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This is a special edition of the Joints & Bands, to inform you of a change in the legal status of the Berean Forward Movement Trust and the Berean Publishing Trust.

The Charity Commission requires that we ask you, as 'stakeholders' or supporters of the two trusts to give us your reaction to these changes.

Attached is a formal document outlining the changes.

[NB. This Consultation, via this 'J&B issue', started 10.9.2014; and ended 27.9.2014.]

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Scheme of the Charity Commission

The Berean Publishing Trust registered charity number 232856 and

The Berean Forward Movement Trust registered charity number 232855

Consultation

1. The Berean Publishing Trust and The Berean Forward Movement have applied for a Scheme¹ of the Charity Commissioners to enable both charities to transfer their assets into a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”)² to be known as the Berean Publishing Trust CIO, the name Berean Forward Movement being retained as a working name; with the following charitable purposes:

“To advance Christianity in accordance with the basic tenets set out in the Schedule³ hereto by holding services, meetings and classes for the study and teaching of the Holy Scriptures or through the publication and distribution of literature to enlighten the public about Christianity”.

The Trustees of both charities are taking this course of action because they believe that the amalgamation of both charities will lead to greater efficiencies, ease of administration and will secure the financial future of The Chapel of the Opened Book.

If you have any comments on the proposed scheme please contact Barry Marple by email:

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¹ A scheme is a legal document made by the Charity Commission, the effect of which is to alter charitable purposes and the administrative provisions of charities.

² A CIO is a corporate charity which can hold property in its own name rather than in the names of individual trustees and has limited liability.

³ The basic tenets set out in the Schedule are:

- 1) Full inspiration of the Scriptures (2Tim: iii.16.).
- 2) Right division of the Scriptures (2 Tim: ii.15; Acts xxviii.17-31).
- 3) Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt; xvi.16; John vi.69 and xx.28).
- 4) All sufficiency of His One Sacrifice (Acts iv.12; Hebrews x.14).