

**THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**FIRST
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

AGENDA AND REPORTS

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1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING WORSHIP conducted by the Revd C. J. Buckingham, President of the Congregational Church in England and Wales. This will include singing of the hymn:— O God of Bethel, Tune : Saltzburg

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed ;
Who through this earthly pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led :
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace ;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide ;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.
4. O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace. Amen.

UNITING DECLARATION

On behalf of the Congregational Church in England and Wales the Revd Dr. John Marsh, seconded by the Revd Ronald Bocking, will move:

'The Assembly of the Congregational Church in England and Wales being satisfied that all necessary action has been taken to give legal effect to such provisions of the Scheme of Union promulgated by the Joint Committee for Conversations between our Churches as require legal sanction, declares that one United Church under the name of the United Reformed Church (Congre-

These resolutions having been passed by majorities of not less than three fourths of each of the separate Assemblies present and voting, the Revd A. L. Macarthur, seconded by Mrs. Gwen Hall, will move:

'This United Assembly consisting of the Assembly of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England, being satisfied that all necessary action has been taken to give legal effect to such provisions of the Scheme of Union promulgated by the Joint Committee for Conversations between our Churches as require legal sanction, declares that one United Church under the name of the United Reformed Church (Congregational/Presbyterian) in England and Wales and upon the Basis, terms, conditions and provisions, and with the membership and ministry, Structure and Councils defined and declared in the Scheme is hereby formed, and that this United Assembly is the first General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.'

This resolution being passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting the first General Assembly of the United Reformed Church shall be constituted.

A prayer of thanksgiving and constitution will be offered by the Rt. Revd A. G. MacLeod, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Roll of Assembly shall be laid on the table.

On behalf of the Joint Interim Nominations Committee, the Revd Dr. Norman Goodall will move:

'The Assembly receives the proposal of the Joint Interim Nominations Committee, and appoints the Revd John Huxtable, Master of Arts, to be the Moderator of this first General Assembly.'

The Revd C. J. Buckingham shall invite Mr. Huxtable to sign the Moderator's Bible and to take the Chair of the United Assembly.

The Rt. Revd John Huxtable will address the Assembly, welcome visitors from other Churches and acknowledge the greetings received. He will then invite

The Archbishop of Canterbury

The Prime Minister

The President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
to address the Assembly.

The Moderator will then move that the Revd B. M. Pratt be appointed to keep the official minutes of this United Assembly.

Mr. Pratt will move the adoption of the Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Joint Committee (p. 12).

The Revd Dr. John Marsh, seconded by the Revd F. D. McConnell, will move the report of the Joint Committee and the consequent resolutions establishing the structure of the United Reformed Church (p. 5).

The Revd Dr. N. Goodall, seconded by the Revd A. J. G. Walker, will move the report of the Joint Interim Nominations Committee and the resolutions to carry their nominations into effect.

The Revd M. H. Cressey will move resolutions appointing the appropriate officers to membership of the General Assembly and Synods.

Any other formal business will then be completed.

The General Secretaries will be inducted to their office by the Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod.

The Moderator will proceed to the induction of the Provincial Moderators and of other full-time officers of the Church.

The Assembly will close with the dedication of the ministers and members of the United Reformed Church and with praise.

Hymn: Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, Tune: Angel's Song

1. Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
2. The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil!
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see;
And labour on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
4. Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day:
5. For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heaven. Amen.

Benediction.

2. RESOLUTIONS

- 1.** The Assembly adopts the **RULES OF PROCEDURE** for the United Reformed Church as set out in the report of the Joint Committee (p. 9).
- 2.** The Assembly approves the **PROPOSALS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE** regarding the central Committee structure of the United Reformed Church as set out in Appendix II to the Rules of Procedure and instructs the Joint Interim Nominations Committee to nominate a Moderator for the General Assembly 1973 and officers and members of Committees in accordance with the proposals of the Joint Committee.
- 3.** The Assembly establishes the **BOUNDARIES OF PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS** in accordance with the proposals of the Joint Committee as set out in Appendix III to the Rules of Procedure.
- 4.** The Assembly adopts the **RULES OF PROCEDURE ON APPEALS** as set out in Appendix IV to the Rules of Procedure.
- 5.** The Assembly resolves that the **OFFICES** of the United Reformed Church shall be situated at 86 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 9RT.
- 6.** The Assembly **INSTRUCTS THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT** of the United Reformed Church to make, through its Central Committee, all necessary arrangements for the carrying on of the banking facilities, the appointing of Auditors, and all other necessary financial arrangements.
- 7.** The Assembly instructs the Finance and Administration Department of the United Reformed Church to make, through the appropriate committees, all **NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RAISING OF NECESSARY FUNDS** for the Maintenance of the Ministry, the provision of pensions for retired ministers, for the carrying on of the Church's work at home and overseas, and for the administering of the Charitable Funds of the church.
- 8.** The Assembly **EMPOWERS THE HONORARY TREASURER** to give a full discharge for all legacies and other moneys falling to the Church or any of its Funds.
- 9.** The Assembly resolves that at the General Assembly of May 1973 and following years **DISTRICTS BE REPRESENTED** on the basis of one representative per 10 churches or part, plus one per 1000 church members or part, with an adjustment to add one in the case of each District if necessary to secure an even number of representatives.
- 10.** The Assembly adopts the regulations set out in **APPENDIX V** to the Rules of Procedure regarding the eligibility of ministers of other Churches and authorises the Applications Committee to consider any applications for admission to the Roll of Ministers not covered by the Scheme of Union or by these regulations, and to report with recommendations to the Assembly of 1973.
- 11.** The Assembly of the United Reformed Church under the provisions of the United Reformed Church Act (Section 18 (1)) assumes the powers attributed in the **CONSTITUTION OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE** to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, and authorises the Presbyterian

Church of England Trust to hold the property on the trusts specified in the Conveyance of 1896 as modified by the United Reformed Church Act.

12. The Assembly **RECOGNISES THE COLLEGES** set out in the report of the Joint Committee as places of training for the ministry of the United Reformed Church, and instructs the Ministerial Training Committee of the United Reformed Church to continue to operate the regulations for the admission of ministers through special examination as previously in use in the Congregational Church in England and Wales.

13. The Assembly noting that the Assemblies of both the uniting Churches have called attention to the need **TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF VARIED ISSUES**, instructs the Clerk to lay these concerns upon the appropriate Departments and Committees of the United Reformed Church.

14. The Assembly **INSTRUCTS THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**, when established, to proceed with the publication of a magazine to be called 'Reform' which shall be the official journal of the United Reformed Church, and with the publication of a Year Book and Handbook.

15. The Assembly acknowledging the special position of the local churches of the **PROVINCE OF WALES** assures them that should they at any time wish to enter into any scheme of Union for Churches within Wales they will be free to do so, and further encourages the Synod of the Province to consider immediate proposals for the establishment of a Covenant among the Churches of Wales to seek union and (in consultation with the Department of World Church and Mission) to make such decisions about them as may seem to be right.

16. The Assembly welcomes the assurances given by the ecumenical bodies that the United Reformed Church will be welcomed as a member church and hereby **RESOLVES TO BECOME A MEMBER CHURCH** of the World Council of Churches, the British Council of Churches, the Free Church Federal Council, and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

17. The Assembly, desiring that the United Reformed Church should enter fully into the life of the **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION** as a constituent member, resolves to apply for such membership. It authorises the Department of World Church and Mission to act in liaison with CCWM in accordance with the Joint Committee report (p. 8).

18 The Assembly resolves to nominate **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** to those Assemblies of other Churches to which either uniting Church has sent corresponding members in the past and as invited by those Churches to appoint them. It further resolves to invite the Churches concerned to appoint corresponding members to the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

19. The Assembly rejoices in the interest shown in the formation of the United Reformed Church by the **CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**, and instructs the Department of World Church and Mission to respond to any approach with a view to conversations which the Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland may make.

20. The Assembly receives the APPLICATIONS FROM FORMER LOCAL CHURCHES of the Congregational Church in England and Wales applying for membership of the United Reformed Church under clause 28 of the United Reformed Church Act, and remits them to Provincial Synods within whose boundaries they are respectively situated for consideration and report to the Assembly of 1973.

21. The Assembly resolves that the ASSEMBLY OF 1973 shall meet in the City Temple, London, on May 7th, or at such other time and place as may be duly determined.

22. The Assembly resolves that its EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall meet on 9th November 1972, 31st January and 5th April 1973.

23. THE ASSEMBLY APPOINTS Mrs. G. Hall and Mr. L. Palmer the Chairmen of the Departments of Church Life and Finance & Administration, to membership of the Synods of Thames North and the South-West respectively; the Assembly appoints the General Secretaries, the Departmental Secretaries, the Associate Secretary of the Department of World Church & Mission, the Administrative Secretary, and the Assistant Secretaries to be members, during their tenure of office, of the Synod which includes the local church of which each of them is a member, and further recommends to Synods that these officers, and the staffs of the Theological Colleges referred to in resolutions 11 and 12 and the staffs of such ecumenical agencies with which the United Reformed Church is related as come within Scheme 9 (4) (xiv) be appointed by Synod as members of the District Council which includes the local church of which each of them is a member.

24. The Assembly in exercise of the POWERS OF APPOINTMENT under Section 7 (2), Section 12 (2) (c) and Section 18 (2) of the United Reformed Church Act 1972 delegates the exercise of such powers to the Executive Committee.

3. REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The JOINT COMMITTEE in presenting this report to the United Assembly does so with a profound sense of gratitude to God that a major task, which has occupied many years and much varied labour comes to such a happy and hopeful conclusion. The real fellowship achieved amongst the members of the Committee gives confidence that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit the unification of our diverse structures will only be the beginning and that beyond it there will grow a new Church enriched in christian experience by obedience to the Lord who brings us together.

The many resolutions appended to the Report and designed to bring into being the whole structure of the new Church make a great demand upon the trust of the United Assembly. The Joint Committee therefore reminds the Assembly that they are the necessary machinery by which the Church effects the purpose which has inspired the whole movement. They are the working out into decisions of the Scheme of Union and at no point go beyond its intentions. If they are passed, a new Church will start upon its way with a minimum working structure. By the nature of the Scheme it will be a living Church whose Councils, Synods and Assembly will have the power to adapt the ways of the Church to the challenge of changing days and to alter or build upon its initial structure as experience directs under the guidance of the Spirit who has led two historic Churches to this moment of union. The Joint Committee is bold therefore to ask approval for its work in what must be a crowded agenda with little opportunity for discussion. It is the moment when the long years of discussion about union culminate in an act of decision to unite. Without these resolutions the decision will not take effect; with them the new Church will have a base from which to proceed and to shape its own future.

3.1. UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ACT 1972

In accordance with the instructions of the Assemblies a Bill was introduced into Parliament in November 1971. Despite petitions heard before an opposed committee it passed through the Lords without amendment. In the Commons petitions were lodged against it at the Committee Stage. The Committee found the Bill proved but took note of the assurance given on behalf of the promoters that the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church would have power to consider and act on requests from local churches for permission to leave the United Reformed Church and would carefully consider any such. After this was reported to the Commons amendments were proposed by Mr. Nigel Spearing and the Revd. Ian Paisley, but were not pressed to a division. Since the effect of Mr. Spearing's amendment would have been to take final decision out of the hands of the Assembly of the United Reformed Church and would thus have amended the Scheme of Union at a vital point, it was made clear to the House that had it been passed, the Bill would have been withdrawn. The third Reading took place on June 27th and the Royal Assent was given on June 29th.

The Act enables the United Reformed Church to hold its property in accordance with the Scheme of Union and the amended Trusts. The Committee would record its appreciation of the skilled professional help and devoted interest of the Legal Advisers of the two Churches and of the work of the Parliamentary Agents whose efforts also went well beyond any professional obligation. The

Church is also indebted to Mr. Alexander Lyon and Mr. John Roper who opened and closed the debate on behalf of the promoters and to a large number of M.Ps. of all three parties and of various churchmanship who gave the Bill their concerned and informed support.

The Committee submits the following proposals for acceptance by the Assembly :

APPENDIX I.

3.2 RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Part I

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- I.1 The Assembly shall meet at least once in every year. The first meeting of the Assembly held in the month of May in any year shall be the Annual Meeting of the Assembly; it shall be deemed to commence at 1800 hours on the first day upon which a meeting of the Assembly takes place. Any meeting of the Assembly other than the Annual Meeting shall be a special meeting.
- I.2 A special meeting of the Assembly may be convened by the Executive Committee or by the Moderator of the General Assembly.
- I.3 All meetings of the Assembly shall be convened and held as provided by Part II of these Rules.

Part II

BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY

- II.1 Notice of any Meeting of the Assembly shall be sent by post to each member as defined by Article 9(5) (a) to (h) of the Scheme of Union not less than 14 clear days before the date of meeting and shall contain a statement of the business to be transacted and the reports to be received. No business other than that specified in the notice calling the meeting shall be transacted except business accepted by the Assembly on the advice of the Business Committee.
- II.2 The General Secretary shall dispatch to every member with the notice of the meeting a registration card. No member of the Assembly shall speak or vote at the Assembly unless in possession of such a card and unless, when required to do so by the Moderator or his deputy, he displays it.
- II.3 The Assembly shall at its Annual Meeting appoint the members of the Executive, Business, Applications, Nominations and other Standing Committees all of which shall be constituted in accordance with Appendix II of these Rules. Each committee shall discharge the functions described therein and report annually to the Assembly.

