



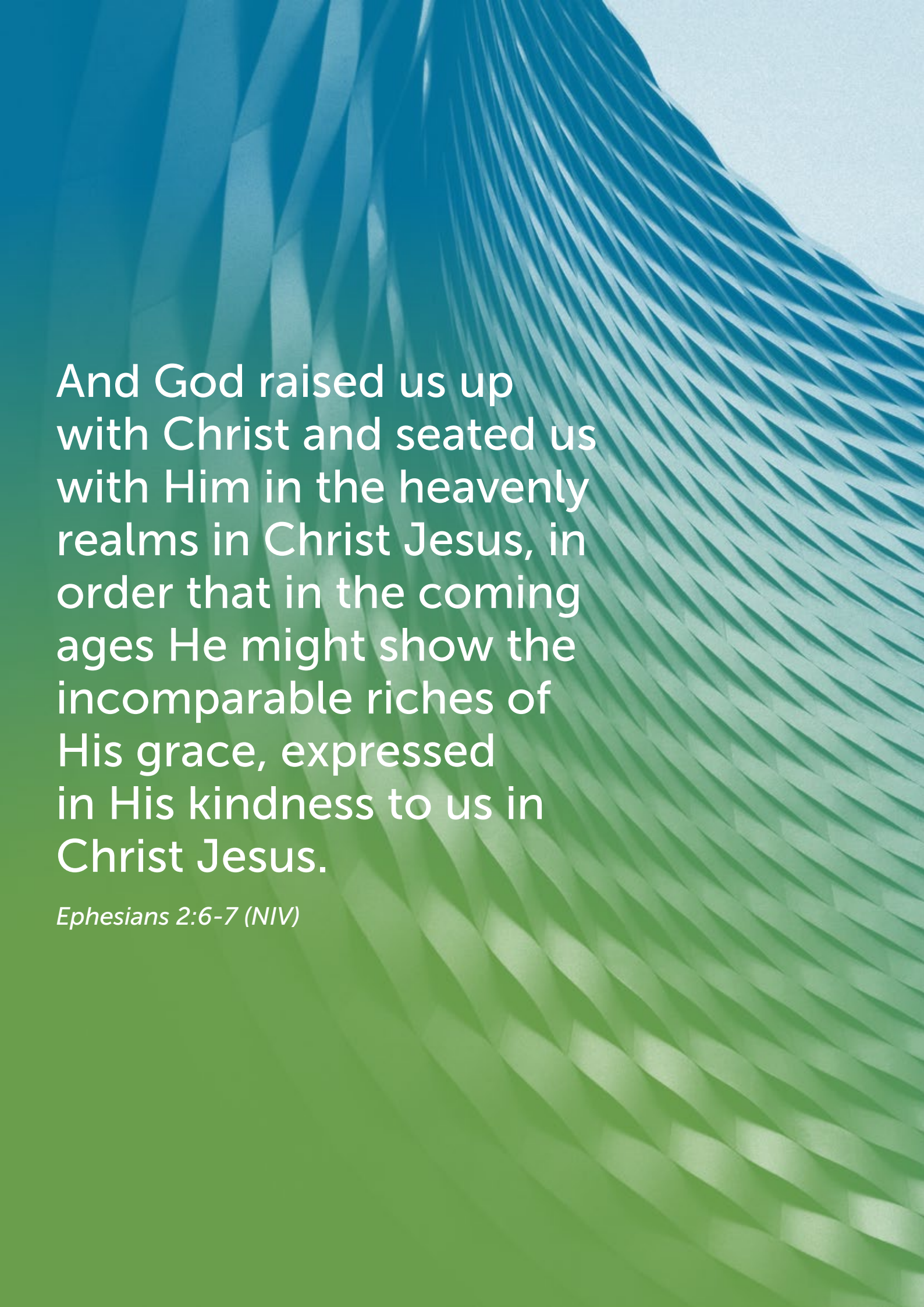
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NOTICE TO CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Churches of Christ in NSW & the ACT
Annual General Meeting
and Delegate Election 2021

