

## CHALMERS LECTURESHIP TRUST MAY 2023

### Proposed Deliverance

#### The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Appoint the Rev Dr Ruth Morrison (Minister) and Mr Jamie Sutherland (Elder) as Trustees of the Chalmers Lectureship Trust (*Section 3*).
3. Re-appoint the following Trustees for the periods of office specified: Rev Dr John McPake (2022-2025), Rev Janet Mathieson (2022-2026) and Rev Dr Scott McKenna (2022-2026) (Ministers); and Mr Roy Pinkerton (2022-2025), Mrs Kay Keith (2022-2025) and Mrs Isobel Hunter (2022-2026) (Elders) (*Section 2*).
4. Welcome the appointment of the Rev Professor John Swinton and Dr Katie Cross as the joint Chalmers Lecturers for the cycle 2022-26 and note that the Trustees will bring to the General Assembly 2024 detailed proposals for this Lectureship cycle (*Section 3*).

### Report

#### 1. CHALMERS LECTURES 2018-2021

**1.1** The Trustees would like to thank the Rev Dr Sam Wells for delivering his series of six lectures in the autumn of 2019 entitled 'A Future that's Bigger than the Past' and for the publication of his associated book, the proposals for which were reported to the General Assembly of 2019.

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#### 2. NEW TRUSTEES

**2.1** There are two vacancies for General Assembly appointed members of the Trust who serve alongside the Trustees ex officio who are the Moderator and Clerks of the General Assembly and the Principals or Heads of the Colleges of Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews and Aberdeen. The Trustees, propose the appointment of the Rev Dr Ruth Morrison (Minister) and Mr Jamie Sutherland (Elder) as Trustees of the Chalmers Lectureship Trust (2022-2026). The following Trustees, all of whom who have completed one term of office, have agreed to be re-appointed as follows: the Rev Dr John McPake (2022-2025), the Rev Janet Mathieson (2022-2026) and the Rev Dr Scott McKenna (2022-2026) (Ministers); and Mr Roy Pinkerton (2022-2025), Mrs Kay Keith (2022-2025) and Mrs Isobel Hunter (2022-2026) (Elders).

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#### 3. THE NEXT CYCLE OF LECTURESHIP

**3.1** The Trustees met for the first time since the pandemic in Autumn 2022 to begin discussions about the next cycle of lectureship. The funds available to the Trust mean that there is a real opportunity to do something imaginative with the next series of lectures with the aim of engaging with as wide an audience as possible. The Trustees were also very keen to give their support to a younger generation theologian. The Trustees are delighted to confirm the appointment of both The Rev Prof John Swinton and Dr Katie Cross as the joint Chalmers Lecturers for 2024. The overarching theme for the lecture series is 'Hope in the world today'. Both lecturers will deliver three online lectures on the theme of hope and then come together to reflect on their different approaches in the final lecture of the series which will be in both in person and online. The joint lecture series will be published as a resource for congregations and further publications are also planned.

*In the name of the Trust*

FIONA E SMITH, *Chair*