
ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST RELIEF ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015**

Trustees

H.G. Mar Afram Athneil, Chair
Bishop P. Benjamin, Vice Chair
Andy Y Darmoo, Secretary
H.G. Mar Awa Royel
H.B. Mar Meelis Zaia
Fredoun Benjamin, Treasurer USA
Reverend William Tooma
Deacon D Daniel

Charity registered number

1122343

Principal office

66a Elm Road, Slade Green, Kent, DA8 2NW

Independent auditors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Assyrian Church of the East Relief Organisation (the charity) for the ended 31 July 2015. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

The charity also trades under the name A.C.E.R.O..

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

c. 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, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

During the period the Trust has operated in accordance with its stated objectives. The objectives of the Trust are to develop projects within the following fields:

1. The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the beliefs and teachings of the Assyrian Church of the East,
2. The relief of financial hardship, in particular, but not exclusively, in Assyrian Church communities, by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services or facilities.
3. The relief of sickness and preservation of good health by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment, facilities and services.
4. The relief and assistance of people in any part of the world who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble or catastrophe.
5. The promotion of religious harmony by:
 - i. educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths,
 - ii. promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

Achievements and performance

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt

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the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

During the year assistance was provided for many families in Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The trust has managed to help hundreds of families with financial aid, food parcels and basic amenities such as heating and essential medical care and it is our aim to continue this in the coming year.

The trust also commenced work on further accommodation in Dohuk, Northern Iraq.

Financial review

a. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

b. FINANCIAL REVIEW

As of 31 July 2015 the charity held fund balances comprising £308,358 (2014 - £423,490) of restricted funds (excluding fixed assets) and £699,080 (2014 - £114,855) of general unrestricted funds. The Fixed Assets of £1,162,682 (2014 - £993,892) are not available for spending as it represents the net book value of fixed assets.

c. PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The principal sources of funding are the Holy Apostolic Church in Chicago and Barnabus Aid International.

Plans for the future

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As the trust develops due to the crisis being faced we are hoping to set up sub-committees to help with fund raising in Australia and the United States, and also in countries where we distribute aid such as Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others by the charity.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for

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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 of the charity 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 5 May 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

Andy Y Darmoo
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASSYRIAN CHURCH OF THE EAST RELIEF ORGANISATION

We have audited the financial statements of Assyrian Church of the East Relief Organisation for the year ended 31 July 2015 set out on pages 7 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report to you in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

With respect to land and buildings having a carrying amount of £1,178,082 the audit evidence available to us was limited. Whilst proof of expenditure incurred was seen, we did not obtain evidence of existence, valuation and proof of title. Owing to the political climate in the region where the land and buildings are situated, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the existence, ownership and valuation of land and buildings by using other audit procedures. Additionally, because we were appointed auditors of the company in 2015 the prior year comparatives were not audited.

QUALIFIED OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2015 and of its incoming

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resources and application of resources for the year then ended;

- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 Trustees' report 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.

Bayar Chakarto FCCA (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of

Bayar Hughes & Co Ltd

Chartered Certified Accountants

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5 May 2016

Bayar Hughes & Co Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	1,498,859	296,745	1,795,604	452,638
Activities for generating funds - tax recoverable	3	5,541	-	5,541	5,567
Investment income	4	830	-	830	576
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		1,505,230	296,745	1,801,975	458,781
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities - incl. donations made	6	918,005	243,087	1,161,092	206,200
Governance costs	5	3,000	-	3,000	900
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		921,005	243,087	1,164,092	207,100
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR - NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		584,225	53,658	637,883	251,681
<i>Total funds at 1 August 2014</i>		<i>114,855</i>	<i>1,417,382</i>	<i>1,532,237</i>	<i>1,280,556</i>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 JULY 2015		699,080	1,471,040	2,170,120	1,532,237