Wednesday 17 November – 7.30pm

Hosted online by Epping Church of Christ
31 Bridge St, Epping, NSW, 2121

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And God raised us up
with Christ and seated us
with Him in the heavenly
realms in Christ Jesus, in
order that in the coming
ages He might show the
incomparable riches of
His grace, expressed
in His kindness to us in
Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA AND NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Welcome

Victor Tee, Chair
Conference Executive President

2. Apologies

3. Introduction

Daz Farrell, Executive Ministry Director

Break

4. Recognition and honour

Victor Tee and Daz Farrell

5. Notices of Motion (by show of hands)

Victor Tee

6. Notice of Motion (by ballot)

Ken Cheung, Returning Officer

7. Prayer for Conference President and Conference Executive members

Daz Farrell, Executive Ministry Director

8. Close

Victor Tee

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather online today, a normal pattern of life is gratefully emerging from recent lockdowns and – God-willing – we will gather in person next year for our Annual General Meeting.

We recognise and honour those who have served our movement tirelessly and faithfully over many years and, in turn, commend to you those nominated to serve on our Conference Executive Board and Property Trust.

We also offer our humble gratitude to our churches, their leaders, and congregations who have sought to actively be the presence of God in their communities over the past year.

As mentioned in our Annual Report messages, nearly all areas of our everyday life have experienced some form of change this year, including Fresh Hope's transition to a new Executive Ministry Director and the forming of Churches of Christ Community Care, under the leadership of Dan Dwyer.

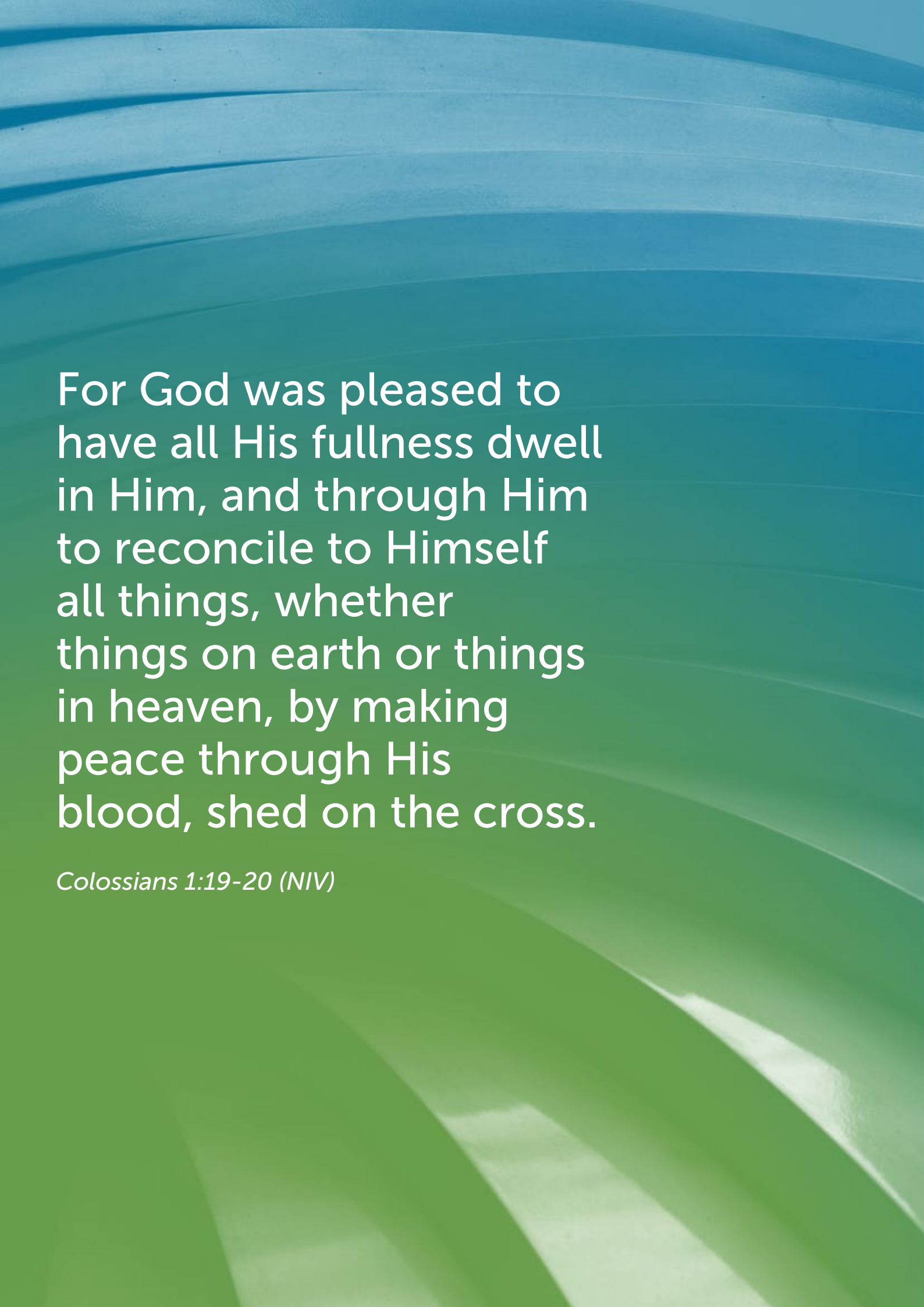
It has been a season of integration and differentiation in our operations, even while we continue to listen afresh to the Holy Spirit and our network of churches. There are many challenges and opportunities before us, much of which remains uncharted territory, requiring courageous responses to God's leading.

