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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 8 November 2025 at 2.00pm
Online using the Zoom Platform

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix A	Annual Report and Financial Statement for year ending 31 March 2025
Appendix B	Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 9 November 2024

TRUSTEES AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Coles	Trustee and Chairperson
David McDonald	Trustee and Vice Chairman
Nicola Burr	Trustee
Philip Evans	Potential Trustee
Catherine Nelson	Trustee
Michael Platt	Trustee
Eleanor Williams	Trustee
Gillian Straine	Chief Executive Officer
Graham Fender-Allison	Online Learning Partner
Wendy Lloyd	Resource Development Partner
Theresa McDowall	Executive Assistant
Sue Martin	Company Secretary (notes)

1. OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION
   The Chair, Steve Coles, opened the meeting with the Guild prayer.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
   Steve Coles welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

3. APOLOGIES
   Apologies had been received from Revd Rod Clark, Revd Alanna Harris, Mr Ken Herbert, and Professor Victoria Showunmi (Trustees)

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2024
   The Minutes of the AGM held on 9th November 2024 had been previously circulated and were approved as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   There were no matters arising.

6. ELECTIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY
   Those standing for election to the Governing Body were introduced to the Members.

   Proposed by Steve Coles and seconded by Nicky Burr, it was **unanimously agreed** that Revd Philip Evans and Revd Alanna Harris be appointed to the Board of Trustees for a first term, from 2025 till 2028.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
   Steve Coles spoke to his report in the Annual Report and Accounts. He said there were many people who needed healing and the Guild of Health, embedded in the normality of life with its ups and downs, gave an insight into what it meant to be healing presences in the world.

   He thanked the President, Professor John Swinton who was standing down after this meeting; and the Trustees and staff for the considerable amount of work during the year. He thanked the Members for their support.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
   Gillian Straine spoke to her report. The Guild's plan for the year had been ambitious: it was focused on networking and getting out into the world. It was also aiming to be impactful: there had been a 75% growth in engagement; the mailing list had grown by 50% and the number of people listening to the podcasts had doubled. She felt there was much to celebrate and thanked God for the year past.

   She also thanked the staff, the Trustees, the Chairman and the Treasurer for their work and support.

9. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025
   In the absence of the Treasurer, Steve Coles said the Guild remained in a reasonable financial position. Income had risen from £50,700 at the end of 2024 to £76K at the end of 2025. The Guild's investment income had reduced because of the volatility in the markets. There had also been an increase in expenditure. However, he felt the position was viable in the short and medium term, with assets worth £435,500. There were sufficient funds to support the charity.

   The Trustees had reviewed the Guild's reserves policy and had adopted a strategy to ensure it delivered a balanced budget.

   Gillian Straine said that, for the future, a fundraising plan would be developed. The approach to membership would change, with tiers of membership which would align more closely with costs. Membership would be about participation and belonging, not just transactions. The Guild would deliver what people said they wanted: training, connection and spiritual support.

   The Annual Report and Accounts were approved.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
    There was no other business.

11. CLOSING PRAYER
    Nicky Burr closed the Annual General Meeting with a prayer and the Grace at 15.00.

Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 9 November 2024.

Signed	Date

Mr Steve Coles
Chair