

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE
2023 UNITARIAN ANNUAL MEETINGS

RESOLUTION 1

The GA Executive Committee, in its capacity as Trustees of the General Assembly, proposes a motion to the General Assembly meetings in 2023 to add under Section 11 of the Constitution the following paragraphs:-

“Participation in meetings by electronic means

- a) A meeting may be held by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.
- b) Any charity trustee participating at a meeting by suitable electronic means agreed by the charity trustees in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants shall qualify as being present at the meeting.
- c) Meetings held by electronic means must comply with rules for meetings, including chairing and the taking of minutes.”

RESOLUTION 2

That the Report of the General Assembly Executive Committee and the Accounts of the General Assembly be received and adopted.

RESOLUTION 3

That Shaw Gibbs be appointed as Auditors.

RESOLUTION 4

That Rev Dr Rob Whiteman be appointed Honorary Treasurer for the year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION 5

That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Rev Dr Rob Whiteman for his service as Honorary Treasurer during the year 2022-2023, and to district association and local officers for their invaluable services.

RESOLUTION 6

That greetings be sent to kindred churches and societies abroad.

RESOLUTION 7 (EMERGENCY MOTION)

The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches:

- a. is concerned that the provisions of the Illegal Immigration Bill will remove rights to protection in the UK for vulnerable adults and children seeking safe haven;
- b. asks our Chief Officer to join with other Church Leaders in publicly opposing the Bill as it stands;
- c. calls on Unitarian congregations and individuals to raise these concerns with their MPs before the 3rd Reading of the Bill on 25 April 2023;
- d. calls on the British Government to establish safe and accessible routes for all those seeking asylum.

RESOLUTION 8

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.

RESOLUTION 9

That Vince McCully be appointed President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for the year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION 10

That Professor Geoff Levermore be appointed Vice-President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for the year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION 11

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches expresses its gratitude for the services provided by Rev Sue Woolley as President during the year 2022-2023.