And He is that – a God who leads. In our hearts, we make plans, but God guides our steps (Proverbs 16:9). Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16), all authority has been given to Him (Matthew 28:18), and all of heaven remains committed to the task of reconciling all things to God; whether in heaven or earth, through Jesus' shed blood on the cross (Colossians 1:20). This is also our unchanging activity as citizens of heaven (Ephesians 2:6).

May God bless each of you as you seek to embody this reality in the days ahead.

Daz Farrell
Executive Ministry Director

Victor Tee
Conference Executive President

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For God was pleased to
have all His fullness dwell
in Him, and through Him
to reconcile to Himself
all things, whether
things on earth or things
in heaven, by making
peace through His
blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion 1

Withdrawn.

Notice of Motion 2

That the minutes of the Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in NSW held on 14 November 2020 as circulated be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Notice of Motion 3

That the Annual Reports 2020-21 as circulated be adopted.

Notice of Motion 4

That pursuant to Clause 27 (d) of the Churches of Christ in NSW Constitution, the annual audit summary for 2020-21 as circulated be adopted.

Notice of Motion 5

That pursuant to Clause 2 of the Churches of Christ in NSW Constitution, the application for affiliation from BASIC Church be confirmed.

Notice of Motion 6

That pursuant to Clause 28 of the Churches of Christ in NSW Constitution (the Constitution), the amendments to the Constitution proposed in Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 contained in the Schedule as circulated be confirmed.

Schedule to Notice of Motion 6

In this Notice the following words and expressions have the meanings as defined in the Constitution of which are as follows:

Words and Expressions	Defined Meaning
Conference Convened	means any meeting of delegates of the Conference Churches duly called together in accordance with this Constitution and includes any Annual Conference
Conference Church	means a Church of Christ affiliated under this Constitution
Delegate	means a person appointed by a Conference Church to represent that Conference Church in meetings of Conference Convened

In the resolutions set out in the Notice, words and expressions used in the resolutions which are defined in the Constitution have the meanings as defined in the Constitution. Footnotes to the respective resolutions do not form part of the resolutions. They are included to assist in the consideration of the resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1:

1. That clause 7(d) of the Constitution be removed and replaced with:
"The President, or failing the President, a member of Conference Executive nominated by the Ministry Co-ordinator shall be chairman at all meetings of Conference Convened."

