

Financial Report 2021

Stichting Redeemer International Church
Delft

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Overview of Stichting Activities 2021

INTRODUCTION

As elders of the Redeemer International Church Delft, we are thankful to God for the church community during another difficult and challenging year throughout the pandemic in 2021. We have continued our mission of: Preaching the Gospel, Laying Foundations, Encouraging Community, Raising Leaders and Sending People despite the challenging circumstances.

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 known as services and through our partnership with other churches in the city.

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. For the first part of 2021, it was necessary to continue to meet digitally but once government pandemic restrictions were lifted we had meetings with limited numbers of people present for the remainder of the year (until a final lockdown in December). We had several special events throughout the year:

- Baptism Service in Delft - 14 March 2021
- Baptism Service at Ter Heijde - 27 June 2021
- Family Christmas - 19 December 2021 (live-streamed)
- Christmas Day Celebration - 25 December 2021 (live-streamed)

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 2021 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 continued initiatives to gather as churches to pray as part of New Ground EU, 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 Dave Holden (via video), Chris Taylor 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 once in 2021 during the Autumn. Alpha 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 in-personal meetings, 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 2021, we prepared several couples for getting their marriage off to a good start. As well as this we conducted five marriage blessing ceremonies in 2021.

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 just as it had been in 2020. Much of our social activities needed to be canceled or significantly changed for the beginning and end of the year. Our small group gatherings provided the basis for community cohesion.

RAISING LEADERS

Leadership development was a significant focus of our activities in 2021. We supported the training of leaders in our church through the New Ground Academy, which now was partly hosted in Delft. We continued to build up small group leaders in our Leadership Learning Community and gave opportunities to serve and lead in the church.

SENDING PEOPLE

We do not exist for ourselves, we are part of a much bigger world and throughout 2021 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 giving €15.000 of our income to these purposes. Significant progress was made in our local efforts with finding a lead couple for a church plant in Rotterdam and starting to build a team for planting the church in 2022.

Love Delft

More locally, we have contributed finances to Stichting Perspektief (<https://www.perspektief.nl/>) that works with homeless people in Delft providing food, shelter and skills training; to the Voedselbank (Food Bank) in Delft (<https://delft.voedselbankennederland.nl/>) to help people in financial difficulties obtain food without payment; to Delftse Kerst (<https://www.delfsekerst.nl/>) who provide meal packages for people at Christmas.

Love the Nations

Internationally, we supported Beach Mission (<https://nl.beachmission.org/>) in their attempts to bring the good news of Jesus to young people partying in European resorts. We also contributed to a school for refugees Wave of Hope (<https://waveofhope.org/>) and continued to support a member of our congregation onboard the Logos Hope (<https://www.om.org/ships/logoshope>).

1 BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

		December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020	
		€	€	€	€
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	(1)		3,986		4,416
Current assets					
Receivables, prepayments and accrued income	(2)	466		549	
Cash and cash equivalents	(3)	98,684		72,692	
			99,150		73,241
TOTAL OF ASSETS			<u>103,136</u>		<u>77,657</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Corporate capital					
Capital foundation	(4)	76,571		30,199	
Other reserves		20,913		40,628	
			97,484		70,827
Current liabilities	(5)		5,652		6,830
TOTAL OF EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			<u>103,136</u>		<u>77,657</u>

2 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OVER 2021

		2021	2020
		€	€
Net turnover	(6,7)	256,904	192,193
Donation expenses	(8)	31,442	50,765
Gross margin		225,462	141,428
Expenses			
Employee expenses	(9)	141,836	116,198
Amortisation and depreciation	(10)	870	-
Other operating expenses	(11)	35,841	18,463
		178,547	134,661
Operating result		46,915	6,767
Financial income and expenses	(12)	-543	-589
Result		46,372	6,178

3 CASH FLOW STATEMENT 2021

The cash flow statement has been prepared using the indirect method.

	2021		2020	
	€	€	€	€
Cash flow from operating activities				
Operating result	46,915		6,767	
Adjustments for:				
Amortisation and depreciation	870		-	
Movement of working capital:				
Movement of accounts receivable	83		-5,123	
Movement of short-term liabilities	-1,178		5,246	
Cash flow from operating activities		46,690		6,890
Interest paid		-543		-589
Cash flow from operating activities		46,147		6,301
Cash flow from investing activities				
Balance to be itemized tangible fixed assets		-440		-4,416
Cash flow from financing activities				
Movement of private savings and withdrawals		-19,715		26,122
		25,992		28,007
Compilation cash				
			2021	2020
			€	€
Compilation cash at January 1			72,692	44,685
Movement of cash and cash equivalents			25,992	28,007
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31			98,684	72,692

Agreed and signed at the Board Meeting on 9th June 2022, Delft:

P George
Board Secretary

D Wilding
Board Member

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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), Jean Claude Habiyambere and Philip Cenzer, to audit the church's financial matters for the year 2021. The satisfactory statement from the Committee is shown below:

Cash Audit Committee 2021

The Cash Audit Committee (Kascontrole) for the accounts of 2021 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 2021.

On the bases of our questions and responses received, we can conclude that 2021, with regard to the Cash Audit (Kascontrole), can be closed.

Our recommendations are:

- The numbers for 2019 have not been signed off by the contracted administrative office for Redeemer Delft, advice is for the board to work with the board of Redeemer The Hague to make sure that this is done (risk signing of 2019, The Hague 2019 and previous years)
- To keep encouraging people/Christians to come to church service, but also keep livestreams running and investing in (audiovisual) equipment.
- To include in the long-term planning of the future of Redeemer Delft a plan on how to go about a possible lockdown in the future, that includes the lessons learned.
- It may be necessary due to current events in 2022 (inflation, high food and energy prices) for the board to actively look for families to help from the Love People Fund
- When gifting funds directly to individuals, have two or more board members sign off on the memo to the accountant in order to avoid issues arising from any conflict of interests.

Date: 10-06-2022

The Cash Audit Committee of 2021

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