** - Dominion Centre's Saturday school offers to offers children extra education and learning support in studying core subjects at school. They have specialised teachers carefully selected and trained to teach Maths, English & science, KS1 - GCSE, KS2 - GCSE, KS3-GCSE and all exam boards in a friendly informal atmosphere. During the academic year 2018-19, the number of registered students was approximately 12.

#### Mentoring

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

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

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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

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

Other UPGM churches also continued with the training and mentoring of their members and others in the community.

#### **OBJECTIVE 5**

#### **Community Engagement Activities**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tottenham Christian Council - Churches working together in Tottenham

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

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

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

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

#### **OBJECTIVES 6&7**

#### Prison Ministry

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

In February 2019, in conjunction with the Prison Outreach Network, a training Day was organised to equip members of the prison ministry team to learn about how countless prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families can be redeemed, restored, and reconciled through the love and truth of Jesus Christ. At Feltham YOI the chaplain reported an increase in the number of inmates who are now bold and not ashamed to declare that they are Christians.

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Community and International Outreach

The DC Welfare Team is an essential arm of the community outreach ministry. Their activities continued to be in the form of a Dominion Foodbank where needy people both in and outside the church came to collect food and other household items all donated free of charge by members of the church. Items supplied include children's essentials, canned food, cereals, sanitary items and clothing. The Foodbank serves an average of 15 people every Wednesday and has served over 400 people since inception. The Dominion Foodbank also partner with care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and policie to identify people in crises so that they can be issued with a voucher to collect items from Foodbank. The team also helped in community activities involving summer barbeques and garden parties for the community as part of the evangelising activities. This services were advertised by way of church members voluntarily distributing leaflets in the local community.

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

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

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

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

For free housing advice and debt management advice, walk-in days were arranged. There was also free educational talk and advice on preparation for examinations students and legal advice on immigration issues. These sessions were all open members of the church and the local community.

Dominion Chapel partners with a mission church in Romania, which they continued to support during the year.

UPGM continued to support our branches in kenya and Ghana.

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

#### Compassion UK

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

#### Counselling & Visitation Services

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

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

#### Children's Ministry

The Children Ministry is providing the much-needed bible teaching for children and helping their parents to sit at church and listen to the Word of God. The Children's Ministry caters for training of children between the ages of 3 - 11 years old; they provide crèche facilities for babies from 11 months up to 2 years. Most of the teachers are trained in children evangelism, born again and spirit filled.

The Children enjoy Sunday school and give good feedback about their experience at Sunday school. The teachers organise movie days, day and craft days and other interesting events/activities for children at least every other month. They also watched films that supported the topics they were learning. Every class had opportunity to watch a video wisdom nuggets in a relaxed mood with soft drinks and popcorn.

Based on recent events in the country, the teachers have included "Big Talk" in their curriculum, which discusses real life issues such as money and gangs to help steer children along the right path to responsible adulthood.

The Children's ministry at DC put together their annual children's day event which was held during the main Sunday service in October with the theme: "Chosen Generation". It is an event well celebrated and invitees include children from other churches who attended the Play scheme in the summer.

Since 2012, The Children's Ministry has been providing a Summer Play scheme for both children in DC and the community. This year's was held from 30th July to 3rd August 2018 for 2 weeks.

Bar Mitzvah - This FCI training programme is aimed at training and preparing children to make the transition from childhood to adulthood. The children undertook a 12 week course starting September and graduated in January . In 2018/19, 15 children graduated from this programme.

#### Home Care Fellowship

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

### Solemnisation and registration of marriages

There were 6 marriages registered and solemnised in 2018/2019.

#### Water Baptism and Child Dedication

In conformity with our beliefs and faith over 28 adults in all were baptized in water by immersion and over 32 children were dedicated to the Lord by their parents.

### Social Events

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

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

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# ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE 8

#### Places of Worship

The ministry continued to refurbish its church building in Welling, Kent during the year to bring into use the changing rooms for the choir and upgraded lighting equipment in the auditorium.

Branches in Luton, Murcia, Edinburgh and Southall I continued to make refurbishments on their leased and purchased properties.