2. That clauses 8 and 9 of the Constitution be removed and replaced with clauses 8, 9 and 9A as follows:

"8. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

- (a) A person shall be elected at each Annual Conference, at which the term of office of any Conference President comes to an end, to the position of the Conference President and shall hold office for the period commencing at the beginning of the Conference Year which commences at the Annual Conference at which the person is elected and shall end at the conclusion of the Specified Annual Conference (defined in sub-clause (c)).
- (b) In any resolution to elect a Conference President, the resolution shall specify:
 - (i) the period of the term of office for which the appointment pursuant to the election is to be made; and
 - (ii) the Annual Conference at which the term of office of the Conference President is to come to an end.

That period must be a period which comes to an end:

- (iii) no earlier than at the end of the Annual Conference following the Annual Conference at which the person is elected; and
- (iv) not later than at the conclusion of the second Annual Conference following the person's election as Conference President.
- (c) The Annual Conference specified in the resolution referred to in clause 8(b) as the Annual Conference at which the term of office of the Conference President is to come to an end is the "Specified Annual Conference".
- (d) A Conference President whose term of office comes to an end at a Specified Annual Conference may not be elected to the office of Conference President at the Specified Annual Conference at which the term of office of that Conference President comes to an end but may be elected to the office of Conference President at a subsequent Annual Conference.
- (e) In the event the person holding the office of Conference President ceases to hold office prior to the date on which that person's appointment would otherwise have come to an end, a member of Conference Executive determined and appointed by a resolution of Conference Executive will assume that office for the balance of the Conference Year in which the Conference President ceased to hold office. The provisions of clause 8(d) shall not prevent the person so appointed standing for election and being elected to the office of Conference President at the Annual Conference following the person's appointment.

9. CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

- (a) The Conference Executive shall consist of:
 - (i) the Conference Officers; and
 - (ii) up to nine persons elected, from time to time, by Conference Convened under this Constitution in accordance with clause 9A of this Constitution.
- (b) The Conference President shall be the Chairman of the Conference Executive.
- (c) The Conference President shall have the right to attend any meeting of any Ministry Team and the Council of Management.
- (d) The provisions of clause 9A shall not apply to the Conference Officers.

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9A. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

(a) At the first Annual Conference following the date of the resolution by which this clause 9A was added to this Constitution (the "Determining Annual Conference"):

- (i) up to three persons shall be elected as members of Conference Executive, each for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the first Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference;
- (ii) up to three persons shall be elected as members of Conference Executive, each for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the second Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference; and
- (iii) up to three persons shall be elected as members of Conference Executive, each for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference.

(b) For the purpose of determining:

- (i) who of the persons nominated for the election shall be nominated for election for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the first Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference ("First Wave Nominees");
- (ii) who of the persons nominated for the election shall be nominated for election for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the second Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference ("Second Wave Nominees"); and
- (iii) who of the persons nominated for the election shall be nominated for election for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference ("Third Wave Nominees"),

the following provisions shall apply:

- (A) if the three (3) members of Conference Executive who have been longest in office at the date of the Conference Notice (as referred to in the Regulations) in respect of the Determining Annual Conference, are nominated for election, they shall be First Wave Nominees;
- (B) after disregarding the members of Conference Executive referred to in clause (A) of clause 9A(b), if the three (3) members of Conference Executive who have been longest in office at the date of the Conference Notice in respect of the Determining Annual Conference, are nominated for election, they shall be Second Wave Nominees;
- (C) after disregarding the members of Conference Executive referred to in clause (A) of clause 9A(b) and in clause (B) of clause 9A(b), if the three (3) members of Conference Executive who have been longest in office at the date of the Conference Notice in respect of the Determining Annual Conference, are nominated for election, they shall be Third Wave Nominees;
- (D) Any persons, apart from members of Conference Executive at the date of the Conference Notice in respect of the Determining Annual Conference, who are nominated election shall be nominated as for election as "Nominees at Large".

(c) For the purpose of clause 9A Conference Executive shall determine the periods in office of each person such as to determine, as the need arises, who has been "longest in office".

(d) At the Determining Annual Conference up to nine (9) persons shall be elected to Conference Executive in accordance with the Regulations.

