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Annual Gathering and AGM

Jesus Speaks to the Storm

10:30am - 1pm at Westgate Baptist Church, NE4 6NX

A gathering of churches, ministers, pioneers and missional communities from across the NBA for worship & fellowship and to share together in what is happening around the NBA.

10.30am: Welcome (JP/LD)

10.40: Worship (Westgate Team)

10.55: Open The Book: Rob Wallace & Team

11.15: Jesus Speaks to the Storm: Roy Searle

11.45: Refreshments

12.00: NBA Update: RMTLs

**12.15: AGM**

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

3. Annual Report 2023

4. Finance Report

5. Council Update including Appointments (Trustees)

(please see attached sheet for information)

1. Phil Dixon (re-election)
2. Annual Appointments recommended by Council:
3. Treasurer: Gavin Monument
4. Independent Examiner: John Watson
5. Home Mission Rep: Roy Searle
6. BMS Rep: vacant

Prayer/close

This event is open to all in our NBA church, voting delegates are required to book in at https://www.thenba.org.uk/bookings for free.

**Information on elections to Council**

**Re-election**

**Rev Phil Dixon**

**Member Church: Oxford Rd Baptist Church, Hartlepool**

Rev Phil Dixon has served as a Trustee for the past 3 years. Under clause 6.2 of the NBA constitution to serve another three years term (2024-2027).

Bio: I'm presently the pastor of Oxford Road Baptist Church in Hartlepool, having moved at the beginning of 2021. I've served most of my ministry life in the NBA, having been at Redcar B.C. from 1991-2015. I'm married to Margaret who is a nurse working at North Tees and we have 3 adult daughters, and 2 granddaughters with a third due in June.I enjoy walking, running, 5-a-side football and rock music especially Bruce Springsteen.

**Annual appointments recommended by Council.**

**Treasurer: Gavin Monument**

Member Church: Billingham Baptist Church

Bio: I have attended Billingham Baptist Church since the age of 7, growing up through Sunday School and coming to faith at the age of 17. I was baptized at the age of 20 and became a church member. I was elected as a deacon in 2001, and then as church treasurer in 2003. I served on the Leadership Team until 2015 when I stood down from both roles due to work commitments. Despite this I continued to support the church by producing the gift aid claims and the annual accounts for the church due to the absence of a treasurer. In 2021 I was elected back into the role of treasurer.

In 2004, and completely by accident, I was nominated by the church to stand to serve on NBA Council. I decided to use the mistake as a fleece to see if I could serve God in this way. I was elected to Council in 2004 and served until 2010 when my work commitments became too much (I was at the heart of a major waste management contract negotiation at the time). In addition to serving on Council I also served on the Resources Group, and chaired that meeting for my final two years. I also served on the Home Mission grants committee and staffing group. At various points I have acted as a Home Mission visitor and have enjoyed my time getting to know Blackhill, Durham City and Wallsend Baptist churches. In 2020 I was asked by NBA Council to step in following the resignation of the previous treasurer, and I was elected to the role at the AGM in 2021.

In my work life I qualified as an accountant in 2002 and have predominantly served in the public sector, holding a number of roles, including Assistant Head of Finance at South Tyneside Council. In 2016 I was asked to join the Department for Education as a contractor in their Operational Finance division where we are responsible for the collection of financial data from academy trusts and use that to produce the Department’s annual report and accounts. With 3,000 separate accounts to consolidate, it is believed to be the largest accounts consolidation exercise in the world. I joined the team permanently in Sept 2017. And interestingly, academy trusts are charitable companies, as is the NBA, meaning I have extensive transferable skills and knowledge from work to support the NBA.

**Home Mission Representative: Roy Searle (Rev)**

Member Church: Portrack Baptist Church and friend of Alnwick Baptist Church

Bio: Roy is our longest serving minister within the NBA. Born in the North East, he has served in the region throughout the whole of this ministry. Pioneering as Portrack’s first minister, he then served as Senior Pastor at Enon, Sunderland, where he oversaw the Oasis Frontline teams base for the North East. He is one of the founders of the now global Northumbria Community. Roy has served the NBA as its Moderator and is a former President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. He helped to establish the Free Church Missional Leadership course and the opportunity for people to train for Baptist ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham, where he was the college's first Baptist Hub tutor. He is also an associate tutor of Spurgeons College London.

His ministry now sees him writing, mentoring younger pioneers and missional leaders, advising churches, charities and leadership teams in navigating the challenges and opportunities of a changing world. He is one of the Baptist Union’s Pioneer Ambassadors, working with individuals, missional initiatives, churches, associations and the wider Baptists Together movement. Still a Companion in the Northumbria Community, he recently set up with three Baptist friends, the Northumbrian Collective, which encourages people to Listen Well, Think Deeply and Live Authentically. He is a keen culture watcher and commentator/blogger on contemporary issues. He has co-written a book with his friend, the Canadian missiologist, Alan Roxburgh on Building Communities of Hope – Leadership in a Changing World and Church, due to be published later this year. He is an associate of The Commons Network which draws leaders from the UK, Canada and the USA together for encouragement and supportive accountability. He is also a founding board member of Renovare in Britain and Ireland.

Roy possesses a deep faith, is passionate about the North East and is well known throughout the NBA, the wider denomination and beyond. Innovative and creative, with a passion for the North East, Roy is a natural ambassador for the NBA and for Home Mission as he envisions and enables people and ministries to think wider and realise their potential. He is a bridge builder and great connector of people. A leader, who likes to see people and organisations flourish and be a means of a blessing to the communities in which they live and serve. Roy lives with his wife Shirley in Alnwick and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing tennis, curling, golf, walking and where opportunity allows, sailing. A Geordie by birth, he has somehow ended up as a devoted Middlesbrough football supporter!

**Notes on Voting**

1. Each member church shall have the right to appoint one representative to General Meetings of the Association and additional representatives in accordance with the following schedule:

51 to 100 members -1  
 101 to 150 members -2  
 151 to 200 members -3  
 201 to 250 members -4  
 251 to 300 members -5 and so on

1. Each minister/pastor in post at a member church shall also be a representative.
2. Each representative shall have one vote.
3. The representative or representatives of a member church shall be entitled together to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member church as the member church could exercise.