

**The Vincent Society Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday 7 July 2018**  
**High Leigh Conference Centre**

**1 Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer led by the Chair of Trustees, Wendy Scott.

**2 Apologies:** Phil Harris and Peter Herrick.

**3 Minutes:** Gerald Norris proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2017 be accepted. This was seconded by Rufus Barnes and accepted nem. con.

**4 Matters Arising:** None.

**5 Chairman's Remarks:** Wendy Scott acknowledged the work in the UK that had been reported on to the Conference. She was encouraged by the progress made during the year, as well as challenged. Some long-term Trustees had left but Rosa Blandford, Phil Harris, Joy Sims and Debbie Rodgers (who was co-opted) had all brought fresh ideas and vision. There was change too, on the Israel Board. Sue Mottershead's term will finish in December 2017 and Robin Aldridge will replace her as the nominated UK Member of the IB. Thanks were expressed to Sue for all the hard work done by her throughout her term of office in Israel.

The Trustees have taken part in 2 Trustee training sessions during the year. The first was an overview of the specific requirements for faith charities and medium-term strategies. The second session covered the financial responsibilities of trustees. This type of training will be offered to new Trustees in the future.

The new organisational structure is tighter and more integrated. The whole organisation relies heavily on efficient administration: a ministry in itself. Thanks were expressed towards the many volunteers who come with servant hearts.

Social media has become the new norm for rapid communication and to this end, the CMJ website is being improved, together more use of Facebook and Twitter.

209 new individuals and 10 new churches have been added to the database. There has been a 10% increase in membership. More young people need to be reached and a welcome was given to Bob Goody of Scripture Union who has come alongside CMJ.

Many deaths of CMJ members have been recorded this year, and of particular mention, Michael Eldridge, Jacki Turnbull and Anne Puntton (Dexter), whose brother is finishing the book she began, copies of which will be sent to CMJ once published.

Marion Jadon has now retired from the Sunshine School after over 40 years of sterling service since being sent out by CMJ, building up the school from the beginning and seeing it flourish and be well respected and loved.

Looking to the future for CMJ and our 3 E's for 2018, the Education arm is stronger and growing, thanks to Paul and Janey Hames and Rosa Blandford. Encouragement for Jewish believers to connect with one another and with

Gentile believers needs more nurturing and development. Our two part-time Evangelists are working in different communities and bringing the gospel back to the Jewish people in the UK.

All members have a mission and calling in the UK as they love their Jewish Redeemer. Urgent work is needed amongst the youth and Bob Goody and Daniel Perez, a youth worker now connected with CMJ, will address this issue in the coming year.

The Nation needs prayer and has chosen curse, not blessing. Who will speak out for the apple of God's Eye? We must continue to educate the Church, encourage Jews who come to faith and develop and grow the evangelistic team. The Lord has sustained the ministry of CMJ for 209 years and been a faithful provider of our needs. In turn, we need those who stand with us to be the conduit through which that continues.

**6 Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2017:** John Brooks relayed news of Phil Harris's illness that has prevented his participation for the greater part of this year. Phil needs our continued prayers.

- The income for 2017 was £11k down on 2016 but expenditure was £129k down. £22k more was spent than income received but not as much as the £140k in 2016. Individual giving was up 3%, Church giving was up 17%, mostly due to Rosa's many deputations. However, the Appeals were down by 35%, Restricted Giving was also down by 32%. Over £68k legacies were received.
- The total given to Israel was down by £38k linked to reduced restricted gifts. The spending on Evangelism and Youth was maintained. The value of expenditure did not reflect all the extra work done by our many volunteers that enables the organisation to function on a daily basis.
- A one-off Pensions credit adjustment was made of £98k.
- £22k was invested in the work from Reserves. Although there is £1.6million in Reserves, 50% of this is not available to spend. The Financial strategy is to increase income over the next 3 years, to keep spending on Evangelism and Youth and to use the Reserves available. More will be given as monies are received.
- The Appeal is for the CBE work and for the Bible Comes To Life Exhibition. The general story this year has been about the supporters continued giving, 176 more followers on Facebook, and an increase in those taking out a membership subscription. Much prayer is needed and Prayer Focus and Prayer Window magazines help to inform everyone.

**CMJ Israel:** A report from Linda Cohen was included in everyone's Conference packs.

**Questions:**

- The name of CMJ as a charity is being kept as well as Vincent Society in case of monies coming in from legacies made previously. The connection is clear on the Charities Commission website.
- Comment was made that Appeals may be reducing as people are retiring and have less disposable income.
- Makor Hatikvah is not mentioned in the Israel accounts as it is not under CMJ Charity status, but receives restricted gifts.
- The cost of running the CBE's is now in the 2018 budget as the Eric Payne Fund, from which the costs have been drawn, is now spent.
- People need to opt into Membership and have to sign up each year. This is because the legal constitution says that and if the society has to be wound up, each member needs to legally accept that they will give £1.

**7 Appointment of Independent Examiner/Auditors for 2018:** Ben Salter proposed that Bostock White be used again, seconded by Jean Herrick. All agreed.

**8 Elections to Council:** There were 3 vacancies and only 2 nominations so no election was needed. Cameron Collington and Liz Woods are willing to stand again and Debbie's role as a co-opted member has come to an end. This was noted.

**9 Any Other Business:**

- No other co-options to the Board of Trustees are being made as yet this year.
- Presentation to Marion Jadon: Alison Marchant spoke about Marion being commissioned to the Mission School 40 years previously at High Leigh in 1978. She has given her life to serve and bless others, and touched so many families and children. She was at the Anglican International School Jerusalem for 8 years and then responded to a calling to run a pre-school which she has done for 25 years. There have been many difficulties over the years. A present wrapped as a block of gold with a gold star was presented to Marion, with thanks also to Khaleel. T-shirts were presented and worn by Khaleel and their son Daniel. A book of comments by those wishing to express thanks and blessing was also given. Marion responded by thanking all for their support and prayers over the years and for the flexibility in being able to minister mainly amongst the Arab population of East Jerusalem. She thanked all who had visited the Sunshine School, and commented that she still felt as weak and vulnerable as she did 40 years ago, and depended on the prayers and generosity of CMJ.