

## CSI TAMIL PARISH - DUBAI

### Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting

**Venue: St. Paul's Chapel**

**Date & Time: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 07:40 am**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Chairman Rev. K. Suthakar welcomed all members present and requested FUJ Presbyter, Rev. Raj Kumar Johnwesley, to lead the opening prayer.

#### **Roll Call:**

The Chairman announced the appointment of recording secretaries, Mr Bright Chella Kumar and Mr Kingston Jose, and asked them to take their seats.

The Chairman introduced and appointed the Chief Tellers, comprising Mr David Thomas Alexander, Mr Suresh Singh Sekar, Mr John Solomon, Mr John Christopher, Mr Gnana Gandhi, and Mr V.C Suresh, to conduct the roll call and assist in other matters of the AGM. Other Tellers (names listed below) were appointed to assist the Chief Tellers.

Sl. No.	Name	Sl. No.	Name
1	Mr Jeba Singh	18	Mr Jeya Sekar
2	Mr Jeya Prakash J	19	Mr Jebin Raja Kumar
3	Mr Christin Solomon Walter	20	Mr John Israel
4	Mr Ebenezer Michael Prabhu	21	Mr Jacob Vedakumar Moses
5	Mr Bener Kim Sam	22	Mr Justin Robert Paden
6	Mr Jeffry Augustus	23	Mr Ramesh Peter
7	Mr Edwin Russel	24	Mr Nixon Jayaraj
8	Mr Jayasingh Balakrishnan	25	Mr Noah Samson
9	Mr Jenkins V	26	Mr Aswyn Patrick
10	Mr Edwin Charles	27	Mr Allwin Gnanamuthu
11	Mr Godson David	28	Mr Sam Kamalesan
12	Mr John Wesly J	29	Mr Abeth Siluvairajan
13	Mr Allen Bruce	30	Mr Charles Santhakumar
14	Mr Jeyakumar	31	Mr Vethanayagam Jeyaraj
15	Mr Joshua Arthur	32	Mr Stalin Prabhu
16	Mr Paulraj	33	Mr Moses A
17	Mr Catherine Simson	34	Mr Thomas Collins

35	Mr Kasi Rajan	43	Mr Sam Issac Rajan
36	Mr Pravin Jenon Manonmani	44	Mr Anees Caldwell
37	Mr Barnabas	45	Mr Sadheesh Babu
38	Mr Sam Ezekiel	46	Mr Berin Wesley
39	Mr Vijil Israel	47	Mr Ruban Jebadurai
40	Mr Jawahar Paulraj	48	Mr Joy Vijayan
41	Mr Deva Salben	49	Mr Paul Jesudasan
42	Mr Samuel Dilton Sasi	50	Mr Ashwin Sudhar Singh

With the permission of the Chairman, visitors, as per their request, were permitted to attend the AGM, namely, Mr John Prem Schwartz, Mr Jenon, Miss Jenica Jebakumar, Miss Esther, Miss Blessy Davis, Mr Jehoash Jonah, Mr Jehovah, and Mr Vel Murugan.

The Chief Teller, Mr David Thomas Alexander, briefed on the roll call procedure, and the appointed Tellers recorded the attendance of eligible members present at the AGM and handed over slips to collect the ballot paper and the QR code slips for login to the web application system to record members' opinions.

The Chief Teller presented the following details to the Chairman.

<b>Total eligible voters as per the final voters list</b>	<b>= 885</b>
<b>Quorum required to have an AGM</b>	<b>= 221</b>
<b>Members present, and attendance recorded</b>	<b>= 662</b>

As the total number of eligible members present exceeded the quorum, the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting open. The Chairman also mentioned digital recording (Audio) of the proceedings. The Chairman thanked God for leading and blessing the Ministries and us over the past year.

#### **Condolences to the bereaved families:**

The Chairman called for a one-minute silence to be observed by all, followed by a remembrance prayer by RAK Presbyterian Rev. D. Joseph for the consolation of the bereaved family members who had passed away during the last year.

#### **Executive Committee & Church Warden Nominations:**

The Chairman introduced the candidates contesting for the positions of Vice President and Executive Committee members. Two candidates were contesting for one Vice President position; twenty

candidates were contesting for Ten Executive Members; and four candidates were contesting for two Church Warden positions. The candidates are listed below.

