

## SCBA Annual General Meeting 2020

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

- Present: 64 Delegates and 42 Visitors from SCBA churches and organisations 7 Staff and 7 Trustees from SCBA
- Welcome and Opening Devotions Colin Norris, RM Team Leader, reflected on how much has happened in 2020 but highlighted the good things happening in the association: mentoring, CYF work, safeguarding and pioneering. He led a short time of devotions on Genesis 32. He then led a time of prayer including prayers for Revd Gordon Tuck, his family and Testwood Baptist Church.
- 2. Apologies for absence 3 apologies had been received.
- 3. Minutes The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 had been previously circulated. These were accepted as a correct record.
- 4. Annual Report of the Directors/Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 -An SCBA Annual Review had been distributed by email and can be found <u>here</u>. Anne Carter explained that having come to the post last November, it has been a very different year to the one she expected because of the pandemic. It has been good to get to know the RMs, staff and trustees.
- 5. Welcome of Trinity Baptist Church Anne Carter welcomed Trinity Baptist Church who have joined membership with SCBA, and particularly the minister, Emmanuel Tekyi-Ansah.
- 6. Election of the Treasurer and Members of the Steering & Strategy Group (Council) Anne Carter highlighted the lack of diversity on the SCBA trustee board, including age (under 40s), ethnicity and gender. It is still possible to co-opt trustees onto th board and AC asked people to think about possible nominees from the SCBA congregations. Andy Johnson was elected as Association Treasurer and Ann Andrews and Simon Ford were voted in as returning members of the SSG, and Steve Barber and Peter Brookes were voted in as new members. It was also announced that Anthony Clarke will continue in his role as Regent's Park College representative to the SSG.
- 7. Report of the Association Treasurer (Appendix 1) Nigel Cox reflected on feeling a real sense of God's presence over the last three years of serving as Association Treasurer. The challenges we face as an Association and Union are increased with the current pandemic situation, but we can seek God's purpose and we can be confident that He will provide. NC gave an overview of the accounts for 2019. The full accounts can be found <u>here</u>. Crowthorne Baptist Church in Berkshire is the Church of the Year and will remain open into 2021. Information on the appeal can be found <u>here</u>. NC explained that it is difficult to see what impact the pandemic will have on Home Mission giving, though it is thought that there will be a shortfall of 7%.

NC express his thanks for the support of the RMT and trustees.

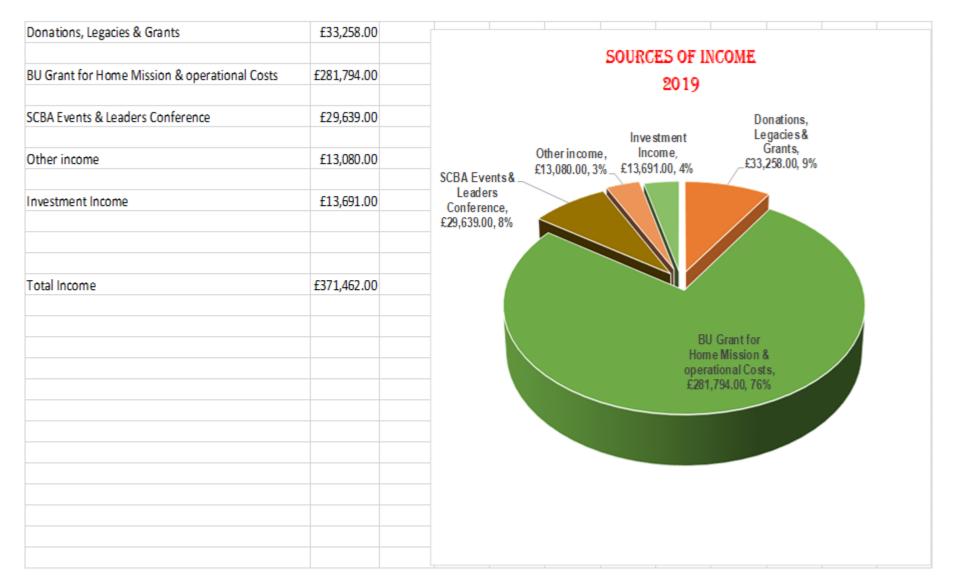
8. Thank You to Retiring Trustees – AC expressed her thanks for all of NC's hard work and service (NC will continue as a trustee for one more year). AC also said a big thank you to the other two retiring trustees who have served two terms each: Anne Lane (particularly her work

