



Minutes of Churches Together in Bedfordshire Annual Forum - 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2020 via Zoom

Opening Devotions AH opened the meeting talking about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the theme of “Unusual Kindness” with a reflection and a prayer.

1 **Apologies for Absence** Rev Stephen Copson, Bishop of Northampton, Mr Michael Singleton, Rev Caroline Weaver and Mr Eddie Gibson.

2 **Approval of Minutes of 2019 Forum** – attached

Minutes were proposed by Alan Dansey and seconded by Bishop Richard Atkinson, the meeting agreed that they were a true record and Andrew Hollins signed them as such.

3 **Matters Arising** – No matters arising.

4 **Chair’s Report** – Attached.

Steve Dolby – Thank you very much for the much improved situation

Andrew Hollins said we will write to Archbishop Angaelos to say thank you for his encouragement and support.

Andrew Hollins asked the meeting if the accounts could be submitted to the Committee rather than the AGM. The meeting approved that.

5 **Finance** – Covered in Chairs report.

6 **Appointments:**

Chair – Steve Toze nominated Andrew Hollins and Robert Heley seconded. Andrew Hollins will be leaving Bedfordshire in 2022. The meeting approved.

Honorary Treasurer – No nominations, the meeting agreed to defer this to the Committee
Honorary Independent Examiner – George Hay have agreed to examine our accounts in 2021. The meeting agreed to defer this to the committee.

Bishop Richard thought that someone may be able to do it cheaper as a volunteer or for an honorarium.

Bishop Richard said thank you to Andrew Hollins for Chairing in this torrid time.

7 **Any Other Business - None**

8 **Keynote Speaker: Doral Hayes - “Churches Together in Lockdown”** - See attached PowerPoint – SF to share with meeting attendees.

The meeting discussed things that they have done during Lockdown and thoughts about how we will go forward once we can go back into Church. Lots of concern about the tiredness of Clergy and Lay Staff and making sure all are included.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm with Andrew Hollins leading us in prayer and the meeting shared in The Grace.