

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of The Inclusive Church Network

held in Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, 9th July, 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams,(chair), David Hancock, Sally Barnes, Simon Sarmiento, Revd Andrew Lightbown, Fiona Macmillan, Revd Dan Barnes-Davies, Revd Michael Roper, Revd Tim Goode, Revd Jonathan Draper, Revd Anthony Freeman, Ruth Wilde, and about 60 members and guests.

1. The minutes of the AGM held on 25th July, 2018 were received and agreed.
2. Annual Report and Accounts. David Hancock introduced the accounts and highlighted the main points, recognising especially the generosity and loyalty of those who donate regularly to IC. The report and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018 was received and approved, as was the Annual Review 2018/19.
3. The meeting approved the re-appointment of CA Plus as Independent examiner of the Accounts for 2019.
4. The following were nominated and appointed as trustees for one year representing partner organisations:

Jenny Humphreys (Women and the Church)
Revd. Jonathan Draper (Modern Church)
n/a (OneBodyOneFaith)

The following were appointed as trustees for three years:

The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams
Fiona MacMillan

5. Constitutional Amendment. Dianna Gwilliams introduced the amended text of the Inclusive Church "Statement of Belief", which had been circulated in accordance with the constitution. She explained the Trustees had considered adding "age" to the list of areas of discrimination to be challenged, but this had proved more complex than at first appeared, with various statutory limitations involved (such as the minimum age for Electoral Roll membership in the Church of England). Inclusive Church is an educational charity, not a campaigning one, and seeking changes in the law falls outside its remit. After discussion of various questions raised from the floor, the amended text was accepted by the meeting *nem con*, with one recorded abstention.
6. Dianna Gwilliams thanked three retiring trustees—Tim Goode, Sally Barnes, and the Treasurer David Hancock—for their sterling service.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.