

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of The Inclusive Church Network

held via Zoom on Monday, 23rd August, 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams (chair), Mike Bishop, Simon Sarmiento, Fiona Macmillan, Jonathan Draper, Evie Vernon, Anthony Freeman, Ruth Wilde, Ellen Clark-King and members and guests totalling 58 participants.

1. The minutes of the AGM held on 9th July, 2019 were received and agreed. There had been no AGM in 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic.
2. Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 were received and approved.
3. The meeting approved the re-appointment of Mrs Helen Lee as Independent examiner of the Accounts for 2021.
4. (a) Seven organisations were accepted as Inclusive Church Partner Organisations for the coming year: Women & the Church, Modern Church, OneBodyOneFaith, HeartEdge, Open Table Network, Church Action on Poverty and the Student Christian Movement.
(b) The following were nominated and appointed as partner trustees for one year: Jenny Humphreys (Women and the Church), Jonathan Draper (Modern Church) and Alex Clare-Young (Open Table Network).
(c) The following were appointed as independent trustees for three years: Dan Barnes-Davies, Andrew Lightbown and Evie Vernon.
5. Constitutional Amendment. Dianna Gwilliams introduced the amended Inclusive Church Constitution, previously accepted by the Board of Trustees and circulated, together with an explanatory paper, to all members. On a counted vote, the amendments were accepted by 81% of those present and voting, exceeding the required two-thirds to bring the changes into effect.
6. Dianna Gwilliams and Ruth Wilde spoke briefly about the recent improvements to the Network's website and database, which should allow for increasing mutual support between the organisation and its member churches and individuals. From the autumn, a sliding scale of subscriptions will be introduced to make it easy for churches to support the charity. Member churches will select their own place on the scale, which will go from £5 to £500+ per year.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

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