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EIUK Annual Conference and AGM 2022



On Saturday 5 March 2022, the EIUK family met together in person for the first time since the pandemic started. It was great to meet together, chat and catch up with each other and to worship together before we settled down for the day's programme.

We were very glad to welcome in person Paul (International Director) and Helen Jones and Richard (Canadian Director) and Pam McGowan (EIC Finance Director) all the way from Canada, and Andrew Khoo (EIUK alumnus to Uganda) all the way from Malaysia. We were also joined by people who are new to Emmanuel International, some regular and faithful supporters and also a number of alumni.

We would like to express thanks to St John's Church, Southbourne, for all the help they provided. Kim led our worship time and Martin took care of all the IT for us. Susie and Julie provided a lovely lunch, complete with dessert! Coffee and tea was available throughout.

After the welcome by Sue Fallon, EIUK General Manager, and worship, Helen Jones shared a devotion.

Tim and Rachel Monger, returned missionaries who have served in Tanzania for 10 years, joined us via Zoom. Tim now works for Amigos, who does similar work to EI in Uganda. Tim and Rachel were on their way to Africa: first Uganda where they were planning



Sue Fallon



Helen Jones



Richard McGowan



Clive Tydeman

to meet up with Mike and Marianne Botting, EI Country Representatives in Uganda, and then Rachel planned to go to Mwanza in Tanzania to work with EITZ on the beekeeping project on Kome Island, where she would be representing Bees Abroad. The family has settled well in Bath and Amisadai and Louisa as happy in their new school too. We prayed for their trip, which was cancelled at short notice. It was rescheduled on the same day - God answers prayers!

Richard McGowan shared a message from EI Canada, introducing the EI staff and sharing some of the current activities and future plans of EIC.

Clive Tydeman, Chairman of the EIUK Board of Trustees, then led the AGM. All the items on the agenda were dealt with efficiently, as all the documentation was distributed to members beforehand and considered read. We are glad that John Raby was re-elected to the Board for another term. Clive gave a short overview of the last year in EIUK, the accounts were presented and received. A Special Resolution, an amendment to the Articles of Association to allow for digital meetings, was made, all members present and those via proxy, voted in favour.

The Ewing family joined from Mwanza, Tanzania via Zoom. They were sitting

outside, enjoying avocado juice! It was good to see and hear from Tabitha and Reuben about their school life. Victoria filled us in on her new job, as a Trial Manager for London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Simon shared about the latest projects in Tanzania, including the work in a relatively new region, Tanga.

Fred Silva shared with us about the work in Brazil, and the wonderful news of a Terena chief who recently gave her life to Jesus. The team in Brazil has also been joined by a new missionary, Miriam Zanutti.

Mike and Marianne Botting joined us via Zoom from Uganda. Though connections were not great, we were still able to hear about the wonderful developments in Uganda, with one of their staff members taking up the call to outreach for the Karamajong tribe in Northern Uganda. The Bottings are now based in Gulu while the team is still based in Pader. This is working out well and allowing for new partnerships and mission opportunities to develop.

Andy Sharpe, EIUK Fundraising Support and EITZ alumnus, reported on the Ibumu water project and the exciting progress being made. He is working closely with the Tanzanian staff and is visiting Iringa at the moment, to support



Andy Sharpe



Paul Jones

the staff there but mainly to oversee the progress on this water project.

Paul Jones ended the day's activities by giving an overview of the International Office and introducing the EI staff worldwide. This fitted very nicely with the prayer time that followed as each person was given a photo of staff member(s) and were encouraged to pray for them, not only in groups in the conference but also at home.

The whole day was steeped in prayer as we stopped frequently between reports to pray for our missionaries and the projects, and any specific prayer points that were raised.

There were 27 people who attended in person. We are blessed to have as many people as we did, given that COVID is still rife and many of our supporters are vulnerable or older and felt they could not risk the exposure or manage travelling the distance to attend.

Next year we hope to offer the opportunity to participate, at least during the AGM, through online means as well as in person to allow for more people to be part of the meeting.

We are looking forward to a repeat next year of a in person meeting. We hope that you will be able to join us!

What people thought of the day...

After a couple of virtual conferences, it was great to be in person and spend time with the EI Family.

Clive

I enjoyed the EIUK conference very much - it's good to meet with others who are involved in all that EI is doing - and, of course, on a personal note, to see Simon and his family and hear what he has been up to. I feel that EI has become part of our extended family.

Pam

The AGM was encouraging and so good to see people in their places of work around the world - God is moving!

Bernard

The EIUK Conference highlights were seeing and hearing the updates from several of the missionaries via Zoom, being able to pray together for specific issues and of course the wonderful lunch!

Alison

It was very good to meet with the EIUK family again, with the Canadian and International leadership, to discuss and pray over the work of EI. However, the modest numbers who attended is a concern.

Tom

To be together and fellowship with so many of EI's faithful supporters was a joyful encouragement, a real privilege.

Paul

An excellent opportunity to receive an update on most of the fields EI is working in and a really enjoyable time meeting new and old faces.

John

More thoughts on the day...

I enjoyed the day and found it very interesting.

Doris

Meeting people at the Conference both in person and on-line, and having the chance to ask questions, made us feel much more connected to the great work they are doing.

Tim and Anne

It was such a privilege to meet together via Zoom across the world to see God's work in action. Being able to pray with those in the field as well as getting together with those who were able to come to the conference is truly special.

Martin

It was really good to spend face to face time with people I hadn't seen for ages, hear live up to date and concise news from the field, and have people from the International and Canadian office with us too.

Lucy



We thank God for the opportunity to meet together again, seeing His hand in the work of EI all over the world. God is good.

Andrew Khoo received Lambeth Award



On 7 March 2022 Andrew Khoo, EIUK alumnus to Uganda, received the Cross of St Augustine from the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Andrew received this award for outstanding service to support the Communion's pandemic response, including through the Global Covid-19 Task Force. **Our warmest congratulations to Andrew!**

Great people meet!



While in the UK, Paul and Helen Jones (EI International Director) went to visit John and Thelma Carroll (EIUK Founder). They had a great time of reminiscing about the work of EI over the many decades of its existence!