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Dear friends

SCBA Annual General Meeting 2020  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Online via Zoom

We would like to warmly invite you and your fellow leaders to our SCBA Leaders' and Ministers' Day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We are delighted that Revd Alex Harris, Minister of the Beacon Church in Stafford and part of the team at Firestarters: "Growing Churches, Helping Grow Churches" (<https://firestartersuk.com/>) will be joining us as our keynote speaker.

The whole event is scheduled to run from 9.30am to 1pm and as part of the event there will be a short Annual General Meeting for Southern Counties Baptist Association. The papers and details of the event, including the AGM Agenda and 2019 AGM Minutes, will be circulated to all churches shortly.

### Nominations for the Association Steering & Strategy Group (Council)

The SCBA Steering & Strategy Group (SSG) is the Council of the Association and meets around six times a year. Members are Directors of the Company and Trustees of the Charity. The group is made up of twelve elected members, as well as those who are either co-opted or ex-officio. Those elected are normally appointed to serve for three years (except where filling a vacancy left by a member not completing their full term) and can be re-elected for a second term of three years.

Members of the SSG will also be asked to serve on other Committees of our Association which cover the strategic issues of concern, as listed below. It is hoped that those seeking election may have an interest and/or experience in one or more of these:

- ✿ Communications
- ✿ Pioneering
- ✿ Home Mission
- ✿ Mission Development
- ✿ Justice
- ✿ Children, Youth & Families
- ✿ Leadership
- ✿ Safeguarding

- ✿ Staff, Finance and Administration:
  - Staff/Human Resources
  - Finance
  - Charity/Company Governance

Lockdown has highlighted how communication, training and connecting with one another more deeply and widely can be enabled through a range of online options alongside face to face meetings. Nomination of a trustee with specialist knowledge of digital communications would be very helpful.

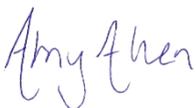
We would like to invite nominations from member churches for the elected positions on the Steering and Strategy Group of the Southern Counties Baptist Association. Your church's nomination(s) should be signed by the Church Secretary, or another person duly authorised, and also by the nominee. Each church must determine for itself at what level this decision should be made and whether the nominations require the backing of the church members or simply the support of the Deacons and/or Elders.

The full names and addresses of all nominees should be included on the nomination form along with a short profile of up to 100 words. A nomination form is enclosed with this letter and all completed forms must reach the SCBA office at Baptist House by 12 noon on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020. In accordance with the Association's rules, no nominations will be accepted after this deadline.

Please consider prayerfully whether there is someone in your church who may be suitable and willing to serve as a trustee our Association.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process please feel free to contact the SCBA Office on 01235 517673 or [office.administrator@scba.org.uk](mailto:office.administrator@scba.org.uk).

With every blessing,



Amy Allen  
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