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www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



Booking for Conference?

Are you coming to Conference this year? If the answer is yes. Then please complete and send your form to Natalie as soon as possible. Hurry, hurry, don't delay, closing date is 24th May, only 6 weeks away.

Pauline Grimshaw

Conference Council has recently received Pauline's resignation as a Trustee and member of the Council. Over the past three years she has contributed from her long and wide experience of Church life (which was recognised back in 2011 when she was appointed as an Honorary Life Member) to the Council's discussions and procedures, and we are all very sorry to lose her help and participation. However, while she does so reluctantly, we understand Pauline's need to step away from this role now for personal reasons. We are sure Members of Conference will be grateful for her participation, and wish her well.

Council Membership

Pauline's departure leaves the Council severely depleted, with only 4 Trustees and one co-opted member. Conference's constitution provides for a Council membership of 8: Chair, Vice-chair, plus 6. Fewer than 8 means poorer representation, with the remaining members trying to cover all the responsibilities. It is a situation that has persisted for too many years now. This is a serious deficiency with unthinkable potential consequences. We appeal to all Members of Conference to give thought as to who might come forward to join the Council in the role of Trustee. The Trustees are an essential part of our organisation. Without them we cannot survive as a denomination.

We are holding a "Meet the Trustees" meeting on Zoom on **Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm**

Why not come along to have a chat with some of us, and ask any questions you have in mind. If you would like to, please contact Margaret Cowie (tel: 0141 328 0467, email: margaret.cowie@generalconference.org.uk), and she will send you a link.

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New Company Accountant.

Conference Council is delighted to announce that our new Company Accountant, Mr Paul Mehew, began work for the Conference on Monday 8th April 2024.

His hours of work are;
Monday 9-5pm
Tuesdays – 9-4pm
Wednesday 9-4pm
Thursday 9.30-12.30pm
Fridays – Off

His line manager will be Mr Nigel Sutton.
Paul can be contacted on 07708 075946 and his email address is;
company.accountant@generalconference.org.uk

Hello everyone, just to introduce myself I am a Chartered Accountant and former external auditor who has been working at National Grid for over 20 years looking after various businesses most recently concerned with smart metering. For the last few years I have also been the treasurer of a local charity on a voluntary basis which has really sparked my interest in this sector. I am happily married and have two daughters. I must say that I have received an extremely warm welcome this week, including a delightful afternoon tea, and am very much looking forward to meeting more of you over the coming months.

Paul Mehew

We welcome Paul among us, and hope he finds the work fulfilling and rewarding.

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Change in the Mileage Rate Allowance

Staff who were on the payroll at the time, will be aware that in the autumn of 2022, which was a truly tough time for everyone on both the pandemic and the cost of living fronts, with the added impact of the war in Ukraine, Conference Council, acting on the advice of the then Company Accountant, increased the mileage rate that employees could claim from 45p to 60p per mile. 45p remained the rate set by HMRC, and the Council agreed that the tax payable on the additional 15p per mile would be borne by the Conference. In this year's review it was agreed that the mileage rate will revert to the HMRC allowance of 45p per mile from 1st April 2024.

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A graphic invitation for the AGM. It features a torn paper effect with a yellow sticky note at the top left that says 'AGM: 23-26 July 24' held by a red paperclip. To the right is a corkboard with the words 'WE NEED YOU' pinned to it using colorful pushpins. Below these elements, the text 'You're Invited!' is written in a brown, cursive font. At the bottom, a black text box contains the following message: 'This year's AGM will be like no other! You will have a chance to give us your vision of the future for Conference. Make sure you book your place, we want to hear what you have to say!'.

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