



CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING

held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 via Zoom at 2.00pm

Trustees Present:	Mrs M Cowie	Chairperson
	Revd B Jarvis	Vice-Chairperson
	Mr B Friend	
	Mr J Ford	Co-opted
	Miss J Walton	Co-opted

1	Opening Revd Bruce Jarvis opened the meeting with a reading from the Word: Psalm 121, and a short prayer	
2	Apologies Apologies were received from Mrs Sue Chesworth, Mr Trevor Millar, Mr Phillip Brooks, and Ms Natalie Welch.	
3	Welcome The chairperson, Mrs Margaret Cowie, warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the two co-opted members.	
4	Co-opted Trustees. Unfortunately, the proposed amendment to Article 28 [the addition of the words “ <i>up to</i> ” before “six members”] was not approved by the Voting Members at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Consequently, Conference Council still has a shortfall of three Trustees. Mercifully, three people had indicated their willingness to become Co-opted Trustees. The elected Trustees agreed to their co-option by email on 19 th August 2025. These volunteers are: Mr John Ford and Mr Phillip Brooks, who are willing to be co-opted for a second term of one year, and Miss Joanne Walton. Resolved: that the elected members of Conference Council appoints the above-named individuals as Co-opted Trustees to serve until the next Annual Meeting of General Conference.	
5	Chester New Church The meeting was called to pass a resolution to apply to the Charity Commission for a cy-près scheme to alter the trusts relating to the Chester Church premises and in particular the Conveyance dated 31 December 1925 The application for a scheme requests that Conference be allocated the power to sell the Chester Church premises and apply the sale proceeds for its general purposes. The application also requests that Conference is able to apply the full capital proceeds of sale from the property rather than simply the income. <i>Resolved:</i> that Conference apply to the Charity Commission for a cy-près scheme in relation to the Chester Church premises.	
	Revd. Bruce Jarvis closed the meeting with a prayer and a blessing. Date of next meeting 21.10.2025	