Part III

MODERATOR

- III.1 The Moderator of the General Assembly shall be elected by ballot in accordance with these Rules. He shall serve for one year commencing at the

- Annual Assembly in the year following the Annual Meeting at which the report of his election is received in accordance with Rule III.10. The year of office shall be deemed to begin with his induction and shall continue until his successor is inducted into office.
- III.2 The Moderator of the General Assembly shall normally be a Minister but any person who has been admitted to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership of the Church and whose name is included on the membership roll of a local church is eligible for nomination.
- III.3 A nomination for election as Moderator of the General Assembly shall be made by a Synod.
The nomination shall be in writing under the hand of the Clerk of the Synod and received by the General Secretary not later than the 31st March immediately preceding the Annual Assembly.
- III.4 The General Secretary shall forthwith send to each person nominated a list of the nominations. Any nominee may, within 10 days of the receipt of this list, withdraw his name by notice in writing to the General Secretary.
- III.5 If after the period for withdrawal there is only one nomination, this nomination shall be placed before the Assembly.
- III.6 If the number of those who have been nominated and have not withdrawn is or exceeds two, the election shall be by a secret ballot according to the principle of the single transferable vote. Each member of the Assembly shall be entitled to vote. Each person voting indicates his preference by figures 1, 2, 3 and so forth, but no voting paper shall be invalidated by the absence of alternative choices. If the Tellers find that no name has an absolute majority of first choices, the second choices of those who gave as their first choice the name securing the smallest number of such choices shall be added to the first choices for other names. If necessary this process shall continue until one of the names has an absolute majority of votes cast.
- III.7 Members of the Assembly shall vote by means of a voting paper containing the name, the usual designation and the church of membership, but no other information, of each of those accepting nomination which shall be sent by the General Secretary by ordinary post to each such member at least 14 clear days before the commencement of the annual meeting of the Assembly.
- III.8 Voting papers must be returned to the General Secretary at the offices of the Church not later than 12 o'clock noon on the Monday in the week immediately preceding the week in which the annual meeting of the Assembly takes place. No voting paper received after that time shall be valid and no duplicate voting papers shall be issued.
- III.9 The General Secretary shall place unopened in a box all voting papers which he receives (those received after the prescribed date being so marked by him) and shall deliver them to the Tellers, by whom alone they shall be opened and examined. As soon as the voting papers have been examined and the result of the poll ascertained, the voting papers shall be closed up under the seal of the Tellers or any two of them, and shall be retained by them for one month after the election, and shall then be destroyed.
- III.10 At each annual meeting the Assembly shall appoint, upon the nomination of the Nominations Committee, three Tellers to be responsible for the ballot for the ensuing year. The counting of the votes cast shall take place in secret under their supervision and control and they shall:

- (i) inform the General Secretary of the name of the person elected and the General Secretary shall thereupon inform each of those nominated whether or not he has been elected ;
 - (ii) report to the Assembly the name of the person elected, the number of papers received and the number of papers which were invalid.
- III.11 If any of the Tellers appointed by the Assembly shall become incapable of acting the Moderator shall fill any such vacancy or vacancies and report his action to the next Assembly.
- III.12 Upon receipt of the report of the Tellers by the Assembly the person elected shall thereupon become the duly elected Moderator for the year commencing at the next annual Assembly in accordance with Article I.1.

Part IV

CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL SECRETARY

IV.1 The Clerk of the Assembly and General Secretary who shall be a Minister of the United Reformed Church shall be appointed after nomination in accordance with Part VII of these Rules for a period of 7 years renewable for the same term or such shorter period as the Assembly may determine.

Part V

PROVINCES

V.1 The area of the Church in England and Wales shall be divided into such number of Provinces and each Province into such number of Districts as the Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

V.2 In each province there shall be a Provincial Synod. A Provincial Synod may constitute such committees and subcommittees as are required for the conduct of its business and may delegate to those committees or subcommittees such of its powers as it considers appropriate.

Part VI

PROVINCIAL MODERATORS

VI.1 A Moderator for each Province who shall be a Minister of the United Reformed Church shall be appointed by the General Assembly to which he shall be responsible. He shall be nominated for appointment in accordance with Part VII of these Rules.

- VI.2 (i) Each Moderator shall be appointed for such term not exceeding seven years as the General Assembly shall in each case think fit beginning on the first day of September following the Assembly at which he is appointed, or until the 31st day of August in the year in which he shall attain the age of 68 years, whichever shall be the shorter period.
- (ii) the General Assembly shall have power to determine any such appointment during its term or to renew any such appointment for successive terms of not more than five years each provided that no such Moderator

shall be eligible to hold office after the 31st day of August in the year which he attains the age of 68 years.

VI.3 The Moderators shall submit an annual report to the Assembly.

Part VII

NOMINATIONS

VII.1 *Clerk of Assembly and General Secretary*

The General Assembly shall constitute a special committee consisting of two representatives appointed by each Provincial Synod, the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Chairman of the Central Committee of each of the four Departments, the Chairman of the Nominations Committee and four persons selected by the Executive Committee with authority to make a nomination for appointment as Clerk of Assembly and General Secretary to the Assembly. In any emergency the Executive Committee shall be empowered to set up this Committee.

VII.2 *Provincial Moderators.*

All appointments by the General Assembly to the office of Provincial Moderator shall be made on the nomination of a Committee consisting of 14 members appointed by the Provincial Synod concerned and 14 members appointed by the Executive Committee.

In selecting this representation the Provincial Synod shall have regard to the need to make their selection as widely representative of the Districts as possible.

Part VIII

GENERAL

VIII.1 The Standing Orders set out in this Appendix (I) shall apply to all meetings of the Assembly and, in so far as they are applicable, to meetings of Provincial Synods, District Councils and their Committees.

VIII.2 The Clerk of Assembly and General Secretary is throughout these Rules referred to as the General Secretary.

VIII.3 If any church or Church Member wishes to appeal against a decision of any Council in accordance with Article 11. of the Scheme of Union the rules of procedure set out in Appendix IV shall apply.

STANDING ORDERS (See Rule VIII 1, Appendix I)

Questions

1. (i) A member may:
 - (a) if two clear days' notice in writing has been given to the General Secretary, ask the Moderator or the Chairman of any Committee any question on any matter relating to the business of the Assembly to which no reference is made in any report before the Assembly; and
 - (b) with the permission of the Moderator put to him or to the Chairman of any Committee any questions relating to urgent business of

which such notice has not been given, but a copy of any such question shall, if possible, be handed to the General Secretary at the beginning of the morning session of the Assembly at which the question is to be asked.

- (ii) Every question shall be put and answered without discussion.

Notices of Motion

- 2. (i) A Provincial Synod may deliver to the General Secretary not less than six clear weeks before the commencement of the annual meeting of the Assembly notice in writing of a motion for consideration at the Assembly.
- (ii) No such notice shall be accepted if the question raised is the subject of any report to the same Assembly, or is capable of being raised as an amendment to any report before the Assembly, or has been the subject of any decision given by the Assembly within the preceding two years.
- (iii) Any accepted notice shall first be considered by the appropriate Committee which shall report to the Assembly thereon. The report of the Committee shall appear on the Agenda of the Assembly with the notice of motion.
- (iv) If the report of a Committee cannot be brought before the Assembly immediately following the receipt of the notice, then the notice and report shall be placed on the agenda for the next following Assembly unless the subject matter is otherwise to be considered by the Assembly but if the Provincial Synod giving the notice considers that the notice raises a question which merits urgent consideration then the notice shall stand referred to the Business Committee.
- (v) If a church or a District Council wishes to put forward a motion for consideration by the General Assembly then they shall submit the motion to the Provincial Synod for consideration and if thought fit for transmission to the General Assembly at such time as will enable the Synod to comply with paragraph 2(i) of Standing Orders Appendix I. In the case of a church the motion must be submitted through the District Council.

Speeches

3. Speeches made in presentation of the report and motions of any Department and its committees shall not in aggregate exceed 30 minutes, save by the prior agreement of the Assembly on the recommendation of the Business Committee. The proposers of any other motion shall be allotted 10 minutes or such longer period as may be recommended by the Business Committee or determined by the Moderator. Each subsequent speaker shall be allowed five minutes unless the Moderator shall otherwise determine.

4. When a speech is made on behalf of a committee, it shall be so stated. Otherwise a speaker shall begin by stating his name and his accreditation to the Assembly.

5. In each debate, whether on a motion or on an amendment, no one shall address the Assembly more than once, except that at the close of each debate the proposer of the motion shall have the right of reply, but must strictly confine

himself to answering previous speakers and not introduce new matter. Such reply shall close the debate on the motion or that amendment as the case may be.

6. The foregoing Standing Order shall not prevent the asking or answering of a question which directly arises from the matter before the Assembly or from a speech made in the debate upon it.

Seconding

7. No motion or amendment shall be debated or put to the Assembly unless it has been seconded. The seconder may, if he then declares his intention of doing so, reserve his speech until a later period in the debate.

Amendments

8. An amendment shall be either to omit words or to insert words or to do both, but no amendment shall be in order which has the effect of introducing an irrelevant proposal or of negating the motion.

9. No amendment shall be moved unless a written notice of its terms has been (a) submitted to the General Secretary before the Assembly opens, or (b) handed to the General Secretary during the Assembly, unless the Moderator otherwise decides.

10. If the Moderator considers that an amendment is of such a character that it cannot adequately be debated without previous distribution of copies, he may so decide and discussion of the amendment shall be adjourned until copies are available.

11. No motion or amendment which necessitates expenditure additional to that which has been provided for in the estimates for the current or ensuing year shall be put to the meeting unless and until the cost involved and the possibility of providing the additional amount has been considered by the Central Committee of the Finance Department, or in case of emergency by the Assembly Business Committee.

12. If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended shall take the place of the original motion and shall become the substantive motion upon which any further amendment may be moved. If an amendment is rejected a further amendment not to the like effect may be moved.

13. An amendment which has been moved and seconded shall be disposed of before any further amendment may be moved. Notice may be given of intention to move a further amendment should the one before the Assembly be rejected.

Alterations of motion or amendment

14. A member may, with the concurrence of the seconder and the consent of the Assembly, alter a motion or amendment he has proposed.

Withdrawal of motion or amendment

15. A motion or amendment may be withdrawn by the proposer with the concurrence of the seconder and the consent of the Assembly. Any such consent shall be signified without discussion. It shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the proposer has asked permission for its withdrawal unless such permission shall have been refused.

Closure of debate

16. In the course of the business any member may move that the question under consideration be not put. This resolution takes precedence of every motion before the Assembly, and as soon as the member has explained his reasons for proposing it, and it has been seconded, the vote upon it shall be taken, unless it appears to the Moderator that such motion is an unfair use of the rules of the Assembly. Should the motion be carried the business shall immediately end.

17. In the course of any discussion, it is competent for any member to move that the question be now put. Unless it appears to the Moderator that this motion is an abuse of the rules of the Assembly, the vote shall be taken upon it immediately. When an amendment is under discussion, the motion shall apply only to that amendment. To carry this motion, two-thirds of the votes cast must be given in its favour. The mover of the original motion retains his right of reply before the question is put.

Voting

18. Every question shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members present and voting as indicated by a show of hands unless the Assembly rules that there shall be a ballot.

Points of order

19. A member may rise to a point of order or in personal explanation, but a personal explanation shall be confined to some material part of a former speech by him at the same meeting which may have been misunderstood. A member so rising shall be entitled to be heard forthwith.

20. The ruling of the Moderator on a point of order or on the admissibility of a personal explanation shall not be open to discussion.

21. A member may raise a point of order, offer a personal explanation or ask a question by standing in his place, in which event his words shall be repeated from the platform. Otherwise, no one shall address the Assembly except from a place indicated by the Moderator.

Suspension of Standing Orders

22. Any one or more of the Standing Orders, in any case of urgency or upon motion made on a notice duly given, may be suspended at any meeting so far as regards any business at such a meeting, provided that three-fourths of the members of the Assembly present and voting shall so decide.

Admission of public and press

23. Members of the public and representatives of the press shall be admitted to the Assembly unless the Assembly otherwise decides and they shall occupy such places as are assigned to them.

Minutes

24. The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be circulated on the following morning and, after any necessary correction, sustained at the opening of the

afternoon session. The minutes of the closing day of the Assembly shall be submitted at the close of the business and, after any necessary correction, sustained.

The substance of the minutes shall thereafter be published, at the expense of the Church, in the first available issue of the official magazine and a copy of the minutes shall be sent to each Synod, District Council and local church.

Record of attendance

25. A record of attendance at the meetings of the Assembly shall be kept in such manner as the Executive Committee may determine.

APPENDIX II (see Rule II.3)

3.3 PLAN OF DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

A. DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

Members ex-officio shall be additional to the numbers otherwise indicated for each Committee (See notes 1 and 2).

1. Church Life Department

Central Committee (see note 2)

Committees within the Department:

- (a) Ministerial Training (12 person and the Principals of the recognised Colleges in Cambridge, London, Manchester, Oxford and Swansea)
Sub-committees:
 - (1) A panel of suitable people for Assessment Conferences—6 people being required for each such Conference.
 - (2) Westminster-Cheshunt Committee (8 persons).
 - (3) Board of Studies (Westminster-Cheshunt) (12 persons together with the College Staff).
 - (4) Nominations to Teaching Staff (6 persons, together with 2 co-opted members, added because of knowledge and experience in the field of the appointment to be made).
- (b) Supplementary Ministries (8 persons with others brought in for consultation as necessary).
- (c) Doctrine and Worship (12 persons, 6 specialising in each of the two fields).
- (d) Christian Education (10 persons).
- (e) Youth Work (14–21 age group) (12 persons + 12 Youth Representatives)
- (f) Children's Work (10 persons).

2. World Church and Mission Department

Central Committee (see note 2).

Committees within the Department:

- (a) Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home (12 persons).
- (b) Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad (12 persons).
- (c) Mission and Other Faiths (10 persons with power to co-opt).

