

**THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**FIRST
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES

5th OCTOBER 1972

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES
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**Minutes of the
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in
England and Wales**

At London and within Westminster Central Hall,
on Thursday the 5th day of October 1972 at
10 o'clock a.m.

Public Worship

The Assembly of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England convened and were constituted with prayer, Public Worship being conducted by the Revd. C. J. Buckingham, President of the Congregational Church in England and Wales.

Uniting Declaration

The Assembly of the Congregational Church in England and Wales, on the motion of the Revd. Dr. J. Marsh seconded by the Revd. R. Bocking, adopted, by the required majority, the following resolution:

'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 (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.'

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England, on the motion of the Revd. F. D. McConnell, seconded by the Revd. M. H. Cressey, adopted, by the required majority, the following resolution:

'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.'

The United Assembly, on the motion of the Revd. A. L. Macarthur, seconded by Mrs. R. J. Hall, adopted, by the required majority, the following resolution :

'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.'

The President then declared that the Uniting Declaration had been passed in accordance with the Scheme of Union.

Constitution

The First General Assembly of the United Reformed Church was then constituted with prayer by the Rt. Revd. Principal A. G. MacLeod.

Roll

The Roll of the Assembly was laid on the table.

Nominations Committee

The Assembly called for the first Report of the Joint Interim Nominations Committee which was submitted by the Revd. Dr. N. Goodall, and on his motion, seconded by the Revd. A. J. G. Walker, the Assembly unanimously and cordially resolved as follows :

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.

By desire of the Assembly the Moderator then took the Chair and delivered a suitable address.

Visitors

The Moderator welcomed visitors from other Churches and acknowledged greetings received.

The Revd. A. L. Macarthur read a message of greeting from the Prime Minister (The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath).

The Assembly was honoured by the presence of the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. M. Ramsey) and the President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Mr. W. Thompson). They were welcomed, in the name of the Assembly by the Moderator and, at his invitation, addressed the Assembly.

Minute Clerk

On the motion of the Moderator the Revd. B. M. Pratt was appointed to keep the minutes of the 1st Assembly.

Standing Orders

The Revd. B. M. Pratt laid on the table the Standing Orders, as set out in the Report of the Joint Committee (Appendix 1). On his motion they were held as read and adopted.

Non-uniting Churches

The Moderator reported the addition to the list of non-uniting churches applying for membership (Book of Reports, p. 51) of the following: Chigwell Row, United Free; Union St. Oldham; Arundel, Sussex; Fleetwood, Lancs; Union, Winscombe, Somerset; Prescot, Lancs; Hadleigh, Suffolk, and Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Joint Committee

The Assembly called for the Report of the Joint Committee which was submitted [with the following alterations: p. 12 Delete after STANDING ORDERS the words (See Rule VIII 1, Appendix 1), and p. 22, line 7, for 'non-notifying ministers' read 'Ministers of non-uniting churches'] by the Revd. Dr. J. Marsh. On his motion, seconded by the Revd. F. D. McConnell, the Report was received and the following resolutions adopted :

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 the approach with a view to conversations, made by the Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland at their Annual Conference on August 7th, 1972.

20. The Assembly receives the **APPLICATIONS FROM NON-UNITING LOCAL CHURCHES** of the former 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. R. J. Hall and Mr. L. Palmer, the Chairmen nominated for the Departments of Church Life and Finance and 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 and 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 such of these officers, and of the staffs of the Theological Colleges referred to in resolutions 11 and 12 and of the staffs of 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 delegates the exercise of its powers of appointment under Section 7 (2), Section 12 (2) (c) and Section 18 (1) of the United Reformed

Church Act, 1972, to the Executive Committee and until further appointment by that Committee any person or persons having authority to act on behalf of any association dissolved by Section 5 in respect of any trust to which Sections 12 (2) (c) or Section 18 (1) apply shall continue to exercise that authority as if he or they had been appointed by the Assembly.

Nominations Committee

The Assembly called for the second Report of the Joint Interim Nominations Committee which was submitted by the Revd. Dr. N. Goodall. On his motion, seconded by the Revd. A. J. G. Walker, the Report was received and the following resolutions adopted :

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The Assembly appoints Moderators of Synod in the several Provinces as set out in Schedule II for the periods stated therein.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The Assembly appoints representatives to ecumenical bodies as set out in Schedule V.
8. The Assembly resolves that in cases where either of the uniting Assemblies has been represented which are not covered by Resolution 7, those representatives shall continue to serve until appropriate adjustments have been made in consultation with the bodies concerned.
9. The Assembly discharges the Committee with thanks.

The above mentioned Schedules are set out in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Inductions General Secretaries

The Assembly proceeded to the induction of the Rt. Revd. J. Huxtable and the Revd. A. L. Macarthur jointly into the office of General Secretary. The Act of Induction was duly conducted, according to the prescribed form, by the Revd. Principal A. G. MacLeod.

