

**Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Johnny Chan Kin, called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm. He gave thanks for God's provision and the generous giving of the congregation. He praised God for bringing our new Youth and Young Adults Pastor, Justin Hsu, for all the new families, and for our Prayer Team Leadership, Salome Alagaratnam, Cheryl Roe, and Donna Rawana for their leading of the Prayer Ministry. He also thanked Pastor Daniel for preaching God's Word. He urged us to pray for peace as we go forward after today's vote and continue to fulfill God's mandate to make disciples. He opened in prayer.

**2. Reflections from Pastor Daniel Mills**

Pastor Daniel expressed how blessed and encouraged he felt by the variety of testimonies shared at the morning service and in the Ministry Report. He first thanked the Lord for his strength and grace this past ministry year. He encouraged all the members to read the reports from the ministry leaders. He thanked his wife, Laura, the Staff and Elders for their support, their work and love for the Lord. He also thanked the members and volunteers of the church for serving Jesus at UAC. He expressed his joy on just how many unchurched, non-Christian people have been touched by our various ministries this past year, particularly through our summer camps and Alpha. He praised our congregation for their generosity as we have been able to finish our fiscal year in the positive despite the huge expense of connecting the church to the city of Markham sewer system. He then shared about what we will be learning during our Sunday messages this coming year. He exhorted the members to maintain a sense of unity. Pastor Daniel clarified that the C&MA has affirmed both leadership models regarding the role of women in ministry. He thanked the many people who encouraged and prayed for him.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of 2022**

Moved by Tony Miles. Seconded by Rob Smith. Motion carried with a vote by a show of hands.

**4. Election of Elders**

Two elders were up for re-election for their second term as elders: Nesa Gulasekharam and Les Miyata. Vote results will be reported at the end of the meeting.

## 5. Resolution regarding Election of Elders

Johnny Chan Kin reviewed the resolution of the membership composition of the Board of Elders. He stated that the Board and the Staff have been fasting and praying during the week, and encouraged that we vote under a spirit of unity. Terry Doner and Salome Alagaratnam are the tellers for the vote.

## 6. Election of Members for Nominating Committee

Regie Bitong's and Nancy Wilson's names were nominated to be on the Nominating Committee for 2024. Moved by Winston Miller. Seconded by Barb Doner. Motion carried with a vote by a show of hands.

## 7. Financial Report

The Treasurer, Nesa Gulasekharam, presented key elements from the audited financial statement. He thanked God for the faithful giving of our congregation and went on to thank Mary Daniele for all the bookkeeping she does and Pastor Daniel for his diligence with the budgeting.

## 8. Appointing of the Auditor for 2023-2024

Motion to appoint Norton McMullen LLP, Chartered Professional Accounts as auditor moved by Nesa Gulasekharam. Seconded by Michael Wong. Motion carried by vote with a show of hands.

## 9. Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget

Nesa Gulasekharam reviewed the financial budget for the year 2023-2024, explaining the projected cost recovery income and providing an overview of the capital items that need attention. He explained that capital items previously were expensed from the Operating Fund, however because of the number of large expenses, we had created a Capital Fund and budget. He gave an overview of the operating, property and restricted funds. Nesa responded to a few questions from the membership.

## 10. Report of the Tellers

Both Elders (Les Miyata & Nesa Gulasekharam) were re-elected for another term. The vote for the resolution to have women serve on the Board of Elders was 64%, which is not a two third (2/3) majority vote, and therefore we will continue to keep the composition of the Board of Elders as male only. Winston Miller clarified that the resolution was defeated. Johnny Chan Kin reminded us to continue to do good with humility and unity. Muriel Mayer was appreciative that it was pointed out that both leadership models are rooted in Scripture because we get our beliefs from the Word

of God and that we can be united because of what Scriptures say. Bosco Tung posed the question of what the next steps would be. Johnny Chan Kin reiterated that this process started a couple years ago with the Board and we now need to move forward and we will not be revisiting this topic.

### **11. Other Business**

Raymond Wade asked whether there were long term plans for the unused land on the north end. Johnny Chan Kin answered that the thought process began for what would be needed to expand under the leadership of Pastor Kevin. Now, under Pastor Daniel, there have been some further thoughts and ideas. Al Davy commented that under Pastor Dave Petrescue, the church was built with expansion in mind and thoughts of constructing an elementary school and day care centre. Elaine Philip asked about the library getting smaller and expressed her desire for the children to continue to have books available. Johnny Chan Kin explained that the library had been dwindling in use but encouraged members to share their vision for the future of the church as we would want to be able to provide resources that will be used.

### **12. Prayer**

### **13. Adjournment**

Johnny Chan Kin thanked everyone for coming and asked the members to go in prayer. Winston Miller closed in prayer. Johnny Chan Kin stated that the ballots will be held for a short period of time before being destroyed. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Johnny Chan Kin, at 2:20 pm.