

FCI SECRETARY'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2020/OCTOBER 2021

Due to the COVID19 Pandemic, the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India was held virtually over Zoom on Saturday 21st November 2020. Twenty-three members of FCI joined Zoom and eligible to vote.

Revd Jessie Anand led the Thanksgiving Service with Revd Adrian Watkins giving the message on 'The Unique Talent You Have Today' based on Matthew 25:14-39 (the Parable of the Talents).

During the past year the Management Committee met Virtually on 7th May 2021. The Committee is planning to meet in person for a Vision Meeting on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November 2021. It is intended to consider a Vision for the future of the Committee and the FCI.

A very successful Prayer Zoom was held on 5th May, when many members and friends joined to pray for India and the Pandemic situation. This is an event that the Management Committee will be considering to again hold in the future.

We are hoping that if circumstances allow the Thanksgiving Services and St Thomas Unity Lectures will recommence.

Work is continuing on the writing of a short history of the FCI.

Some slight wording within the Constitution will be considered at the FCI Annual General Meeting in October.

FCI members have recently received two copies of 'Pilgrim'. We give thanks for the Editor for preparing these and also to the people who have made contributions to these editions.

Various nominations are to be agreed at the Annual General Meeting - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, 2 FCI members nominated representatives.

Since the last FCI Day unfortunately, we have lost five members who have died. We currently have a membership of 181 members; this includes 140 Subscribing members, 35 Life Members and 7 Group Members.

I express my sincere thanks to the Chair – Revd Adrian Watkins; the Treasurer – Revd Jessie Anand; the other members of the Management Committee : Revd William Allberry in his various roles and to the Webmaster – Mr Oswin Peter.

Margaret Marshall – FC I Secretary

October 2021.