

Peacemakers International - A Christian Charitable Trust - Charter

Peacemakers International, www.peacemakers-international.com is a Christian Charitable Trust. Its UK address is 19 Lammas Road, Watton-at Stone, Hertfordshire, SG14, 3RH.

Hereafter in this document Peacemakers International is named The Trust for brevity.

As the Charter is a living documents it will be subject to review and changes on an annual basis which will be carried out by the Officers and Members of The Trust. Details of such changes will appear at the foot of the document.

The Trust works with Churches and other Community groups, primarily in Africa to initiate and support social action projects for the benefit of local people and to share the unity of Jesus Christ. It is an interdenominational Christian organisation.

Peacemakers had its beginnings with Dennis and Brenda Marshall who were the leaders of Stevenage Christian Fellowship until Dennis' death in 1998. Dennis had met Sammy Gitungu from Kenya whilst teaching in Kvinisdal Bible College in Norway and Sammy had invited Dennis to Kenya to teach in the Meru District, which is on the south-east side of Mount Kenya. From that first visit the Peacemakers vision evolved.

Peacemakers International vision is to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ by meeting the Spiritual and Practical needs of people both at home and abroad. Brenda continues the work and is The Trust's Director. For more information about the history and development of Peacemakers, please see the website.

The Trust is in partnership with two other groups:

1. Links International www.linksinternational.org.uk, a registered charity, number 327000 which connects with partners in the West and in developing countries to inspire, empower, train and resource individuals and communities to break free from poverty and disease. Links handles The Trusts finances and collects Gift Aid on its behalf through an Act4You account. In this way The Trust can guarantee that every penny donated will go to its intended beneficiary.
2. Peacemakers Kenya, a partner organisation and a registered Community Based Organisation (CBO) in Kenya with a separate, currently acting Board of Trustees (as of December 2011), with its own Constitution but which operates under the guidance of The Trust.

Peacemakers Kenya has a further partner, Campaign Against Drug Abuse (CADA) which is applying for CBO status.

The Trust owns the Dennis Marshall Foundation Peacemakers Community Resource Centre, an Interdenominational Prayer House and other buildings which stand on 1 acre of land at Kivumburi, Kivuria; Plot 6171, Runyen'jes, Embu, Kenya. Peacemakers Kenya employs two Askaris (night watchmen) on the site and is responsible for paying the Askaris salaries. The Trust is responsible for the upkeep of the land and buildings and hiring of the buildings. Peacemakers Kenya is responsible for the hiring of other equipment in order to generate funds.

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There are 3 Officers of The Trust, each being committed to the vision of Peacemakers which is defined in the Peacemakers Constitution.

1. Director

Brenda Marshall, who gives spiritual guidance to the other Officers and Members of The Trust and Peacemakers Kenya Board of Trustees.

2. Treasurer

Responsible for the finances of The Trust which has one bank account with Lloyds TSB in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. This account contains money that is not subject to Gift Aid. All other money is lodged with Links International.

3. Secretary

Responsible for calling meetings as instructed by the Director, minuting meetings and submitting the minutes for approval to the Director. The minutes, once approved are distributed to all Officers, Members, Supporters and to anyone else upon request.

Other Individuals Supporting the Trust

Project Director of the Resource Centre in Kenya

There is one person working at The Dennis Marshall Foundation on a semi-permanent basis, Christine Gibbard who is funded by The Trust and its supporters. She is accountable to the Director, takes instruction from the Trust and coordinates the work in Kenya.

Members

These are participants, also committed to the Peacemakers vision, who partake in meetings and advise, take action and support the Officers of The Trust.

Supporters, Associate Members and Sponsors

These individuals are not necessarily Christian but are involved in one way or another in the activities of The Trust.

Activities

In the United Kingdom these consist of fundraising, planning and encouraging people to visit Kenya to help with the development of the Resource Centre in Kenya.

In Kenya activities are many and varied, but have involved the following: Aids Awareness, Primary Healthcare, Drugs awareness Training and Seminars, Cultural and Sports events, Micro Enterprises including the purchase of livestock, boreholes for water and other Community projects. These are resourced and managed by The Trust, with help from Peacemakers Kenya.

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