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2015**

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		1,162,682		993,892
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	6,398		5,564	
Cash at bank		1,004,040		533,681	
			<u>1,010,438</u>	<u>539,245</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,000)		(900)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,007,438</u>		<u>538,345</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,170,120</u>		<u>1,532,237</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	11	308,358		423,490	
Restricted fixed asset funds	11	1,162,682		993,892	
Total restricted funds			<u>1,471,040</u>		<u>1,417,382</u>
Unrestricted funds	11		<u>699,080</u>		<u>114,855</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,170,120</u>		<u>1,532,237</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 May 2016 and signed on their behalf, by:

Andy Y Darmoo, Secretary

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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 donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

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.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land & Buildings	-	Nil
Assets under Construction	-	Nil

1.6 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Gifts and Donations	<u>1,498,859</u>	<u>296,745</u>	<u>1,795,604</u>	<u>452,638</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Tax recoverable.	<u>5,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>5,567</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Investment income	<u>830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>576</u>

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5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Auditors' remuneration	2,040	-	2,040	-
Accountancy	960	-	960	900
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>900</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS

	Activities £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Donations	838,521	838,521	183,289
Project expenses - Camp Sawra	293,435	293,435	-
Travel, accomodation etc	6,931	6,931	4,291
Exchange rate differences	9,264	9,264	16,057
Bank charges	9,777	9,777	2,416
Promotion & fundraising costs	1,112	1,112	147
Telephone	867	867	-
Professional fees	335	335	-
Sundry expenses	850	850	-
	<u>1,161,092</u>	<u>1,161,092</u>	<u>206,200</u>

7. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2015 £	2014 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>2,040</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2014 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2014 - £NIL).

Mr A Y Darmoo incurred expenditure on behalf of the Trust to the value of £4,450(2014 - £4291). This money was donated back to the Trust and relate to travel £2,733; telephone £867 and sundry expenses £850.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings £	Assets under Construction £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2014	993,892	-	993,892
Additions	-	168,790	168,790
At 31 July 2015	993,892	168,790	1,162,682
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2014 and 31 July 2015	-	-	-
Net book value			
At 31 July 2015	993,892	168,790	1,162,682
<i>At 31 July 2014</i>	993,892	-	993,892

9. DEBTORS

	2015 £	2014 £
Tax recoverable	6,398	5,564
	6,398	5,564

**10. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year**

	2015 £	2014 £
Accruals	3,000	900
	3,000	900

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11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	114,855	1,505,230	(921,005)	699,080
Incoming resources include the following donations received from:				
Diocese of Chicago, Eastern USA, Western CA & Arizona	£65,166(US\$1,040,054(2014:£76,704(\$129,500))			
Holy Apostolic California	£Nil(US \$Nil) (2014:£42,942(\$72,500))			
Australia	£30,778(US \$48,125) (2014:£20,824(\$35,157))			
Assyrian Church, Canada	£3,198(US \$5,000) (2014:£2,369(\$4,000))			
Restricted funds				
Dohuk Apartments	993,892	-	-	993,892
Dohuk Project	77,987	-	-	77,987
Camp Sawra	-	243,087	(243,087)	-
Seminary Fund	345,503	53,658	-	399,161
	1,417,382	296,745	(243,087)	1,471,040
Total restricted funds	1,417,382	296,745	(243,087)	1,471,040
Total of funds	1,532,237	1,801,975	(1,164,092)	2,170,120
SUMMARY OF FUNDS				
	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Carried Forward £
General funds	114,855	1,505,230	(921,005)	699,080
Restricted funds	1,417,382	296,745	(243,087)	1,471,040
	1,532,237	1,801,975	(1,164,092)	2,170,120

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12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,162,682	1,162,682	993,892
Current assets	702,080	308,358	1,010,438	539,245
Creditors due within one year	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(900)
	<u>699,080</u>	<u>1,471,040</u>	<u>2,170,120</u>	<u>1,532,237</u>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity did not make any payments to related parties.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the year end the charity has agreed not to proceed with the Seminary project and therefore all funds donated, totalling £399,161 will be repaid to the donor.