

**GALILEE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
202 PANDAN GARDENS
SINGAPORE 609338**

**MINUTES OF THE 64th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
HELD ON LORD'S DAY 30TH MARCH 2025 AT 11.00 a.m.
CHURCH SANCTUARY**

Pastor, Rev. (Dr) Simon Nagarajan chaired the meeting, assisted by Eld. Har Chee Choey.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUORUM

- 1.1. To ascertain the Quorum for Annual Congregational Meeting (one-third of the Communicant Resident Voting Members)

Total number of Current Members	748
<i>Less: Non-Communicant Members</i>	35
<i>Less: Associate Members</i>	4
 Communicant Members	 709
 <i>Less: Inactive Communicant Members</i>	 391
 Active Communicant Members	 318
 <i>Less: Communicant Members (Overseas)</i>	 16
<i>Less: Communicant Members (under 16 years of age)</i>	2
 Resident Voting Members as of 29 th March 2025	 300
 Quorum required for ACM business transaction (one-third)	 100
 Communicant Resident Voting Members	137

- 1.2. At 11.16 a.m., the Chairman called the meeting to order as the required quorum was established.

2. OPENING PRAYER

- 2.1. Rev. David Cher said the opening prayer.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 63RD ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MAR 2024.

- 3.1. There was no amendment to the minutes. Eld John Chiew proposed to adopt the minutes and it was seconded by Sis Jenny Soo. The congregation voted unanimously as proposed.

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 20TH GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE CHURCH SESSION HELD ON 28TH JULY 2024.

- 4.1. There was no amendment to the minutes. Bro. Tai Fatt Ming proposed to adopt the minutes and it was seconded by Sis. Annie Pek. The congregation voted unanimously as proposed.

5. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK-OF-SESSION'S REPORT FOR 2024.

- 5.1. There was a typographical change required in section 12.4.3. It should read "Mrs Jenny Musyoki ... difficult to be in Kenya"

- 5.2. There was no further amendment or question on the report. Bro. Collin Lee proposed to receive and adopt the report and it was seconded by Bro. Albert Ng. The congregation voted unanimously as proposed.
- 6. TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2024 (ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024)**
- 6.1. There was no amendment or question to the report. Eld. Teo Gwan In proposed to approve and adopt the report and it was seconded by Bro. Daniel Ong. The congregation voted unanimously in agreement.
- 7. TO APPROVE AND ADOPT BUDGET 2025.**
- 7.1. Bro. Daniel Ong pointed out that our weekly offering is barely covering our fixed costs and asked if the Church is looking to increase non-offering collections (e.g. Church Premise rentals for Weddings, make Church accessible for use by other denominations or activities without the compromising on our Spiritual sense).
- 7.2. Rev. (Dr) Simon pointed out that the Church is taking steps to cut down on expenses. For example, the Mission Trip to Kenya is postponed.
- 7.3. Eld. Soo explained that the quickest way to increase our collections is by members increasing their Offering as this is giving to God, not a donation to an organization.
- 7.4. Bro. Daniel Ong pointed out that the current budget is at \$24k a week but the weekly offering is around \$18k a week.
- 7.5. Bro. Albert Ng shared that he thinks cutting expenses and salaries are not a good solution. He pointed out that we are not utilizing our premises well after the Church Kindergarten had closed and requested for the Church Leadership to work on how we can best utilize our premises.
- 7.6. Sis. Evangeline Sim suggested to suspend Agape Lunch till are in a better financial position.
- 7.7. Sis. Hoon Kim suggested vetting if potential campers require assistance instead of using freewill offering for camp fees.
- 7.8. Bro. Gabriel Chia asked what is the Church's plan to stop the drop in the number of members. Rev. (Dr) Simon shared that the Bible mentioned that our job is to sow and water but not increase – it is the work of God. Rev. (Dr) Simon also shared that the Church has been engaging with outreach – St Luke's, Really Free Market, etc.
- 7.9. There were no further queries or amendments, Bro. Colin Tan proposed to approve and adopt the budget. Rev. Ong Hock Khee seconded. The congregation voted unanimously in agreement.
- 8. TO ELECT ONE INTERNAL AUDITOR (2025-2027).**
- 8.1. The Chairman thanked the outgoing auditor Sis. Joanna Lim, for her services rendered in the past two years (2023-2025), as well as Sis. Arina Tan who would continue her term for another year (2024-2026).
- 8.2. Sis. Evangeline Sim, seconded by Sis. Tan Chai Lang proposed the nomination of Sis. Maxine Ung for the post of Internal Auditor (2025-2027)
- 8.3. The Congregation voted in favour of the appointment of Sis. Maxine Ung, as the Internal Auditor for the term, 2025-2027.

9. TO ELECT A NEW CHURCH TRUSTEE

- 9.1. Bro. Gabriel Chia proposed, seconded by Rev. Ong Hock Khee, the nomination of Eld. Tan Siong Teck as a new Trustee of Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 9.2. The Congregation voted in favour of the appointment of Eld. Tan Siong Teck to be a new Trustee of Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1. There was no other business raised.

11. PASTORAL EXHORTATION

Rev. (Dr) Simon exhorted from 1 Corinthians 3:6.

He reminded us that our work is for the Lord and that the fruits of our labour are an offering to the Lord.

We are called to faithfully plant and water.

12. CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. (Dr) Simon said the closing prayer at 12.21 p.m.

In Christ's Service
Respectfully submitted by

Dn. Joseph Tai
Clerk-of-Session