

AGM Agenda item 5

Inclusive Church AGM: Constitutional amendment – revision to the ‘Statement of Belief’.

The following constitutional resolution is proposed by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the AGM for consideration:

‘That the Statement of Belief which appears as the Schedule at the end of the constitution be replaced with the following wording:-

“We believe in inclusive Church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it discriminates against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ. We believe in a Church which is scripturally faithful and seeks to proclaim the gospel afresh for each generation. We believe in a Church which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God.” ‘

Note 1: The effect of the proposed change would be to cast the statement in more positive language, extend the list of issues that IC would challenge if discrimination takes place, and make a minor improvement to the second paragraph.

Note2: The constitution can only be changed by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.