- (e) The election process in respect of the election of members of Conference Executive at the Determining Annual Conference shall be conducted in accordance with Regulation (s) of the Regulations.
 - (f) At the Annual Conference first held after the Determining Conference, and at each Annual Conference thereafter, up to the number of persons equal to the number of the positions on Conference Executive which will fall vacant as at that Annual Conference (as a result of casual vacancies on Conference Executive, or as a result of the terms of office, of the members of Conference Executive whose terms of office come to an end at the relevant Annual Conference, coming to an end) shall be elected as members of Conference Executive, for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Conference following the Annual Conference at which those persons are elected.
 - (g) A member of Conference Executive ceasing to hold office at an Annual Conference shall hold office until the conclusion of the Annual Conference at which that member of Conference Executive ceases to hold office and is eligible for re-election.
 - (h) The members of Conference Executive may at any time appoint any person to be a member of Conference Executive, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing members of Conference Executive, provided the total number of the elected members does not exceed nine (9).
 - (i) For the purpose of clause 9(h) a person who is appointed under clause 9(h) shall be deemed to be an elected member of Conference Executive.
 - (j) Despite any other provision of this Constitution, a person appointed as a member of Conference Executive under clause 9(h) shall hold office until the conclusion of the Annual Conference following the Member's appointment but is eligible for election at that meeting.
 - (k) The quorum for a meeting of Conference Executive shall consist of not less than the whole number equal to $A + B$ where: $A =$ half of the number of the members of Conference Executive in office at the time the quorum is to be determined rounded up to a whole number; and $B = 1$."
3. That in clause 29, the definition of "Conference Officers" shall be amended by the deletion of "President Elect,".
4. That Regulation (h)(v) shall be amended by the deletion of "by 2 or more".
5. That the Regulations be amended by the addition of a Regulation "s" as follows:
- "(s) For the purpose of the election of persons as members of Conference Executive at the Determining Annual Conference this regulation (s) shall have effect and shall be deemed deleted from this Constitution on that date which is three (3) months after the date of the Determining Annual Conference. At the Determining Annual Conference up to nine (9) persons are to be elected. For the purpose described:
- (i) Regulation (h)(i) to (h)(iv), inclusive, shall have effect for the purposes of this Regulation (s);
 - (ii) Regulations (h)(v), (h)(vi), (h)(vii) and (h)(viii) shall not have effect for the purposes of this Regulation (s);
 - (iii) each Nomination of a person for election as a member of Conference Executive at the Determining Annual Conference shall be put to the ballot and each nominee shall be required to secure fifty percent (50%) or more of the valid votes cast in order to be elected except where the number of Nominations received exceeds by 2 or more the maximum number to be elected to Conference Executive in which event:
 - (A) the requirement to secure fifth percent (50%) or more of the valid votes cast shall be waived;
 - (B) the persons to be elected shall be that number of persons equal to the number of positions to be filled (the "Relevant Number"); and

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- (C) the Relevant Number of persons who obtain the highest number of valid votes cast shall be elected.
 - (iv) where any First Wave Nominees are elected under Regulation (s)(iii) they shall be elected for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the first Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference;
 - (v) where any Second Wave Nominees are elected under Regulation (s)(iii) they shall be elected for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the second Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference;
 - (vi) where any Third Wave Nominees are elected under Regulation (s)(iii) they shall be elected for terms of office ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference;
 - (vii) where any Nominees at Large are elected under Regulation (s)(iii) they shall be deemed to be elected for terms of office in accordance with Regulation (s)(viii); and
 - (viii) the order in which Nominees at Large are elected is to be determined. The Nominees at Large shall be deemed to have been elected in the order determined by lot. After determining the order of their deemed election by lot, in the order of that deemed election, these persons shall be deemed to be appointed, subject to the number of the persons so elected, to fill:
 - (A) the unfilled positions in respect of terms of office ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference (if any);
 - (B) the unfilled positions in respect of terms of office ending at the conclusion of the second Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference (if any); and
 - (C) the unfilled positions in respect of terms of office ending at the conclusion of the first Annual Conference following the Determining Annual Conference (if any)."
6. That the index of the Constitution shall be amended to incorporate a reference to clause 9A."