Dubai Vice President			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Ben Selva Sunil	1450
002	Mr.	David Rajan	0882

Dubai Members			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Abilah Sam Charles	2938
002	Mr.	Allwyn Benial Issac Rajan A	2940
003	Mr.	Alwyn Jayakumar	0708
004	Mr.	Andhria Lawrance	2230
005	Mr.	Arun Raja C	1536
006	Mr.	Babu Jayaseelan E	0653
007	Mr.	David Tilak Wilson	1620
008	Mrs.	Flower Grace	1819B
009	Mr.	Isravel David Livingston Simon	1283
010	Mr.	Jefferson R	1172
011	Mr.	Johnson A	1307
012	Mr.	Jose Albin T.	2213
013	Mr.	Peter Gnanasigamony	2376
014	Mr.	Peter Thomson J	2408
015	Mr.	Prakash P	1803
016	Mr.	Ramesh Ponraj	2780
017	Mr.	Sathish Paul	2432
018	Mr.	Singh Ratnam	0711
019	Mr.	Sunil Soundrapandian	2818
020	Mr.	Vairavanathan	2236

Dubai Wardens			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Daniel Francis	2686
002	Mr.	Ebi John B	2983
003	Mr.	Jeninsugiraja DR	2861
004	Mr.	Samuel Yabeth Abraham	3021

#### **Appointment of Ras Al Khaimah Executive Committee Member for the biennium 2026 – 2028:**

The Chairman announced that one nomination for an RAK EC member was received, namely Mr Ujinraj Kanakaraj (2605), who was unanimously selected and declared elected for the biennium 2026 - 2028.

**Appointment of Fujairah Executive Committee Member for the biennium 2026 – 2028:**

The Chairman announced that no nomination had been received from the FUJ congregation and requested that the AGM propose a Fujairah EC member. Mr Premline Prince (2441) was duly proposed by Mr Ratnasingh and seconded by Mr Jeyasingh. The Chairman declared that Mr Premline Prince was unanimously selected as an EC member from FUJ, as there were no other proposals, and declared him elected for the biennium 2026 - 2028.

**Election of Auditor for the biennium 2026 - 2028**

The Chairman asked AGM to nominate the Auditor for the biennium 2026 - 2028. Mr Jeya Seelan P was duly proposed by Mr Sam Joe Lesly and seconded by Mr David Thilak Wilson. The Chairman declared Mr Jeya Seelan P as the unanimously selected Auditor, as there were no other proposals and declared him elected for the biennium 2026 - 2028.

**Election of Executive Committee & Church Warden for the biennium 2026 – 2028:**

The Chairman requested that the Chief Teller, Mr David Thomas Alexander, brief on the election process. The empty ballot boxes were displayed, and voting commenced. After all eligible voters had cast their ballots, the ballot boxes were sealed and handed over to the Chief Tellers for counting after the AGM.

**Minutes of 46<sup>th</sup> AGM:**

The minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM were unanimously approved by the AGM, duly proposed by Mr David Thilak Wilson and seconded by Mr Babu Jeyaseelan.

**Audited Financial Statement for the year 2025 – 2026 and Forecast for the year 2026 – 2027:**

The Chairman initiated a discussion on the clarification letters received from Mr Christin Solomon Walter and Dr Paul Prabhakar regarding the Audited Financial Statement. The Treasurer, Mr A. Johnson, provided the following clarifications.

Mr Christin Solomon Walter requested that ministry-wise reporting (income & expenses) be provided, and the Treasurer agreed to provide the breakup in the next year's report. Financial Reports and the Annual Report will be made available to eligible members earlier than a week before the AGM, if possible. It has been agreed to include current-year actuals and previous-year actuals in the budget for comparative purposes.

Dr Paul Prabhakar proposed allocating a budget for accounting software, and the Treasurer clarified that Mr John Solomon is upgrading the existing software and that it is fit for purpose.

The EC will review the proposal to allocate additional funds for the development of Jebel Ali Church activities.

Mr Singh Ratnam and Dr Paul Prabhakar discussed safeguarding the cash in hand, and the EC will study the available options. Since we are currently holding cash, a one-time rent payment may be processed if it provides any financial benefit (e.g., discounts). Additionally, it is suggested that the EC review procuring a Large Safe to store cash in hand securely.

Mr Sathish Paul, Mr Andhria Lawrance, Mr Babu Jayaseelan, and Dr Paul Prabhakar, along with Mr Durairaj, discussed that the Good Samaritan fund is being fully used for a good cause, and it was agreed that this will be implemented.

Mr Alwyn Jayakumar proposed including page numbers in the Annual report, and the Treasurer agreed to implement them in the next report.

The RAK Congregation requested a reserve of AED 300,000 to facilitate RAK Church registration. The Secretary, Mr Moses Vijaya Kumar, clarified that this is not mandatory. Mr Regin Bernard, Mr Singh Ratnam, and Mr Sam Joe Lesly shared their views. AGM unanimously approved a provision of AED 300,000, which was duly proposed by Mr Sam Joe Lesly and seconded by Mr David Thilak Wilson.

