

30 September 2020

To: Governors of Clergy Support Trust

Dear Governor

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY – 12 NOVEMBER 2020

I am writing to confirm notice of our 2020 annual general meeting (now known under our revised Royal Charter as the Annual Assembly) which will take place via the Zoom video conferencing platform between **11.30am and 12.30pm on Thursday 12 November 2020**. A formal notice with agenda is enclosed.

We regret very much that we will not be able to meet in person at Guildhall, as had been our original plan. Given the COVID-19 pandemic and government restrictions, it was felt that the prudent option would be to hold the meeting virtually. The Court of Assistants (board of trustees) took this difficult decision after receiving advice from our lawyers BDB Pitmans. It follows that we will not this year be able to hold our usual pre-AGM Eucharist at St Mary-le-Bow Church or to host a lunch for Governors. We trust and pray that normal service will be resumed in 2021.

We hope however that you will still be able to join us online this year. The Annual Assembly will be a great opportunity to hear about the work of the charity, including formally receiving the Trustees' Report for 2019. Our Senior Treasurer, the Revd Canon Simon Butler, will provide a summary of the main points emerging from our Governor consultation earlier this year. There will be a chance to meet my successor as Chief Executive, Ben Cahill-Nicholls, whose brief profile is below. We are also delighted to propose to Governors three new members of the Court of Assistants and some new Governors.

I should be very grateful if you confirm by return (by telephone on 020 7799 3696 or on hello@clergysupport.org.uk) if you are able to attend after which you will be sent the link to the Zoom meeting.

If you would like to receive this link electronically or any technical guidance on how to use the Zoom video conferencing platform please visit our website at www.clergysupport.org.uk/governors. This is also the place to go to for all key documents, including a copy of our revised Royal Charter, the Trustees' Annual Report for 2019 and a summary Impact Report for the year.

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We will gladly send hard copies of the necessary documentation to any Governor who asks us by contacting the office on 020 7799 3696 or on hello@clergysupport.org.uk.

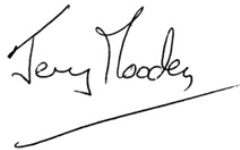
We are hoping for a good attendance on the Zoom meeting, especially from Governors outside the South East who may have found it difficult to get into London for previous Annual General Court meetings.

Please also consider if anyone you know might be interested in becoming a Governor of the charity, in which case it is not too late for them to submit their names at this AGM. Details of how to apply can be found on our website at www.clergysupport.org.uk/governors.

Do also let us know on the above email address if you have any questions that you would like us to answer in the course of the Annual Assembly. There will be a chance for those attending the Assembly to ask questions during the meeting.

It is proposed that the date of the 2021 Annual Assembly be set for Thursday 18 November, a week later than is our customary date (the second Thursday in November), to avoid clashing with Armistice Day.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of the charity.



Jeremy Moodey
Chief Executive

Ben Cahill-Nicholls – new Chief Executive (from 26 October 2020)

Ben joins the charity from the Serco Institute and Foundation, where he has been Deputy Director. He began his career in the civil service and was an adviser to both the Laming Review and the House of Commons Education Committee. Subsequently, he held several senior posts in the education sector, including as Head of Policy & Communications at Newham College of Further Education, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Education & Employment Research, and Director of Community & Partnerships at Charterhouse School. In the 2015 general election Ben was a parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrats.



Ben is a trustee of the international development charity Mellon Educate UK and the youth charity RicNic, which he founded. He is also training for self-supporting ordained ministry in the Church of England, aiming to be a 'worker priest' continuing with secular employment alongside local ministry.