

## **Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India held on Saturday 1 October 2016**

The Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India was held at 1.45pm on Saturday 3 October 2016 at YMCA Indian Student Hostel, 41 Fitzroy Square, London, with approximately 45 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: Barbara Butler, William & Margaret Cutting, Barrie Glover, Monica Hopkins, Eleanor Jackson, Daleep Mukarji, Mary Paterson, Lesley Robinson, Martin Wilson and Mark Woodrow.

### **2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015**

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 2016 ([Appendix 1](#)). The Chair thanked the Secretary for his report.

### **4. Annual Subscription for 2017.**

The chair reported that the Management Committee is not recommending any change to subscriptions for the next year.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Accounts for 2015 were distributed to the members as well as the Independent Examiner's Report (Appendix 2). Due to illness the Treasurer was not able to present his report in person, so the Secretary made one or two observations and noted that the overall financial position was improved from last year. Revd Anand Asir proposed that the accounts be accepted and approved. This was seconded by the Ven. Alistair Cutting and unanimously approved by all members present. Members also commented on the clarity of the accounts and the Chair expressed her appreciation for the work of the Treasurer in producing them.

### **6. Elections to the Committee of Management.**

- a. **Election of Three FCI Member Representatives.** The chair informed that the terms of Martin Heath, Julie Lipp Nathaniel and Gordon Shaw expire in 2016 and that all three are eligible for a second term. The Management Committee have therefore agreed that their names should go forward for re-election. Since no other nominations have been received by the Secretary, the chair declared that they are duly elected to serve a further three-year term on the committee.
- b. **Vacancy for Fourth FCI Member Representative.** The Secretary informed that there is a fourth vacancy for an FCI representative owing to a resignation during the year (that of

Antony Thomas) but due to an oversight this additional vacancy was not notified to the members and that for this reason the post will remain vacant until the next AGM.

- c. **Co-opted Members.** The chair also informed that the Management Committee will consider any co-options to the committee at its next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

#### 6. **Remarks from the Chair**

Revd Jessie Anand thanked the Committee of Management and FCI members for their support over the past year. She expressed the importance for FCI to build its relationship with the Indian churches and to cultivate friendship and understanding of the struggles faced by Indian churches and of their ecumenical journey. Jessie informed that members that 2017 will be the Silver Jubilee Year of the FCI and that the Committee of Management will discuss how to mark this in its next meeting. It will also be a key feature of the FCI Annual Day in 2017.

#### 7 **Date and Venue of 2017 AGM**

This will be held on Saturday 7 October 2017 at the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, Fitzroy Square, London

#### 8. **Any Other Business**

The AGM received greetings conveyed by the Fellowship of St Thomas in Scotland through Betty Robinson who was present.

9. **Close.** The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

**Adrian Watkins**  
**12 October 2016**