

# MINUTES OF THE TSCF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## HELD ON SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 4PM ON ZOOM



### **Present (Voting):**

#### **TSCF Board:**

Janice Cheng *Interim Chair*  
Paul Trebilco *Interim Vice Chair*  
Rachal Aspinall *Treasurer*  
Ben Carswell *National Director*

#### **TSCF Vice Presidents:**

Hilary Hague; Rubee Yee; Andrew Saunders; Dennis Fountain

#### **Students:**

Selina Chan	<i>Auckland Overseas CF</i>	Pempho Chamdimba	<i>TSCF Hamilton</i>
Anthony Borosi	<i>Auckland Overseas CF</i>	David Millar	<i>TSCF Hamilton</i>
Eseane Uale	<i>AUT CF (North)</i>	Andzile Mavuso	<i>TSCF Massey Albany</i>
Thomas Harvey	<i>CMF</i>	Chris Conway	<i>TSCF Massey Albany</i>
Dom Park	<i>KYCF</i>	Jayden Cantwell	<i>TSCF Tauranga</i>
Ana Jeon	<i>KYCF</i>	Michael Watson	<i>TSCF Tauranga</i>
Ollie McKenzie	<i>Lincoln UCF</i>	Selau Ifopo	<i>UoA CU</i>
Tiger MacRae	<i>Lincoln UCF</i>	Grace Lewis	<i>UoA CU</i>
Lorenzo Kokx	<i>MUCF</i>	Carlo Bredemeijer	<i>Veritas Law</i>
Luke Cherrington	<i>MUCF</i>	Abigail Webber	<i>Wintec Hamilton</i>
Grier Buchanan	<i>OCF</i>		

### **Present (Observing):**

#### **TSCF Staff:**

Caitlin Ormiston; Wilma Reinders; Mike Doragh; Esther Chu; Alaina Eckert; Chris Hay; Katie Knight; Lance Knight; Josh Irving; Anna Jacobs; Jordan Simmonds; Tim Hodge; Robyn Drake; Abigail Ninham.

#### **Students:**

Georgia Jeffcote; Lily S, Pam Rush, Logan Dean; Amos Chua; Caitlyn Lee; Sangeeth Dawson

#### **Supporters:**

Desiree Baptista; Fia Collins; David Tripp; Catherine Bremner; Tom Broughton; Jan Carey; Beryl Anderson; Don Mathieson; David Jamison; David Walters; Peter Lineham; Reuel Baptista; Alan Knight; Murray Harris; Peter Crothall; Lesley Anderson; Chris Barnes; David Robb; Allan Knight; Annelise Chan; Heather Brockett; Harvey Rees-Thomas; Cameron Waddel; Chris Malcolm; Peter Olanipekun; Sreenu Gantinapalli; Ann Tan. *[Note: These supporters registered to attend, however unsure whether they actually attended].*

## **I. Welcome & Prayer**

Janice Cheng (Interim Chair) and Ben Carswell (National Director) welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some housekeeping etiquette. Hilary Hague then opened the meeting in prayer.

## **2. Bible Reading**

Chris Conway (Massey Albany) read Psalm 92.

### 3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Dave Hodgkinson (Staff), Nadine Liddle (Staff), Isobel Hollick (Supporter), Bruce Nicholls (Supporter & Former Staff/Board Member),

### 4. Basis of Belief

Ben Carswell read out the Basis of Belief.

### 5. Minutes and Matters arising from the 2024 AGM

No corrections were received.

**Motion 1:** Agree that the minutes of the 2024 AGM are a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Rachal Aspinall

**Seconded:** Paul Trebilco

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

### 6. National Directors Report

*A summary of the National Director's report, delivered by Ben Carswell:*

How do you accurately report on Student mission? Is it quantity? Staff? Conversions? Finance? Quality? There aren't any good metrics for student ministry. In 2008 I joined a team in Canberra with IFES and built a vision of what God will do across the South Pacific (SP) region. We next met in Fiji in 2013 for SPARC (South Pacific Regional Conference) and on the last day, a group of Solomon Island (SI) students gathered together holding the SI flag and shared that they would like to see a student movement in the SI.

We have grown our NZ team significantly. Please pray for Otago (for others to join the team with Simon) and Manawatu (for workers). We welcomed Anna Jacobs (from Australia, joining the team in Auckland) and Will & Esther Chu (from USA, joining the team in Wellington).

Our conference this year was held in Ngāruawāhia in the Waikato – up to a third of the attendees were either new Christians or not Christians. Our next Summit will be held in Queenstown with Reuben Munn (Senior Pastor at Shore Community Church, Auckland) as our lead speaker. We hear regular stories of change and professions of faith. They are encouraging to hear and we long to see more.

The Well, our residential community in Lincoln, is going strong and is used as a base for outreach and discipleship. Thank you to Alaina and the Lincoln Team for their hard work. Please pray for the Well.

We disbanded our National Strategy Team at the beginning of this year. This was a group that supported me since my appointment as National Director in 2019, and we are in the process of building a new team to train up some younger staff into these senior roles. We are also looking forward to rebuilding the Student Council.

Thank you to Janice Cheng, our Board Chair for all the hard work she has been doing with Board succession. Thank you also to Roger Moses and Tom Broughton who stepped down as Board members.