The **Audited Financial Statements for the year 2025 – 2026** were unanimously approved by the AGM, duly proposed by Mr Babu Jeyaseelan and seconded by Dr Benjamin.

The AGM approved the **Forecast for the year 2026 – 2027**, duly proposed by Dr Paul Prabhakar and seconded by Mr Singh Ratnam.

**Other Businesses:**

Discussion regarding the Constitution Revision Committee was initiated by Mr Durairaj, and the Secretary, Mr Moses Vijayakumar, clarified that the committee is no longer valid, as recorded in the minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The remaining proceedings as per the AGM agenda will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at St. Paul's Chapel, Holy Trinity Church campus, at 8:15 am. The meeting was concluded with a prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

The Tellers continued counting the votes and presented the results to the Chairman. The Chairman declared that the following members were elected for the Executive Committee and Church Auditor for the biennium 2026 - 2028.

Vice President			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	David Rajan	0782

Church Auditor			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Jeyaseelan P	2288

Dubai Members			
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001	Mr.	Singh Ratnam	0711
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001	Mr.	Ebi John B	2983
002	Mr.	Daniel Francis	2687

Fujairah Member			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Premline Prince	2441

Ras Al Khaimah Member			
Sl.#	Member Name		Mem.#
001	Mr.	Ujinraj Kanakaraj	2605

### **Continuation of the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM:**

**Venue: St. Paul's Chapel**

**Date & Time: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 8:25 am**

### **Opening Prayer:**

The Chairman announced the continuation of the AGM session after prayer and requested that RAK Presbyterian Rev. D. Joseph lead the opening prayer.

The Chairman instructed the Tellers to conduct the roll call and issue the QR code slip to eligible members to enable them to log in to the 'Web Application' for AGM decision-making. The Chairman announced that the Chief Tellers, Tellers, and recording secretaries would continue their duties. The Chairman thanked Chief Tellers, Tellers, and recording secretaries for their support.

The Chairman called on the Executive Committee members who have successfully completed a two-year term to come forward and thanked them for their service on behalf of the congregation.

Then the Chairman called on the newly elected Executive Committee members who had been dedicated during the divine service to come forward, and he blessed them, praying that the Lord might use them mightily in His Ministry.

The Chairman briefed the AGM members on the protocol to be followed during the proceedings.

The Chief Teller presented to the Chairman that the total number of eligible members who are present is 278.

### **New Project Proposals for AGM Approval:**

#### **I. House of Worship and Bank Account:**

The Secretary briefed on the updates from the meeting held with CDA officials regarding the House of Worship, Bank Account, and our requirements, as detailed in the Annual Report 2025 – 2026. For CDA to consider issuing a House of Worship license, more than 10,000 believers must attend worship each week, including guest congregations, as in the Holy Trinity Church (HTC) model. Based on the CDA advice, a decision was taken during the Executive Committee and CDA Sub-committee to contact CSI Malayalam Parish (CSI-MKD) for a joint proposal to CDA. It has been decided to join CSI-MKD and submit a proposal to CDA for a House of Worship representing the Church of South India, Dubai. Based on this understanding, an MoU was prepared, with equal partnership to pursue CDA approval. Therefore, the EC requests approval from the AGM to proceed with the preparatory work.

A clarification letter received from Mr Caldwell enquiring why AGM approval was not obtained for the MoU. The Secretary responded that only a draft MoU had been prepared and was yet to be agreed upon.

Mr Sam Joe Lesly, Mr Caldwell, Mr Sathish Paul, Mr Babu Jayaseelan, Mr Singh Ratnam, Dr Paul Prabhakar, Mr Alwyn Jayakumar, Mr Jayaseelan Anbalagan, and Mr Christin Solomon Walter shared their views. The Secretary clarified their queries and explained that CDA has issued strict instructions to license-holding Churches to provide sub-bank accounts (operating independently) to all guest congregations. Holy Trinity Church (HTC) & Christ Church Jebel Ali (CCJA) confirmed that they are working on a framework to facilitate this. The Secretary will hand over the MoU to the new Executive Committee to discuss and finalise with CSI-MKD to move forward.

The new Executive Committee, along with the CDA sub-committee, will progress this further. This proposal was unanimously approved by the AGM, as duly proposed by Mr Singh Ratnam and seconded by Dr Paul Prabhakar.

#### **II. Community Welfare Programme:**

The Secretary briefed on the proposal for a charity programme, coordinated with CDA, to strengthen the relationship, as elaborated in the annual report. In this regard, an additional AED 150,000 was requested to be included in the budget 2026-2027 for AGM approval.

