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### CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

For many years Conference has been unable to consistently fill all the eight Trustee positions required by our constitution. Mercifully, there have been Conference Members willing to serve who have done their best to help. But it does mean that the Church does not have as full a range of abilities, experience and views as is desirable, and, more importantly, means that we do not have a properly constituted Council.

Recently Conference Council found itself in a position in which our solicitors advised that in order to complete the sale of one of our premises, we were required to have a full complement of Trustees as laid down in our constitution. That is to say, chairperson and vice-chair plus six members. It was a great relief and blessing that we were able to find two experienced Conference Members willing to be co-opted, and serve until the Annual Meeting in July. The Conference owes a debt of thanks to Phillip Brooks and John Ford, who are also Conference's property managers responsible for dealing with property issues in the south and north of the country, respectively. Apart from the technical, legal issue, we have been glad to have them take part in Council discussions since March 14th 2025.

This recent experience has highlighted how the Conference urgently needs members to come forward to take up vacancies. At the Annual Meeting next July, we are aware that it will be even more urgent. Of the four elected Trustees, one will be retiring before their

term is completed, and another completes their term. As a consequence, there will be four vacancies.

Please will all Members of Conference think carefully about whether you might be able to serve our Church in this way. Without wishing to be melodramatic, the matter is actually more serious than is generally recognised. Without Trustees, the Conference cannot exist as a Charity.

Applications forms can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Natalie Welch.

Completed application forms need to be with the Company Secretary by 30th May 2025.

Please talk with Natalie or any of the current Trustees to express interest or obtain information.

Margaret Cowie – Chairperson of the Trustees

