

Guiding Principles FAQ

How do the guiding principles relate to our current position?

The duly appointed officers are responsible for the affairs of the church and charity, the recruitment and recommendation to the church of other duly appointed officers e.g. trustees, charity secretary, senior pastor and treasurer for a vote using the appropriate resolution.

All officers are proposed to the church and the church votes.

The Senior Pastor is responsible for proposing elders to the church, and the church votes.

Where are we now?

We had 7 duly appointed officers

Andrew Berry- Chair of Trustees (Resigned)

Joel Steed- Trustee (Resigned)

Ray Stead- Trustee (Retired)

Merlyn Ipinson-Fleming- Trustee

Debbie Merridew - Trustee

Gail Thomas - Treasurer

Pam Gladdish- Charity Secretary (Retired)

Nigel Ipinson- Fleming - Senior Pastor (Outgoing December 2019)

With the impending departure of the senior pastor, officer resignations and retirements, we now have have **3 duly appointed officers** comprising two trustees and the treasurer.

We have no elders.

What happens next?

If the guiding principles are to be adhered to:

Using the appropriate resolution for a church vote, the current duly appointed officers will need to recruit and recommend further officers to the church.

They will need to do this in order to:

1. Ensure that the trustee body does not remain below the appropriate requirement of 3 trustees as written in the BCLC Constitution 2017
2. Appoint a charity secretary
3. Action a recruitment plan to retain the services of a new Senior Pastor
4. The Senior would then recommend his elders (minimum 2) to the church