

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2023 AT AFM  
PRAISE TABERNACLE DUBLIN**

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Elders (B.O.E):** Pastor Gerard Chimbanga, Pastor Alex Kadonzvo, Elder Moses Ufumeli, Elder Jenipher Chimbanga

**Board of Trustees (B.O.T.):** Elder Jonah Mudehwe (Chairperson), Deaconess Sani Mirimi, Farai Chiza (Administrator) and Elder Moses Ufumeli (Secretary)

**Church Members**

**Apologies:** Pastor Tari Kadonzvo, Tinashe Chipindu, Grace Magoche

**STARTING TIME:** 11:34

**1. Welcome remarks**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced members of the Board of Trustees. These are Pastor Tari Kadonzvo, Elder Moses Ufumeli (sits on both boards BOT & BOE), Farai Chiza, Deaconess Sani Mirimi, Tinashe Chipindu and Deaconess Grace Magoche.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The previous AGM minutes were approved as a correct record, proposed by Pastor Sibbo and seconded by Elder Jenipher Chimbanga.

**3. Presentation of 2022 audited accounts**

The Church Administrator, Farai Chiza, presented the 2022 audited accounts. He thanked church members for regularly paying tithes and offerings as well as helping in the upkeep of the new Assemblies.

He encouraged departments to raise their own money to fund their own activities.

A question was raised why the accounts did not show the funds for the Sister's Union separately. Brother Farai said that he would in future look at the possibility of having a list showing departmental funds in the accounts.

**4. Appointment of auditors**

Whelan Dowling & Associates were reappointed as church auditors. Proposed by Vimbai and seconded by Kudzi.

**5. Trustees report**

- i. Brother Tinashe Chipindu was appointed as a new trustee to lead the Finance committee. He replaces brother Keegan Henkeman who returned to South Africa.
- ii. Brother Farai Chiza was appointed as the new Administrator
- iii. The Trustees held quarterly meetings in throughout the year.
- iv. The church did not face any major risks at the moment

- v. The B.O.T. is currently studying the membership rules from AFM in other countries in order compile a membership policy for AFM Ireland
- vi. The charitable donations scheme has not yet been rolled out but is expected to commence next year.
- vii. The church is still looking for new church premises. The lease on the current premises expires at the end of 2025.
- viii. There is a challenge in opening a bank account for the church in Northern Ireland. The matter is currently being looked into.

Elder Jennipher asked if the church can have a portable ramp on the side door into the church. That would make it easy for people who use wheel chairs. The members fully supported the idea.

## **6. Pastor's report**

Pastor Gerard introduced members of the Board of Elders (B.O.E.). These are Pastor Alex, Elder Moses Ufumeli, Elder Jennipher Chimbanga and Pastor Sibho who represents ladies on the Board. B.O.E. is responsible for setting the church vision and program nationwide.

- i. Pastor Gerard reported that the church is growing. We need to keep on starting new assemblies as we are growing in numbers and more nationalities are joining the church.
- ii. Cell groups are being established in each locality
- iii. Some AFM Ireland leaders had been elected into the leadership of AFM International

### **iv. Looking forward to 2024**

We have to be meticulous for national and regional growth and we need to raise a new generation of leaders. This will be a DNA to imprint in Ireland.

Pastor Gerard said, Ian Ligarty from the North (Drop Inn) will help out in the feeding program. The church to get the community back into the church as 1 in 4 people are hungry and need help.

We need to get associated with Vibe Community hub – food bank, café and bank café for donations as we are looking to cater for 250 members in the community.

In the community work active edification and participation, we will need a community Chaplaincy to be on the ground as well.

Opening of new assemblies in Kildare and Wicklow in the coming year

More Deacons and Elders to be appointed in 2024

We will be starting a Kids Club for the youths to be ministered to, have light parties as we once we win the children, we would have won the parents. People want to know that they are welcome to church. AFM is missional, we need to create new Holy Spirit filled community.

7. **Youth engagement program** – We need to help the next generation by depositing the values in the youth.

8. **Study Group** – Simba Chari to help in academic structures, helping some members in their academic issues

9. **Cell groups**

Pastor Alex spoke about accountability highlighting people's need to join cell groups and be part of the cell system. Members need to be accountable and responsible to a cell group leader. People need to attend to the cell group in their locality and not go to the next.

He went on to say that we are going to embark on cell groups and National reports in preparation for annual returns to AFM International.

10. **Functions -Conferences and outings** – Pastor Alex said we need to cooperate with the conference planners in terms with conference payments, accommodation and all regarding conference welfare.

11. **Couples tour for June 2024** – Venue TBA

12. **Ladies**

Pastor Sibò introduced the Ladies, cleaning and decoration departments leadership. She thanked all for helping out in their places and called for the ladies to remain faithful in their duties.

Elder Jenipher thanked the ladies for remaining united and making things go smoothly.

The meeting ended 13:27 with a word of prayer.