

## **Nominations from the Supporters' Council for CWS Board member**

### **Background**

Under the new constitution adopted in November 2013 there is provision for a Supporters' Council. It is made up of partner churches, organisations and individuals committed to the vision, values and objectives of Christian World Service who have provided financial support for CWS work in the past two years.

The Supporters' Council meets annually in different parts of the country in conjunction with the AGM of the Board. The 2016 Supporters' Council is being held in Auckland on Friday 16 September (6 to 8pm) and the AGM on Saturday 17 September (9.30 to 10.30am). Both meetings are being held at the Parenting Centre, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane.

One of the purposes of the Council is to receive nominations from supporters for a member of Supporters Council to be considered for appointment to the Board. The Board will make an appointment after considering the nominations.

The new constitution disestablished the National Council that was made up of representatives from the Churches who were members of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand. Partner Churches now have direct representation on the CWS Board.

### **Responsibilities of the Board member**

The Board meets six times a year of which at least two meetings are 'face to face'. Under the new constitution at least one-quarter of the Board will be from outside of Christchurch. Board members shall hold office for a term of three years with a possible extension for a further three year period.

### **Ideal person profile**

First and foremost: an empathy and understanding for the mission and purpose of Christian World Service and respect for its theological perspective, its history and ecumenical nature.

The basic skills are:

- Understanding of the role of a Board member and the responsibilities of governance of a charitable trust
- Able to respect boundaries between governance and management (staff or day to day)
- Ability to think strategically without becoming involved in detail
- Ability to work with others as part of a team
- Listening skills
- Problem solving skills
- Decision making skills
- Numeracy

Knowledge of any of the following would be desirable:

- General international development experience – understanding of contemporary trends and key players both globally and locally.
- Fundraising and donor acquisition practices
- Current media and PR practices and methodologies.

## Nomination Form for CWS Board

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(Name of nominator)

hereby nominates

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(Name of nominee)

Signed (nominator) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (nominated) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Description of candidate:

Why they would be a suitable person for the Board:

Nominations must be received in writing by Friday 9 September 2016. Send them to Emma:  
[cws@cws.org.nz](mailto:cws@cws.org.nz)

**Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.**