3. Department on the Church and Society

It will be desirable for the Department to set up from time to time working parties for specific purposes, without making these a permanent part of the structure. The role of Provincial Synods in dealing with the concerns of this Department is particularly important.

4. Finance and Administration Department

Central Committee (see note 2).

Committees within the Department:

- (a) Treasurership (12 persons) (with an Investment Sub-Committee of not more than six persons).
- (b) Maintenance of the Ministry (12 persons). (In the transitional period (for the first three years) 16 persons.)
- (c) Welfare and Emergencies (6 persons).
- (d) Unified Appeal (12 persons).
- (e) Legal and Trust Questions (8 persons).
- (f) Development in New Areas and Care of Existing Church Buildings (12 persons).
- (g) Publications and Publicity (12 persons, together with the four Departmental Secretaries ex-officio).

Sub-committees: (1) Bookshop (2) Magazine (3) Other Publications

(The Treasurer of the Church is to be Chairman of this Department).

Notes:

1. The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Moderator-Elect, and the General Secretary shall be members of all Standing Committees. In the initial years it is proposed that there be two General Secretaries and they shall share the Committee work between them. The Departmental Chairman shall be a member of all the Committees within that Department. He may be Chairman of one of the Departmental Committees, but not normally. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Department shall be a member of all standing Committees which have funds. There shall be an Administrative Secretary, and initially also a Consultant Administrative Secretary, to work with the General Secretaries.

2. (a) Each Province shall nominate one member for each Central Committee; others shall be added because of special knowledge or expertise to a maximum of nine (the Provinces being asked to suggest persons with the necessary knowledge); the Departmental Secretary shall be a member of the Committees within the Department and shall be Secretary of the Central Committee. Other full-time Departmental officers shall attend the Central Committee and the Committees within the Department, but shall not be full members of them unless nominated to the Secretaryship of a Committee, in which case he or she shall be a member of that committee ex-officio.

(b) In the case of the Church Life Department, there shall be an additional two members on the Central Committee under the age of 25.

3. Each Central Committee shall meet two or three times a year; it shall be the 'policy making body' for that Department; the reports of the Committees within the Department to the Assembly shall come through the Central Committee.

4. The Chairman of each Department shall be appointed by the General

Assembly as shall Chairmen and Secretaries of the Committees within a Department; they shall serve normally for six years.

5. The Committees within a Department shall be appointed annually by the General Assembly, members being appointed for three years in the first instance and subject to re-appointment up to a maximum of six consecutive years.

6. (a) It is important to ensure adequate representation (e.g. ministerial and lay, men and women) at all levels (Assembly, Provincial and District). The Nominations Committee shall ensure that normally in any committee not less than one quarter of the total membership (excluding ex-officio members) shall be men and not less than one quarter shall be women. A similar proviso shall apply in regard to ministerial and lay representation.

(b) Provincial Synods and District Councils shall follow the same pattern for their Committees.

(c) For a period of three years, there shall be added (as consultants) to the Central Committee of the Church Life Department the President and Treasurer of the Women's Home Church Association of the Presbyterian Church of England at the date of union; and to the Central Committee of the World Church and Mission Department, the President and Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England at the date of union.

7. The membership of the Youth Committee shall be 24 persons; one half of these 24 members shall be under the age of 25, the appointments in the first instance to be made by the Interim Nominations Committee, having regard also to geographical distribution. It is envisaged that in the future, Provincial youth organisation structure will emerge, making it possible for Provincial organisations of young people to nominate their own representatives for appointment by the General Assembly.

Explanation of the Proposed Structure

1. Church Life Department

(a) Ministerial Training:

As laid down in the Scheme of Union, the standards and scope of the examinations and training will be under the supervision of the Church through its General Assembly. In its relationships with the former Congregational Colleges, the United Reformed Church will be guided by the practice in the former C.C.E.W. In regard to Westminster-Cheshunt College, it will be necessary to have the committees (2) (3) and (4) set out above. The work at present done by the Presbyterian Licentiates Committee will be discharged by the Provincial Moderators; but for Presbyterian students leaving College in 1973 and 1974, the Convener of the Licentiates Committee of the P.C.E. at the date of union shall be brought into consultation.

Both Collegiate and non-collegiate students will come under the scope of this Committee.

(b) **Supplementary Ministries:** i.e. Deaconesses, Lay Preachers and Local Pastors: Questions of training of Lay Preachers and Deaconesses, and questions relating to the care of and general concern for Deaconesses, fall within the scope of this Committee. In the P.C.E. any congregation or

group of congregations desiring the services of a deaconess makes application through Presbytery, who make a recommendation and transmit it to the Assembly's Deaconess Committee. Applications are more numerous than the number of deaconesses and so this Committee has to make a decision (but always after consultation with the people concerned) as to where the people available can best be used. Deaconesses are paid from a Central Fund. In the United Reformed Church, the Provincial Moderators would be the best people to know the situation and to make the decisions, but for an initial period of three years the members of the Deaconess Committee of the P.C.E. at the date of union should be brought into consultation.

- (c) Doctrine and Worship: One committee is proposed, although they may wish to divide into two for some purposes.
- (d) Christian Education: It is envisaged that the whole range of Christian Education will come within the scope of this Committee; it would deal with the production of material and the getting across to members of what is involved in Christian Stewardship and the 'ministry' of the whole Church, as well as with schemes of Christian Education in the wider sense. The Departmental Secretary should have expertise in educational methods.
- (e) Youth Work (14–21 age group):
- (f) Children's Work:
The Committee on Youth will have within its scope uniformed youth organisations; the Committee on Children's Work will have concern for the training of teachers and/or Junior Church leaders.

For the Department, the following staff will be required:

- (a) Departmental Secretary.
- (b) A Secretary to provide help to local Churches in fulfilling their mission (including Supplementary Ministries).
- (c) A Christian Education Secretary.
- (d) A Secretary for Youth Work (mainly for the age range 14–21, but including all uniformed youth organisations).
- (e) A Youth Leadership Training Officer.
- (f) A Children's Training Officer.

There are other concerns which fall within the scope of this Department:
(i) Spiritual Healing; (ii) The pastoral care of students, nurses and others away from home; (iii) Chaplains to the Forces.

2. Department of World Church and Mission

This Department will include those concerns at present subsumed under such titles as 'Overseas Mission' and 'Inter-Church Relations'. An outline structure for this Department is set out below:

A. Purposes and Functions of the Department

1. To maintain and develop the United Reformed Church's links with other Churches at home and overseas.
2. To act for the United Reformed Church in promoting and participating in world missionary enterprise and inter-church aid.

3. To be the means whereby the United Reformed Church enters fully into the life of C.C.W.M. as a constituent member.
4. To act as the United Reformed Church's link with other missionary and ecumenical organisations.
5. To encourage and facilitate the full participation of United Reformed Church members in the Church's world mission by advocating the mission and unity of the Church and making known current needs and opportunities for service.
6. To advise the United Reformed Church and act for it (together with other committees concerned) in giving Christian witness and service on behalf of international justice and peace and the welfare of all people.

B. The Department and C.C.W.M.

In fulfilment of 3 above the department will on behalf of the United Reformed Church :

1. Nominate United Reformed Church representatives to the C.C.W.M. Board.
2. Receive and discuss reports of the work of C.C.W.M. whether from the United Reformed Church representatives or direct from C.C.W.M. officers.
3. Report to the United Reformed Church General Assembly on C.C.W.M.'s work and make appropriate recommendations to Assembly.
4. Convey to C.C.W.M. any Assembly resolutions involving C.C.W.M.
5. Receive and discuss C.C.W.M. budget requests and make recommendations concerning them to the United Reformed Church's financial authorities.
6. Express the United Reformed Church's concern for its own missionaries in all matters affecting their status and service, and particularly in such matters about which missionaries themselves may make representation.

N.B. In relation to Functions, it would also be understood that :

1. Within functions 1, 2 and 6 above, where the Department is brought into direct relation with churches and areas with which C.C.W.M. is itself associated the co-operation and understanding of C.C.W.M. will always be sought.
2. Within function 4 above, where the United Reformed Church is eligible for representation on an ecumenical body on which C.C.W.M. is itself represented, the Department might ask C.C.W.M. to act for it.
3. Within function 5 above, the Department would be responsible for publicising the work of C.C.W.M. within the United Reformed Church and for recruiting missionary staff for C.C.W.M. from among United Reformed Church members.
4. The Department would not be involved in the normal administrative and executive functions of C.C.W.M.

For the furtherance of the work of the Department, there shall be three main Committees. One of the General Secretaries shall be the Secretary of this Department, and there shall be an Associate Secretary (with missionary training and background) to deal with the 'overseas' or 'missionary' aspects of the Department's work.

The Committees within the Department will of course be related to the C.C.W.M.

Board, and representatives from the Committee on Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad will serve on the C.C.W.M. Board.

3. Department on the Church and Society

There is a two-fold need here : (i) To inform and educate the membership of the Church in regard to the relevant issues; (ii) To maintain contact with the appropriate committees of the B.C.C. and to play a worthy part therein. The Departmental Secretary will need, not only to have the necessary expertise, but to be in close touch with the Church.

4. Finance and Administration Department

There shall be a 'Treasurer of the Church'—an honorary and not a full time paid appointment; he will be the Chairman of the Finance and Administration Department.

Committees within the Department

- (a) **Treasurership Committee**; which shall make provision for the proper keeping of accounts and records and shall have the care of the Church offices and the houses of full-time secretaries belonging to the Church.

It shall appoint the Investment Sub-Committee which shall supervise the investment of funds.

- (b) **Maintenance of the Ministry Committee**. It is essential that as soon as possible there shall be a unified scheme of ministerial remuneration and that no scheme should have the effect of reducing the stipend of any minister or class of minister. It is evident that a scheme based exactly on the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund is unlikely to provide a viable fund for the United Reformed Church. It is hoped that the additional income which will be required to achieve parity between the two rates of remuneration at the date of union will be made available in as short a period as possible after union.

In the interim period

- (i) a uniting congregation will continue to pay assessments to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund by the method in operation immediately prior to the date of formation; it will continue to pay any supplement or allowances direct to its minister. The Fund will pay the appropriate minimum stipend to the minister having regard to length of service.
- (ii) a uniting church will continue to pay the stipend and allowances direct to its minister; where immediately prior to the date of formation a uniting church received a grant from the Congregationalist Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, this grant shall continue at the same rate.

The assets of the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, the Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry Fund will be handed over to form a reserve and the continuing Home and Overseas Churches Fund will continue to make available the amount required to meet the obligations under (ii) above.

The Maintenance of the Ministry Committee will also have the oversight of ministerial pensions; for an interim period the Presbyterian Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Congregational Ministers' Pensions Fund will need to continue in being; new entrants (i.e. newly ordained ministers and ministers from other churches coming into full time pastoral charge) will be given the option of joining either of these two funds. Until other arrangements are made a roll of non-notifying ministers who at the date of formation were members of the Congregational Ministers' Pensions Fund shall be made and kept.

- (c) Welfare and Emergencies Committee; which shall administer the charitable funds of the Church and shall be concerned with the needs of both ministers and local churches.
- (d) Unified Appeal Committee; which shall consider the financial needs of the Church at home and overseas and how the necessary funds can be raised.

After 1973 there shall be one Unified Appeal in the United Reformed Church for all purposes other than Maintenance of the Ministry. Each Department will prepare estimates to be co-ordinated by the Finance and Administration Department, such estimates covering a three year period. The budget thus prepared will be submitted in the first instance to the Executive Committee and thereafter to the General Assembly.

In 1973 it will be necessary to maintain the present systems; the former Congregational Churches contributing on the basis of the Home and Overseas Churches Fund quotas and the former Presbyterian Congregations contributing the equivalent of their Unified Appeal targets, Assembly and Presbytery assessments.

- (e) Committee on Legal and Trust Questions; which shall advise on all matters involving legal questions or the detailed administration of Trusts.
- (f) Development in New Areas and Care of Existing Church Buildings; which shall deal with development in new areas or with questions of re-organisation and re-development in older areas and also with matters relating to the care of existing church buildings. Although the general lines of Church Extension policy will be dealt with at Provincial level, co-ordination will be necessary.
- (g) Publications and Publicity Committee; which shall deal with the Tavistock Bookshop, the denominational magazine and other publications. To facilitate this three Sub-Committees are suggested, appointed by this Committee.

B. COMMITTEES OF ASSEMBLY (not within Departments)

1. Executive Committee: It shall act between Assemblies on all matters referred to it by the Assembly. It shall have the duty of acting for the Assembly when events within the Church or the contemporary world call for quick decision and action, but always in the light of the policy of the Assembly where this has been declared.

Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be subject to the judgment of the Assembly.

It shall consist of: four representatives from each Province, including the Moderators; two persons appointed by each of the four Departments (other

than the Chairmen and Secretaries) together with ex-officio members as follows: The Moderator of the Assembly; the Moderator-Elect; the immediate past Moderator; the Clerk and General Secretary; the Treasurer; the Legal Adviser; the Chairmen of Business, Applications and Nominations Committees; the Chairmen and Secretaries of the four Departments.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the Moderator of the Assembly.

A small Sub-Committee to advise the Moderator and Clerk of the Assembly shall be appointed by and responsible to the Executive Committee.

2. Business Committee (for the ordering of the Assembly's Business) : It shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary; the Moderator; the Moderator-Elect; the immediate past Moderator; the Clerk and General Secretary; the Treasurer; the Chairmen of the four Departments; the Chairmen of the Nominations and Applications Committees.
3. Applications Committee (to consider applications for admission to the United Reformed Church from ministers, probationers and congregations) : It shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary; the Moderator; the Moderator-Elect; the immediate past Moderator; the Legal Adviser; the Chairman of the Applications Committee in each Province (or his deputy).
4. Nominations Committee : It shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary; the Moderator of the Assembly and the Clerk and General Secretary; the Chairmen of the four Departments; and the Provincial Moderators together with one other representative from each synod.