The FCI branch in Peckham also underwent some major repair work of its internal structures during the year as a result of flooding caused by a burst pipe.

#### TIMES OF WORSHIP

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

#### DOMINION CENTRE

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Worship service

Sunday 2.00pm - 4.00pm Youth church service (The Table)

Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday 12.00pm - 2.00pm Intercessory Prayer

Friday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Deliverance prayer

Friday 11.30pm - 5.30pm (Monthly) prayer meeting

### FREEDOM CENTRE INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 10.00am - 1.30pm Main Church service

Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Home prayer cells/Discipleship class

Wednesday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Midweek service/new members class

Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am Freedom time/ Unemployed

Friday 11.30pm - 5.30am (Monthly) prayer meeting

#### CITY TEMPLE INTERNATIONAL - BIRMINGHAM

Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm Main church service

Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Prayer meeting

Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm Healing service

#### DOMINION CHAPEL

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Sunday 11.00am - 1.00pm Worship service

Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer meeting/ New believers' class

#### DOMINION CENTRE - EAST LONDON

Sunday 3.00pm - 5.00pm Worship service

Friday 8.00pm - 11.00pm Prayer and Deliverance meeting

#### DOMINION CENTRE - SOUTH LONDON

Sunday 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Worship Service

Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.45pm

Prayer and Deliverance meeting

#### **STRATEGY FOR 2019-2020**

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

- -To continue the refurbishment of our Welling, Kent auditorium and upgrade the Peckham and Edinburgh churches;
- -Acquire church properties for FCI branches in Telford in the UK including (overseas using local funding) to enable the churches to grow;
- -Increase church membership by opening new branches in major UK cities and various parts of London;
- -Extend the TV and new media ministry programmes to other branches in the USA and Africa;
- -Expand our involvement in community based activities
- -Increase youth community based activities by training more youth leaders;
- -Focus more activities that will develop the spiritual as well as family life of its members and non-members e.g. conventions, seminars, crusades and prayer retreats;
- -Increase the public use of the premises of UPG ministry.

### CONCLUSION

The Universal Prayer Group Ministries continue to increase its impact on the lives of individual members and the local community at large. Yearly objectives and aims are being accomplished. We attribute our growth to the following:

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

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Reserves policy

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

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP:
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Kojo Menyah - Trustee

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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 are required to report that fact. 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 the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of UNIVERSAL PRAYER GROUP MINISTRIES

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# Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

#### Use of our report

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

Sigis & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants &

Registered Auditors

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

Suite 43, Imperial House 64 Willoughby Lane London N17 0SP

17 July 2019

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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

		31.3.19 Unrestricted fund	31.3.18 Total funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2	1,508,805	1,487,893
Other trading activities Other income	3	357,910 50,502	341,164 21,367
Total		1,917,217	1,850,424
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4	74,513	75,297
Charitable activities Charitable	5	1,609,480	1,570,016
Total		1,683,993	1,645,313
NET INCOME		233,224	205,111
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		4,897,105	4,691,994
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		5,130,329	4,897,105

# **Balance Sheet**

# At 31 March 2019

		31.3.19	31.3.18
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	9,478,335	9,145,574
Investments	11	85,000	150,428
		9,563,335	9,296,002
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	72,117	112,030
Prepayments and accrued income		16,514	9,731
Cash at bank		95,667	164,480
		184,298	286,241
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(188,167)	(164,592)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		(3,869)	121,649
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILIT	IES	9,559,466	9,417,651
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,429,137)	(4,520,546)
NET ASSETS		5,130,329	4,897,105
FUNDS	18		
Unrestricted funds	274	5,130,329	4,897,105
TOTAL FUNDS		5,130,329	4,897,105
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 July 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Emmanuel Oloke -Trustee

Dr Kojo Menyah -Trustee

# Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

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	31.3.19		31.3.18
Notes	£	4	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations 1	364,475		311,141
Adjustments			(158,356)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	364,475		152,785
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Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(430,581)		-
Sale of fixed asset investments	65,428		-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(365,153)		-
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Cash flows from financing activities:			
New loans in year	79,988		(280,000)
Loan repayments in year	(148,123)		148,634
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(68,135)		(131,366)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting	(60.013)		21.410
period	(68,813)		21,419
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	164,480	- :	143,061
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting			
period	95,667		164,480

# Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 1.

