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www.mixcloud.com/RevJack/



Down's Syndrome (DSNE) Art Exhibition

Revd Lynne Griffiths writes:

On 23rd October 2025 I was invited formally to attend the launch of Down's Syndrome North East's (DSNE) Art Exhibition. Over the course of the last year DSNE have held regular art workshops using the church premises and it has been a privilege to watch the young people and young adults thrive and develop their skills. The consistent use of the same premises has enabled the young adults to find a confidence and independence in attending and it was a touching

moment to read comments on one of the display boards which described the church as “Lovely space to work in, warm, safe space, I loved doing it”. The group engaged in several art mediums including animations, murals, collage, fused glass, lino printing, pottery and tiles. As the group developed many parents/carers asked to join in and a ‘carers corner’ was created enabling a supportive space for creating and chat.

The exhibition was presented beautifully along with welcome drinks and canapés with many of the young adults also present presenting the work personally. It hit home how important our church buildings can be for the benefit of the community and how they are so much more than bricks and mortar. DSNE’s use has shown how a community can be built through art and how carers can come together to find support in one another whilst all sharing a safe space, both physically and metaphorically. I believe the art exhibition heads off on tour now – first stop Morpeth. Thank you DSNE for sharing your achievements with us and we are privileged to have played a small part in your great success.



Report from Constitution Revision Group

CONFERENCE ARTICLES AND RULES

Life Voting Members. At the Annual Meeting of Conference in July the Constitution Revision Group submitted a proposal that the appointment of new Life Voting Members should be re-instated. However, this proposed change to Article 43 did not obtain the required two-thirds majority and so was not adopted by the Conference. The Constitution Revision Group will not make any further attempt to alter Article 43 unless there is widespread pressure from Members of the Church to raise the matter again.

Ask, Seek and Find. At Conference several changes to the Articles and Rules were approved. Accordingly *Ask, Seek and Find*, the user-friendly guide to the Conference constitution, has been revised to take account of these changes. This is now available on

the Conference website www.generalconference.org.uk Click on Resources and then Key Info. Copies of the updated Articles and Rules are also available under Key Info. Printed copies of any of these can be obtained from the Company Secretary Natalie Welch.

Proxy Voting and Secret Ballots. Concerns have been raised that the arrangements made for Voting Members who appoint a Proxy to vote on their behalf in secret ballots do not in fact respect their right to secrecy. This is because the voting instruction form which the Voting Member has to complete so that the Proxy can act in accordance with their wishes also has to be sent to the Company Secretary.

In future any reference to the ballot for the Conference Council or any other secret ballot will be removed from the voting instruction form. Instead, the Voting Member should privately instruct the Proxy how to vote. When the ballot papers are distributed at Conference, the Proxy will then fill in the paper as instructed and hand it in to the scrutineers. In this way the ballot paper will be indistinguishable from those of Voting Members present at the Conference.

The Constitution Revision Group is drawing up Guidance Notes for Proxy Voting which it will make available in due course.

Gordon Kuphal

On behalf of the Constitution Revision Group

Upcoming Events

3 rd – 6 th Nov	Autumn Fellowship – Purley Chase
9 th November	Zoom Taizé style Remembrance service – Revd. Becky Jarratt
14 - 17 th Nov	Festival of Angels – Kearsley
22 nd November	Christmas Fayre – Dalton
22 nd November	Christmas Fayre – Keighley
23 rd November	Zoom service of worship – Jonathan Millar
27 th November	Meet The Minister
6 th December	A Candle for Christmas – Seaburn Dene
7 th December	Zoom Advent service of worship – Gwendolen Rowe
14 th December	Zoom carol service – Revd. Jack Dunion
19 th December	Meet The Minister
22 nd December	Meet The Minister
25 th December	Zoom Christmas Day service – Revd. Becky Jarratt
28 th December	Zoom service 'towards epiphany' – Jan Millar

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