

**Draft Minutes of the twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India  
held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Indian YMCA, Fitzroy Square, London**

The twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church in India was held at 2.00pm on Saturday 7th October 2017 at YMCA Indian Student Hostel, 41 Fitzroy Square, London, with approximately 60 members of FCI attending and eligible to vote.

**1 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair, Revd Jessie Anand, welcomed everyone. The Secretary informed that apologies had been received from: Martin Heath, Mark Woodrow, William Allberry, Roy & Joy Martin & Mary Paterson.

**2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016**

These were approved as recommended by the Management Committee and signed by the Chair.

**3 The Report of the Secretary**

Revd Adrian Watkins presented his report for 2016 which incorporated an update from the Membership Secretary ([Appendix 1](#)). The Chair thanked the Secretary for his report.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Accounts for 2016 were distributed to the members. Since the Treasurer was on his way back from India, he was not able to present his report in person. The Secretary made one or two observations and noted that the overall financial position is stable. He also informed that the Independent Examiner's Report was delayed due to bereavement and illness but is expected to be complete within the next one or two weeks. The members accepted and approved the accounts subject to a satisfactory report from the Independent Examiner.

**6. Elections to the Committee of Management.**

- a. **Election of the Secretary.** The chair informed that the three-year term of the Secretary has now expired but that he is eligible for re-election and the committee of its last meeting nominated him to be re-elected. Since no other nominations have been received the chair declared that Revd Adrian Watkins is duly elected to serve a further three-year term as Secretary.
- b. **Election of an FCI Member Representative.** There was one nomination for the vacant FCI members representative place. The Management committee of its last meeting nominated Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam. Since no other nominations have been received the chair declared that Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam was duly elected.

**7. Remarks from the Chair**

Revd Jessie Anand thanked the Committee of Management and FCI members for their support over the past year and was encouraged to see so many here on this day. She also shared her reflections on the FCI in its Silver Jubilee year and encouraged the FCI to continue to build its friendships with the Indian churches.

7        **Date and Venue of 2017 AGM**

This will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the YMCA Indian Student Hostel, Fitzroy Square, London.

8.        **Any Other Business**

- a. Israel Selvanayagam proposed that some work be undertaken to record and reflect on the earlier history of the relationship between the CSI and its partners and suggested members and others be invited to send in contributions for this.
- b. Julie Lipp-Nathaniel raised the question regarding the identity of the FCI – is it a British or a European organisation? The chair replied that this question can be further discussed by the committee.

9.        **Close.**    The meeting closed at 2.30pm.

**Adrian Watkins**  
**10 November 2017**