

**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for  
THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN  
Registered Charity No1180881  
THE SUDAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 290607  
was held on Wednesday 14 July at 2pm**

**and was conducted by 'Zoom' from 97 Canterbury Close, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5TU**

**Honorary chairman** - The Rev'd Ian Wallace, 97 Canterbury Close, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5TU, 01454 319228  
rector@yateparish.org.uk

**Honorary Secretary** – Joanna Hunt, 76 Warminster Rd, BATH, BA2 6RU. 01225 938529,  
joannahunt48@gmail.com

Present: There were about 35 members in attendance with Archbishop Justin Badi, Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo and Jane Namurye joined the meeting.

**1. Welcome and apologies** – The chairman Ian Wallace welcomed all the attendees to the AGM and opened the meeting with a reading from Corinthians and a prayer. Apologies were received from Brian Jervis, Andy Wheeler, Judith Coggles, Eva John, Colin Slater, Bishop Antony Poggo.

**2. Minutes of 2019 AGM for CASSS and SCA** (available on the website). The minutes from 20 September 2020 were accepted by the majority of attendees as a record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising - There were none.

**3. Chairman's Report :-**

**Ian Wallace** (co chairman) reported on the year 2020 which, as he said, was a strange year just to be survived. He was happy to report that despite the Covid restrictions and problems CASSS had been able to continue its work with thanks to ZOOM meetings and social media. CASSS continues to have good contact with the Archbishops of Sudan and South Sudan through zoom and emails. The ECSS has asked for help with their project of rebuilding and refurbishing the guest house, restaurant and conference rooms and CASSS gave a substantial sum to help with this. Ian received pictures of the refurbished conference centre this very morning which he shared with the attendees. The Conference centre is completed and opened for a trustees meeting. It is hoped that the Restaurant will open in August. The ECS was also supported with its annual grant.

**4. Financial Report for year ending 31 December 2020** (the accounts were available on the website).

John Poole (Treasurer) noted the following points from the 2020 accounts:-

- Individual giving has increased by 6% but income from parishes has decreased.
- Stamps traded at £5,000 but will be less this year.
- Investments fell and then recovered
- CASSS receives some monies from Trust Funds and Legacies. He noted that CASSS was expecting a substantial legacy by the end of the year.
- Expenditure on grants etc exceeds income. This is in line with the policy of the Trustees which is to eventually wind down the assets. At the moment with the assets rising the Trustees need to review their grant policy.
- The Trustees look at the accounts of the ECS and ECSS to check how grants are managed.
- CASSS has helped the MU and the Archbishop's fund to transfer money to Sudan.

He also noted that there is severe inflation in both Sudan and South Sudan.

He finished by assuring the members that CASSS is in a good financial position which will enable it to continue with its work of supporting the ECS and ECSS and he recommended that the Members accept the accounts and annual report which have been signed off by Stephen Cutler.

Ian Wallace thanked John for his hard work in not only producing such a good set of accounts so well but also for his tenacity in getting money transferred to Sudan.

Acceptance of the Annual Accounts was proposed by Wendy Fry and seconded by Jane Shaw and passed unanimously.

**5. Election of Independent examiner** – John Poole informed the meeting that Stephen Cutler was willing to continue as the Independent Examiner and as he has a good knowledge of CASSS accounts John Poole proposed that he continue as the independent examiner for CASSS. This was seconded Pauline Walker.

**6. Election of Committee Member** - Ian Wallace pointed out that under the new constitution trustees needed to be re-elected every 3 years. Those to be re-elected this year are Rev'd Pauline Walker, Mary Brooks and Tim Flatman He proposed that they were elected on block and this was agreed so they were proposed by Joanna Hunt and seconded by John Twidell and agreed unanimously. Ian Wallace then introduced 2 new committee members to fill vacant places on the Board of Trustees. These were the Reverend Joanna Udal and Reverend Jane Shaw who in fact have already been co-opted as committee members. Jane Shaw was proposed by Elizabeth Newport and seconded by Pauline Walker and Joanna Udal was proposed by Michael Cowgill and seconded by Ian Woodward and they were both accepted unanimously.

7. AOB there was none

8. Date of next meeting: Thursday June 16th

### **SCA AGM (Sudan Church Association)**

Ian Wallace explained that SCA is dormant but still exists because of money gifts and legacies that are still in the name of SCA. SCA has been merged into CASSS so it does not now exist as its own body so any business conducted for CASSS applies to SCA. There is, therefore, no need for a separate AGM.