

Progressive Christianity Network Britain

Draft Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting held at 1.30 pm on Saturday 12th March 2016, at Mill Hill Chapel, Leeds

Members Present: Alker, A; Bassant, L&M; Brook, P; Butterworth, J; Carpenter, J, Craig, J; Deacon, A&B; Firth, R&J; Foxall, C&M; Fuller, P; Griffiths, S; Griggs, A; Hexter G&J; Hobley, S; Hollyman, J; Jacobs, J; James, S; Leake, G; Onslow, P; Sharp, J; Smith, J.A; Story, R; Stribblehill, J&P; Sutherland, D; Tetlow, R&R; Ugbo, C; Vivian, A; Vogler, J; Whitworth, C; Willison J&M; Wright, B (39)

1. Appointment of a chair for the Annual General Meeting

The PCN chair, Adrian Alker, deferred to vice chair, to undertake the task of chairing the AGM. The meeting being quorate, Paul Onslow, vice chair, welcomed those present and read out the apologies received before the meeting. One further apology was reported by a member.

3. Apologies

Anderson, I; Churcher, D&J; Coaker, D; Cornish, R; Dawson, P; Drake, G; Gobledale, A&T; Gray, R; Harvey, R; Hodgkinson, K; Howe, D; Paton, D; Phelan, N; Ramsbottom, J; Rees, G; Rutherford, J&T; Smith, A; Story, J; Whitehouse, G; Wilson B&S; Wood, J (24)

4. Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 9th May 2015 at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London

The minutes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. PO invited comment on the minutes from the floor. Nothing was raised. Acceptance of the minutes for the 2015 AGM was proposed by R. Story, seconded by M. Foxall and 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 2015 to 31st December 2015

A. Alker, chair, invited questions arising from his written report. Responding to an enquiry from G. Leake, PCN's current membership was stated to be just over 630, having risen from approximately 595 three years ago. A trustee, P Fuller, noted that the number of groups was growing. A Vivian, administrator, reported there were now over 60 groups. Including group attenders who had not joined PCN nationally, the total list of 'adherents' was likely to be in the region of 2,000. Responding to a question from M. Bassant, AV said that in 2011/12, when the last age survey was conducted, the mean age of PCN members was 70. He thought it likely that it had come down since then. AA noted that the PCN committee was much younger. He also pointed out that the age profile was not dissimilar to that found

in churches. The acceptance of the chair's report was proposed by M. Bassant and seconded by J. Jacobs and carried by overwhelming show of hands.

7. The Financial Statements of PCN – Britain 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015

G Hexter, treasurer, referred members to his published accounts, which had been examined and signed off without qualification. In summary he noted that

- PCN's year on year income from subs had increased to a total of £22,157.
- The Marcus Borg Memorial Fund which had reached nearly £800 at 2015 year end, now stood at over £1000.
- Ticket sales to events had totalled just under £6,000 and speaker costs had come to a total of just over £4,500.
- Tickets for the 2016 Butler Bass conference had achieved a total of just over £1200 by year end, with five months to go.
- The costs associated with Progressive Voices had come down, possibly due to more members taking the publication by email.
- The Together in Hope restricted fund was in deficit due to the repayment of loans and the production costs of the new publication, *Rethinking Worship?* Sales of that title were expected to help make up the deficit.
- *Operating Costs* included items such as postage, office IT.
- Overall, PCN had ended the year with a surplus of just over £5,000.
- Assets at the end of the year stood at £28,819, putting PCN in a strong position going into 2016.
- Assets were located in the Co-op current account, CCLA (investment account), and PayPal.

G. Leake enquired why the Gift Aid income for 2014 had been nearly twice the sum for 2015. GH explained that in 2014 PCN had claimed for both 2012 and 2013, while in 2015 the claim had been for just one year, namely 2014.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by P Stribblehill and seconded by J. Willison and carried overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

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

The candidates were

Dave Coaker (first term), proposer G. Rees, seconder A. Alker;

Gareth Hexter, (formerly co-opted, first term) proposer R. Charnley, seconder T. Davies,

Richard Tetlow, (third term) proposer J. Waterson, seconder M. Hell

Each appointment was affirmed by a show of hands.

The meeting ended at 2pm