

Charity Registration No. 1154100 (England & Wales)
Charity Registration No. SC044708 (Scotland)

BETHEL SOZO UK

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2023 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

BETHEL SOZO UK

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Bethel Sozo

Trustees Report for 2023

Charitable Context

Bethel Sozo UK was established as a registered charity in 2013 with the charitable objects of;

- Promoting & supporting the BSUK leadership community.
- Training and mentoring individuals & churches
- Distribution of relevant training resources

It does this by;

- Carrying out personal sozo ministry sessions
- Organising on-going Training events
- Provision of training & development resources
- Supporting other charities

The public benefit is;

- More cohesive community relationships
- Healthy family member relationships
- Help people with life controlling issues

Activities

As churches have recovered from meeting restrictions, the appetite for live training events has returned,

Basic Training

Our trainers continue to deliver Basic Training events in the UK, and these are the most popular events.

Plymouth	Darrell & Anthea Cocup	February
Copenhagen, Denmark	Christine & David West	May
St Stephen's, Norwich	Christine & David West	May
Lighthouse, London	Christine & David West	June
Coventry Elim	Christine & David West	July

Eastgate church, Gravesend	Christine & David West	July
Scotland	Alison Lennie	September
Ashington church, Chanctonbury	Christine & David West	October
NPSSM, Stockton-on-Tees	Christine & David West	October
Winchester Vineyard	Claire & Mervyn Suffield	

Advanced Training

Sale	Liz Gregg	May
Colchester	Christine & David West	July
Netherlands (jointly with T Liebscher)	Christine & David West	September

Other "Events"

Church Leadership Teams David & Christine have met with various church & other leadership teams regarding Sozo. Occasionally they have visited a church to give the leadership team personal Sozo sessions.

Their attendance at church, ministry events typically result in offering Sozo sessions in the context of those gatherings.

David & Christine minister in a wide variety of settings and Sozo (named or anonymous) inevitably happens.

Healing Rooms (www.healingrooms.org.uk)

Christine & David were invited to run 2 seminars at their 2003 conference in March. They were again invited to speak, this time at their Leadership conference in November and are scheduled for their 2024 conference in April.

David's Tent (www.davidstent.net)

We have taken a Sozo team to this event for several years. Lisa Wickham once again put together a team that continues to deliver increasing numbers of sozo sessions over the weekend. Request's for Sozo sessions far exceeded our capacity despite the organisers providing increased (free) set aside tents. David & Christine especially are well embedded with the DT leadership team and were involved in a lot of personal ministry to leadership over the whole weekend. This was the Last year that Lisa will oversee the ministry @ DT. The change of location to Malmesbury requires new leadership. Mark & Laura Russell will lead the team for 2024, hopefully ongoing.

Mentoring Programs

These varied events give practitioners the opportunity to practice and get instant feedback. Such programs significantly accelerate people's competence and builds confidence. Typically, there would be mentoring activity at local & regional team meetings, both "live" & online. Some of these would be "one off" meetings, Others would be a more structured program running over several consecutive evenings.

Sozo by Zoom

As previously reported, these continue to be very popular and by all accounts are very effective. While they will not suit everyone, they are definitely a permanent part of the Sozo landscape going forward. An unintended effect is that UK practitioners are regularly doing online Sozo sessions with delegates from overseas – geography is not an inhibitor for online sessions. Such overseas appointments are now commonplace.

Associated Ministries

- **Financial Sozo** - Liz Gregg continues to steward Financial Sozo, accountable to Steve DeSilva. Much of her related training happens online.
- **Sozo for Couples**, Darrell & Anthea Cocup and Liz Gregg continue to develop this associated ministry. They have delivered training sessions both live and online.
- **Art Sozo**, Liz Gregg of Kingdom Ministries and Tania McNeil of Chroma church Birmingham have run occasional Art Sozo Workshops.
- **Children's Sozo**, Tandy Ruoff continues to provide leadership and in discussion with Sue Elliott (global Children's Sozo) has written & published the new book, "Sozo for Families".

BSUK National Conference 2023

This year we went back to our "roots", returning to the church venue where we held our first national UK / European conference – New Life Church, Northampton.

We returned to the previous format with each speaker addressing all delegates. The only exception was two specialist breakout sessions for those doing the Shabar ministry & trained / training counsellors.

In addition to a range of UK specialists, speakers were Teresa Liebscher & Margaret Nagib (both from the USA) as well as Paul Manwaring from the UK.

We had excellent feedback from nearly 200 attendees who appreciated the informality and the "café" seating style. While this may seem like a small change, it made a great difference to being seated in rows. People made more and better connections with each other – consistent with our high value for a culture of family. We were both hospitable & generous to all concerned for making it a success, the unseen heroes. Financially the conference broke even.

Internationally

This continues to grow both personally & organisationally.

