

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India held on Saturday 3 October 2015

The Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India was held at 2pm on Saturday 3 October 2015 at YMCA Indian Student Hostel, 41 Fitzroy Square, London, with approximately 59 members of FCI attending and eligible to vote.

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Revd Jessie Anand, welcomed everyone. The Secretary informed that apologies had been received from: Margaret Addicott, Ingrid Allen, Peter Bishop, Ralph Blow, Alistair Cutting, Karen Drayton, Martin & Gillian Heath, Monica Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson, Neville Jacobs, Prof. Daniel Jeyeraj, Julie Lipp-Nathaniel & Leslie Nathaniel, Sarah Miller, Jim Milledge, Rosemary Murchie, John Joshva Raja, Leslie Robinson, John & Catriona Roussell, Roy Smith, Peter & Elaine Streatfield, Philip Wade, Angela Wingate, Mark Woodrow.

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2014

These were approved as recommended by the Management Committee and signed by the Chair. A copy had been posted on the website.

3 The Report of the Secretary

Revd Adrian Watkins presented his report for 2015 ([Appendix 1](#)). Jessie thanked the Secretary for his report.

4. The Report of the Treasurer

Mr James Bennett Duthie presented the financial report for the year ending 31st December 2014 ([Appendix 2](#)) and copies were distributed to members. These were unanimously approved by all members present. As Mr Duthie has taken on the post for a term of one year when there was an urgent need and was now standing down, the chair thanked him for his excellent work on the accounts over the last year and wished him well for the future.

5. Elections to the Committee of Management.

- a. **Election of Chair.** The Secretary conducted the election for the post of chair since the three-year term of the current chair is completed at this AGM. The management committee had requested Revd Jessie Anand to consider a second term as chair and she had consented. Her nomination was proposed by Dr Martin Heath and seconded by Revd Julie Lipp Nathaniel. No other nominations had been received. Revd Jessie Anand was unanimously elected chair for a second term.
- b. **Election of Treasurer.** One nomination had been received for the post of Treasurer which was the proposal of the Management Committee. Revd Mark Woodrow was proposed by Revd Dr Gordon Shaw and seconded by Mrs Margaret Marshall. Revd Woodrow was not present in the meeting but had given his apologies when first asked as to his willingness to be nominated for this post. Revd Mark Woodrow was unanimously elected Treasurer.

- c. **Election of Editor.** Revd John Joshva Raja has completed his term as Editor and has indicated he would not stand for a second term but is prepared to help the next Editor to begin with. One nomination for the post of Editor had been received. Revd Dr Chellian Lawrence was nominated by Revd Anand Asir and seconded by Revd William Allberry and Revd Adrian Watkins. Revd Chellian Lawrence was unanimously elected as Editor.

6. **Remarks from the Chair**

Revd Jessie Anand thanked the Committee of Management and FCI members for their support over the past year. She was pleased to welcome several new members to the Committee, both elected and nominated posts. Jessie noted that the strength of FCI lies in its membership and noted that 59 were present today. She requested prayer over the question of a closer working with other groups, churches or organisations with India or south Asia links and noted this would continue to be considered by the committee.

Jessie also appreciated the greetings from the Fellowship of St Thomas in Scotland brought by Betty Robinson. She also drew attention to the two wonderful cloth maps of India displayed on the wall which have been donated to the FCI by Mrs Anne Mackenzie, widow of Revd Murdoch Mackenzie.

7 **Date and venue of 2016 AGM**

This will be held on Saturday 1 October 2016 at the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, Fitzroy Square, London

8. **Any Other Business** – there was no other business
9. **Close** - The meeting closed with the grace at 2.30pm.

Adrian Watkins
19 October 2015