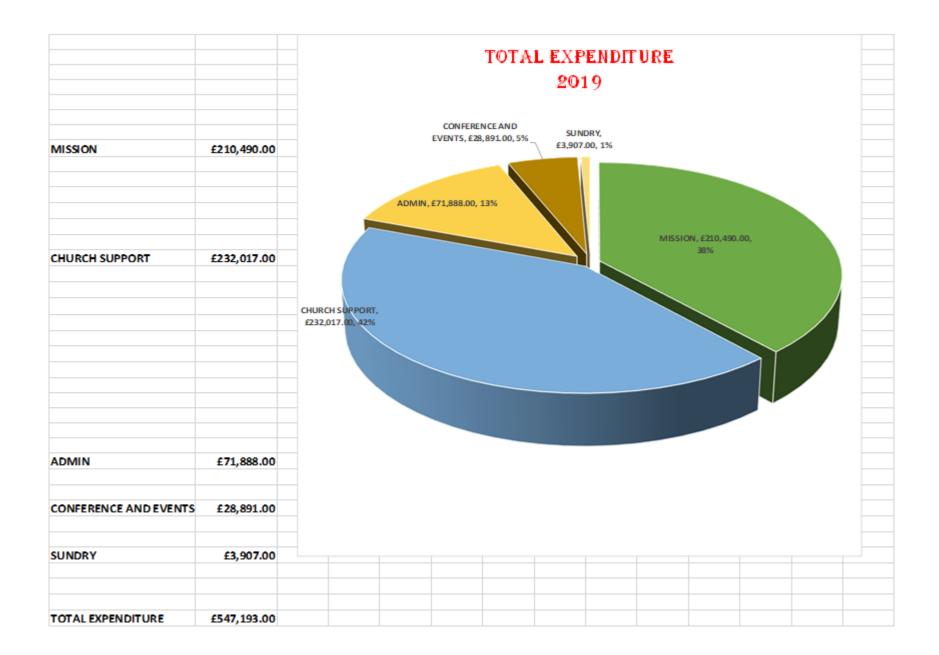
with Footsteps) and Melvina Fawcett (including her work with Home Mission). Dave Llewellyn and Clare Hooper led a time of prayers for the retiring trustees and the new and continuing trustees.

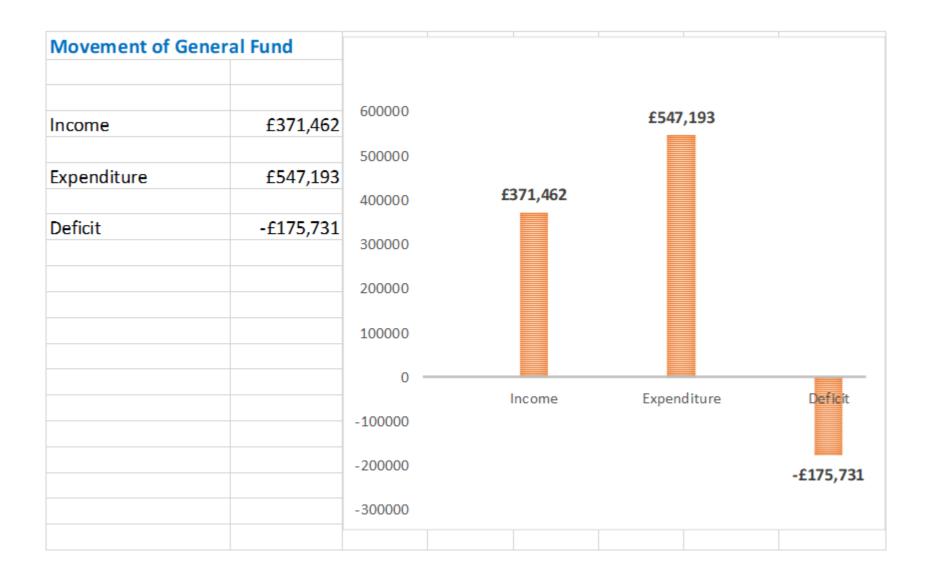
9. No further items were raised, and the official part of the AGM was brought to a close.



## Appendix 1







## SCBA Funds as at Year End 2019

<b>General Fund Balance</b>						£925,131
Loan Fund						
	Deposited with BUC				£344,941	
	On Loan				£245,000	£589,941
Investment in Baptist Insurance Co						£12,020
Designated & Reserve	d Funds					
	Pension Debt				£71,916	
	Pioneer Missi	on			£69,180	
	Confidential F	und			£11,400	
	Church of the	Year			£4,668	
	Various funds to be rationalised in 2020				£99,907	£257,071
						£1,784,163

The Association also holds property worth £449,241