The Assembly proceeded to the induction of the Revds. J. H. Williams, D. G. Stewart, J. W. P. Williamson, J. N. Beard, J. White, R. W. H. Jones, R. E. Taylor,

C. A. Haig, D. A. Smith, R. J. Hall, V. N. J. Lewis and W. J. Samuel into the Office of Moderator of Synod ; and of the Revd. B. Anderson, Miss D. J. Biggs, Mr. F. E. Crozier, Mr. P. W. Bush, the Revds. M. J. Davies and Dr. J. K. Gregory, Mr. B. Harris, the Revds. R. O. Latham, C. K. Meachin, J. P. Reardon, J. M. Sutcliffe, E. W. Todd, Mrs. S. Tull and Mr. D. M. Woolnough as full-time Officers of the Church. The Acts of Induction were duly conducted, according to the prescribed forms, by the Rt. Revd. J. Huxtable.

Loyal Address

The Assembly called for the Loyal Address to the Throne which was read by the Rt. Revd. J. Huxtable. On his motion the Address was adopted by a standing vote:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY: We, the uniting General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales, now met in Westminster, present our humble duty and respectfully offer to Your Majesty the assurance of loyalty to Your Person and Throne.

The United Reformed Church came into being this morning by the union of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England, whose assemblies, meeting together, have passed the final resolutions to consummate our long-planned union. It has been a joy to us to welcome representatives of many Churches from all over the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury, as President of the British Council of Churches, has brought the good wishes of the wider Christian fellowship of these islands. Only the Prime Minister's journey to Italy prevented his presence amongst us, and his message assured us of the interest of the nation in our union.

Later this day we proceed to Westminster Abbey, for a service of thanksgiving and dedication. We rejoice that we have been invited to gather in that national shrine for all its associations, most of all as the scene of the Coronation of Your Majesty and of Your Majesty's predecessors upon the Throne, speak of the desire for a true and fruitful unity amongst all Your Majesty's peoples.

Deeply conscious as we are of Your Majesty's concern for the Christian good of the nation, and your work for the advancement of all human unity, we believe that Your Majesty will rejoice with us in the gift of greater unity that has been granted to us in this, the first, act of Christian reunion in Britain to cross denominational boundaries, and that Your Majesty will join in our prayer that Christians may be led more and more to manifest the spirit of unity in a world torn by so much fear and conflict.

It is therefore with deep gratitude to Your Majesty for your Christian witness and unceasing concern for the good of the Church that we make one of the first acts of the new Church, meeting in General Assembly, the presentation of this Humble Address to the Throne.

We are,

With the most profound respect,

In the name of the General Assembly of the
United Reformed Church in England and Wales,

Your Majesty's faithful and obedient servants,

JOHN HUXTABLE, *Moderator*
ARTHUR L. MACARTHUR, *Clerk*

Close of Assembly

The General Assembly, having in the good providence of God brought its business to an end, the next Assembly was summoned to meet in the City Temple, London, on the Monday after the first Sunday in May, 1973.

The proceedings of the General Assembly of 1972 were then formally closed with prayer, praise and the Benediction.

Signed in the name and by authority of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales by

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

APPENDIX

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	(1979)
II	(North Western)	..	..	..	..	Revd D. G. Stewart	(1977)
III	(Merseyside)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. W. P. Williamson	(1979)
IV	(Yorkshire)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. N. Beard	(1977)
V	(East Midland)	..	..	..	..	Revd J. White	(1977)
VI	(West Midland)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. W. Hugh Jones	(1977)
VII	(Eastern)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. E. Taylor	(1979)
VIII	(South West)	..	..	..	..	Revd C. A. Haig	(1977)
IX	(Wessex)	..	..	..	..	Revd D. A. Smith	(1978)
X	(Thames North)	..	..	..	..	Revd R. J. Hall	(1977)
XI	(Southern)	..	..	..	..	Revd V. N. J. Lewis	(1979)
XII	(Wales and Monmouthshire)	..	..	..	..	Revd W. J. Samuel	(1979)

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—30th June 1977

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 ✓

Provincial Representatives—1974

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| — 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 REVD J. S. THORNTON |
| — 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. & R. E. TAYLOR
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

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| — 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

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| Revd N. Birnie | Revd F. D. McConnell |
| Miss M. Burnie | Mrs. N. Manson |
| Mr. P. J. Bunker | Revd W. S. Minnis |
| Miss M. Cumber | Revd J. E. Newport |
| Revd J. L. Cottle | Mrs. B. Onions |
| Revd Dr. J. Trevor Davies | Dr. Paul H. Rogers |
| Mr. L. Felton | Revd K. Sainsbury |