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities) Adjustments for:	233,224	205,111
Depreciation charges	97,820	90,565
	-	(11,695)
Decrease in debtors	33,130	6,275
Increase in creditors	301	20,885
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	364,475	311,141

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Allocation and apportionment of costs

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

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

Support costs, comprising management and administration, finance and property & facilities are apportioned to activities on the basis set out in the notes to the financial statement.

### Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures and fittings

- 20% on reducing balance

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

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

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

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

#### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Tithes, offerings & donations Gift aid		31.3.19 £ 1,208,708 300,097 1,508,805	31.3.18 £ 1,178,588 309,305 1,487,893
3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES			
	Conferences & Camp meetings Media, audio & Cd sales Fundraising Hall hire & rentals Rent receivable		31.3.19 £ 185,187 806 9,716 134,201 28,000	31.3.18 £ 163,664 225 51,745 125,530
			357,910	341,164
4.	RAISING FUNDS			
	Raising donations and legacies			
	Conferences & camp meetings Media, CDs & Resources		31.3.19 £ 74,031 482 74,513	31.3.18 £ 74,859 438 75,297
5.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
	Charitable	Direct costs  £ 940,928	Support costs (See note 6) £ 668,552	Totals £ 1,609,480
6.	SUPPORT COSTS			
	Charitable	Management £ 300,703	Finance £ 185,360	Information technology £ 6,384
	Charitable	Human resources £ 163,862	Governance costs £ 12,243	Totals £ 668,552

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

#### Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid during the year was £0 (Year ended 31 March 2018 - £4,136)

# 8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Wages and salaries	356,924	363,067
Social security costs	44,091	44,672
Other pension costs	7,391	14,181
	408,406	421,920
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	31.3.19	31.3.18
Charitable and pastoral	7	7
Support and administration	5	5
	12	12

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

#### 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	£
Donations and legacies	1,487,893
Other trading activities	341,164
Other income	21,367
Total	1,850,424
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	75,297
Charitable activities Charitable	1,570,016
Total	1,645,313
NET INCOME	205,111

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

9.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINA	NCIAL ACTIVITIES - cont	tinued	77
				Unrestricted fund
				£
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			~
	Total funds brought forward			4,691,994
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			4,897,105
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10.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Freehold		Plant and
		property	Short leasehold	machinery
		£	£	£
	COST			
	At 1 April 2018 Additions	9,022,054	110,859	1,416,072
	Additions	303,739	-	10,322
	At 31 March 2019	9,325,793	110,859	1,426,394
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 April 2018	345,069	4,530	1,101,613
	Charge for year	-	-	64,956
	At 31 March 2019	345,069	4,530	1,166,569
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 March 2019	8,980,724	106,329	259,825
	At 31 March 2018	8,676,985	106,329	314,459
		Fixtures and		
		fittings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	COST	£	£	£
	At 1 April 2018	47,800	26,061	10,622,846
	Additions	25,150	91,370	430,581
	At 31 March 2019	72,950	117,431	11,053,427
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 April 2018		26,060	1,477,272
	Charge for year	14,590	18,274	97,820
	At 31 March 2019	14,590	44,334	1,575,092
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	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 March 2019	58,360	73,097	9,478,335
	At 31 March 2018	47,800	1	9,145,574

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Other	31.3.19 £ 85,000	31.3.18 £ 150,428
	There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
	Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
	Investments and projects	£ 85,000	£ 150,428
12.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
	Other debtors	£ 72,117	£ 112,030
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	£ 146,274	£ 123,000
	Trade creditors	3,067	12,212
	Taxation and social security	20,805	5,894
	Other creditors	18,021	23,486
		188,167	164,592
14.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
		31.3.19	31.3.18
	Bould loops (see note 15)	£	£
	Bank loans (see note 15) Finance lease(see note 16)	4,349,149 79,988	4,520,546
		4,429,137	4,520,546

