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MINUTES Annual General Meeting - Sunday 24th October, 2021

Apologies: Nil

Chair: Michael Branch

Prayer:

1. WELCOME and DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Quorum of 13 exceeded, 15 present and 5 proxies from missionaries overseas.

2. ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES from AGM, November 2020

Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 2020 is an item included on AGM Affirmation Form.

Minutes were accepted unanimously, other than by those who were not in attendance at AGM 2020 (see Agenda Item 12)

3. ELDERS REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Michael Branch presented the Elders' report. He highlighted the impact of major events such as bushfires, storms and the global pandemic in bringing rapid change in society, virtually halting many activities, and refocussing our energy on seeking God in prayer. "The disruptions of 2020 have shaken many to their core and left many unsure of what they had put their 'faith' in. This is a great opportunity for the Gospel."

The Eldership continues to seek God's guidance for LifeStream and encourages each member to likewise seek his heart and to understand where he would have us.

4. MISSIONS REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Murray Hewitt presented his Missions report, updating the meeting on what our missionaries, the Carrascos, the Hays, and the Parrs have been up to, and the work of the Flores and Bautista families at JLCM in the Philippines. The pandemic and other natural and personal events have posed considerable challenges to them all.

Locally our Missional training groups concluded a series of studies, and entered into a stage of implementing Biblical disciple making principles in seeking to journey in new and existing relationships, "praying with faith and giving time for the Holy Spirit to move." Murray was able to participate in Christian Education in Schools sessions, to share regularly with a group at a mental health prison, and Murray and Caroline attended a group meeting in Tasmania to develop their experience with Biblical disciple making.

5. DISCIPLESHIP AND CARE REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Caroline Hewitt presented her Discipleship and Care report. Caroline highlighted the ways we were able to find new ways to connect and care for one another, especially when pandemic

restrictions limited our capacity to meet together face to face. Being separated also allowed time to reflect and wait on God.

Nonetheless there was opportunity to form and build Missional Training Groups, training in missional thinking and life-style, and reaching out in existing relationships and seeking to establish new relationships where there was an interest in discovering Jesus. One group of ladies in the church regularly met to study the Bible, share their lives and encourage and pray for one another.

6. PRAYER AND WORSHIP REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Marjorie Waugh presented her Prayer and Worship report. Marjorie focussed on the major impact on the process of corporate worship and prayer in the church, brought on by lockdown forced by the pandemic. Fortunately, many in the church were able to meet Sundays on Zoom and share Bible preaching, communion, prayer and fellowship, albeit quite different from face to face meetings in our church building. "During this time God confirmed to the leaders how important prayer was to be the basis for/of all we undertook."

We also began, week by week, to encourage each other to focus on the one thing God wanted to reveal to us as we progressed through the year, looking forward to where he wanted to take us in our mission. Seeking God was to undergird what we hoped to achieve in Him.

7. CHURCH SUPPORT REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Michael Branch presented his Church Support report. Church Support encompasses the essential services necessary to sustain the fabric of our facilities, the physical health of our members, and the financial and other administration of our operations.

During the year our Office Administrator Susan Main retired, and we added Kristelle Mann to support the day to day running of our financial management, supported by Janeane Thompson in payroll and other matters.

COVID required development of a Safety Plan to ensure different meetings and different groups using our facilities were able to operate safely and within government pandemic rules. Especially in the months of lockdown, our developing capabilities in digital technology enabled a high quality of connectedness through various online meetings and administration.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: available in the Annual Report, www.lifestreamcf.org.au

Michael Branch presented his Financial report. Our audited accounts show that in 2020 we suffered a net operating loss of \$81,473 principally due to the significant reduction in income, including general offerings and rental income caused by the building largely empty on account of COVID restrictions. Nonetheless we still continued to set aside 20% of our general offerings to missions and gave approximately \$11,034 to our overseas and local missions.

9. FINAL COLLECTION OF AFFIRMATION SLIPS:

No further Affirmation Forms or Proxy Forms were submitted at this stage in the meeting.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MURRAY AND CAROLINE HEWITT:

Murray and Caroline thanked LifeStream for the opportunity to serve and minister over the past several years, and then announced their decision to give notice and seek other opportunities elsewhere. They spoke of the difficulty in coming to their decision, but affirmed their commitment of an unknown future to their known God. No decision on their exact departure has been reached.

Michael responded on behalf of the Elders and of the church with thanks and appreciation of the substantial contribution that has been made to LifeStream by Murray and Caroline. He wished them well in their imminent adventure with God. He also committed the Elders to praying with the Hewitts as to their future timing, and also the future direction for LifeStream.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SECRETARY GRAHAM MORTIMER:

Michael announced that Graham had decided on reaching his 70th birthday to step down from his position as Secretary. Michael thanked Graham for his commitment and service for the past years and wished him well for the future. He also presented Graham with a gift in appreciation.

12: ANNOUNCEMENT OF TALLY OF AFFIRMATION SLIPS:

Secretary announced that all propositions on the Affirmation Form were supported in the affirmative, all with in excess of 90% of affirmation forms submitted.

13. CLOSING PRAYER: Michael closed the meeting with prayer

Graham Mortimer, Secretary