

# **Annual General Meeting & Vision Sunday of The Elim Christian Fellowship Aberystwyth**

Sunday 14th November 2021

Held online via Zoom®

## *TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2021 REPORT*

**In attendance (alphabetical order):** Edore Akpokodje, Vera Akpokodje, Marion Densham, Dave Fardouly, Alison Garrod, Brian Garrod, Ivan George, Angelika Hinchliffe, Joshua Hinchliffe, Graison John, Jon. King, Sharon King, June Lincoln, Del Matthews, Zach Matthews, Joel Maylor-Pridmore (Pastor), Louise Maylor-Pridmore, Judy Newton, Alan Penney, Barbara Penney, John Pizany, Folashola Sinclair, Marvin Sinclair, Chris Stewart, and unspecified Students (one screen).

**Apologies:** Eirian Templeman and Martin Templeman.

### **1. Opening**

Joel opened the meeting by leading the singing of "We Say Yes" which was followed in prayer by Dave Fardouly.

*Dave prayed that it was a privilege to serve God and with so much that He gives us, we can only give relatively little in return, but that we do as a thank you for all He has done, particularly for the last year.*

### **2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting 2020**

The minutes from the 2020 AGM to accompany the published report were agreed and adopted as an accurate record.

### **3. Pastor's Report (Joel Pridmore)**

Pastor Joel summarised his report (see 2021 AGM Report) and explained there were som many people who should be thanked specifically thanked Louise for all her work and support. Alistair was also thanked publicly for his continued work on the building and Dan and Chris for the support on the technical side of Sunday services as they returned. Others were also mentioned specifically as they had moved on from roles in which that had served: Sue Jemmott, Reyer Zwigelaar, Rachel Ward & Meritza Hengari.

Joel mentioned the new church mobile phone number that would be publicised and monitored by Barbara: 07878039579.

#### **4. Finance (Graison John)**

Graison John (Finance Officer) gave a summary of the finances.

- This is the first year where all giving was done online.
- After Q1, the deficit was just over £2000 and this was shared in notices and resulted in an increase in giving.
- By the end of the year, there was a surplus of £1,400 and for the second year in a row there is a surplus by the end of the year (£534 last year).
- Thanks to God who knows our needs and provides at the right time.
- Thanks to those who responded to the challenge and stepped up.
- The challenge, as with the previous year, is to increase giving by £6,000 for next year to meet outgoings.

Chris Stewart prayed thanks for the provision of this family and for help that as a church we can serve Him better. Thanks for His faithfulness, provision, and mercy. Help us to steward, with wisdom and integrity, all that God has provided so that we see growth in the Kingdom and in the Town/Community.

#### **5. QUESTIONS / STATEMENTS FROM CONGREGATION**

Q. Gift-aid is really helpful but is the session team considering how church could operate without it because there may be a time coming where gift-aid is only available to those organisations who can comply with certain expectations that are contrary to our belief?

*A. This has not been specifically considered yet and so there is not plan. This is likely to be a matter of faith.*

Q. Does the church have savings in place?

*A. The bank balance is the reserve. The Elim organisation does have assets.*

#### **8. Prayer for Pastor Joel Pridmore and the family**

#### **9. Close in prayer (Alan & Barbara Penney)**

- For provision and God's love for us
- For what God has done, what He is doing and for the fantastic future He has for the church.
- Faithfulness of Leadership
- For the solid rock we can stand on
- For the generosity...help us to be generous, not just financially but with words, prayer and action.