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 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 ^{BUICK} ~~R. B. BRIGHT~~ KNOX
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~~ ^{REVD J. I. EVANS}
^{TOGETHER WITH FOUR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNORS OF CHESHUNT COLLEGE}

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.
^{AND FOUR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNORS OF CHESHUNT COLLEGE}
Nominations to Teaching Staff

~~Dr. E. R. Lapwood~~
Revd W. N. Leak
~~Revd Peter McCall~~
~~Revd J. P. Reardon~~
~~Revd H. S. Ross~~
Mr. J. M. Ross
^{DR. D. A. SYKES} ~~OF CHESHUNT COLLEGE~~
^{AND FOUR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNORS OF CHESHUNT COLLEGE}

Committee on Appointments to Teaching Staffs

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES ✓

Chairman—Revd N. Birnie—1975
Secretary—Revd F. R. Tomes—1977

~~Miss S. Bradburn~~
~~Mr. A. F. Coates~~

Revd M. G. Dunford
Revd W. Gathercole

~~Miss A. Mortimer~~
Revd J. W. P. Williamson

~~Dr. R. D. Jurd~~

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP ✓

Chairman—Revd Dr. E. R. Routley—1979
Secretary—Revd D. McIlhagga—1977

- Mrs. C. Brock
- Revd Principal G. B. Caird
- Revd D. C. M. Gardner
- Revd Professor J. Hick
- Revd T. C. Micklem
- Mr. J. M. Ross
- Revd H. M. Springbett
- Revd. Joan Peters.
- Revd J. M. Todd
- Revd Janet Webber
- Revd Dr. B. A. Wren

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ✓

Chairman—Revd C. C. Franks—1979
Secretary—The Christian Education Secretary

- Revd W. R. Batt
- Mrs. R. Goodfellow
- Miss N. A. E. Hibbert
- Revd J. E. Mather
- Revd Dr. S. H. Mayor
- Mrs. W. J. Onions
- Revd A. D. Trinder
- Revd R. J. Way
- Revd M. D. Whitehorn

YOUTH WORK ✓

Chairman—Revd K. Cranston—1975
Secretary—The Youth Secretary

- Revd Gillian M. Bobbett
- Mr. W. E. Burton
- Mr. N. Cheetham
- MR G. W. DUNCAN
- Mr. P. Baker
- Miss R. Brett
- Miss E. Drinkhall
- Miss S. Gravestock
- Revd C. K. Forecast
- Revd K. Graham
- Mrs. D. McIlhagga
- Miss K. Pugh
- Mr. D. Latham
- Mr. Bill Lockwood
- Mr. A. Main
- Mr. G. Marshall
- Revd W. J. Taylor
- Revd Duncan Wilson
- two vacancies
- MISS R.V. TULLY
- Mr. D. Peel
- Mr. B. Vardy
- Mr. M. Williams
- Miss Lesley Wilson

CHILDREN'S WORK ✓

Chairman—Revd D. H. Hilton—1977
Secretary—The Christian Education Secretary

- Miss M. Burnie
- Miss D. K. Jones
- Revd P. E. McIntosh
- Miss E. Paterson
- Revd D. A. Pratt
- Mrs. D. Richmond
- Mrs. R. Sawyer
- Revd J. D. Waller
- Mrs. D. Wilton
- MR. C. WEBB

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman—Revd B. M. Pratt—1979
Secretary—The General Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives—1974

- I Revd R. R. Bance
- II ~~Revd W. A. Christie~~ Revd. T. A. LINDSAY
- III Revd D. Havergal Shaw
- IV Mr. W. Knowlson
- V Mrs. J. Webb
- VI Revd C. J. H. Hamblin
- VII Revd David Geddes
- VIII Revd G. D. Gill
- IX Revd C. E. C. Richards
- X Mr. G. Carr
- XI Mrs. H. W. P. Richards
- XII Revd T. Glyndwr Jones

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department and the Revd Dr. N. Goodall, Mrs. A. G. MacLeod, Mr. N. W. Prattent and Mrs. E. Steel. The President and the Treasurer of the former Presbyterian Women's Missionary Association serve as consultants for three years.

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Chairman—Revd. M. H. Cressey—1978

Secretary—The Associate Secretary

Revd D. J. D. Baker	Mr. C. W. Hamilton	Mrs. E. M. Steel
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. Parish	

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Chairman—Mr. J. E. M. Gilbey—1979

Secretary—The Associate Secretary

Revd R. R. Bance	Revd B. Dawson	Mr. F. P. Long
Mrs. M. O. Berridge	Revd Glynmor John	Revd A. Porter
Revd W. A. Christie	Revd T. Glyndwr Jones	Revd Elfan Rees
Miss V. A. Collins	Revd Doris Leyshon	

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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Chairman—Revd R. T. Brooks—1977

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