Note: OFFICE ACCOMMODATION. The offices of the United Reformed Church will be at 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT, which is a freehold property purpose built and completed in 1958. It is free of debt and by the terms of the Parliamentary Bill becomes available for the purposes of the United Reformed Church. The agreement between the Congregational Church in England and Wales and CCWM regarding the use of Livingstone House terminates in 1973.

APPENDIX III

(see Rule V.1)

1.4 PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS

(Notes: Brackets indicate that churches function constitutionally as one church.
* indicates name of town or group only).

Province: **I: Northern**

Moderator: The Revd J. Howard Williams

District: **A: Northumberland**

Alnwick
 Amble
 Ashington
 Beaumont
 Bedlington
 Belford
 Berwick*
 Bankhill
 St. Aidans
 St. Paul's, Spittal
 Birdhopecraig
 Otterburn
 Branton
 Glanton
 Crookham
 Embleton
 Felton
 Harbottle
 Holy Island
 Horncliffe
 Norham
 Longframlington
 Morpeth*
 Dacre Street
 St. George's
 Newbiggin-by-the-sea
 North Middleton
 Bavington
 North Sunderland
 Thropton
 Rothbury
 Wardenford
 Chatton
 Warkworth
 Widdrington
 Wooler

Province: **I: Northern**

District: **B: Newcastle**

Bellingham
 Falstone, Kielder and Tarsset
 Blyth
 Forest Hall
 (with Killingworth ecumenical project)

Gateshead*
 Brighton Avenue
 Low Fell
 Cromer Avenue
 Denewell Avenue
 Gosforth
 Haydon Bridge
 Hebburn
 Hexham
 Monkseaton
 Newcastle*
 Arthurs Hill, Prospect Place
 Benwell
 Byker
 Heaton
 Jesmond
 Kenton
 Robert Stewart Memorial
 St. George, High Heaton
 St. James
 Walker
 West Denton, John Knox
 West End
 North Shields*
 All Saints
 High Howdon
 St. Andrews
 St. Columba's
 Pelaw
 Ponteland
 Stamfordham
 Ryton-on-Tyne
 Horsley-on-Tyne
 Seaton Delavel
 South Shields*
 Ocean Road
 St. Andrews
 St. Margaret's
 St. Paul's and St. John's
 Swalwell
 Tynemouth (U.M.)
 Wallsend*
 Border Road
 Park Road
 Felling Zion
 Wark, Chollerton and W. Woodburn
 Whickham
 Whitley Bay*
 Park Avenue, St. Cuthberts
 Wideopen

Province: **I: Northern**

District: **C: Durham**

Bishop Auckland

Blackhill

Chester le Street

Crook

Tow Law

Durham*

Claypath

Waddington Street

East Boldon

Houghton le Spring

Sunderland*

Grindon

Roker, Roker Baths Road

Roker, Side Cliff Road

St. George's with Trinity St. James

St. Peter's

{ West Park

{ Ravensworth Street

Willmore Street

West Stanley

Province: **I: Northern**

District: **D: Teesside and North Riding**

Barnard Castle

Evenwood

Billingham

Catterick, St. Aidan's Garrison Church

Darlington*

St. George's

Springfield Mission

Union Street

Eston

Guisborough

Lingdale

Hartlepool*

Bellevue

Durham Street

Park Road

St. George's

Loftus

Middlesborough*

† { Park Church

{ St. George's

Northallerton

Nunthorpe and Marton

† { Redcar

{ Redcar

Stockton-on-Tees*

Norton Road

St. Andrew and St. George

Thornaby-on-Tees*

Mansfield Avenue

St. Aidan's

Wensleydale and Swaledale Group*

Bainbridge

Hawes

Keld in Swaledale and Thwaite

Low Row

Richmond

† Congregations working and worshipping in same building and sharing a minister.

Province: **I: Northern**

District: **E: Cumberland**

Allonby

{ Alston

{ Garrigill

Bewcastle

Bootle

Brampton

Carlisle*

Charlotte Street

Wigton

Fisher Street

Warwick Road

Cleator Moor

Cockermouth

Haltwhistle

Harrington

Maryport

Penrith*

{ Duke Street

{ Parkhead

Lowther Street

Penruddock

Silloth

Whitehaven

Workington*

South William Street

Thompson Street

Province: **II: North Western**

Moderator: The Revd D. G. Stewart

District: **A: Lancaster**

Barrow in Furness*

Emmanuel

Dalton in Furness

Trinity with St. Andrews

Bolton-le-Sands

Forton

Garstang

Halton

Hest Bank

Kendal*

St. John's

Zion

m and High Street)

...uale
edbergh
Dent
Windermere*
Carver Memorial
Troutbeck Bridge

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **B: Fylde**

Blackpool*
Alexandra Road
Bispham
Claremont
Marton
St. George's
Chorley*
Eaves Lane
Hollinshead Street
Elswick
Fairhaven
Kirkham
Leyland
Longridge
Grimsargh
Lytham
Penwortham
Poulton-le-Fylde
Preesall
Hambleton
Preston*
Grimshaw Street
{ St. Margaret's
{ Garstang Road
St. Annes-on-Sea

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **C: Blackburn**

Accrington, Whalley Road
Barnoldswick
Barrowford
Belthorn
Blackburn*
Audley Range
Brownhill
Chapel Street
Cherry Tree
Foullane Ends
Furthergate

Mill Hill
St. George's
Witton
Brierfield
Burnley*
Bethesda
Hollingreave
Salem
Clitheroe
Barrow
Colne
Darwen*
Bolton Road
Duckworth Street
Great Harwood
Read
Haslingden
Lower Darwen
Nelson*
Brunswick Street
Manchester Road
Newton-in-Bowland
Tockholes

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **D: North West Manchester**

Belmont
Bolton*
Bank Top
Blackburn Road
Chorley Old Road
Red Lane
Brightmet
Rose Hill
St. Andrew's
St. George's Road
Somerset Road
Tonge Moor
Eccles — Pendleton
Egerton
Farnworth*
Albert Road
Dixon Green
Horwich*
Lee Lane
New Chapel
Little Lever
Patricroft
Salford*
Central
Chapel Street
Hope
Swinton
Weaste
Westhoughton
Wharton

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **E: North East Manchester**

Alkrington

Ashton-under-Lyne*

{ Albion
{ Charlestown
{ Hazelhurst
{ Hurst Nook

Audenshaw

Bamford

Besses o'th'Barn

Broughton Park

Bury*

Freetown

Rochdale Road

Castleton

{ Heywood
{ Captain Fold

Cheetham Hill Trinity

Milnrow

Littleborough

Middleton

{ Mossley

{ Micklehurst

Moston

Norden

Oldham*

Dobcross

Heyside

King Street

Shaw

Radcliffe

Ramsbottom*

Dundee

Park

St. Andrew's (Old Dundee)

Rochdale, Trinity

Salford, Singleton

South Oldham and Failsworth Group*

Ashton Road

Failsworth

Hollinwood

Werneth

Stubbins

Tottington

Whitworth

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **F: South East Manchester**

Bramhall

Burnage

Cheadle and Gatley*

Cheadle

Long Lane

Cheadle Hulme

Gatley

Clayton

Glossop*

Brookfield

Mount Pleasant

Gorton

Handforth

Heaton Chapel

Heaton Mersey

Heaton Moor

Heaton Norris, Baker Street

Hyde, Union Street

Levenshulme*

Stockport Road

Zion

Macclesfield*

Park Green

Bollington

Marple

Marple Bridge

New Mills

Openshaw, St. Paul's

Parrs Wood Road

Roby

Buxton Road

{ Central

{ Ward Street Mission

Edgeley Road

Hazel Grove

Ladybridge Road

Reddish

Union

Wycliffe

Wilmslow

Morley Green

Woodley

Province: **II: North Western**

District: **G: South/West Manchester**

Altrincham, Woodlands

Baguley

Bowden*

Bowden Downs

Trinity

Bucklow Hill

Chorlton, St. Ninian's

Didsbury, Grosvenor St. Aidan's

Hale, Ashley Road

Lymm

Manchester*

Chorlton Road

Heyhead

Wilbraham Road

Zion, Stretford Road

Moss Side

Sale*

Ashton-on-Mersey

Montague Road

St. Helens*
Haresfinch
Newtown
‡Ormskirk Street
Peasley Cross
Toll Bar
Rainhill

Widnes

† Incorporates Trinity, Princes Road.

‡ Incorporates Tolver Street.

Province: **III: Mersey**

District: **D: Wirral**

Bebington Grange

Birkenhead*

Prenton Road West

Rock Ferry, Highfield

Rock Ferry (New Chester Road)

St. Paul's Mission, St. Paul's Road

Tranmere

Trinity, Cloughton

St. Paul's North Road

Cavendish

Hamilton Memorial

Upton, Wirral

Eastham, St. David's

Heswall

Hoylake

Meols, St. Andrew's

Port Sunlight, Christ Church

Thornton Hough

Wallasey*

Egremont

Liscard, Rake Lane

New Brighton

Seacombe

Union Street

Wallasey Village

West Kirby

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

Moderator: The Revd J. N. Beard

District: **A: York and East Riding**

Beverley Lairgate

Bridlington, Trinity

Cottingham

Elloughton

Goole

Hessle

Hornsea

Howden

Hull*

East Hull

Fish Street Memorial

Holderness Road

Hull (cont.)

Newland

St. Andrew's Prospect Street

Newington

St. Ninian's

Pickering

Robin Hood's Bay

Scarborough*

Emmanuel

St. John's

South Cliff

Selby and Denison Road

South Cave

South Ella

Swanland

Whitby*

Trinity

West Cliff

Withernsea

York*

New Lendal

St. Columba's

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

District: **B: Sheffield**

Barnsley*

Farrar Street

Regent Street

West Melton

Carcroft

Clayton West

Doncaster*

Hall Gate

Trinity

Greasborough

Rotherham*

Herringthorpe

Elsecar

Kimberworth Road

Sheffield*

Abbeyle Road

Anston, North

Central

Crookes

Darnall, United

Dore and Totley

Gleadless

Loxley

Meersbrook Park

Michael Church, Greenhill

Oughtibridge

Park, Bernard Street

St. Andrew's

St. James

Shiregreen

Trinity

Woodhouse

Tatton Street
Withington
Wythenshawe, St. Mark's

Province: **III: Mersey**

Moderator: The Revd J. W. P. Williamson

District: **A: Cheshire**

Alsager

Chester*

Blacon

Great Boughton

Handbridge

Hoole

St. Andrew's

Sealand Road

Upton-by-Chester

Vicars Cross

Congleton

Crewe, Hightown

Ellesmere Port, Chester Road

Frodsham (U.B.)

Haslington

Lavisier and Trevalyn

Little Sutton, St. George's

Middlewich

Minshull

Nantwich

Northwich and Moulton

Parkgate and Neston

Runcorn, Bethesda

Tarvin*

Barton

Farndon

Sandbach

Warrington*

Elmwood Avenue

Risley

St. John's

Wycliffe

Winsford, Over

Province: **III: Mersey**

District: **B: Liverpool North**

Bootle, St. Paul's and Trinity

Linacre Park

Crosby*

Blundellsands

Crosby

Waterloo, St. Andrew's

Seaforth, Caradoc

Waterloo-with-Seaforth

Formby

Golbourne

Hindley, St. Paul's

Leigh

Liverpool*

Chadwick Mount

Crescent

Walton

Kirkdale, Union

Norris Green, Rankin Memorial

Norwood

Orrell Park

Rock Centre

Maghull, St. George's

Newton-le-Willows

Ormskirk

Pemberton

Skelmersdale

Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre (sharing)

Southport*

Ainsdale

Birkdale

Churchtown

Hampton Road

Lord Street

St. George's

Tunley

Wigan*

Hope

Trinity

Province: **III: Mersey**

District: **C: Liverpool South**

Haydock

Huyton

Isle of Man*

Douglas, Finch Hill

Douglas, St. Andrew's

Ramsey, Trinity

Liverpool*

Allerton

Earle Road, United

Fairfield

Garston

Green Lane

Hunts Cross, St. Columba

Knotty Ash

Oakvale

†Sefton Park

Speke

Toxteth

Wavertree, St. Stephen's

Woolton

Stocksbridge
Swinton
Wombwell

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

District: **C: Leeds**

Harrogate*

Bilton Grange
Knaresborough
St. Paul's

{Victoria Avenue
{Great Ouseburn

Leeds*

Armley
Beeston Hill
Belle Isle
Dewsbury Road
Halton
Harehills Road
Headingley Hill
Roundhay
St. Columba's
Salem
Stainbeck
Stanningley
Trinity
West Park (Queen Street Memorial)
Wigton Moor
Woodsley Road

Morley

Otley

Pateley Bridge

Dacre

Pudsey

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

District: **D: Bradford**

Bradford*

Bolton Villas
Fagley St. John's
Girlington
Great Horton, Wesley Place
Horton Bank Top
Idle
Infirmary Street
Lidget Green
Little Horton
Salem, Oak Lane
Shipley
Thornton, New Road
Wibsey

Denholme

Drighlington

Ilkley

Keighley*

Christchurch (U.B.)

