

WATCH AGM – Election of Trustees 2019-20

Below is a copy of the Constitution in relation to Trustee elections. In brief, it applies to us in this way:

1. Rotation Election

Everyone elected to the committee is in office for 3 years. Excluding the Chair and Vice-Chairs, one third (1/3) of Trustees must retire each year so that there is a rotation. As there are currently 10 Trustees (excluding Chair & Vice-Chairs), 4 Trustees need to retire this year and may be re-elected for a second 3-year term. These are:

	Name	Nomination	Second
1.	Yvonne Clarke (2017)	Rosalind Rutherford	Lizzie Taylor
2.	Jenny Humphreys (2016)	Jody Stowell	Lizzie Taylor
3.	Michèle Kitto (2017)	Rosalind Rutherford	Lizzie Taylor
4.	Cath Williamson (2016)	Jenny Humphreys	Yvonne Clarke

2. Other Elections

- There is a Chair vacancy (2019-22). Emma Percy, Chair (2016-2019) is standing for a second term. To stand for Chair, please contact Claire Creese secretary@womenandthechurch.org
- There is a Treasurer vacancy. See the online Job Description. For further information please contact Mark Bennet markbennet@btinternet.com . *Note that the Treasurer and Secretary positions are not required to be Trustees.*

2019 Nominations are (as of August 2019):

	Name	Nomination	Second
4.	Emma Percy, Chair	Felicity Cooke	Lizzie Taylor
	Treasurer <i>Need not be trustee</i>		
5.	Trustee*		
6.	Trustee*		

* Number of trustee vacancies dependent on whether Treasurer and Secretary are trustees.

3. The following Trustees continue automatically for 2019-20

- Felicity Cooke – Vice-Chair (2018)
- Esther Elliott – Vice-Chair (2017)
- Rosalind Rutherford (2018)
- Anne Stevens (2017)
- Michael Smith (2018)
- Jody Stowell (2018)
- Lizzie Taylor (2017)
- Miranda Threlfall-Holmes (2018)

3. Co-opted members - National Committee

Mark Bennet, *Treasurer (2018)* and Claire Creese, *Secretary (2018)*. Co-opted members are not included in the calculation of Trustee vacancies.

Extract from constitution

a. Number of charity trustees

- i. There must be at least six and no more than fifteen charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

b. First charity trustees

- i. The first charity trustees of the CIO are:

The committee as elected on 19th November 2016

Emma Percy – Chair

Anne Stevens – Vice-Chair

Stephen France – Vice-Chair

Mark Bennet – Treasurer

Hannah Elias

Michèle Kitto

Rosalind Rutherford

Michael Smith

Jody Stowell

Yvonne Clarke

Cath Williamson

Esther Elliot

Jenny Humphreys

I. APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES

- a. At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, **one-third of the elected charity trustees shall retire from office.** If the number of elected charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, she or he shall not retire;
- b. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by ballot.
- c. The vacancies so arising shall be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting and vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in clause 11.6;
- d. Any person retiring under the provisions of clause 11.2 shall be eligible for election for a second term of three years. Any person who has served two terms shall be required to take a year's sabbatical before being eligible for re-election;
- e. Any person standing for election under the provisions of clause 11.3 shall be proposed and seconded by members of the charity;
- f. If the committee elected by the members, including ex officio members is less than 15, the charity trustees may appoint any member to join the committee until the next Annual General Meeting at which any member so appointed shall be eligible for re-election onto the committee.
- g. The charity trustees may at any time co-opt not more than an additional three members onto the committee to act as trustees. A person so appointed by the charity

trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of her or his appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

- h. The chair and the vice chairs (“the office holders”) shall be elected by the members at an annual general meeting and for the time being shall automatically, by virtue of holding that office (“ex officio”) be a charity trustee. Each office holder shall remain in post for a period of three years and shall be eligible to stand for election for a second period of three years.
- i. If an office holder shall retire early from their post the committee may make such provision as it deems fit until the next annual general meeting at which meeting the members shall elect an office holder to replace the retiring office holder.
- j. If unwilling to act as a charity trustee, the office holder shall cease to be an office holder except that there shall be no requirement for the treasurer or secretary to be charity trustees.