

**Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of the
Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers held
at Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge
Saturday 19th October 2024**

	<p>Welcome and Introductions: Errol Vassell, Chair of ACAT Board of Trustees, welcomed all delegates and opened in prayer. Attendees were reminded not to vote if attending online.</p> <p>Thanks for attendance at the Conference were expressed.</p> <p>Present: approximately 85 members, directors, staff, sponsors and guests were in attendance.</p>
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence. Mark Heaton, Eddie Tulasiewicz, Ann Auger, Claire Kermode, Mark Slater, Neil Davis and members from around the country.</p>
2.	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2023 The minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 14th October 2023 were approved as a true record. Proposed by Trevor James, seconded by Peter O’Keefe.</p> <p>There were no matters arising or any questions arising from the minutes from last year.</p>
3.	<p>Chairman’s Address:</p> <p>We are grateful that we are able to continue to support our treasurers, online, by video, through the helpline. The ACAT team, including Directors, alongside members, each giving and receiving.</p> <p>The figures speak for themselves and tell our story, and we will continue to do so. We are ‘here for a purpose, a purpose in the Spirit’.</p> <p>Focus remains on treasurers as trustees and financial managers, and we are consistently looking to make our engagement with members as effective as possible.</p> <p>CIO Consultation:</p> <p>Livia Velicu (vice-chair) outlined the proposal and process to change ACAT to a CIO with the Foundation model. There would be a 12-month consultation period which would include engaging with ACAT members. Livia, who is a charity lawyer, will be leading on this for the Directors. A resolution will be brought to the AGM in 2025.</p> <p>There were no questions at this time and those in attendance were encouraged to attend the Q&A session that Livia was leading following the AGM.</p>
4.	<p>To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 Attendees and all members were encouraged to read the annual report, which is available on the ACAT website, the link to which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>

	<p>Ashley outlined the key elements of the accounts, reiterating that the report including the figures, tells the story of ACAT, what we do, partnerships, opportunities and looking to the future as well as what has been achieved.</p> <p>It was highlighted that we would not be able to offer the resources and opportunities without the great team of volunteers that we have and for which we very much offer our thanks.</p> <p>It is fully acknowledged that churches need the support and encouragement that ACAT can give.</p> <p>The staff at ACAT were thanked, Joy, Peter, Robin, Nick, Robert and Cath, all of which were acknowledged as being invaluable for the effective running of ACAT. Similarly, the support of the Directors was acknowledged with thanks.</p> <p>Those in attendance accepted the Annual report and accounts.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Member approval of the re-appointment of Directors of ACAT Trustee Company. <i>(Livia Velicu took the chair for this item)</i></p> <p>Information relating to the re-election of 2 Directors had previously been made available on the ACAT website and in hard copy at the Conference. Errol Vassell Nick Donaldson</p> <p>Both have completed 3 years as Directors and are willing to stand for a further term.</p> <p>Confirmation of their re-appointment to the Board was proposed by Carolyn Smith and seconded by Trevor James and approved with a show of hands.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed for the essential contribution, time and commitment that these and all the Directors have contributed and continue to give.</p> <p>Particular thanks was given to Ursula Fuller as she steps down from the Board of Trustees. Thanks for her support and contribution were sincerely expressed.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business which has been notified at least 5 days prior to the day No further items for inclusion had been offered.</p>
	<p><i>The Chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM which then closed.</i></p>

Signed _____ Date _____