We are looking forward to our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026! There are many opportunity and great challenges ahead:

Due to a change in the Incorporated Societies Act, we need to update our Constitution. This is a great opportunity but a significant task. Consequently, our next AGM will be held on **14th March 2026** in order to allow time for these changes. We will communicate the proposed changes before the next AGM.

We are seeking to increase momentum for changing locations for our National Office in 2026. Due to flood damage, changes in the area, and needs in the office means Ben invited those present to pray and consider financially supporting this, and to get in touch if they know of any suitable location.

Also in the coming year: We are looking at ways to grow core funds for longer term sustainable ministries. We want to see continued growth in our staff teams, including our Wellington team. We are currently advertising for a Communications Manager and Fundraising Manager.

The tertiary sector continues to change – we are looking to grow in the polytechs (wānanga) – not just the universities. Pray that God would open up doors to see a witness in the wānanga across NZ.

Returning to the story of the Solomon Island students and their flag, Ben has just returned from SPARC which hasn't happened for quite a number of years due to Covid, cyclones and other events, however this year we met in the Solomon Islands hosted by the Honiara Christian Fellowship who are celebrating 10 years as a movement!

How do we report and measure accurately on the metrics of student mission? We can't. Back in 1934 before TSCF event existed, IVF was formed and shortly afterwards became TSCF. Has it been successful? I'm sure there were hard times and good times. We can reflect and look back on the works of His hands.

*Janice thanked Ben for his leadership over the past years and for doing it so faithfully. On behalf of the Board, Janice shared thanks for the many supporters, students, staff and those who have worked in different capacities for TSCF over the years.*

## 7. Election of Officers

**Motion 2:** To elect Janice Cheng as Board Chair.

**Moved:** Eseane Uale

**Seconded:** Michael Watson

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

**Motion 3:** To elect Paul Trebilco as Board Vice Chair.

**Moved:** Lorenzo Kokx

**Seconded:** Grier Buchanan

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

**Motion 4:** To elect Paul Windsor as Board member.

**Moved:** Paul Trebilco

**Seconded:** Andrew Saunders

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

## 8. Finance Report

*Ben presented the Finance Report. A summary of Ben's report:*

This year has been encouraging against a backdrop of a difficult financial climate. Sincere thanks to our outgoing Finance Manager, John Riley, who will be retiring at the end of this year. He has served faithfully for over 10 years. Welcome to our incoming Finance Manager, Anita Nolan, who has already started with us. Also, a welcome and thanks to Abigail Ninham who is assisting us in our Admin in the Office. A huge thank you to Rachal Aspinall (our Treasurer), Bruce Robertson and Michael Bresler. Together they, along with staff, form our Finance Committee and provide an invaluable work.

It has been a testimony of God's abundant blessing that we have received our funding. The partnership of supporters financially, their prayers spiritually and the careful management of this team and our governance team has meant that despite predicting a deficit budget we ended the year with a small surplus which we give thanks to God for.

We saw a slight decline of \$44k in our income. We supplement our donations income from several places including the Well and the rental space sub-leased from the Wellington office. We had our largest mid-year Summit conference in several years which increased our funding and there was a small amount of growth in overseas financial support.

We have seen a slight decline in general giving, most likely due to cost-of-living increases and increase in unemployment. Overall, we have received an income of \$1.6m in the past year.

We sought to control our expenditure whilst not minimising the opportunities that present. We reduced our expenditure by \$10k from the previous year. We reduced the Well mortgage by \$77k which puts us in a better long-term position with our fixed term assets. Global Reach is one of our Aims. We sent a student team to Vanuatu; we had staff from the Pacific joining us for Staff Training which increased our expenditure. Expenditure over last year was \$1.5m. We are pleased to report a surplus of \$64k and we seek to be good stewards of that.

Looking forward, we seek to use ongoing scholarships for Summit and other gatherings. We are talking with trusts and supporters regarding producing a NZ TSCF edition of Mark's Gospel. This will cost in the region of \$50k, so we are looking to raise the funds to be able to use that on campuses in NZ. We are also looking to continue reduce our mortgage on the Well.

The biggest thing we have done over the year is undertaking an extensive salary review – a huge thank you to Caitlin Ormiston, our Chief Operating Officer, and the Board, for the work done on this so that our staff are paid at the appropriate levels in parity with equivalent roles. In order to achieve our goal, we need to grow our funding by over \$200k, so we invite you to partner with TSCF in paying our staff appropriately.

A huge thank you to everyone for your financial support. Would you consider partnering with TSCF longer-term? Would you think about including TSCF in a legacy further down the line?

**Motion 5:** That the audited financial accounts for 2024 be accepted as true and accurate.

**Moved:** Michael Watson

**Seconded:** Lorenzo Kokx

Motion Carried through online voting system StrawPoll.

## **9. Notification of next AGM – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 at 4.00 pm online.**

Our next AGM will be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 4.00 pm online. At this meeting we will present the proposed updated Constitution for vote, required in line with the Incorporated Societies Act (2022).

## **10. Other Business**

No other business raised.

## **11. Closing & Prayer**

Andrew Saunders closed the meeting in prayer at 5.02 pm.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_