Since doing Sozo by Zoom applications from people overseas for personal Sozo sessions continues to grow. Most weeks Christine will Sozo someone from outside the UK

Over the years Christien & David have run Sozo training events in Poland, Switzerland, Netherlands and Denmark. At Teresa Liebscher's request they are providing support to those countries & emerging to Sweden.

Finances

Product sales continue to be modest with the exception of manual sales at training events. All income is generated by product / manual sales.

We have taken cost saving measures in areas such as;

- ❖ Travel expenses
- ❖ Management costs.

We will continue to monitor finances closely; we do not have borrowing facilities and nor would we want them.

The approved accounts for 2023 are attached to this Annual Report

How extensive is the ministry?

We are frequently asked, "how many churches have the Sozo ministry?", the answer is "we have no idea".

Sozo is a church-based ministry; the UK leadership train, mentor and "sign off" church team leaders as competent. After that, they are commissioned by their own church leadership and they serve accountable to that leadership.

The UK leadership only get formally involved with local church teams by exception, when invited or when they become aware of an issue that needs to be addressed. We work hard at not being "controlling" or "interfering".

The Sozo network in the UK continues to not only grow but be healthy. Sozo is certainly working in hundreds of UK churches from just about every denomination & stream. We have maintained our active mailing list in excess of 3,300 people who will in some way be involved in Sozo.

The fruit of the ministry is deep, evident and lasting for countless hundreds of people here in the UK, testimonies abound. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit for this freedom for which we were set free.

Signed on Behalf of Trustees.

Chair of Trustees: Deborah Carter  Date 02/02/2024

Trustee: Paige Squirrel  Date 31/01/2024.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year period 1st January to 31st December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered number 1154100 in England & Wales and registered number SC044708 in Scotland incorporated 23rd October 2013.

Trustees are appointed by committee in accordance with the constitution. Suitable training is provided.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

We have a council of reference;

- John Pugh-Smith (Barrister, Anglican church)
- Ruth Burnham (Licenced Lay Minister in the Anglican church)
- Rev Mark Ruoff (Anglican Minister)

This team understand & support the ministry and their role is advisory only. They serve as a reference point for the leadership team & trustees as and when they feel the need to canvass a perspective from a wider group.

Organisational Structure

The charity is led on a day-to-day basis by Christine West and David West, members of the UK Bethel Sozo leadership team. They consult with the Trustees & Council of Reference individually & corporately as and when required.

Objectives

For the public benefit to advance the Christian religion in particular by promoting and supporting the development, education and training of the UK Sozo Leadership Community, individuals and church groups. The carrying out of the personal Sozo Ministry session and producing and/or distributing literature.

Financial review

The unrestricted fund showed a loss for the period of £145.

Risk Management

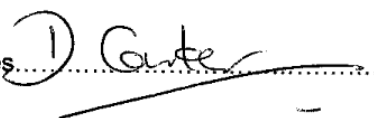
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Reserves policy

Fixed costs are minimal in the region of £120 per month for insurance and phone contracts. The trustees seek to maintain between 3 months reserves as a contingency.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Deborah Carter - Chair of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Carter', written over a dotted line. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Date 2/2/24

Independent Examiners Report – (England & Wales)

Report to trustees of

BETHEL SOZO UK

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2023

Charity
number

1154100

Set out on pages

12 To 13

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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 kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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.

Signed:



Date:

06/02/2024

Name:

DENNIS EDWARD SCUDDER

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Independent Examiners Report – (Scotland)
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bethel Sozo UK – SC044708 (Scotland)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:



Name: Dennis Edward Scudder

DS Audit & Book-keeping Services

Address: 32 Newton Abbot Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 7DT

Date: 06/02/2024

BETHEL SOZO UK**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

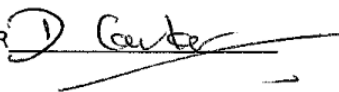
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS	01/01/2023 TO 31/12/2023	01/01/2022 TO 31/12/2022
CONFERENCE, PRODUCT AND SHIPPING	34313	12948
DONATIONS RECEIVED	4819	1270
GIFT AID RECLAIMED	1115	262
REIMBURSED EXPENSES	1467	
OTHER INCOME	113	63
INTEREST	45	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	41872	14543
PAYMENTS		
DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
AUTHOR ROYALTIES	720	20
PRODUCT RELATED	9604	5140
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	23863	0
GIFTS GIVEN AWAY & HOSPITALITY	1058	2129
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1569	1800
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	1599	2939
IT AND WEBSITE	2751	2355
INSURANCE AND FINANCE COSTS	853	211
TOTAL PAYMENTS	42017	14594
NET INCOME OR LOSS -	-145	-51

BETHEL SOZO UK**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
CASH FUNDS		
	£	£
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	201	346
TOTAL BANK CASH FUNDS	201	346

THE ACCOUNTS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON 30/01/2024

DEBORAH CARTER 

PAIGE SQUIRREL 