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

#### 15. LOANS

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	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:			
			31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
	Amounts falling due within one year on demand: Bank loans			
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	Amounts falling between one and two years:			
	Bank loans - 1-2 years		<del>292,548</del>	123,000
	Amounts falling due in more than five years:			
	Repayable by instalments:			
	Bank loans more 5 yr by instal		4,056,601	4,397,546
16.	LEASING AGREEMENTS			
			Finance le	
			31.3.19 €	31.3.18 £
	Net obligations repayable: Between one and five years		79,988	
	Between one and five years		<del></del>	
17.	SECURED DEBTS			
	The following secured debts are included within creditors:			
			31.3.19	31.3.18
	Bank loans		£ 4,495,423	£ 4,643,546
	The bank loans are secured by fixed charges over the charity's freehold prope	erties.		
18.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
			Net movement	
		At 1.4.18 £	in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
	Unrestricted funds	4,897,105	233,224	5,130,329
	General fund	4,097,105	233,224	3,130,329
	TOTAL FUNDS	4,897,105	233,224	5,130,329

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

#### 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
General fund	1,917,217	(1,683,993)	233,224
TOTAL FUNDS	1,917,217	(1,683,993)	233,224
Comparatives for movement in funds		N	
	At 1.4.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.18
Unrestricted Funds General fund	4,691,994	205,111	4,897,105
TOTAL FUNDS	4,691,994	205,111	4,897,105
Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above	are as follows:		
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	1,850,424	(1,645,313)	205,111
TOTAL FUNDS	1,850,424	(1,645,313)	205,111
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combin	ned position is as follows:		
	At 1.4.17	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.19
	At 1.4.17	£	£ £
Unrestricted funds General fund	4,691,994	438,335	5,130,329
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A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds	£	T	£
General fund	3,767,641	(3,329,306)	438,335
TOTAL FUNDS	3,767,641	(3,329,306)	438,335

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2019.

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies Tithes, offerings & donations Gift aid	1,208,708 300,097	1,178,588 309,305
	1,508,805	1,487,893
Other trading activities Conferences & Camp meetings Media, audio & Cd sales Fundraising	185,187 806 9,716	163,664 225 51,745
Hall hire & rentals Rent receivable	134,201 28,000	125,530
	357,910	341,164
Other income Sundry receipts	50,502	21,367
Total incoming resources	1,917,217	1,850,424
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies	74,031	74,859
Conferences & camp meetings Media, CDs & Resources	482	438
	74,513	75,297
Charitable activities Wages	210,585	209,628
Social security	20,855	22,169
Pensions	4,361	9,953
Rates and water	138,029	165,532
Ministry & Outreach & Media	156,746	151,042
Ministerial services	87,867 24,492	86,108 9,488
Donations to charities	24,492 71,755	86,623
Ministry and outreach Music and church choir	47,374	43,292
Training & community projects	28,263	11,890
Security services	22,758	14,720
Website, internet & IT	7,217	6,635
Hall hire & refunds	22,806	25,054
Bad debts		3,702
Plant and machinery	64,956	90,565
Fixtures and fittings	14,590	<u>-</u>
Motor vehicles	18,274	-
	940,928	936,401

Support costs

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Management		
Insurance	37,475	31,348
Light and heat	47,432	53,058
Telephone	20,017	17,834
Printing and publications	21,261	17,284
Licences and subscriptions	4,564	4,572
Repair, maintenance & cleaning	142,368	122,634
Travel & motor expenses	27,586	26,660
	300,703	273,390
Finance Mortgage interest	164,972	148,634
	20,388	19,184
Bank & credit card charges		
	185,360	167,818
Information technology	6,384	4,601
Equipment expensed and rental	0,384	4,001
Human resources	146,339	151,559
Wages Social security	14,493	131,339
Pensions	3,030	4,228
Pensions		4,220
	163,862	168,934
Governance costs		4.126
Trustees' expenses	1	4,136
Accountancy	0.542	1,880
Legal & professional fees	8,743	9,356
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
	12,243	18,872
Total resources expended	1,683,993	1,645,313
Net income	233,224	205,111