

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH
CONFERENCE COUNCIL

Year 2022/23

Monday 10th October 2022

Held on Zoom at 7.30pm

Trustees Present: Mrs M L Cowie [Chairman]
 Mr N K Sutton [Vice-Chair]
 Mrs S Chesworth
 Revd R A Gill
 Mrs P Grimshaw
 Revd B R Jarvis
 Mr R Taylor

Also in attendance: Revd H Brown [Spiritual Leader]
 Mr C Chambers [President New Church College]
 Mrs R Jaggs [Company Accountant]
 Mrs M Morgan [Recorder]
 Revd B Talbot [Secretary to the Committee of Ministers]

14	COUNCIL MEETING A meeting of the Conference Council was held via Zoom on Monday 10 th October 2022 at 7.30pm.	
15	OPENING The Revd Helen Brown opened the meeting with a reading Joshua 1:6-9 and a prayer.	
16	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies. The Revd Bruce Jarvis updated the Council on the Resurrection Service of the Revd Geoffrey Clarkson.	
17	MINUTES 17.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting Minutes of the Council meeting 16 ^h September 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting 17.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes.	

	<p>17.2.1 Company Secretary [see Minute 4.2.4] Mrs Margaret Cowie, Mrs Sue Chesworth and Mr Robert Taylor met on Zoom to discuss the way forward. They produced a revised job advertisement which Mrs Cowie passed to Mr Bjorn Jones, her contact with Blusource, the recruitment agency engaged for this purpose. As a result, three applications were received. Arrangements will be made to interview all three at Purley Chase as soon as possible. Mrs Sue Chesworth, Mrs Margaret Cowie will interview in person and Mr Rob Taylor and Revd Jack Dunion will join via Zoom.</p> <p>17.2.2 Purley Chase Safe Keys [see minute 4.2.1] Mr Nigel Sutton confirmed he is in possession of the two other keys to the safe, previously held by Ms Zoe Brooks and Mrs Sally Field.</p>	SC MC RT JD
18	<p>FINANCE Mrs Rachael Jaggs presented the accounts and forecasts for 2023. Due to the current financial climate, Mr Nigel Sutton and Mrs Rachael Jaggs proposed that Conference employees be paid a fixed one-off bonus to be calculated as 6% of the average Conference salary. This payment will be included with their November 2022 salary. In addition, all employees will receive an annual salary increase of 6% from January 2023.</p> <p>Resolved: that in November 2022 Conference employees be paid a fixed one-off bonus amounting to 6% of the average Conference salary. In addition, all employees will receive an annual salary increase of 6% from January 2023</p>	NKS RJ
19	<p>LEE DIFFER Mr Lee Differ has sadly resigned from The General Conference of the New Church and has asked to be removed from the Central Register.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Spiritual Leaders Revd. Jack Dunion and Revd. Helen Brown, together with Mrs Margaret Cowie will write an article for E-News.</p>	JD HB MLC
20	<p>REVISION OF ARTICLES AND RULES Mr Gordon Kuphal has submitted some revisions to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, together with Rules governing The General Conference. Our Solicitors, Harris and Harris have agreed to help with this matter. Revd Robert Gill, Mrs Pauline Grimshaw, and Revd Bruce Jarvis will work on this. Mr David Friend and Mr Gordon Kuphal will be invited to join this group.</p>	RAG PG BRJ
21	<p>UBS The Council approved Mrs Margaret Cowie and Mr Nigel Sutton as signatories for the UBS Investment Banking Company</p>	MLC NKS
22	<p>ZOOM AT CONFERENCE, Miss Gemma McLean, Technical Manager, has been asked to investigate the possibility of live streaming the Conference and AGM 2023. As</p>	

	safeguarding is a priority, the Council felt that only those on the platform should be seen. Any questions from the floor would be repeated by the person answering, and any question via Zoom would be made using the “chat” facility and read out. It is thought that only the Business Day, the Conference Service and the Keynote Address would be streamed. The link would not be made public but would only be available to Conference members and members of churches within the organisation.	GM
23	DBS Mrs Rita Russell, who undertook the DBS checks wishes to step down with immediate effect. It was agreed at the last Council Meeting that the duties of the DBS checks would fall under the job description of the new Company Secretary. In the meantime, Mrs Sue Chesworth has offered to deal with any DBS issues until a Company Secretary has been appointed. Mrs Cowie will write to Mrs Russell	SC MLC
24	Conference 2023 Programme Revds. Helen Brown and Jack Dunion together with Mrs Margaret Cowie will review the results of the survey taken at the 2022 Conference and endeavour to produce a programme in accordance with the wishes of the respondents.	HB JD MLC
25	CLOSING Revd Bruce Jarvis closed the meeting with a prayer.	

Future meetings

November 18th 2022 (Zoom Meeting)

March 24th 2023

May 12th 2023

July 25th – 28th 2023 Annual Meeting

September 8th 2023

November 24th 2023 (Zoom Meeting)

March 15th 2024

May 17th 2024

July 23rd – 26th 2024 Annual Meeting

September 6th 2024

November 22nd 2024 (Zoom Meeting)