

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for
THE SUDAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 290607
THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN**

Registered Charity No1180881

**was held on Saturday Tuesday, 15 June 2019 at St Andrew's Church, Short Street,
Waterloo, London SE1**

23 present with 26 apologies – see attached list.

The Rev'd Ian Wallace (chairman) welcomed the members to the meeting introduced himself and opened it with prayer.

CASSS AGM

Ian Wallace introduced the new Charity 'The Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan' which was set up because the constitution of SCA was out of date on 2 accounts. Firstly that there are now 2 provinces that of Sudan and South Sudan and secondly because of the many changes in Charitable law. He reported that CASSS has now been registered and has an up to date constitution. The founding trustees (The Rev'd Ian Wallace, The Rev'd Pauline Walker, Mr John Poole, Mrs Joanna Hunt, Dr John Twidell, Mrs Karen Lewis, Mr Brian Jervis, Mr Tim Flatman, Canon Ian Woodward, Mrs Mary Brookes, The Revd Andrew Wheeler, The Very Revd Michael Paget Wilkes) have to all step down and be re-appointed. Ian Wallace reported that Mr John Twidell, Mrs Karen Lewis and Mr Brian Jervis were standing down. The other trustees were re-elected en bloc proposed by Barbara Cottier and seconded by Sara Taffinder. And agreed unanimously. Mrs Wendy Fry who has been co-opted as a trustee was then put forward to be elected as a trustee. She was proposed by John Poole and seconded by John Twidell and agreed unanimously.

The CASSS AGM was then closed.

SCA AGM

1. The chair had already welcomed the members and there were 26 apologies.
2. **Minutes of 2018 AGM** – these were unanimously accepted as a record of the meeting. Matters Arising - It was asked that the minutes should contain a list of apologies and those present.
3. **Chairman's Report:-** The chairman reported that the Charity is in a better situation than previously with a restored relationship with the Province of South Sudan and a strong relationship with the Province of Sudan. Through the work of John Poole with the Round Table Group and the work on capacity building for the Province of Sudan there is a close working relationship with Archbishop Ezekiel. It is hoped that this close relationship will be extended to Archbishop Justin Badi. Pauline Walker and Ian Wallace had a very encouraging meeting with Archbishop Justin Badi in Salisbury. One of Archbishop Justin Badi's aims is to better equip the clergy. To this end he has had a prayer book produced for services in South Sudan and so far, this has been translated into Bari and Dinka. SCA gave a grant to support this work. He went on to affirm the fact that the charity is now in a good position as regards charity law with an up to date constitution and relevant policies in place so it can now focus on the necessary work.

He said that SCA/CASSS has an aging membership and it has not been easy to find members from the younger generation and so he recognises that the work the charity does has a limited shelf life. There is also a great need to enable the Provinces to become financially independent. There was one comment from Barbara Cottier asking that the large number of refugees in camps in Africa would not be forgotten. This was noted.

Communications – John Inglis-Jones noted three changes that have been made:-

- the Sudan Church Review has a new format and there are copies available.
- there is now an up to date website.
- there is an e mail communication every 2 months for those on e mail.

Andrew Persson was then thanked for keeping the membership list up to date.

4. **Financial Report for the year ending 31 December 2018** (this has been available on the website). John Poole the treasurer highlighted for the membership the figures on the Financial report that pertained to individual giving. The £14,000 is given by members of which 160 give by standing order. The average donation is £60.00 per person and he thanked the members for their generous giving. He reported that until Barclays have opened the CASSS account donations cannot come under CASSS. There has been a problem opening an account because of the political situation in both Sudans. He hopes that this will be resolved before 30 June. He also said that for the time being SCA and CASSS would work side by side gradually merging into just CASSS. At the moment the assets have not been moved across from SCA to CASSS. He continued by thanking Helen and Barney Donnellan for all the work that they had done on stamp sales and also thanking the Barnett team headed by Jill Parry for continuing the work. John noted that SCA channels funds for the Archbishops Communion Fund which amounts to £50,000 over 3 years.

The chairman asked the members to accept the accounts. The motion was proposed by Andrew Persson and seconded by John Inglis-Jones and was accepted unanimously.

A member noted that money is often given by couples so 160 members could read as 320. Andrew Persson asked members to make sure that standing orders had names of the donors on them.

The chairman then thanked John Poole for all his hard work as treasurer and said that SCA would be lost without his work.

5. **Election of Independent Examiner:** - The chairman said that the Independent Examiner, Stephen Cutler, was prepared to stand again. He was proposed by John Poole and seconded by Michael Paget Wilkes and his appointment was agreed unanimously.

6. **Election of Committee Members:** - The following committee members were re-elected
The Rev'd Ian Wallace – proposed by Jo Hunt and seconded by Barbara Cottier.

The Rev'd Andrew Wheeler – proposed by Barbara Cottier and seconded by Sylvia Caten
Brian Jervis and John Twidell are standing down as committee members. The chairman thanked Mary and John Twidell for their invaluable association with SCA and Brian Jervis for his faithful service especially in chairing the Finance Committee.

A new committee member, Wendy Fry, was elected proposed by Jo Hunt and seconded by Wendy Hall. All were elected unanimously.

7. **Election of Committee Members:** - The chairman said that all the office holders were prepared to stand again and asked that they be elected en bloc which was agreed. The office holders are:-

Joint chairs – The Rev'd Ian Wallace and the Rev'd Pauline Walker.

Treasurer – John Poole

Secretary – Jo Hunt

The office holders were proposed by Sara Taffinder and seconded by Michael Paget Wilkes and agreed unanimously by the membership.

8. **Date of 2020 AGM.** The chairman suggested that as the trial of having a Saturday AGM had not resulted in more members attending the meeting that SCA should revert to having a mid-week meeting which is easier for clergy. On a show of hands for preference the mid-week AGM was marginally preferred. The dates of Tuesday 16 June or Saturday 20 June were suggested. Also, in the light of low attendance at the AGM the chair suggested that the trustees review what to do.

Present

Ian Wallace
John Poole
Jo Hunt
Sara Taffinda
Barbara Cottier
Dorothy Lowe Andrew Persson
Cheryl and David Tragist
Sylvia Reeve
Mary Twidell
John Twidell
Meg Mitchell
Claire Chauncy
John and Wendy Hall
Sue Clayton
John Inglis-Jones
Peter Everington
Jackie Rice
Margaret Doboth
Michael Paget Wilkes
Jill Parry
David Parry
Melvyn Sears

Apologies received from

Peter Keymer
Stephen Dinsmore
Peter and Carissa Nightingale
Julia Lettey
Val Batchelor
Michael and Anne Tibbs
Bryan & Joy Wilson
William Howard
Rev. Colin Salter
Mary Cooke
Michael Cowgill
Keith Taplin
Peter Gibbons
Judith McDowell
Philip Bowcock
Peter Marshall
Mary Brooks
Anne Redfern