Unity Christian Centre Trustees Annual Report for 2025

The following report is to the Charity Commissioners in order to inform the Commission of the status and activities of Unity Christian Centre, Registered Charity number 1054318

Unity Christian Centre has continued to abide by the Constitution/Management Document aligned for the purpose of the model deed of Assemblies of God Inc. There have been no serious incidents that need reporting during the year. The pastor and church are in good standing with AoG and the pastor has a current DBS which is validated for this year. The church continued to serve its members, and the community, by upholding the Holy Scriptures through regular meetings and events which are open to members and the general public.
The pastor has been able to offer support to those suffering from the ongoing effects of sickness unemployment, debt, relationships and other support, to those who have need of it.

Unity Christian Centre welcomes all people who are exploring faith or desire to find faith in God or to grow in their relationship with Him, within the church. We believe that a personal relationship with Jesus is the only way to heaven. There is much comfort to be brought to the community from the Scriptures, particularly at times of bereavement, unemployment, or personal stress. The church sees its role as demonstrating the love of God to all people, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, disability, sexuality, or other social status. We believe that we have a mandate to serve the multi-faceted problems that a diverse culture like the one that Houghton Regis encounters. The church has various departments that address various aspects of community life. The church continues to maintain its goals and ensure that they are compliant with all safeguarding legislation.

While using our setting (LU5 5BJ), we provide a safe environment for children to develop healthy friendships without negative peer pressure at the same time as learning social values through play and discussion. We hold discussions on many issues that these children face e.g. bullying, peer pressure, bereavement to name a few. Social groups exist for adults to socialise together and particularly engage in sports activities and discussions. The pastor offers marriage and relationship counselling or help with mediation in family disputes, and the building has been solemnized for marriages. All these activities are open to members or non-members and are accessible to the general public. We uphold and promote British values through our general performance and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Throughout this year we have been renovating part of the building and have installed a shower facility and a stock of clothes, which will be used to support homeless people. We are currently exploring food banks with another charity.

The Church and departments look to build up reserves to benefit the public.

Signed by C A. Oakey on behalf of trustees, with the approval of this report from the trustees.

C. A. Oakey (Chair of Trustees)

UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Report and Financial Statements

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Trustees:	Christopher Oakey, Chair Steve Oakey Mark Muambo Edson Jones, Treasurer
Secretary:	Nicola Garner
Registered No:	1054318
Registered Office:	Unity Christian Centre 70 High Street Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire LU5 5BJ

These accounts were approved and signed by:

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Chris Oakey, Chair

Date:

UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and consider that the audit requirement of section 144 (1) does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The Trust does not meet to the requirements for an audit.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

The report is in respect of the examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently, I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statements

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Bovell

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Samantha Bovell, FCCA
Date: 18 March 2026.

UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31st December 2025

1. Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and reflects the requirements of the SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standards, where appropriate.

a) Income

The major sources of income are tithes, offerings, gift aid, and local authority grants to help finance the activities of the church and academy (restrictive income). Fee income is related to recovered outstanding balances and is stated gross in the year received.

b) Taxation

The Unity Christian Centre is not registered for VAT.

2. Constitution

These accounts are the accounts of Unity Christian Centre, a registered Charity (no. 1054318).

UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Reconciliation - Movement of funds on Barclays Bank
For 12 Months ended 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening balance as at 01 January	**6,498**	**32,034**
Income		
Tithes & Offerings - Transfers	32,558	32,272
Tithes & Offerings - Cash	8,888	5,053
Gift Aid - AOG	4,756	-
Other	5,612	320
Total income	51,813	37,645
Expenditure		
Development of church building	6,313	12,362
AOG Head office	480	649
Office expenses	3,178	3,281
Storage costs	-	187
Motor and transportation expenses	500	2,061
Insurance	1,879	3,599
Staff costs	35,076	36,966
Professional, legal and consulting fees	350	300
LPCCA Academy Costs*	130	250
Sundry	5,000	3,524
Total expenditure	52,906	63,180
Net movement	**- 1,093**	**- 25,536**
Closing balance as at 31 December	**5,406**	**6,498**

* LPCCA Academy costs include exceptional expenses of £ 130 (2024: £ 250) related to banking and recovery charges.

Trustees' approval statement

For the year ended 31st December 2025

We the Trustees of Unity Christian Centre have considered the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025 prepared by the treasurer of Unity Christian Centre. The Trustees approved this statement at their duly convened meeting on the _____.

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Christopher Oakey, Chair

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