Ingrow

Knowle Park

Riddlesden

Rawdon, Benton Park

Burley in Wharfedale

Saltaire, Shipley

Wilsden

Wyke, Westfield

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

District: **E: Wakefield and Dewsbury**

Batley*

Hanover Street

Soothill

Brotherton

Castleford

Dewsbury*

Batley Carr

Earlsheaton

Ravensthorpe

United

Gomersal, The Grove

Heckmondwike*

Healey

United

Norristhorpe

Upper

Knottingley

Ossett

Gawthorpe

Wakefield, Zion

Wakefield Group*

Flanshaw

Streethouse

Province: **IV: Yorkshire**

District: **F: Huddersfield and Halifax**

Booth

Brighouse, Bridge End

Flockton

Halifax*

Carlton

Heath

Southowram

Highroad Well

Northowram

Ovendon, Providence Church

Mixenden

Park

Warley

Honley (U.M.)

Huddersfield*
 Bracken Hall
 Highfield
 Elland
 Hillhouse
 Milton
 Mold-Green
 Paddock (U.M.)
 St. James'
 Kirkheaton, Fields Church
 Dogley Lane
 Lightcliffe
 Luddendenfoot
 Marsden (U.M.)
 Norwood Green
 Shelley
 Sowerby
 Stainland
 Holywell Green

Province: **V: East Midland**

Moderator: The Revd J. White

District: **A: Notts and Derby**

Alfreton
 Ashbourne (C.H.)
 Branston
 Brimington
 Burton-on-Trent*
 High Street
 Trinity
 Buxton
 Calow
 Bolsover
 Chesterfield*
 St. Andrew's
 Soresby Street
 Holymoorside
 Derby*
 Alvaston (U.M. C.E.)
 Ashbourne Road
 Carlton Road
 Green Hill
 Little Eaton
 Mackworth
 Normanton Road
 Repton
 Old Normanton
 Victoria Street
 Dronfield
 Hill Top
 Eastwood
 Hazel Grove
 Hognaston
 Hucknall, Portland Road

Keyworth, Christ Church
 Long Eaton
 Mansfield
 Marlpool
 Matlock
 Melbourne
 Moor Green
 Nottingham*
 Albion
 Boulevard
 Castle Gate
 Norton Street
 Clifton
 Friary United, West Bridgford
 Lenton Abbey
 Parkdale Road
 Park Hill
 St Andrew's
 Sherwood
 Arnold
 Burton Joyce
 Riddings
 Shirebrook
 { Sutton-in-Ashfield
 { Chatsworth Street
 Tideswell
 Westwood
 Wirksworth
 Worksop

Province: **V: East Midland**

District: **B: Leics and Rutland**

Burton Overy
 Earl Shilton
 Enderby
 Groby
 Kilby
 Leicester*
 Christ Church
 Humberstone Road
 St. Stephens
 Westcotes
 Loughborough, Bardon Park
 Lutterworth
 Walcote
 Melton Mowbray
 Freeby
 Tur Langton
 Whetstone
 Wigston Magna

Province: **V: East Midland**

District: **C: Lincolnshire**

Barton-on-Humber
 Brigg

Boston*
 { Red Lion Street
 { Forbes Road
 Bourne
 Gainsborough, John Robinson Memorial
 Grantham
 Grimsby*
 St. Columba's
 Welholme
 Horncastle
 Lincoln*
 Newland
 Far Newland
 St. Andrew's
 South Bar
 Ermine
 Long Sutton
 Peterborough*
 Trinity
 Westgate
 Maxey
 Whittlesey
 Yaxley
 Scunthorpe, Old Brumby Street
 Sleaford
 Spalding
 Stamford
 { Wisbech
 { Gorefield

Province: **V: East Midland**

District: **D: Northants., North Beds., and North Bucks.**

Badby
 Bedford*
 { Howard Church
 { Cardington
 St. Luke's (U. Moravian)
 Brackley
 Brigstock
 { Buckingham
 { Tingewick
 Byfield
 Corby
 Dean
 Desborough
 Harrod
 Kettering*
 London Road
 Toller
 Geddington (O.B.)
 Kilsby
 Nassington
 Northampton*
 Abington Avenue

Northampton* (cont.)
 Doddridge and Commercial Street
 Doddridge Memorial
 Duston
 Paulerspury
 Potterspury
 Rothwell
 Towcester
 Turvey
 { Weedon
 { Flore
 Welford Group*
 Cold Ashby
 Creaton
 Wellingborough*
 High Street
 Victoria
 Wolverton—

Province: **VI: West Midland**

Moderator: The Revd R. W. Hugh Jones

District: **A: Staffordshire**

Abbots Bromley
 Armitage
 Wednesbury, Trinity
 Brownhills
 Burslem, Woodall Memorial
 Cannock
 Clayton*
 Stafford Avenue
 Silverdale
 Gornal, Ruiton Church
 Hanley, Trinity
 Hedgesford (Mount Street)
 Langley Green
 Leek
 Lichfield
 Whittington
 Longton
 Rugeley, Heron Court
 Sedgley, St. Andrews (U.M.)
 Stafford*
 Eastgate
 Mount Street
 Stone
 Tean
 Tomkin
 Tunstall
 Uttoxeter
 Walsall*
 Blackenall
 Ryecroft
 Broadway
 Hatherton Road

Walsall* (cont.)
Rushall
Wednesbury Road
West Bromwich*
Hardware Street
Salem, Great Bridge
Great Barr, Allen Memorial
Wolstanton
Wolverhampton*
Castlecroft Road
Lea Road
Oldfallings
Penn
Tettenhall Wood
Wall Heath
Wombourne

Province: **VI: West Midland**

District: **B: Shropshire**

Bishop's Castle
Bridgnorth, Stoneway (U.M.)
{ Church Stretton
 All Stretton
Dovaston
Wilcot
Ellesmere
Frankton
Gobowen, Preeshenlle
Whittington
{ Newport
 Outwoods
Oakengate, Lion Street
Oswestry, Christ Church
Maesbury
Ruyton XI Towns
Weirbrook
Shrewsbury*
Abbey Foregate
Bayston Hill
St. Nicholas
The Quinta
{ Trefonen, Carneddau
 Nantmawr
 Pant
Wellington (U.B.)
Wem, Chapel Street
Whitchurch, Dodington
Whixall
Prees
Wistanswick
Wollerton

Province: **VI: West Midland**

District: **C: Worcester and Hereford**

Blackheath
Brierley Hill

Broadway
Bromsgrove
Bromyard
Dudley*
King Street
Trinity
Gore
Huntington
Halesowen
Hereford*
Eignbrook
Hampton Park
Kidderminster, Baxter
Leintwardine
Leominster
Lye, Mount Zion
Malvern, Holly Mount
Malvern Link (C.H.)
Redditch
Stourport
Worcester*
Angel Street
Hallow
Ombersley
Christ Church

Province: **VI: West Midland**

District: **D: Gloucester**

Brockworth
Tewkesbury
Cheltenham, St. Andrews
Cirencester, Chedworth
Forest of Dean*
Blakeney
Brierley
Drybrook
Littledean
Lydney
Mitcheldean
Newnham
Worrall Hill
Gloucester*
Southgate
Whitfield Memorial
Nailsworth, Christ Church (U.B.)
Newent
Painswick, Winter Memorial
Cranham
Slad
Ross
Ruscombe
Sharpness (U.B.)
Tetbury
Whitchurch
Wotton-under-Edge United (U.M.)

Province: **VI: West Midland**

District: **E: Birmingham**

Birmingham*

Aston Park
Carrs Lane
Elmwood
Erdington
Holly Lane
Hall Green
Handsworth, Union Row
Westminster Road
Hodgehill
King's Norton
Kingstanding
Lodge Road
Lozell's, Wheeler Street
Minworth
Moseley
Nechells
Pype Hayes
Saltley
Small Heath
Sparkhill
Weoley Castle
Weoley Hill
Winson Green
Coleshill (U.M.)
Hob's Moat
Knowle
Hampton-in-Arden
Olton
Rubery
Solihull*
St. Ninians
Warwick Road
Sutton Coldfield*
Banners Gate
Park Road
Wylde Green
Tamworth, Aldergate

Province: **VI: West Midland**

District: **F: Coventry**

Ansley
Atherstone
Baddesley Ensor
Chapel End
Bedworth, Old Meeting
Brinklow
Coventry*
Bell Green
Brownhill-Green
Holyhead Road
Keresley
Potter's Green
Radford

Coventry* (cont.)

St. Columba's
Stoke
Warwick Road
Wyken
Kenilworth, Abbey Hill
Leamington*
Bishop's Itchington
Lillington, United
Spencer Street
Long Compton
Nuneaton, Coton Road
Rugby, St Margaret's
Stratford-on-Avon*
Rother Street
Binton
Wilmcote
Warwick, Brook Street

Province: **VII: Eastern**

Moderator: The Revd R. E. Taylor

District: **A: Norwich**

{ Beccles
Ringsfield
{ Bungay
Topcroft
Dereham, Cowper Memorial Church
East Suffolk Group*
{ Halesworth
Bramfield
Walpole
Wisset
Leiston
Saxmundham
Gorleston
Great Yarmouth, Middlegate
Hunstanton (U.B.)
South Creake
Wells-next-the-Sea
Lowestoft*
London Road
South Cliff
Oulton Broad
Wrentham
Mattishall
Scarning
Shipdham
Watton
Norwich*
Ipswich Road Free
Lakenham
Magdalen Road
New Cong. Ch.
Princes Street
Trinity

South Norfolk Group*
 Denton
 Diss
 Harleston
 Wortwell
 Southwold, High Street
 Thetford
 { Walsham
 { Watsfield
 Wroxham and Hoveton Free Church

Province: **VII: Eastern**

District: **B: Ipswich and Colchester**

Boxford
 Brightlingsea
 Chappel
 Clacton-on-Sea, Christ Church
 Cockfield
 Colchester*
 Headgate
 Lion Walk
 Shrub End
 Debenham
 Dedham
 Dovercourt
 Felixstowe*
 Christ Church
 St. George's
 Framlingham
 Hartest
 Ipswich*
 Barrack Corner
 Castle Hill
 St. John's, Cowper Street
 { Tacket Street
 { Claydon
 Lavenham
 Nayland
 Rendham
 Stansfield
 Tiptree
 Tollesbury
 Tolleshunt D'Arcy
 Trimley, Free Church
 Walton-on-the-Naze
 West Suffolk Group*
 Bury St. Edmunds
 Hundon
 Cavendish
 Clare
 Long Melford
 Wickhambrook
 Cowlinge
 Woodbridge

Province: **VII: Eastern**

District: **C: Chelmsford**

Braintree and Bocking*
 Bocking Church St.
 London Road
 Coggeshall
 Rayne
 Burnham-on-Crouch
 Castle Heddingham
 Chelmsford*
 { Christ Church
 { Boreham
 { Ford End
 Howe Green
 North Avenue
 Trent Road
 Chignal Smealey
 Good Easter
 Dunmow
 Stebbing
 Epping
 { Felsted
 { Bannister Green
 Finchingfield
 Great Baddow
 Great Totham
 Tolleshunt Major
 { Halstead
 { Little Maplestead
 Harlow*
 David Livingstone Memoria
 Trinity
 Hatfield Heath
 High Easter
 Ingatestone
 Kelvedon
 Little Baddow
 Little Waltham
 Terling
 Maldon
 Heybridge Basin
 Ongar
 Southminster (U.B.)
 Stisted
 { Wethersfield
 { Blackmore End
 White Roding and Leaden Roding
 Witham
 Writtle

Province: **VII: Eastern**
 District: **D: Southend**
 Aveley
 Orsett
 South Ockendon, Christ Church

Basildon and Pitsea
 Billericay
 Brentwood
 Grays
 Great Wakering
 Hadleigh
 Hockley and Hawkwell
 Rayleigh
 Southend-on-Sea*
 Bournemouth Park
 Cliff Town, Nelson St.
 St. George's
 Southchurch Park
 Westcliff*
 Bridgwater Drive
 Eastwood
 Crowstone
 Westcliff
 Wickford (U.M.)

