

The Vincent Society Annual General Meeting

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Held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick on Sunday 16th July 2017

Chaired by the Chairman of CMJ Council, Ben Salter (BS)

- 1 **Welcome:** BS began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and then opened in prayer.
- 2 **Apologies:** None. There were more than 50 members present to make the meeting quorate.
- 3 **Minutes of the Vincent Society AGM 2016:** Gerald Norris proposed these be accepted as an accurate record. Ralph Goldenberg seconded the proposal that was unanimously accepted.
- 4 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

- 5 **Accounts 2016:** Sue Mottershead(SM) presented the accounts for 2016. This was her 8th and last report for the AGM. In 2016 Individual giving was down by 10% and Church giving down by 26% but Appeals was up by 12%. There were £72,000 legacies. Individual donors peaked in 2010 and there are now 700 less donors. Church giving peaked in 2009; we have less than 50% still giving to us. Investments have gone up in value.

Expenditure: Total Israel giving and Evangelism and Youth expenditure had risen. Administration costs have gone down. All of this is healthy.

Reserves: These had gone down by £40,000, £1.6m remain, 50% for endowments or pensions 50% available to spend.

A deficit budget is set at present. Sensitivity analysis shows that CMJ can afford a deficit but cannot recruit more staff until the live giving increases.

Olive Press had £14,435 income, and a net profit of £4,920.

Thanks were expressed for all the donations and to Trustees, volunteers and reps.

John clarified some of the Frequently Asked Questions:

- Cheques are payable to (Both CMJ and Vincent Society).
- Membership rules from 2014 onwards mean a specific payment needs to be made for Membership by monthly or yearly Standing Order or deducted from a larger gift if the Office are notified. Members receive all mail outs. A letter will be sent clarifying this issue to all whose membership has lapsed after the conference.
- The request was made to stop using Jacki Turnbull's CMJ email address, but instead office@cmj.org.uk or alanb@cmj.org.uk or johnb@cmj.org.uk.

Questions answered:

- Gift Aid can be claimed on the £25 Membership fee.
- Membership reminders will now be sent out.
- Israel giving is one third of CMJ's income plus 10% of legacies received plus restricted giving which amounted to £143,548.
- Israel can receive money directly in sterling or other currencies.
- The Sunshine School in Jerusalem is not mentioned as it is an associate ministry.
- Different accounting periods between the UK and Israel leads to difference values in each set of accounts.

Sue was thanked for her 9 years as Treasurer to CMJ.

- 6 **Appointment of Independent Examiners/Auditors for 2017:** the reappointment of bostockwhite was proposed by Tim Price and seconded by Joss Drummond.

- 7 Election of Trustees:** Thanks were expressed to those stepping down: Terry Musson, Martin Kuhrt and Sue Mottershead. The new trustees are Rosa Blandford, Alison Marchant, Rev Canon Phil Harris and Joy Sims.
- 8 Chairman's Remarks and Trustees Annual Report 2016:** BS thanked his fellow Trustees for the earlier song and farewell gift, following 21 years as a Trustee and 9 years as Chairman. He acknowledged the enormous contribution of several trustees, led by the Chair of the Appointments committee, in the reorganisation of CMJ's office and management structure. The Lord has granted CMJ a period of stability and blessing for the future. Evangelism is growing again, our staff are directly engaging with churches in the UK and there is pioneering work with youth, as seen in the 60 youth and 23 children at this conference. Ben's hopes for the future are that CMJ will maintain and expand its resources; the Gospel to the Jewish people will come first and foremost; it will increase its impact in churches for future growth; that the youth conference will turn the youth into genuine CMJ supporters. All CMJs are part of the International family and need to keep close, loving and generous. The Council needs prayer. In everything CMJ does, it must be to the glory of God "Kol Hakavot". Everyone then joined in prayer for BS.
- 9 Any Other Business:**
Gerald Norris asked if his request for a tick box to agree to be added to the list of attendees at conference had been activated. This had been done but no-one had requested a copy.