

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India held on Saturday 3 October 2009

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of F.C.I. was held on Saturday 3 October 2009 at the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, London with approximately 90 members of F.C.I. attending and eligible to vote for the first time following changes to the constitution.

The Chair, Rev Julie Lipp-Nathaniel, welcomed everyone.

The Secretary's report

Mrs Margaret Smith presented the report which was received with thanks. (Appendix 1)

The Treasurer's report

Rev Gordon Shaw presented the report and statement of account (Appendix 2) which were received with thanks. He then presented the following proposal from the Management Committee:-

For 2010

The annual subscription for a single person be raised from £8 to £12

The annual subscription for a couple be raised from £12 to £18

The annual subscription for corporate membership be raised from £20 to £30

The category of Life Member be abolished

After discussion it was proposed by Barrie Scopes, seconded by Martin Heath and unanimously agreed that the proposal be accepted.

Election of Officers

It was proposed by Mary Paterson, seconded by Anne Mark and unanimously agreed that the following should serve as Officers of FCI for a term of three years

Chair	Rev Julie Lipp-Nathaniel
Treasurer	Rev Suresh Kumar (to take over 1 April 2010)
Editor	Rev Timothy Mark
Secretary	Mrs Margaret Smith (to serve for one year only)

Date of next AGM Saturday 2 October 2010 at the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, London

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.

Margaret Smith
24 October 2009

Appendix 1

FCI Secretary's Report 2009

This year has seen the usual activities plus some extras. The Annual FCI Day was held on October 4th 2008, when Rev Suresh Kumar was the celebrant, Rev Nigel Uden, preacher and Dr Daleep Mukarji the afternoon speaker. The amended constitution was adopted. Two regular meetings of the Management Committee were held, the publicity leaflet has been revised and the St Thomas Unity Lecture was delivered at 7 venues around the UK by Rev Dr Joshva Raja, a lecturer at The Queens Ecumenical Centre in Birmingham. There will be one more lecture in Edinburgh in October. We have welcomed Rev Dr Timothy Mark to the committee as editor of Pilgrim and are grateful that Rev Dr Gordon Shaw has taken on the work of treasurer till the end of this financial year. Membership of FCI is about 349 including 4 group memberships. We would like more members and encourage you to make use of the revised leaflet.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all the ways they give support, taking on various tasks, encouraging each other and attending the committee meetings each year.

Margaret Smith
October 2009