Province: **VII: Eastern**

District: **E: Cambridge**

Bishops Stortford
 Buntingford
 Cambridge*
 Cherryhinton Road
 Fulbourn
 { Emmanuel
 } Castle End
 St. Columba's
 Victoria Road
 Castle Camps
 Chatteris
 March
 Duxford
 Fenstanton
 Kingston
 Linton
 Little Abington
 Newmarket and Ely Group*
 Burwell
 Cheveley
 Ely (C.H.)
 Newmarket
 Stetchworth
 Newport
 Potton
 Saffron Walden
 { St. Ives Free Church
 } Woodhurst
 { Hemingford Grey
 } Houghton
 St. Neots
 Sawston
 Soham

{ Stansted
 } Clavering
 } Henham
 } Widdington
 Thaxted
 Western Group*
 Bassingbourn
 Croydon
 Fowlmere and Thriplow
 Great Chishill and Barley
 Melbourn
 Royston

Province: **VIII: South West**

Moderator: The Revd C. A. Haig

District: **A: Cornwall and Plymouth**

Bere Alston
 Falmouth
 Portscatho
 Fowey
 Looe, Riverside United Church (U.M.)
 Mevagissey
 Newquay
 Wadebridge
 Plymouth*
 Derriford
 Laira
 Honiknowle
 Norley Memorial
 Pilgrim
 Sherwell
 Torpoint
 Trinity
 St. Mawes
 Tavistock

Province: **VIII: South West**

District: **B: Torbay**

Ashburton
 Brixham
 Buckfastleigh
 Dartmouth*
 Flavel Memorial
 Stoke Fleming
 Dawlish
 Chudleigh Knighton
 Kingsteignton
 Newton Abbot
 Paignton
 Foxhole
 { Teignmouth
 } Shaldon

Torquay*
Abbey Road
Marldon
Babbacombe
Belgrave
Kingskerswell

Province: **VIII: South West**

District: **C: Devon, North and East**

Appledore
Axminster
Charmouth
Lyme Regis
Morcombelake
Barnstaple, Cross Street
Barnstaple Group*
Bickington
Lynton
Muddiford
Bideford
Braunton
West Down
Bude
Exeter*
Heavitree
Pinhoe
St. Thomas
Southernhay
Exmouth, Glenorchy
Ilfracombe
Northam
Ottery-Whimple Group*
Aylesbeare
Ottery St. Mary
West Hill
Whimple
Okehampton
North Tawton
Plymtree
Kerswell
Seaton
Sidmouth Group*
Primley
Sidmouth
South Molton and Bish Mill
Tiverton
Bolham
Uffculme
Westleigh

Province: **VIII: South West**

District: **D: Taunton**

Bishop's Lydeard

Bridgwater*
{ Puriton
 Knowle
Othery (Zion)
Westfield
Cannington Group*
Cannington
Nether Stowey
Stogursey
Chard
Ilminster
Winsham
East Somerset Group*
Milborne Port
South Cheriton
Templecombe
Glastonbury
Oakhill
Kingston St. Mary
Martock
Stoke-sub-Hamdon
Mid-Somerset Group*
Kingsdon
Langport
Pitney
{ Somerton
 Aller
Minehead
North Petherton
Adsborough
Norton Fitzwarren
South Petherton
Middle Lambrook
Street
{ Taunton, United Church Paul's Meeting
 Bishop's Hull
Wellington
Blagdon Hill
Milverton
Yeovil, Princes Street

Province: **VIII: South West**

District: **E: Bath**

Bath*
Argyle
Larkhall
Rush Hill
Trinity
Bradford-on-Avon
Holt
Chippenham
Christian Malford
Kington St. Michael
Corsham and Monks Chapel
Cricklade (U.M.)
Highworth

Frome
 Market Lavington
 Marlborough
 Avebury
 Ramsbury
 Melksham
 Lacock
 Swindon*
 Haydon Wick
 Penhill
 Immanuel
 Wootton Bassett
 Sanford Street
 Trinity
 Trowbridge (U.M.)
 Warminster
 Westbury
 Chapmanslade (U.B.)

Province: **VIII: South West**

District: **F: Bristol**

Bristol*
 Argyle
 Bedminster, West Street
 Bishopsworth
 Felton
 Brislington
 Christ Church Cotham (U.B.M.)
 Clifton Down
 Clutton
 David Thomas Memorial
 Fishponds, Morley Memorial
 Frampton Cotterell (U.M.)
 Green Bank Road, Easton
 Henbury
 Henleaze
 Highbury
 Horfield
 Knowle Park
 Lawrence Hill United (U.M.)
 Lockleaze, St. James'
 Marshfield
 Nailsea
 { Redland Park
 { Shaftesbury Crusade
 { Lockleaze
 Southmead
 Staple Hill
 Mangotsfield
 Trinity
 Upton Cheyney
 Whitchurch
 Wick
 Wycliffe, Totterdown
 Zion, Bedminster
 Clevedon, Hill Road

Hanham
 Oldland, Tabernacle
 Kingswood, Whitfield Tabernacle
 Long Ashton
 Portishead
 Thornbury
 Weston-super-Mare*
 Boulevard
 Moorland Road
 Wrington

Province: **IX: Wessex**

Moderator: The Revd D. A. Smith

District: **A: Dorset and West Hampshire**

Blandford Forum
 Winterborne Kingston
 Bournemouth*
 Boscombe
 Charminster Road
 East Cliff
 East Howe
 Iford
 Longham
 Moordown
 Pokesdown
 Richmond Hill
 St. Andrew's
 Southbourne, Immanuel Church
 Sutton Road
 Throop
 Winton
 Broadstone
 Cerne Abbas
 { Christchurch
 { Somerford
 Associated Churches,
 Burton Green Walkford (Cranemoor)
 Dorchester
 Fordingbridge
 Lulworth
 Lymington
 East End
 Pilley
 Lytchett Minster (U.B.)
 Parkstone
 Poole*
 Canford Heath
 Longfleet
 Skinner Street and Hamworthy
 Portland, Isle of
 Puddletown
 Ringwood
 { Shaftesbury
 { Birdbush

Sherborne
Swanage
Upwey
 Radipole
Verwood
West Dorset Group*
 Bridport (U.M.)
 Stoke Abbott
 Venn
West Moors
Weymouth*
 Abbotsbury
 Gloucester Street with Hope Church
Wimborne
 Ferndown

Province: **IX: Wessex**

District: **B: Southampton**

{ Andover
 { Picket Piece
Bishops Waltham
Botley
Bursledon
Chandler's Ford
Cheriton
East Knoyle
Eastleigh
Guernsey, St. Saviour's (Grande Rue)
Hedge End
Hythe
Jersey*
 St. Helier, Victoria Street
 St. John's
Maiden Bradley
Medstead
Mere and Zeals
 { Romsey
 { Braishfield
Salisbury
Southampton*
 Avenue
 Bitterne
 Bitterne Park
 Freemantle
 Isaac Watts Memorial
 { Pear Tree Green
 { Woolston
 St. Andrews United
Tisbury
 Fovant
Totton
Wilton, The Free Church of Wilton (U.M.)
Winchester, Jewry Street
Wylde

Province: **IX: Wessex**

District: **C: Portsmouth**

Emsworth
Fareham
Freshwater
Gosport*
 Bury Road
 St. Columba's
Havant
Hayling Island*
 North
 South
Liss
Lock's Heath
 Sarisbury Green
Petersfield
Portsmouth
 Buckland
 Cosham
 Lovedean
 Milton (Kendall Memorial)
 St. Andrew's
 North End
Rowland's Castle
 Finchdean
Ryde
Sandown
Shanklin
 Brading
Southsea*
 Christ Church
 Victoria Road
Swanwick Lane (Providence)
Ventnor
Warsash
Whitehill

Province: **IX: Wessex**

District: **D: Guildford**

Aldershot
Basingstoke*
 London Street
 Tadley (Old Meeting)
Camberley
Chertsey
Cobham
Egham Hill (U.M.)
 Sunningdale
 { Farnham
 { Wrecclesham
Fleet
Godalming
 Elstead
 Milford

Guildford
 Normandy
 St. Peter's United (U.C.E.)
 Westborough
 Wonersh
 Haslemere
 Blackdown
 Hersham
 West Byfleet
 Hindhead*
 Beacon Hill
 Tower Road
 Hammer
 Perry Hill, Worplesdon
 Walton-on-Thames
 Weybridge
 Woking*
 St. Andrew's
 York Road
 Cartbridge

Province: **IX: Wessex**

District: **E: Reading and Oxford**

Abingdon
 Aston Tyrrold
 Banbury
 Bicester
 Bracknell
 Faringdon (U.M.)
 Hambleden
 Henley-on-Thames
 Longworth
 Appleton
 Cumnor
 Frilford
 Maidenhead
 Marlow
 Marsh Gibbon Group*
 { Blackthorn
 | Charndon
 { Marsh Gibbon
 | Merton
 { Twyford
 Newbury
 Newbury Group*
 Hungerford
 Washwater
 Oxford*
 Collinwood Road
 Mansfield College Chapel
 St. Columba's
 Summertown
 Temple Cowley
 Pangbourne
 Theale

Reading*
 Broad Street
 Rokeby Hall
 Park
 Twyford
 Woodley
 { Trinity
 | Sulhampstead
 Grange
 Spencer's Wood
 St. Andrew's
 St. Paul's
 Stanford
 Thame
 Thatcham and Woolhampton
 Tilehurst
 Wheatley

Province: **X: Thames North**

Moderator: The Revd R. J. Hall

District: **A: Central London**

Alexandra Park
 Bayswater
 Brondesbury St. George's
 Camden Town and Oxendon, Trinity
 Chelsea
 City Temple
 Claremont Central Mission
 Cricklewood
 Crouch End
 Finchley, East
 Finchley, North
 Finchley, Union
 Froggnal
 Fulham Palace Road
 Golders Green, St. Ninians
 Hammersmith, Broadway
 Hampstead, Lyndhurst Road
 Harlesden*
 Church Road
 St. Margaret's
 Hendon, Brent Street
 Highgate, Union
 Holloway*
 Camden Road
 Upper Holloway
 Islington*
 Chapel
 Harecourt
 Kensington Chapel
 Kensington, St. John's
 Kensington, West
 Muswell Hill*
 Broadway
 Tetherdown

Paddington Chapel
Queen's Park
Regent Square
St. John's Wood
Shepherd's Bush
West Kilburn, St. Andrew's

Province: **X: Thames North**

District: **B: West**

Acton

{ Beaconsfield
{ Holtspur

Bourne End

Brentford

Burnham

Chalfont St. Giles

Ealing*

Ealing Green

Perivale Park

St. Andrews

West, Argyle Road

West, St Aidans

Feltham

Gerrards Cross

Gunnersbury

Heston

High Wycombe

Hounslow

Ickenham

Poyle

Richings Park, Iver

Slough*

{ Church Street

{ Chalvey

Trinity

Uxbridge Christchurch (U.M.)

Windsor

Province: **X: Thames North**

District: **C: North West**

Amersham-on-the-Hill (U.B.P.)

Aylesbury*

High Street

St. Mark's

Berkhamstead

Bushey

Chesham

Eastcote

Harrow*

Hindes Road

Trinity

Hemel Hempstead*

Adeyfield

St. George's

Kenton, St. John's
Northwood, St. John's
Northwood Hills
South Oxhey
Watford*

Clarendon Road

St. Stephens

Wembley, St. Andrew's

Wembley Park

Wendover

Wingrave

Province: **X: Thames North**

District: **D: Barnet**

Ashwell

Baldock

Boreham Wood

Radlett

Brookmans Park

Chiswell Green

Bricket Wood

Garston

Cockfosters

Dunstable*

Edward Street

St. Katherine of Genoa

Edgware, St. James'

Harpenden

Hatfield

Hitchin (U.M.)

Luton*

Bury Park

Hart Hill

St. Ninians

Mill Hill*

East

Union

Watling

New Barnet, St. John's

Potters Bar

Redbourn

St. Albans*

Sandpit Lane

Trinity

Sandon

Stevenage

Totteridge

Walkern

Welwyn Garden City*

Free Church

Woodhall Lane

Wheathampstead

Whetstone

Province: **X: Thames North**

District: **E: Enfield-Hertford**

Broxbourne
Cheshunt, High Street (C.H.)
Clapton*
 Clapton Park
 Upper Clapton
Dalston, Middleton Road
Edmonton
Enfield*
 Bush Hill Park
 Lancaster Road
 St. Paul's
Hertford
Palmers Green, St. George's
Ponders End
Stamford Hill
Stoke Newington*
 Abney
 Lordship Road
 Raleigh Memorial
 Rectory Road
Tottenham
Ware
Winchmore Hill
Wood Green, St. James at Bowes

Province: **X: Thames North**

District: **F: East**

Barking
Bethnal Green
Bow, North
Bromley-by-Bow
Buckhurst Hill
Chadwell Heath
Chingford
East Ham*
 Manor Park
 Plashet Park
 Trinity
Forest Gate*
 Ramsey Road
 Romford Road
 Sebert Road
Higham's Park
Hornchurch, Nelmes Road
Ilford*
 Gants Hill
 Goodmayes
 Seven Kings
 Vine, Richmond Road and Oakfield Road
Leyton*
 Fetter Lane
 Grange Park
Leytonstone

Loughton, Debden
Millwall
Plaistow
Poplar
Romford*
 Heaton Way
 Western Road
Stepney*
 John Knox
 Meeting
Stratford, Brickfields
Upminster
Walthamstow*
 Marsh Street and Trinity
 Wood Street
Wanstead
Woodford Bridge
Woodford Green
Woodford, Ray Lodge
Woodford, South

Province: **XI: Southern**

Moderator: The Revd V. N. J. Lewis

District: **A: Wimbledon**

Balham*
 High Road
 St. Andrew's
Battersea*
 Battersea Bridge Road
 Lavender Hill
Battersea Rise, St. Andrew's
Clapham, Grafton Square
 { Dorking
 { Charlwood
East Sheen
Epsom
Ewell
Gomshall
Hampton Hill
Kingston-upon-Thames
Kingston and Surbiton
Leatherhead*
 Bookham
 Christchurch
New Malden
Norwood, West*
 Chapel Road
 St. Cuthbert's
Putney and Wandsworth
Richmond*
 Little Green
 St. Paul's
Stockwell Green

Streatham*
 High Road
 Trinity
 Streatham Hill
 Thames Ditton
 Tolworth
 Tooting*
 Mitcham Road
 St. Peter's
 Twickenham
 Wandsworth, Earlsfield Road
 Wimbledon*
 St. Mark's
 Trinity

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **B: Croydon**

Ashurst Wood
 Balcombe
 Banstead
 Caterham
 Cheam, St. Andrew's
 Crawley*
 Christ Church, Pound Hill
 Trinity, Ifield
 Croydon*
 George Street
 St. Paul's
 Johnson Road
 West, London Road
 East Grinstead, Moat
 { Horsham
 { Maplehurst
 { Slinfold
 Oxted
 Purley
 Redhill, Christ Church
 Redhill and Reigate, St. Paul's
 Reigate
 Sanderstead
 South Norwood
 South Park
 Sutton
 Tatsfield
 Wallington, Christ Church
 Wallington and Carshalton
 Walton-on-the-Hill

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **C: Bromley**

Beckenham
 Bellingham
 Belvedere

Bexley
 Bexleyheath
 Blackheath*
 Independents Road
 Vanbrugh Park
 Brockley, St. Andrew's
 Bromley*
 Trinity
 Widmore Road
 Shortlands
 { Camberwell Green
 { Cleance Hall
 Catford
 Charlton
 { Crossway Central Mission
 { Pilgrim
 Dulwich, Emmanuel
 Dulwich Grove
 Elmers End
 Eltham
 Erith, Avenue
 Forest Hill, St. John's
 Greenwich*
 St. Mark's
 United
 Hayes
 Herne Hill
 Hither Green
 Lee, Burnt Ash
 Lewisham, High Street
 Old Kent Road
 Orpington, St. John's
 Peckham, Hanover
 Petts Wood
 † Plumstead
 Pratts Bottom
 St. Paul's Cray
 Sidcup
 Southwark Park
 Swanley
 Sydenham (U.B.)
 Upper Norwood, St. Aubyn's with St. Andrews
 Welling
 West Wickham
 Woolwich, St. Andrews
 † Meets in William Temple Church.

