

# Financial Report 2020

Stichting Redeemer International Church  
Delft

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# Overview of Stichting Activities 2020

## **INTRODUCTION**

As elders of the Redeemer International Church Delft, we are thankful to God for the church community during this difficult and challenging year. Things have not proceeded how we would have chosen, but God has been wonderfully at work in and around our community. We have five main activities with which we have been engaged in during 2020: Preaching the Gospel, Laying Foundations, Encouraging Community, Raising Leaders and Sending People.

## **PREACHING THE GOSPEL**

Our biggest mandate as a church is to declare the good news about Jesus making it accessible and relevant to the city we are in. We do this mainly through organizing meetings or services and partnership with other churches.

### ***Meetings, Events and Gatherings***

The most important ongoing events in our church life continue to be our Sunday worship services, our midweek life groups and our prayer meetings. These events form the basis of what we do together. Due to the pandemic restrictions, much of the way we had to do these things changed significantly. We had to learn how to live-stream over the Internet and use video conferencing tools such as Zoom to facilitate these events. All in all, we adapted quickly and learned from our mistakes finding new ways to meet and to worship God together.

In addition to these regular meetings, we had the following special events in 2020:

- Good Friday and Easter Celebration (April)
- Baptisms in the North Sea (August)
- Cluster Meetings (November / December)
- Two Christmas Services (December)

### ***Wider Connections***

Redeemer is a part of the New Ground family of churches (<https://www.newgroundchurches.org>). This connection is very important to us and in 2020 the connection between our churches grew as more people from Redeemer in Delft could attend New Ground events digitally than was possible physically before. We began new initiatives to gather as churches to pray as part of New Ground Local, with churches in Benelux and Germany; and also on a Global scale with churches from all across our worldwide family. Our leaders spoke in other New Ground churches and leaders from these churches visited us to speak, such as Chris Taylor, Dave Holden and Henk Kersten.

## **LAYING FOUNDATIONS**

A big part of what we do is teaching people what it means to know and follow Jesus. We do this in our Sunday meetings, but also in various courses and activities outside of this.

### ***The Alpha Course***

The Alpha Course (<https://www.alpha.org>), which we ran twice in 2020, is a 10-week introductory course into being a follower of Jesus that is widely used around the world. Its purpose is to allow people to explore faith in an open environment, to share opinions and to ask questions about what we believe. Participants would gather together to eat, hear a short message and then discuss it in small groups. Some of this was adjusted and changed being a mixture of digital gathering and small groups in people's homes depending on the possibilities at the time.

### ***Marriage Preparation***

Another activity we invest time in is to prepare couples for marriage by taking them through the biblical basis of commitment, building on shared goals and values, understanding the role of expectations, handling conflict well and how to maintain love for each other in the long term. In 2020, we prepared several couples inside and outside the church for getting their marriage off to a good start. As well, as blessing their marriages with a ceremony.

## **ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY**

Community life is a central part of what we do as a church and this was the most challenging aspect of the past year. Much of our social activities needed to be cancelled or significantly changed. To respond to this, we have focused on small group activities, such as meeting in homes for meals, going for walks together, and encouraging digital participation and sharing of stories.

## **RAISING LEADERS**

Leadership development was a significant focus of our activities. We continued to support the training of leaders in our church through the New Ground Academy in The Hague and had to rapidly multiply new leaders at different levels throughout the church by creating a Leadership Learning Community and encouraging apprenticeship in all our small group settings.

## **SENDING PEOPLE**

We do not exist for ourselves, we are part of a much bigger world and throughout 2020 we continued to send people and resources out from ourselves both locally and internationally.

### ***Church Planting***

One of our key goals is the establishment of new communities of Jesus followers in the Netherlands and beyond. We have been helping to support the work of our existing partners in Zwolle, Berlin, and Brussels as well as partnering with other churches to start new ventures in Leiden and Rotterdam.

### ***Love Delft***

More locally, we have contributed finances to The Mall initiative (<https://www.themalldelft.nl/>) that works with underprivileged youth and finances to the Voedselbank (Food Bank) in Delft (<https://delft.voedselbanknederland.nl/>) to help people in financial difficulties obtain food without payment. Some of our volunteers were also involved in making packages for those in homeless shelters at Christmas time.

### ***Love the Nations***

Internationally, we had also hoped to send a team to contribute to building a school in Mozambique with our New Ground partners Disciple Nations (<https://www.lovemoz.com>). As this was not possible, we have only contributed financially to this school building project. We continue to support a member of our congregation onboard the Logos Hope (<https://www.om.org/ships/logoshope>).

# Financial statements

## Stichting Redeemer International Church Delft

# Balance sheet

After result appropriation

## Balance sheet assets

	31-12-2020	31-12-2019
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible fixed assets	4,416	0
	<b>4,416</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	72,693	44,627
	<b>72,693</b>	<b>44,627</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>77,109</b>	<b>44,627</b>

## Balance sheet equity and liabilities

	31-12-2020	31-12-2019
<b>Equity</b>		
Capital foundation	24,022	13,239
Other reserves	40,628	14,506
Result	6,178	10,724
	<b>70,828</b>	<b>38,469</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>6,158</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>	<b>77,109</b>	<b>44,627</b>

# Statement of income and expenses

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	Financial year		Previous year
	2020		2019
Revenues	192,193	180,077	
Donations Expenses	50,765	26,208	
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>141,428</b>		<b>153,869</b>
Employment Cost	115,488	96,519	
Other Employment Cost	710	0	
Meeting Expenses	10,104	37,957	
Travel & Training Expenses	-111	2,575	
PR & Hospitaly Expenses	3,800	745	
General expenses	80	0	
Admin Expenses	4,590	5,349	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>134,660</b>		<b>143,145</b>
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>6,767</b>		<b>10,724</b>
Financial income and expenses	-589		0
<b>Result after taxation</b>	<b>6,178</b>		<b>10,724</b>

Agreed and signed at the Board Meeting on 16th June 2021, Delft:

P George  
Board Secretary

D Wilding  
Board Member

(For web version: this document has been signed physically)

## Statement from the Cash Audit Committee

According to the statutes of the Foundation the board of the church asked two independent individuals (Cash Audit Committee) to audit the church's financial matters for the year 2020. The satisfactory statement from the Committee is shown below:

# Cash Audit Committee 2020

The Cash Audit Committee (Kascontrole) for the accounts of 2020 conducted an audit of the financial records kept by The Foundation Redeemer International Church in Delft (hereinafter referred to as Redeemer).

With the purpose of assuring the transparency of the church (double checking the reliability of the financial records). At the same time with the understanding that the contracted administration office is legally responsible for the records (books).

Following the random audit we have asked a number of questions which have been dealt with and answered individually.

There is no outstanding question or issue at the moment, which is either closed or pending that should hamper approval for the Cash Audit (Kascontrole) of 2020.

On the bases of our questions and responses received, we can conclude that 2020, with regard to the Cash Audit (Kascontrole), can be closed.

Our recommendations are:

- As an addition to the current expense procedure, we propose that above a certain amount, which is set by the board, the board or a member of the board must approve before reimbursement
- In order to prevent small amounts being booked as tangible fixed assets in the records. The board should determine above which amount a purchase should be seen as a tangible fixed asset. The contracted administration office can advise about this.
- Housing: to always have short term or a long term contract to avoid the risk of not being allowed to have church services at a certain place/location
- Adjusting the budget forecast when circumstances change (lower income, no/little rent)

Date: 14-07-2021

The Cash Audit Committee of 2020