RESOLUTION 2:

7. That clause 21(c) of the Constitution be amended by:
- (a) the insertion of "or" at the end of subclause (vi); and
 - (b) the replacement of the semicolon at the end of subclause (vii) with a full stop, and the deletion of subclauses (viii) and (ix).

RESOLUTION 3:

8. That clause 23(d) of the Constitution be amended by the addition of a full stop after "ballot" and the deletion of the balance of the text of clause 23(d).

NOTICES OF MOTION – BY BALLOT

Notice of Motion 7

That pursuant to Clauses 8 and 9 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, the following member be appointed Conference President for the Conference Year commencing 17 November 2021:

Mr Victor Tee, Kingsford Church of Christ

Notice of Motion 8

That pursuant to Clauses 9 of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Constitution, the following members be appointed to Conference Executive for the Conference Year commencing 17 November 2021:

Mr Paul CAMPEY	Coast Community Church
Ms Emily DROUGH	Mayfield Church of Christ
Ms Colette HARRISON	Bowral Church of Christ
Mr Michael McGARRITY	Connect Church Engadine
Mr Ian PHILLIPS	Tweed Heads Church of Christ
Mr Stephen TOOMEY	Hurstville Church of Christ

Notice of Motion 9

That, the following member be appointed to the Property Trust from 17 November 2021 for a term to be determined by the Property Trust in accordance with the Churches of Christ in NSW Incorporation Act 1947 (being a term of either two (2) years or eight (8) years):

Ms Patricia CHAN	Chatswood Church of Christ
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Returning Officer for the meeting is **Ken Cheung** from Kingsford Church of Christ.

NOMINATIONS

Victor Tee – Conference President



Victor is the senior pastor at Kingsford Church of Christ. He has previously worked as a finance and banking professional for more than a decade for Canon Finance Australia, CommBank and HSBC. He has also held numerous ministry roles including senior pastor (volunteer) at Harvest Indonesian Church for 15 years and lecturer at the Indonesian Mission Institute.

Victor holds an M.A. in Christian Leadership from ACOM, a B.Sc from Sydney University, and has completed a Cert IV in Christian Leadership Coaching. He is the current Conference President and has been a member of Conference Executive since 2009. He sits on the Churches of Christ Community Care board and was a Mission & Ministry board member.

"My desire is to serve the current generation and prepare the next generation in this movement."

Paul Campey – Conference Executive



Paul is a member of Coast Community Church (NSW Central Coast) and is a Partner at Resolve Consulting Group, a specialist firm providing advice in Governance, Strategic Leadership and Financial Management of Schools, Churches and Not-For-Profit organisations. He is currently undertaking a PhD on Spiritual Discernment in Governance.

He has offered his skills in governance, financial management, strategic planning, and not-for-profit management to numerous boards, including ACSI Education Foundation, Vision Christian Media, Christian Super, Coast Christian School, Youth for Christ Australia, and New Hope International. He currently serves on the boards of Coast Community Church, Christian Heritage College, and ACSI Global Council.

"I appreciate the breadth of ministry by and within Fresh Hope from church congregations through to a range of educational, outreach and care initiatives. I appreciate that Fresh Hope does not centrally control decision-making or create a hierarchy like many other denominations."

Emily Drough – Conference Executive



Emily is a part of the leadership team at Mayfield Church of Christ and is the Head of People and Culture at Compassion Australia.

She brings experience and skills gained in teaching, ministry, and human resources, focusing on organisational health and capability development.

Over the past 12 months, she has served as a member of Conference Executive. Before this, she was a part of the Mission & Ministry board and the M&M Grants Assessment Committee.

She is married to Tim and has three children (Elijah 7, and twins Audrey and Charlotte, 4).

"I have a heart for seeing lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus and a passion for seeing individuals and organisations realise their potential. I view it as an honour to utilise my experience to serve God and our movement in the kingdom work of transforming communities and lives with Fresh Hope."

