

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2016

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1161494

Address

11 McCREA APARTMENTS

EMILY WAY

HALIFAX

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NORTHERN LIGHTS CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ended 30th April 2016

Charity Registration Number

1161494

Address

11 McCrea Apartments, Emily Way, Halifax, HX1 2NS

Trustees

Mr J Warren
Mrs C Warren
Mr M Wyatt
Mr T Lord
Mrs P Crawshaw
Mr M Fusco
Mr P Elvey

Bankers

Yorkshire Bank
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NORTHERN LIGHTS CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 30th April 2016

Structure, Governance & Management

Northern Lights Church was established as a registered Charity in April 2015, and is affiliated with a family of churches known as 'CRC Churches International'. The church also works with other church and mission organizations of similar vision, to pursue its objects.

The governance of the church is undertaken by a board of trustees who, with the leadership of the pastor, manage the affairs of the church, and initiate and support the spiritual program of the church to fulfil its charitable purpose. There should be at least three trustees on the board at any time.

Trustees can be appointed to, and removed from the board upon the recommendation of the pastor with the concurrence of at least three fifths of the board. There is no minimum or maximum tenure.

Governing Document

The Constitution was adopted 26 September 2013, and has been subsequently amended on 20 April 2015.

Objectives

The objectives of the church are to advance religion in the provision and maintaining of places of worship, and to provide better understanding of Christ's Gospel.

Public Benefit

The church aims to provide spiritual advice and counselling, reaching out to the unfortunate and needy of the community. The church also supports the cohesion of society, by ministering directly to whatever definable segment of society it may be able to, whether by gender, age, religion, cultural background or socio-economic circumstances. Charitable, Christ-centered churches are set up, to the betterment of the local community.

Activities & Achievements

Financial Review

The excess income for the year is £6,138. Donations and collections amounting to £35,492 were received during the year, and Gift Aid tax of £5,566 was reclaimed. The cash funds brought forward represents income accumulated by the Church prior to becoming a registered charity.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

J WARREN, TRUSTEE

Date

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2016, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;*
- *follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and*
- *state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and*
- *to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act*

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Elaine Beaumont F.C.C.A., A.C.A
Sutcliffe & Riley Chartered Accountants
3 Central Street
HALIFAX
HX1 1 HU

Date

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHURCH

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30th April 2016

RECEIPTS

Donations	35,492	
Gift Aid Tax	5,566	
Bank Interest	2	
Sale of Equipment	<u>387</u>	41,447

PAYMENTS

Wages	14,787	
Rent & Room Hire	5,741	
Leaflets, Printing & Adverts	588	
CCPAS Checks	102	
Conference Costs	465	
Guest Ministries	1,894	
Insurance	297	
Alpha Course Costs	1,036	
Licences	72	
Little Lights	715	
Subscriptions	340	
Missions	1,523	
Refreshments & Hospitality	1,006	
Team Leader Costs	106	
Church Requisites	811	
Donations	1,930	
Sundries	<u>445</u>	<u>31,858</u>

9,589

Equipment		<u>3,451</u>
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS

6,138

CASH FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD

6,794

CASH FUNDS AT YEAR END

£ 12,932

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

CASH FUNDS

Yorkshire Bank Current Account	8,630
Yorkshire Bank Savings Account	<u>4,302</u>

£ 12,932

ASSETS

Equipment amounting to £3,451 shown above represents sound equipment for the charity's use.

NOTE TO THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.