Inclusive Church

22nd **Annual General Meeting** of the **Inclusive Church** Network: **Minutes**

Held on 25 June 2025 by video conference

A. Present:

B. Dan Barnes-Davies (chair), Mike Bishop, Allie Kerr, Fiona MacMillan, Jack Woodruff (minutes), Rosalind Rutherford, Reuban Jenkins, Yin-An Chen, Chantal Noppen, Jen Nicholas, Sarah Ball, Meredith Ford, Emily Richardson, Hope Lawrence, Andrew Dotchin and other members and guests totalling 50.

C. Apologies:

D. Alison Webster, Roman Kukiewicz, Julian Meek, Penelope Beschizza, Michael Mitchell and Janet Appleby. (Presented in advance)

E. The Annual General Meeting began at 19:50. The Chair welcomed people to the online meeting.

1. The approval of the **minutes** of the AGM held on **11 July 2025** was proposed by Dan Barnes-Davies and accepted as an accurate record, signed by the Chair.
2. The **Annual Report** and **Accounts** for the year ending 31 December 2024, and **National Co-ordinators Annual Report** were received unanimously.

3. The meeting approved unanimously the re-appointment of Helen Lee as **independent examiner** of the Accounts for 2025.

4. The Chair **thanked** Fiona MacMillan for her 9-year term on the Inclusive Church board. The Chair explained the two types of trustees; partner and independent.

    a. Five organisations were approved unanimously as Partner Organisations for the coming year, to each nominate one trustee to serve on the board: *Women and the Church*, *Modern Church*, *HeartEdge*, the *Open Table Network* and *Student Christian Movement*.

    b. Following a successful open recruitment last year, this process was repeated, and three candidates were identified. **Andrew Dotchin, Hope Lawrence** and **Emily Richardson** were appointed unanimously as **independent trustees** for the standard term of **three years**. Mike Bishop was re-appointed as an independent trustee for a standard term of three years.

5. The following constitutional amendment was proposed by the Chair and approved:

    Section P: Annual General Meeting, paragraph 1: "There shall be an annual general meeting of the Charity which shall be held in the month of June in each year or as soon as practicable thereafter" be amended to read "There shall be an annual general meeting of the Charity which shall be held **not less than ten months and not more than fourteen months**

following the previous such meeting" with the following explanatory note: "For example: given that the 2025 AGM was held on 25 June, the 2026 AGM must be held on or after 25 April and on or before 24 August; and so on."

6. There was no Other Business.

The meeting ended at 20:12

After which there was a presentation and articulation of the **new strategy** and an invitation for attendees to opt-in to be part of working groups to assist with the implementation and delivery of it was given. The strategy summary document can be viewed here Break-out groups were then opened for the opportunity to share, feedback and connect in a smaller group, before we gathered together at the end for a final prayer.

The fuller strategy working document is also available if you're interested – please ask for a copy!