

## Election to the Board of Directors (3 Vacancies)

The members below have been nominated in accordance with the Credit Union's rules and have been assessed by the nominations committee as suitable candidates for the positions they are standing for.

### John Ellis

**Proposed by: John Rowland. Seconded by: Charles Sim**



John was brought up in Exeter and was a teenage Church Treasurer. He was awarded a Senior Scholarship by King's College, Cambridge, and received a First Class Honours degree in Economics. He worked for the Bank of England for twenty years in a wide variety of roles. When the Financial Services Authority was established, he was one of the first Heads of Department there. From 2000-12 he was employed by the Methodist Church. Initially he worked on the Church's relationship with business and economics. He was later appointed one of four Strategic Leaders and led the whole Methodist staff team.

John has been an Elder of the United Reformed Church since 1981. He was the Treasurer of the URC from 2007 to 2017 and was Moderator of the General Assembly from 2013 to 2016. From 2016-20 he was Treasurer of the Council for World Mission, a partnership of Churches in 40 countries with roots in the British missionary movement. He was elected to the Supervisory Committee by the 2017 AGM and to the Board of Directors in 2021 where he has served as Treasurer since 2022.

### John Rowland

**Proposed by: Antony MacRow-Wood. Seconded by: Alan Yates**



John is a consultant with over a decade of experience advising large financial services organisations in London and Washington D.C. on political risk and regulatory reform.

John knows Churches Mutual well, having been a member of its advisory panel since 2016 before election to the board in January 2018. In that capacity, he was a source of external advice and challenge to the board and management of the Credit Union.

He continues to support Churches Mutual in its important mission to provide sustainable finance to church members across the country. He has a particular interest in how Churches Mutual can use technology to increase efficiency and reach members more effectively.

### Paula Tweddle

**Proposed by: Uell Kennedy. Seconded by: Ian Buchanan**



Paula is a highly experienced business person having mostly worked in the contact centre and customer services industry. 26 years' experience in Business Process Outsourcing has resulted in delivering client business growth and benefit to her clients. Paula has worked with a variety of large organisations across a number of sectors including finance, retail, utilities, telecommunications, automotive, travel & not-for-profit.

A proven track record of developing and leading high performing teams has helped Paula to deliver results for multi-national organisations in a variety of sectors and global markets. Paula currently works within a Global Account Team and has managed clients in the UK, across Europe, India, South Africa and South America.

Paula holds a BA (Hons) University degree in European Business and worships at Wetherby Methodist Church, Leeds in Yorkshire where she is a Steward, Pastoral Secretary and a member of the Finance Committee.

Paula was co-opted to the board of directors in May 2023 to fill a long standing vacancy and is now standing for election by the membership..