

The Vincent Society (Trading as CMJ UK)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at 12.35pm on Saturday 6th July 2024

There were over 50 members present, the meeting was therefore quorate.

- 1 Opening prayer and welcome:** Rufas Barnes (Vice Chair of Trustees) welcomed everyone to the AGM in Wendy Scott's absence. Rufus shared Isaiah 12 v 4-5.
- 2 Apologies:** Wendy Scott and Rachel Madeley.
- 3 Minutes of the Vincent Society AGM held on 8th July 2023:**
Proposed by Sammy Salter that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Tim Butlin. Members voted to accept.
- 4 Matters Arising from the minutes:** None
- 5 Chairman's remarks**
The Vice Chair delivered the report in the absence of the Chair:
 - The year has been busy and challenging with staff changes and fresh perspectives on how we fulfil the 3 fold mandate: our 3 'E's.
 - We appointed Rev. Aaron Eime as our new General Director and welcomed him into post on June 1st this year. Thanks are due to CMJ Israel for facilitating the transition in the latter part of 2023, while administrative matters were concluded to enable Aarons and his family to relocate to the UK.
 - We continue to pray for the situation in Israel: those taken, lives lost and the ongoing conflict.
 - Robust succession planning has enabled another co-option in 2023, Dr. Sharon Arthurson.
 - We sadly said goodbye to Tim Butlin, who has taken up the role of Chair of the Israel board, and we wish him well in his endeavours there. CMJ UK continue to work closely with Israel.
 - We continue to seek trustees for the CMJ UK board, and particularly in the areas of Law, Human Resources and Finance.
 - The Development Group will reconvene later this year, with a focus on staffing structure, and how best to provide for future development and expansion as finance allows.
 - Our staff team is strong and we are grateful for the number of volunteers who help in all sorts of ways throughout the year.
 - We continue to battle against antisemitism, wherever it is encountered.
 - New opportunities continue and new doors are opening to reach the wider church across the UK, sharing God's heart for Israel.
 - We are developing connections in TV and radio.
 - Let us move forward, confident that we have a future to declare.

- 6 Financial Summary of 2023 Annual Accounts:** The accounts are available on the CMJ UK website. Phil Harris (Trustee with Portfolio for Finance) shared a PowerPoint summary, referring to the need for more trustees and progression of the Society's development being limited "as finance allows". He added:
- We have been blessed with finance and give God the glory.
 - Thanks were expressed to John Brooks and Lisa Boot for their work.
 - Overall, 2023 income was up at a higher rate than expenditure.
 - Reserves 50% not available to spend
 - Phil emphasised the importance of legacies to the Society and requested that members would consider leaving a legacy to CMJ UK.
 - Gift Aid is another useful way to grow donations and details of this are available at Conference Reception.

There was an opportunity for any questions on the finance information presented. None were raised.

Proposed by Tim Butlin that these accounts be approved by the meeting.
Seconded by Mark Madeley. Members voted to accept.

- 7 Appointment of Independent Examiners/Auditors for 2024:**
Bostock White were the Independent Examiners for 2023. It was proposed to re-appoint Bostock White (Ray Lockhart), and seconded (Adam Raffell.)
Members voted to accept.

- 8 Election of Trustees to the Board:** There are 3 vacancies on the Board and just one Trustee standing for another term: Liz Woods. Sharon Arthurson was co-opted in 2023 for one year and has agreed to serve a full 3-year term from 2024. As there were no other nominations, Liz Woods and Sharon Arthurson were welcomed to serve a 3-year term as Trustees of CMJ UK.

- 9 Any Other Business:** None

Rufus Barnes declared the 2024 CMJ UK AGM closed.

The meeting closed at 13.11pm