

MOTIONS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following motions have been submitted for consideration at the GA Annual Meetings 2022. Amendments may be submitted at any time prior to the final vote on a motion. However, it is in the best interests of clarity for amendments to be advised as far in advance as possible.

1. FROM TWELVE FULL MEMBERS

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches supports a well-funded NHS, free at the point of use and considers that the increased use of the private sector in delivery of NHS healthcare, benefitting shareholders at the expense of patients, is ethically reprehensible.

We therefore call on the UK Government to make a renewed commitment to a well-funded NHS free at the point of use and to abandon plans and practices which further divert public resources to private healthcare companies.

2. FROM THE FOY SOCIETY

The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches:

- a) Affirms with joy that each person's understanding and statement of their own gender identity is a matter of conscience;
- b) Affirms that transgender rights are human rights;
- c) Joins the British Medical Association, the Trades Union Congress and others in civil society in urging the adoption of a self-declaration model for gender recognition by the UK and devolved governments; and
- d) Requests that the Chief Officer lobby for this model in response to UK or devolved government consultations and on any other suitable occasion.

3. FROM EAST MIDLAND UNITARIANS

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches regrets the lack of consultation over the rebranding exercise and requests that the Executive Committee (EC) consults the constituent congregations and fellowships on whether to introduce the new logo or retain the traditional Chalice Design adopted in 2007 in the interests of maintaining a consistent denominational identity.

4. FROM BRISTOL FRENCHAY

That this General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches:

- a) endorses a World Citizens Initiative "We the Peoples Campaign";
- b) joins with campaigns and petitions of other Faith groups who support this initiative.

As per the Resolution at the 2018 Annual Meetings, the following administrative motions are not considered to be part of the maximum 4 ordinary motions.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 5. That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches welcomes the Lancashire Collaborative Ministry (LCM) into Membership as an Affiliated Society.
- 6. This General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, noting the formal dissolution of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists;
 - (i) expresses its appreciation of the efforts of ICUU, over the past twenty-seven years, in creating and enabling dialogue, understanding and co-operation among Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists across the world; and
 - (ii) acknowledges ICUU's contribution towards enabling the development of ministerial leadership, particularly for member groups distanced from established training institutions.
- 7. That the Report of the General Assembly Executive Committee and the Accounts of the General Assembly be received and adopted.
- 8. That James Cowper Kreston LLP be appointed as Auditors.

- 9.** That Rev Dr Rob Whiteman be appointed Honorary Treasurer for the year 2022-2023.
- 10.** That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Rev Dr Rob Whiteman for his service as Acting Treasurer during the year 2021-2022, and to district association and local officers for their invaluable services.
- 11.** That greetings be sent to kindred churches and societies abroad.
- 12.** That the thanks of the Assembly be given to the members of the General Assembly staff and to all volunteers for their inestimable help in organising the Meetings.
- 13.** That Rev Sue Woolley be appointed President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for the year 2022-2023.
- 14.** That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches expresses its gratitude for the services provided by Anne Mills as President during the year 2021-2022.