OFFICER ELECTIONS COMPLETE FOR SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Loud applause filled the Butterworth Hall at Warwick University as Pastor Sam Davis was asked to serve a second term as President of the South England Conference. Pastor Davis led the SEC effectively for the past four years through a turbulent period with difficult economics world-wide and in the church yet at the same time a period when the church in the SEC has grown in real terms. He has always kept a focus on evangelism and nurture.

In accepting the post for a further term Pastor Davis shared his appreciation for the prayers that have been offered on his behalf throughout the last quadrenium and asked that this continues for the coming years.

With that emphasis on evangelism the nominating committee then recommended another man with evangelism in his blood to the position of Executive Secretary. Pastor Terry Messenger has served as Personal Ministries and Sabbath School Director for the past four years. This, he confessed, was a job he loved and that he felt was 'in his comfort zone'. His election to Executive Secretary leads him onto new ground, but with prayer, and the support of the membership he has agreed to serve.

The third officer position, that of treasurer, brought Earl Ramharacksingh back to the platform as he agreed to continue in the role for a further term in what he described as 'servant leadership'. Delegates recognised that his steady hand during a time when the financial world is very troubled has been a blessing to the mission of the SEC.

During Thursday and Friday reports have been given, discussion and heated but positive debate has taken place both inside and outside the hall. A synopsis of that debate will appear in Messenger and in next week's BUC News. As this BUC News update goes to press the nominating committee continues to work looking at the best people to serve the Conference as Department Directors and on the Executive Committee.

Sabbath programmes will be streamed online starting with vespers at 7:30 pm on Friday and then again at 9:00 am Sabbath morning. Expect stimulating preaching, music and praise, and a special drama celebrating the 400 years of the King James Bible during the Sabbath School period.

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