A clarification letter from Mr Babu Jayaseelan was received, and the Secretary responded. Mr Babu Jeyaseelan, Mr Alwyn Jayakumar, Mr Christin Solomon Walter, Dr Paul Prabhakar, Mrs Clementine Andrus, Mr Caldwell, Mr Edwin Nayagam, Mrs Anita Sweety Alwyn, and Mr Steward Jones shared their views.

The AGM approved proceeding with the programme budget, which was duly proposed by Mrs Irene Jeyaseelan and seconded by Dr Benjamin Rajendran.

### **III. CSI Tirunelveli diocese – Department of Counselling:**

The Secretary briefed on the request letter received from the CSI Tirunelveli diocese – Department of Counselling regarding the Bishop Sargent Anbin Illam, as detailed in the annual report.

A clarification letter from Mr Christin Solomon Walter was received, and the Secretary clarified. Mr Alex Henry Hemanth Kumar, Mr Satheesh Paul, Mr Christin Solomon Walter, Dr Paul Prabhakar, Mr Anish Elmo, Mr Singh Ratnam, Mr Caldwell, Mr Durairaj, Mr Ruban and Mr Allen Kingsly shared their views.

Mrs Ramya proposed that this project can be supported with funds from the Junior Church (JC) Missionary offertory. The Chairman responded that if this project is approved unanimously by the AGM, JC can provide the funds.

The AGM approved this project, which was duly proposed by Mr Allen Kingsly and seconded by Mr David Rajan.

### **IV. Construction of Church Buildings in India:**

The Secretary informed that EC brought forward this proposal during the last AGM, and the AGM requested guidelines for the execution of this project. The guidelines for this project execution are detailed in the annual report.

Mr Sathish Paul, Dr Paul Prabhakar, Mr A. Johnson, Mr Steward Jones, Mr Jayaseelan Anbalagan and Mr Christin Solomon Walter shared their views. As the AGM decision was divided, the Chairman sought the web application system to record members' opinions. The total poll response rate was 61%; however, due to time constraints and a few members' inability to log in, no decision was taken.

**Other Letters Received:**

The Secretary and the Chairman presented the request letters received from the congregation members as listed below;

1. Mr Durairaj proposed that the maximum term for any Church ministry leader shall be four years, and that new leaders shall be appointed every four years.
2. Mr Edwin Russal Raj, Mr Spurgeon Jeyasuria, Mr Sam Ezekiel, Mr Kingson Jose, Mr Israel Manikkam, Mr Catherine Simson, Mrs Ivory Russal, Mrs Jane Rajan, Mrs Sharmila Collins and Mrs Ruth Anitha Anand, requested the appointment of a senior choir master.
3. Mr Babu Jayaseelan proposed to shuffle the current CDA committee, as it has been serving for 4 years.
4. Mr Christin Solomon Walter requested that the online English Divine Service be started, that an early-morning online devotion be held, and that Bible Study sessions be conducted. He also requested the appointment of a Lay Cup-bearers and an increase in missionary support from 110 to 125.
5. Mr Babu Jayaseelan and Mr Sam Issac Rajan proposed increasing the Vicar's term from three to four years.
6. Dr Paul Prabhakar requested the inclusion of youth and women in the EC on a mandatory basis.
7. Mr Moses Vijayakumar requested clarification on the nomination of single subscribing family members to the EC after the head of the family completes two consecutive terms in office.
8. Mrs Priya Singh Ratnam requested a dedicated email address for the Children's Corner ministry.
9. Mr Christin Solomon Walter requested an increase in the number of sponsors for the Church's activities.
10. Mr Alwyn Jayakumar requested that the AGM be held outside the Church premises.

Mr Durairaj, Mr Singh Ratnam, Mr Alwyn Jayakumar and Mr Babu Jayaseelan shared their views. The Chairman requested that all these proposals be reviewed by the EC, noting that some may require constitutional revision and that they should be presented at the next AGM for approval as appropriate.

**Other Businesses:**

The Chairman confirmed that the CDA sub-committee will continue to work in coordination with EC.

The Chairman initiated a discussion on the Constitution Revision Committee and concluded that the EC will arrange an SGM to finalise this matter.

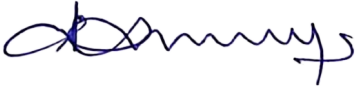
**Annual Report 2025 - 2026:**

The Annual Report 2025 – 2026 was unanimously approved, with the above-mentioned AGM-agreed decisions and approvals, which were duly proposed by Mr Edwin Nayagam and seconded by Mr Steward Jones.

**Further Proceedings:**

The Chairman thanked all members for their cooperation in successfully carrying out this AGM.

The AGM was concluded with a prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

**Chairman****(Rev. K. Suthakar)****Secretary****(Mr Moses Vijayakumar)**