Colette Harrison – Conference Executive



In January 2020, Colette and her husband, Greg, joined the Bowral Church of Christ community, where Colette serves as pastor.

Before that, she served in several leadership roles at York St Church of Christ in Ballarat, Victoria, completing her time there as associate pastor. She was ordained in 2018.

Colette's background is in teaching, primarily working alongside refugee families in inner-city Melbourne. She has also spent much of her adult life serving in voluntary roles in the community and churches.

"I see this role as an opportunity to listen, learn, connect, and contribute to the wider movement, as together we seek God's wisdom and guidance in continuing to live out the ongoing mission of God's church. I'm excited to see where God will lead us as we faithfully follow Jesus in our uncertain and changing context."

Mike McGarrity – Conference Executive



Mike has been a passionate follower of Jesus since coming to faith in Christ in 1989. He has been married for 30 years with two daughters who are passionate about their faith. He has been in church leadership for over 25 years.

Mike has a collaborative approach to leadership, which included working as a team pastor in a large church, being part of church-planting teams, and leading a team to plant a church in Engadine in 2000. In 2015, he was part of the leadership of a successful merger with Engadine Church of Christ, rebirthing the church as Connect Church, and continues to lead the church today. Mike has a Masters in Missional Leadership (SCD), B.A Hons in Creative Arts (Reading University), B.Min (Tabor) and a qualified facilitator for Dynamic Church Planting International and Evangelism Shift. He joined the Conference Executive board last year.

"I believe I can continue to contribute positively. I'd love to see Fresh Hope churches reaching out and connecting people to Jesus, fostering a culture that leads to disciples who make disciples."

Ian Phillips – Conference Executive



Ian is attached to Tweed Heads Church of Christ, and ministers in Lismore, Northern NSW. In 1988, he and his wife, Marie, began to pastor Lismore Church of Christ and served there for nine years. Born in Bangalow, Northern NSW, Ian is proud to live on Bundjalung country and honours his Indigenous friends and their families.

He is a chaplain with a volunteer organisation that serves Lismore's community at 'The Winsome' (soup kitchen), providing a great lunch 365 days of the year, along with affordable accommodation. He currently serves as chair of a community refugee resettlement association. Ian has also served for several years as company secretary for a church and school and has developed a technology business.

"I am inspired by the followers of Jesus in the first century and the amazing movements that have flourished over millennia as disciples have lived out the good news in their own generation. I love our attachment to not only the first-century source but to the living source of Jesus himself."

Stephen Toomey – Conference Executive

Stephen is a founding partner of Toomey Pegg Lawyers. He commenced practice in 1974 and has over 45 years of legal experience specialising in all aspects of commercial law. He has expertise in the drafting, administration, negotiation and implementation of contracts, structuring commercial transactions, and establishing and conducting commercial enterprises and not-for-profits.

He has extensively advised and regularly advises large Christian organisations and other not-for-profits regarding governance, constitutional, and operational matters. Stephen has been a long-term member of Conference Executive and a legal advisor to Churches of Christ NSW, both professionally and pro bono, for over 40 years. He is also a member of the Commercial Law Association.

"I seek to be a faithful presence for the kingdom of God in what I do. I wish to ensure the gospel is proclaimed and the church exists for, and serves, the world for which Christ died. I desire to assist our network of churches to be communities which make, bless and enrich followers of Jesus."

Patricia Chan – Property Trust

Patricia is a member of Chatswood Church of Christ. She holds a degree in Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounts and Information System from the University of NSW and a Master of Business Administration in International Marketing and Corporate Strategy from Macquarie University.

Her career has included senior roles in finance, sales, and marketing across IT, print, events and exhibitions, and association management. She has worked with major professional not-for-profit associations where she provided executive and financial support, membership and sponsorship sales, and assisted various not-for-profit boards in areas of legal compliance, AGM management, and board governance issues.

"I believe in good stewardship and accountability when managing finances of any organisation, particularly in a church environment where integrity and transparency to the congregation are key. I hope to bring my extensive experience in strategic financial management to the Property Trust board."



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