

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

Draft Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting held at 1.30pm on Saturday 17th May 2014, at The Priory Rooms, Birmingham

Members Present: Alker, A; Bolton, A; Burrell A; Carrick T; Cashmore, G; Coaker, D; Cornish, R; Cundall, P; Davies, G; Davies, J; Day, G; Drake, G; Ennals, S; Foxall, C&M; Gladwell, J; Gray, C; Griffiths, R; Griffiths, S; Hack, J; Harrison, L; Harvey, R; Hemming, J; Henstock, P; Hetherington, J; Hell, M, Ireson, D; Jacobs, J; James, C; Lloyd, D; Lynds, Lynds J&M; Marshall, Cliff; McCulloch, P; McVay, M; O'Hare, S; Onslow, P; Parker, T; Phelan, N; Pollard, D; Powell, A; Ralph, T; Rutherford, J&M; Selwood, B; Stephenson, E; Story, R; Stribblehill, J&P; Tetlow, R&R; Tubb, D; Tubb, M&D; Ugbo, Caroline; Vivian, A; Warrington, D; Waterson, J; Webb, M; Wilson, M; Wilson, S; Wolfe, C; Wood, J

1. Appointment of a chair for the Annual General Meeting

In the absence of the chair, Angela Smith, Tony Rutherford, the conference chair, opened the meeting, thanking those present for their attendance. He noted that the meeting was quorate. He nominated the Hon Sec, Paul Onslow to chair the meeting. The proposal was accepted by members. Paul Onslow introduced all those trustees present.

2. Appointment of Teller

Paul Onslow asked for a volunteer to be a teller in the event of a vote being taken and Sandra Griffiths volunteered.

3. Apologies

The following list of apologies was read out.: Baxter, K; Cadman, R; Churcher, D; Churcher, J, Clarke, R; Cooper, M; Dawes, H; Dennis, M&J; Grove, J; Hill, K; Jones, A; Jones, N; King, P; Parr, B; Race, A; Sandham, J; Smith, A; Stein, J; Vizard, E; Walton, M; Wright, M

4. Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2012 at St Columba's URC, York

The minutes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Paul Onslow invited comment on the minutes from the floor. Nothing was raised. Acceptance of the minutes for the 2013 AGM was proposed by Sandra Griffiths and seconded by Andrew Burrell and was agreed by a show of hands.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

6. The Annual Report of PCN – Britain 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013

In the absence of the Chair, Angela Smith, Paul Onslow asked whether her Chair's report which had been circulated in the Annual Report prior to the meeting, could be taken as read. There was no dissent and acceptance of the report was proposed by Jenny Jacobs and seconded by Maureen Foxall and accepted by a show of hands. Under matters arising Adrian Alker, editor of the Together in Hope series, said that the Being Honest to God transcripts would be available as a Together in Hope publication in the near future. He recommended it as being worth the price for Richard Holloway's talk alone.

7. The Financial Statements of PCN – Britain 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013

Introducing his Financial Report for 2013, Andrew Burrell encouraged members to study the document as it was appropriate for members to take an interest in what PCN Britain spends their money on. He assured members that PCN's account with the Co-op Bank should withstand any default by the bank as it was covered by the government's guarantee. He stressed the need for all members to sign a Gift Aid form if they could. He explained the profit sharing arrangement with Modern Church over the Being Honest to God conference in order to account for the misleadingly high surplus on last year's accounts – half of which was subsequently transferred to Modern Church in early 2014. Acceptance of the Financial Report was proposed by Peter Stribblehill and seconded by Tessa Carrick and carried by a show of hands.

8. Confirmation of the five candidates nominated for the Management Committee

Tanya Ralph being the only candidate new to the committee, Paul read out her nomination message. The other candidates were John Churcher, Sandra Griffiths, Paul Onslow, and Tony Rutherford. As there were seven places available on the committee, there was no election. The appointment of the candidates was proposed by Nicola Phelan and seconded by George Drake and carried by an overwhelming show of hands.

Paul Onslow thanked members for their participation and the meeting was concluded.