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **D: Medway**

Chatham*
 Ebenezer Church
 St. Andrew's

Dartford*
 St. Andrew's
 West Hill
 Greenhithe
 Ingress Vale, Greenhithe
 Edenbridge, St. John's
 Gillingham
 Gravesend*
 Old Road East
 Perry Street
 Southfleet
 St. Paul's
 Hartley
 Isle of Grain
 Maidstone, King Street
 Northfleet
 Queenborough, Bethel
 Sheerness
 Rainham
 Rochester*
 Cuxton
 Vines Church
 St. Mary Cray and Ruxley School
 Sevenoaks, Christ Church
 Sittingbourne
 Milton Regis
 Staplehurst
 Sutton Valence
 Tonbridge
 Tunbridge Wells*
 Hawkenbury
 Rusthall
 St. Andrew's

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **E: Canterbury**

{ Ashford (U.M.)
 { Beaver
 { Kennington
 Birchington, Minnis Bay
 Broadstairs
 Canterbury*
 { Littlebourne
 { Watling Street, St. Andrew's
 Deal and District Group*
 Ash
 Deal
 Sandwich
 { Wingham
 { Preston
 Dover*
 High Street
 West Langdon
 Faversham

Folkestone*
 Cheriton, Ashley Avenue
 Radnor Park
 Herne Bay*
 Broomfield
 Mortimer Street
 Margate, Crescent
 Ramsgate
 Whitstable

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **F: Sussex East**

Alfriston
 Bexhill*
 London Road
 St. George's
 Burgess Hill*
 Junction Road
 St. John's Common
 Crowborough United (U.M.)
 Cuckfield
 Eastbourne*
 Pevensey Road
 Wilmington
 St. Andrew's
 St. Luke's
 Upperton
 Willingdon (U.B.)
 Hassocks
 Hastings*
 Bulverhythe
 Clive Vale
 Red Lake
 Mount Pleasant
 Rye
 { Robertson Street
 { Ashburnham
 { Brightling
 { Netherfield
 { Robertsbridge
 { Sedlescombe
 Haywards Heath
 Lewes
 Lindfield
 Mayfield
 Plumpton
 Polegate
 St. Leonards, Silverhill
 Seaford
 Uckfield

Province: **XI: Southern**

District: **G: Sussex West**

Amberley

{ Billingshurst
Barns Green
Kirdford

Petworth
Pulborough
Watersfield

Bognor Regis
North Bersted

Bosham

Brighton*

Central Free Church
Clermont, Preston
Cliftonville, Hove
Hounsom Memorial, Hove
Hove
Lewes Road
Portslade and West Hove
Saltdean

Chichester

East Wittering

Littlehampton

Pagham

Rustington

Sompting

Telscombe Cliffs

Worthing*

Goring
St. Columba's
Shelley Road

Province: **XII: Wales**

Moderator: The Revd W. J. Samuel

District: **A: North Wales**

Buckley

Cefn Mawr

Colwyn Bay (U.B.)

Flint

Bagillt

Garden City, Queen's Ferry

Greenfield

Holywell

Ffynnongroew

Johnstown

Kerry, Bethany

Llandudno, Christ Church

Llanidloes

Mold

Northop

Moss

Mostyn Maes Pennant

Old Colwyn

Penmaenmawr

Rhos-on-Sea

Rhyl*

Christ Church

Tynewydd Road

Dyserth

Prestatyn

Shotton

Trevor

Welshpool

Sarnau

Wrexham*

Berea, Southsea

Penybryn

Province: **XII: Wales**

District: **B: East Wales**

Abercarn, Garn

Aberedw

Gwenddwr

Beilihalog

Beaufort, Barham

Blaenavon, Lion Street

Blaina*

Berea

Eng. Cong.

Brecon, Plough United

Brecon Group*

Brechfa

Merthyr Cynog

Bethania

Ebenezer

Pennorth

Tredomen

Brynmawr, United

Clydach, Siloam

Crosskeys, Trinity

Crumlin, Carmel

Cwmbran*

Elim

Upper, Bethel

Cwmmrhos, Tretower

Ebbw Vale*

Libanus

Tabernacle

Gilwern

Dyffryn

Llangynidr

Goldcliff

Libanus

{ Llandrindod Wells

{ Caebach

Llanover, Hanover

Monmouth, Glendower Street

Usk, Twyn

Llanwrthwl*
 Carmel Nantmel
 Penuel
 Rhayader
 Newbridge, Zion
 Newport*
 Bettws
 Llanvaches, Tabernacle
 Cong. Church of Newport (London Street
 and Victoria Road)
 New Tredegar
 Penywain
 Pontypool, Mt. Pleasant
 Rhosgoch, Painscastle
 Risca, Glyn
 Talgarth
 Clyro
 Glasbury-on-Wye
 Hay
 Maesyronen
 Tredegar, Picton Street
 Wattsville
 Waunlwyd, Tabernacle
 Ynysddu, Sardis

Province: **XII: Wales**

District: **C: South Wales**

Aberaman, Bethany
 Abercynon
 Edwardsville, Quakers' Yard
 Abertridwr
 Barry, Windsor Road
 Bonvilston, Carmel
 Caerphilly
 Cardiff*
 Fairwater (U.M.)
 Grand Avenue
 Hannah Street
 Llandaff, North, Christchurch (U.M.)
 Llanishen
 Minster Road
 New Trinity
 Roath Park, Penylan Road
 Roath Park, Penywain Road
 Sachville Avenue
 Saintwell
 Star Street
 United (Wood Street and Charles Street)
 Windsor Place
 Ferndale, North Street
 Llanbradach
 { Llanwit Major*
 { Bethesda Fro
 { Ebenezer
 Maesteg, Castle Street

Maescywmmmer, Tabor
 Merthyr Tydfil, Market Square
 Mountain Ash
 Ogmore Vale
 Penydarren, Williams Memorial
 Pontycymmer
 Pontypridd, Gelliwastad Road (U.B.)
 Porth
 Porthcawl
 Rhiwbina, Beulah
 Senghenydd
 Tongwynlais, Bethesda
 Tonypandy
 Treforest, Castle Square
 Troedyrhiw, Mount Zion
 Ystrad Mynach

Province: **XII: Wales**

District: **D: West Wales**

Aberystwyth
 Amroth
 Goodwick
 Gowerton
 Haverfordwest, Albany
 Zion's Hill
 Hook, Mount Zion
 Lanteague
 Llandeilo
 Llanelli, Park
 Milford Haven
 Narberth, Tabernacle
 Reynalton
 Templeton
 Neyland
 Park Mill
 Pembroke
 Carew Newton
 Martletwy
 Penally
 St. Florence
 Pembroke Dock
 Rosemarket
 Swansea*
 Fleet Street
 Hill Chapel
 Rhyddings
 St. Andrews
 Sketty
 Walter Road
 Tenby
 Tiers Cross
 Wolfsdale
 Crundale
 Ystalyfera
 Ystradgynlais

APPENDIX IV
(see Rule VIII.3)

3.5. RULES OF PROCEDURE ON APPEALS

(Note: It has been Presbyterian experience that the existence of clear rules and defined rights has prevented frivolous use of these procedures which as a result have seldom been applied.)

1. Any church or Church Member wishing to appeal against a decision of any Council shall within 10 days of the making of the decision request in writing the Secretary of that Council to supply a written copy of the minute of the decision. This copy shall be supplied within 10 days and within 10 days of the receipt of such minute the appellant shall notify in writing the Secretary of the body concerned of his desire to appeal.
2. Where an appeal is against the decision of any Council, its effect shall be to stay the action of the Council concerned pending consideration of the matter by the wider Council to which it is referred and the decision of that Council upon it.
3. An appellant shall have the right and may be required to appear at a meeting of the wider Council when the matter is under review.
4. The Council against whose decision there is appeal shall also be represented in support of its decision.
5. All appeals shall be accompanied by all relevant records and papers.
6. Appellants shall be entitled to see such papers as they deem necessary in order to bring the subject of their appeal before the wider Council.
7. Councils hearing appeals proceed in the matter in the following order:
 - (i) call for and read minutes and papers relevant to the case
 - (ii) hear the parties to the difference or dispute, viz. (a) every appellant, (b) the appointed representatives of the Council whose actions are under question
 - (iii) give members of the Council hearing the appeal an opportunity of putting questions to the parties through the Moderator or Chairman
 - (iv) consider and decide upon the matter in the absence of the parties
 - (v) the parties being recalled, intimate the decision to them by the Moderator or Chairman who asks them whether they acquiesce.
 - (vi) through the Clerk/Secretary supply copies of the decision in writing to the parties.
8. Any such difference or dispute may with the consent of all parties concerned be referred to a Committee or to the Moderator of the Province for decision but if any of the parties refuse to accept such a reference the case must be heard by the full Council.
9. There can be no appeal arising from decisions of the General Assembly whose decisions are final and binding upon the members and Councils of the United Reformed Church.

APPENDIX V

3.6. REGULATIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES

1. Ministers or licentiates or students of other Churches who have satisfactorily completed a course of training in such Churches who, as individuals, would have been recognised as eligible for call to pastoral charge within either of the uniting Churches at the date of union without special application, shall continue to be regarded as eligible for call to a local church of the United Reformed Church: the decision of the Provincial Moderator to determine whether or not this provision applies in any individual case.
2. The Applications Committee is hereby empowered to issue a certificate of eligibility for call, without recourse to the Assembly, in the case of
 - (a) Ministers of any member Church of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches who were ordained within the United Reformed Church or either of the Uniting Churches before union;
 - (b) Ministers who, as candidates for the ministry of the United Reformed Church or its missionary service overseas, satisfactorily completed a course of training which would have entitled them to be eligible for call to pastoral charge within the United Reformed Church, but who were at the suggestion of the Congregational Council for World Mission ordained within any member Church of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, or any United Church which incorporates a former member Church or Churches of the International Congregational Council or the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.
 - (c) Ministers of any member Church of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches who satisfies the Committee (i) of his good standing in his own Church, and (ii) that his course of training for the ministry was at least equivalent to that required of students for the ministry of the United Reformed Church and/or that he has special gifts or qualifications which would make him of service in the ministry of the United Reformed Church; and (iii) that he has satisfactory pensions insurance cover.
3. Any applicant denied a certificate of eligibility under 2 to have the right of appeal to the Assembly.

3.7. APPLICATIONS FROM NON-UNITING CHURCHES

The Joint Committee reports that the following non-uniting local Churches of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales have now applied for membership of the United Reformed Church in accordance with clause 28 of the United Reformed Church Act, and asks that the Assembly act as proposed in resolution 19. The Joint Committee heard with sympathy proposals that other and speedier action be taken in respect of these applications but legal advice makes it clear that this is not possible in terms of the Act. The Joint Committee is however confident that the Assembly will wish to encourage them to press forward with their application.

The following Congregational Churches have made application for membership as at July 31st 1972.

<i>County Union</i>	<i>Church</i>
Berks., S. Oxon. and S. Bucks.	Marston Road, Oxford.
North Bucks.	Newport Pagnell; Sherington.
Cambs. and Hunts.	Whittlesford.
Cheshire	Malpas; Bebington; Marlow Road, Wallasey.
Derbyshire	Carr Vale; Tintwistle; Whaley Bridge.
Devon and Cornwall	Elmore; Berrynarbor; Howe Church, Torrington; Chudleigh.
Dorset	Three Cross; Wareham.
Durham and Northumberland	Sorley Street, Sunderland; Norton; Cockfield.
Essex	Danbury; Harwich Road, Colchester; Roydon; Chelsford Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.
Gloucestershire	Cirencester; Warden Hill, Cheltenham; Prestbury; Dursley; Quarry Chapel; Coleford; Tyndale, Gloucester; Rodborough Tabernacle, Stroud.
Hampshire	Burley.
Hertfordshire	Knebworth.
Kent	Hythe; Ramsgate; Westgate-on-Sea; Snodland; Sevenoaks; Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Penshurst (Smart's Hill).
Lancashire	Hope, Denton; Belgrave, Darwen; Lower Chapel, Darwen; Adlington; Blackford Bridge, Bury; Stand; Cleveleys; Grange-over-Sands; Westminster Road, Liverpool; Lees Street, Openshaw, Manchester; Macfadyen Memorial, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester; Rainford; St. Paul's, Wigan; Deane, Bolton.
Leicestershire and Rutland	Anstey; Wycliffe, Leicester.
London	Trinity, Brixton; Whitefield Memorial; Christ Church, Enfield; Palmers Green; Christ Church, Friern Barnet; Algernon Road, Lewisham.
Norfolk	Wymondham.
Northamptonshire	Oundle; Olney; Yardley Hastings; Great Doddington; Daventry; Long Buckby; Crick; Everdon; The Headlands, Northampton.
Shropshire	Madeley.
Somerset	Galhampton.

