



## Northern Baptist Association AGM - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at Stocksfield Baptist Church

Welcome from Hayley Young, Regional Minister (TSL).

Welcome to new ministers within the Association: Rev Craig Downes (Stockton), Peter Wallace (Lakeside), Rev Joel Mercer (Whitley Bay), Rev Louise Dickinson (Durham).

**Attendance:** 51 people

**Apologies:** Peter Webster (Marsden Rd BC), Steve Cowie (New Life BC), Rev Martin Mills (Norton BC), Rev Craig Downs (Stockton BC), Rev Dave Tubby (Heaton BC), Duncan Moore (Gateshead Central BC), Jen Holder (Lifer BC)

AGM chaired by Rev Tony Ruddle, Moderator of the NBA

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record.

The meeting accepted the annual report and the finance report.

Several people were coming to the end of their term as trustees: thanks was given to Jackie Buckle, Jo Thoy, Rev Ray Richardson, Rev John Cooper and Mike Cross for their faithful service as council members as their term comes to an end.

The following appointments to the NBA council (trustees) were accepted:

Jen Holder (New Life BC) – unanimous

Jonny Hedges (Redcar BC) - unanimous

Susanna Hinton (New Life BC) - unanimous

Rev Tony Ruddle (Whitley BC, for re-election to a second term) - unanimous

Rev Dave Tubby (Heaton BC, for re-election to a second term) - unanimous

The following annual appointments were accepted:

Treasurer: Gavin Monument (Billingham BC) - unanimous

Independent Examiner: John Watson (Morpeth BC) - unanimous

Home Mission Rep: Jess Steel (Stockton BC) - unanimous

BMS Rep: Penny Hyde (Stockton BC) - unanimous

Update from the Transitional Strategic Regional Minister:

Rev Hayley Young conducted 100 days of listening; her initial report was then discerned by council. God is raising up a different emphasis for a different time. Some of our previous structures, behaviours and language has not been helpful, which led to an apology and statement of intent that everyone within the NBA is able to flourish. Our beauty as Baptists is that we are able to hold difference and the NBA wants to do that well. The transition process continues; the council will be discerning together in May around Hayley's next report on the structures of the NBA.

Rev Tony Ruddle closed the meeting in prayer.