

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN (“BUGB”)****Sunday 19 May 2019 at 11.30am****Administrative Resolution**

Notice is hereby given that the Baptist Union Council proposes the following resolution to the Assembly 2019 as part of the usual agenda, that Mr John Levick be reappointed Treasurer of the Baptist Union of Great Britain for the year to Assembly 2020.

Additional Resolution in relation to the current BUGB Constitution

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Part 1 Clause 9 and Part 2 Clause 13 of the Constitution, the Baptist Union Council proposes that the following resolution be passed by the Assembly in 2020:

That the Constitution of the Union be abrogated in its entirety and replaced with a Constitution in the form presented subject to any consent or amendments required by the Charity Commission.

The Constitution can be read or downloaded at www.baptist.org.uk/cioconsult

Please note that the proposed Constitution includes two new administrative clauses as follows:

Clause 9

Any function in law or practice undertaken by the Trustees, Council or Assembly of the Union shall be undertaken by the respective bodies of BUGB CIO.

Clause 10

Where any person or organisation is required by any document, provision or legislation to be a member of the Union, this will be satisfied by being a member of BUGB CIO.

Information regarding the change to BUGB’s legal status

The Baptist Union of Great Britain was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) on 2 January 2019 with a new CIO Constitution approved by the Assembly in May 2018. A copy of the CIO Constitution and background to the process of incorporation to date can be read and downloaded from www.baptist.org.uk/cioconsult.

The process to transfer the assets, liabilities and activities to the CIO has been commenced. However, due to the timescale for registration with the Charity Commission the transfer will not be complete by the time of the May 2019 Assembly. It is currently proposed that the transfer of assets, liabilities and activities will now coincide instead with BUGB’s financial year end on 31 December 2019.

Additional resolution

The notice of the additional Resolution set out above for the approval of the Assembly in 2019 relates to the current unincorporated Baptist Union. The unincorporated BUGB charity will remain in existence as a “shell” after BUGB has become a CIO and the assets, liabilities and activities of the unincorporated BUGB have been transferred to the CIO. This will enable BUGB to still benefit from legacies, its rights as a residual

beneficiary of trust property and its governance role in property trusts, until these are otherwise dealt with.

In order to simplify the governance of the shell BUGB charity going forward and for ease of administration, it is proposed that the new BUGB CIO should become the sole member and trustee of the unincorporated association shell charity. This means that the governance of the unincorporated shell charity will be the sole responsibility of the BUGB CIO, acting through the charity trustees, rather than operating through all of the current BUGB governance structures. It is therefore proposed that the Constitution of the unincorporated "shell" charity be totally replaced with a new Constitution which can be read or downloaded from www.baptist.org.uk/cioconsult.

A resolution was proposed at last year's Assembly to make these amendments to the unincorporated Constitution. Since it will only be appropriate to amend the Constitution once the assets, liabilities and activities of the unincorporated BUGB have transferred to BUGB CIO, it is proposed that the resolution proposed at last year's Assembly to effect the changes to the Constitution is not passed at Assembly in May 2019. The additional resolution (above) is therefore now proposed for next year's Assembly.