Suffolk	Needham Market; Stowmarket; Christ Church, Sudbury.
Warwickshire and Worcestershire	Foleshill Road, Coventry; West Orchard, Coventry; Rugby; Stourbridge.
Wiltshire and East Somerset	Malmesbury; Devizes; Broadchalke.
Yorkshire	Bingley; Holme Lane, Bradford; Holmfirth; Maltby; Masbro', Rotherham; Parkgate, Rotherham; Netherfield, Penistone; Hillsborough, Sheffield; Worrall; Providence Place, Cleckheaton; Mirfield; Skipton; Eccleshill, Bradford.
North Wales	Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
South Wales	Jerusalem, Blackwood, Mon.; Cefn-y-Crib; Fleur-de-Lys; New Bethel, Mynyddislwyn; Horeb, Builth Wells; Bridgend; Christ Church, Penarth; Gnoll Road, Neath; Carmarthen Road, Swansea; Danygraig; Manselton, Swansea; Tabernacle, Mumbles, Swansea; Salem, Maesmynis, Builth Wells; Cefnbedd,

3.8. RECOGNISED COLLEGES

While the Joint Committee recommends that consideration be given by the United Reformed Church, through its Ministerial Training Committee, to the standards methods and places of training for the ministry of the United Reformed Church, it believes that recognition should presently be accorded to those colleges now recognised by the Uniting Churches. These are:

Cheshunt College, Cambridge
 The Congregational College, Manchester
 Mansfield College, Oxford
 New College, London
 Congregational Memorial College, Swansea
 Westminster College, Cambridge.

The Joint Committee also recommends that the method of training known in the Congregational Church in England and Wales as the Roll of Ministers examinations be continued for the present. The proposed regulations regarding the eligibility of ministers of other Churches set out in Appendix V above also cover questions about the eligibility of students and probationers trained in these churches.

4. REPORT OF THE INTERIM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

THE INTERIM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE was appointed by the Council of the Congregational Church and the Executive Commission of the Presbyterian Church with the following terms of reference:

'to present to the First General Assembly of the United Reformed Church names of persons for appointment as Moderator of the First General Assembly, Moderator of the second General Assembly, Moderators of Synods, officers of the United Reformed Church, conveners and salaried officers of the Departments and Committees and members of Committees'.

The full Committee has met six times and has consulted frequently with the Joint Committee of the two uniting Churches, under whose guidance it has sought to discharge its remit.

The major portion of the Committee's report concerns the names of persons nominated to fill a variety of positions, and these are set out in the Schedules which follow this report. In accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee of the Congregational Church and of the Executive Commission of the Presbyterian Church, certain persons were not only nominated but actually appointed by the Committee and have already taken up office. They are the Departmental Secretary of the Finance and Administration Department, the Youth Secretary, the Teacher Training Officer, the Editor of the Journal and the Editorial Advisory Board. Two other matters are presented as follows, and appropriate resolutions are appended.

Moderator of General Assembly. It was though right to give consideration to the style to be accorded to a Moderator of the General Assembly during his term of office, and the Committee recommends that a Moderator be styled 'The Right Reverend' during that period, but that there should be no special style for a past Moderator.

Membership of Committees. The Joint Committee recommended that the Interim Nominations Committee should arrange for staggered retirement, not only of Chairmen and Secretaries, but of every member of the Committees. This part of the work has proved to be beyond the capability of the Committee in the time available, and it is recommended that its completion be remitted to the standing Nominations Committee of the General Assembly.

In presenting this report, the Committee would express its sense of privilege in sharing in the establishment of the United Reformed Church.

NORMAN GOODALL, *Chairman*

ALASDAIR J. G. WALKER, *Secretary.*

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- 1.** The Assembly appoints the Revd John Huxtable, M.A., to be Moderator of this Assembly (*to be moved separately*).
- 2.** The Assembly resolves that the Revd Kenneth Slack, M.B.E., LL.D., shall be Moderator of the second General Assembly, and that in the meantime he be deemed Moderator-Elect.
- 3.** The Assembly appoints Tellers, as set out in Schedule I, to scrutinize the votes of members of the second General Assembly in the election of a Moderator for the year 1974–75.
- 4.** The Assembly appoints Moderators of Synod in the several Provinces as set out in Schedule II for the periods stated therein.
- 5.** The Assembly appoints officers to serve the Church as set out in Schedule III, to serve in the first instance for the periods stated therein.
- 6.** The Assembly appoints the officers and members of the several Departments and Committees as set out in Schedule IV, the officers to serve for the periods stated therein.

7. The Assembly instructs the Nominations Committee to prepare a scheme for the staggered retirement of the elected members of its Committees, and to report to the next Assembly.

8. The Assembly appoints representatives to ecumenical bodies as set out in Schedule V.

9. The Assembly resolves that in cases where either of the uniting Assemblies has been represented which are not covered by Resolution 9, those representatives shall continue to serve until appropriate adjustments have been made in consultation with the bodies concerned.

10. The Assembly discharges the Committee with thanks.

SCHEDULES OF NOMINATIONS

SCHEDULE I

MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1972–73 Revd John Huxtable, M.A.

1973–74 Revd Kenneth Slack, M.B.E., LL.D.

Tellers Mr. T. S. Byatt, Mrs. R. Follett, Mr. K. W. Thorndyke.

SCHEDULE II

MODERATORS OF SYNODS

I (Northern)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. Howard Williams (1972)
II (North Western)	..	..	..	..	Revd D. G. Stewart (1970)
III (Merseyside)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. W. P. Williamson (1972)
IV (Yorkshire)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. N. Beard (1970)
V (East Midland)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. White (1960)
VI (West Midland)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. W. Hugh Jones (1970)
VII (Eastern)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. E. Taylor (1972)
VIII (South West)	..	..	..	..	Revd C. A. Haig (1960)
IX (Wessex)	..	..	..	..	Revd D. A. Smith (1966)
X (Thames North)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. J. Hall (1965)
XI (Southern)	..	..	..	..	Revd V. N. J. Lewis (1972)
XII (Wales and Monmouthshire)	..	..	..	..	Revd W. J. Samuel (1962)

SCHEDULE III

FULL-TIME OFFICERS

Joint General Secretaries and Clerks of General Assembly—May 1975: Revds J. Huxtable and A. L. Macarthur.

Administrative Secretary—Mrs. S. Tull.

Consultant Administrative Secretary—Miss D. J. Biggs (up to one year).

Legal Advisers—Mr. P. A. Simpson and Mr. N. Pooler.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

Departmental Secretary—Revd R. O. Latham—30th June 1975.

Secretary for Mission—Revd C. K. Meachin—September 1976.

Secretary for Christian Education—Revd J. M. Sutcliffe—30th June 1976.

Youth Secretary—Revd M. J. Davies—30th June 1977.

Youth Leadership Training Officer—Mr. B. Harris—September 1974.

Teacher Training Officer—Mr. M. D. Woolnough—30th June 1977.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT
Associate Secretary—Revd B. Anderson—30th June 1978.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT
Departmental Secretary—Revd J. P. Reardon—30th June 1977.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Departmental Secretary—Revd E. W. Todd—30th June 1977.
Consultant—Mr. F. E. Crozier—January 1974.
Chief Accountant—No nomination.
Secretary for Publications and Publicity—Mr. Percy W. Bush.
Editor of Journal—Revd Dr. J. K. Gregory.

SCHEDULE IV

DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES
(Dates refer to the date of the General Assembly in any year)

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT
Chairman—Mrs. Gwen Hall—1979
Secretary—The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Representatives—1974

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| I Mrs. M. Tasker | VII Revd E. A. Banyard |
| II Revd K. M. Hendry | VIII Revd G. Bobbett |
| III Mrs. A. Cooper | IX Revd M. G. Dunford |
| IV Professor J. R. Wilkie | X Miss S. Fairbairn |
| V Mr. E. G. Leigh Brown | XI Revd R. F. Clark |
| VI Revd J. E. Fenn | XII Revd C. K. Forecast |

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department and Mrs. R. Goodfellow and the Revd Dr. L. Green.

Members under 25—Miss R. Brett and Mr. M. Williams.

The President and the Treasurer of the former Presbyterian Women's Home Church Association serve as consultants for three years.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Chairman—Revd J. I. Evans—1977
Secretary—The Departmental Secretary

Mrs. Boulind	Mr. H. H. Morris	Revd B. G. Thorogood
Revd C. J. Buckingham	Revd J. E. Newport	Revd F. R. Tomes
Revd N. W. Cornford	Revd H. S. Ross	Professor J. R. Wilkie
Revd K. M. Hendry	Revd Margaret Taylor	

together with the Principals of the recognised Colleges in Cambridge, London, Manchester, Oxford and Swansea.

Panel for Assessment Conferences

Revd N. Birnie
Miss M. Birnie
Mr. P. J. Bunker
Miss M. Cumber
Revd J. L. Cottle
Revd Dr. J. Trevor Davies
Mr. L. Felton
Revd C. C. Franks
Mrs. R. Goodfellow
Revd J. W. Green
Mrs. Gwen Hall
Revd Kathleen Hendry
Mrs. J. Houston
Revd M. F. Hubbard
Revd J. H. E. Hull
Revd J. Huxtable
Revd H. Jacquet
Revd Dr. E. Jones
Revd Peter McCall
and the Provincial Moderators.

Revd F. D. McConnell
Mrs. N. Manson
Revd W. S. Minnis
Revd J. E. Newport
Mrs. B. Onions
Dr. Paul H. Rogers
Revd K. Sainsbury
Revd R. K. Scopes
Revd M. T. Shepherd
Miss O. Spicer
Mrs. E. M. Steel
Dr. D. A. Sykes
Mr. K. W. Thorndyke
Revd E. W. Todd
Revd G. C. Thrussell
Revd Dr. A. R. Vine
Revd R. M. Ward
Revd G. Williams
Revd G. Holland Williams

Westminster-Cheshunt Committee

Revd David Geddes
Revd Professor F. G. Healey
Revd J. Huxtable
Mr. I. T. Jamieson

Revd A. L. Macarthur
Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod
Revd J. E. Newport
Professor W. H. Semple

Board of Studies (Westminster-Cheshunt)

Revd D. W. Ager
Revd B. Anderson
Revd J. E. Fenn
Revd David Geddes
Revd Dr. J. K. Gregory
Revd G. E. Harris
together with the College Staff.

Dr. E. R. Lapwood
Revd W. N. Leak
Revd Peter McCall
Revd J. P. Reardon
Revd H. S. Ross
Mr. J. M. Ross

Nominations to Teaching Staff

Committee on Appointments to Teaching Staffs

Chairman—Professor W. H. Semple
Secretary—The Revd H. S. Mayes

Principal, Westminster College (Revd A. G. MacLeod).

Principal, Cheshunt College (Revd J. E. Newport).

Mr. H. Arthur

Professor G. B. Caird

The Revd A. S. Cooper

Professor J. E. Fenn

Professor W. K. C. Guthrie

The Revd John Huxtable

together with 2 co-opted members.

The Revd W. N. Leak

The Revd A. L. MacArthur

The Revd B. M. Pratt

Mr. J. M. Ross

The Revd J. G. Thornton

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Chairman—Revd N. Birnie—1975

Secretary—Revd F. R. Tomes—1977

Miss S. Bradburn

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Two vacancies

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Chairman—Revd Dr. E. R. Routley—1979

Secretary—Revd D. McIlhagga—1977

Mrs. C. Brock

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Revd J. M. Todd

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Mr. J. M. Ross

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Revd D. C. M. Gardner

Revd H. M. Springbett

Revd Dr. B. A. Wren

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman—Revd C. C. Franks—1979

Secretary—The Christian Education Secretary

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Chairman—Revd K. Cranston—1975

Secretary—The Youth Secretary

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Revd W. J. Taylor

Mr. A. Briggs

Revd K. Graham

Revd Duncan Wilson

Mr. W. E. Burton

Mrs. D. McIlhagga

one vacancy

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Miss K. Pugh

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Miss Lesley Wilson

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Chairman—Revd D. H. Hilton—1977

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Revd D. A. Pratt

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WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman—Revd B. M. Pratt—1979

Secretary—The General Secretary

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Provincial Representatives—1974

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MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Chairman—Revd. M. H. Cressey—1978

Secretary—The Associate Secretary

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Revd G. E. Beck	Revd S. B. Harris	Revd Rachel Storr
Revd P. S. Chesney	Revd G. Hewitt	Revd R. Whitehead
Revd D. P. C. Geddes	Miss P. F. Parrish	

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Chairman—Mr. J. E. M. Gilbey—1979

Secretary—The Associate Secretary

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MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman—Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod—1977

Secretary—The Associate Secretary

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CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Chairman—Revd J. Johansen-Berg—1979

Secretary—The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives—1974

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Chairman—Mr. L. R. Palmer—1979

(Honorary Treasurer of the Church)

Secretary—The Departmental Secretary

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Provincial Representatives—1974

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TREASURERSHIP

Chairman—Mr. K. W. Thorndyke—1975

Secretary—The Departmental Secretary

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Chairman—Revd J. White—1977

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WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman—Mr. R. J. S. Green—1977

Secretary—The General Secretary

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Chairman—Mr. G. Vaughan Davies—1979

Secretary—Mr. J. W. Paterson—1977

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Chairman—Mr. K. M. Kirby—1975

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BUSINESS

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Secretary—The Administrative Secretary

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Secretary—The General Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, (the immediate past Moderator), the Legal Advisers, and the Chairman of the Applications Committee of each Province (or his deputy).

NOMINATIONS

Chairman—Revd A. J. G. Walker—1979

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together with the Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Chairmen of the four Departments, and the Provincial Moderators and one other representative from each Synod.

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