

**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD - CORNERSTONE CHURCH
CHARITY NUMBER 105172**

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Financial Statements
for the Period
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

Other names charity is known by: RCCG-CORNERSTONE

Charity number: NIC105172

Charity's operating address: 41-45 York Road, Belfast, BT15 3GU

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

Trustee Name

- 1: **Pastor Taiwo Bamidele -
Coordinator**

Names of Trustees for the Charity

Trustee Name

- 1: **O. AJAO - Active**
- 2: **S. DOLO - Active**

Names & Addresses of Advisors

Independent Examiner: Omer Adam Chartered Accountants T/A Easy Tax NI

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is constituted: Unincorporated Organization

Trustee Selection Methods: Nominations

How new Trustees are inducted and trained: On the job training

Additional Governance Issues- Policies and Processes

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objectives of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document:

The Association is established to advance religion, relieve poverty, hardship and distress and for the benefit of the public on the Donegall Road and its environs of Belfast City Centre (hereinafter called the "area of benefit"), with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said public and in particular:

- a) to promote the Christian faith in the area of benefit through evangelism, prayer events and meeting and street outreach activities;
- b) to provide assistance to people within the area of benefit who are deemed to be homeless or sleeping rough or who are suffering from chemical dependence on alcohol or other drugs or from illness infirmity or disability connected with such chemical dependence through the provision of food, clothing and counselling;
- c) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the Committee may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects:

- 1: The church supported families who had accommodation problems with some resources to enable them to rent a temporary place while looking for jobs.
- 2: Some families with new babies were supported to get items needed by these babies.
- 3: As a charity, we provided free academic advice/guidance to newly admitted international university students to help them acquaint with the teaching and learning methods in the United Kingdom which many of them find challenging at the start of their studies.
- 4: The Charity organised free seminars to help people develop and build healthy relationships and family lives
- 5: We organised free events for teenagers during the spring and summer school holidays which included card designs, sporting games, creative writing and arts, drama, video editing, script writing, painting and quiz competitions. We had over twenty-five (25) teenagers in attendance and proper meal was provided for free.
- 6: Our annual summer programme "Family Fun Day" was held in August 2024. This was an outdoor event, and we had over one hundred and sixty (160) people in attendance. There were lots of activities which were meant to help the mental health of the people, ensure family cohesion, and promote love and unity in our community. Three square varieties of meals were provided by our charity and free transportation (Hired vehicles) were provided for many who does not have means of transportation. The event was fully funded by our charity.
- 7: Gas and electric vouchers were given to support the heating of homes to people in need during the year 2024.
- 8: Food items and clothing were given out to people in need most especially the black ethnic minority families, and students.
- 9: Our charity provided free counselling services to people in our community in the year 2024. This has been helping
- 10: During Christmas and new year celebration season our charity gave out bags of rice, and cooking oil to support families, shopping vouchers were given out to large numbers of people, and Christmas get together was organised by us in the community with over one hundred and fifty people (150) people in attendance. Free food and gifts were given.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year:

We have a centre which we provide counselling and provide information, e.g., we use the centre for counselling and as a distribution point for all the food we distribute to various individuals in need.

We also ran a street outreach programme which currently involves going out on the streets on a Friday evening in groups to show care and love to people sleeping rough in the street and to provide basic essentials.

This is all evidenced through numbers of people that we have helped. We plan in the future to develop a Training and Learning programme and a drop-in centre/Cafe where people can meet and talk about their problems and we also plan to reach out to the sick.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves:

It is the policy of RCCG-Cornerstone Church to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs. It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely outreach works at the next inspection. In view of the forthcoming street retreat next year we have allocated £1000 to reserves to cover our involvement. This policy will be reviewed in twelve month's time apart from the Learning and training project element which will be reviewed in six months time when the situation is clearer.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit:

Other Optional Information

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature:

Full Name: O Ajao

Position: Trustee

Date: 31/01/2025