BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(Delaware St Preston PR1 5XT)

The following is an updated annual report to correct an invalid report submitted by a former trustee.

The reason this report is so late being filed, is due to a past dispute with former trustees and church leaders which has now been resolved.

A number of former trustees formed a “shadow board” with no authority and attempted to circumvent the due processes of the charity. The unauthorised “shadow board” included people who had never been appointed as a trustee.

This unfortunate set of circumstances came after a very prolonged and particularly hostile period, where the “shadow board” attempted to take over the charity.

This was investigated by the FIEC (as per the governing document that was in force at the time). The FIEC concluded that the “shadow board” had no legal authority over the charity and recognised the legally elected trustees as the true legal trustees of the charity.

In the midst of all this mayhem one of the former trustees removed the property deeds form the solicitors and is still refusing to return them even though they have no legal claim over the property. This action is limiting our ability to utilise the trust premises to raise funds for the charity.

Despite all of the turmoil, the charity has continued to operate and function to the best of our ability and continued to serve our local community as per our charity objective