

**THE
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1973**

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Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2DE**

**MINUTES
OF ASSEMBLY**

The United Reformed Church in England & Wales
86 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RT

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The United Reformed Church

Minutes of the Executive Committee

At LONDON and within 86 Tavistock Place WC1H 9RT on Thursday, 5th April 1973, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE met and was constituted with prayer; the Moderator, The Rt Revd John Huxtable, presiding.

The Committee welcomed the Moderator on his return after his illness and wished him well in the remainder of his period of office.

Attendance There were also 56 members present.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from 9 members.

Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 1973 being in the hands of members were, with two amendments, approved and signed.

Welsh Assembly It was agreed that the U.R.C. be represented at the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Wales by the then Moderator, Dr Slack, and not by Mr Huxtable as recorded in the previous minute.

Churches of Christ: Assembly It was reported that arrangements were proceeding for the representation of the Churches of Christ at the Assembly, possibly by their President.

Conversations The Clerk gave a brief account of the first meeting of the Committee for Conversations with the Churches of Christ which had been characterised by a spirit of hope and great goodwill. Matters requiring detailed consideration had been identified and papers were being prepared particularly with regard to the understanding of baptism and of the ordained ministry.

Ministerial Rolls On behalf of the group appointed to consider ministerial rolls the following proposals were laid before the Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of the Scheme of Union p. 18 (4) (b) and (c), and (5) and (6), to publish in the first Year Book *one single roll* of ministers which will include

- (a) all ministers in pastoral charge or otherwise in the direct service of the U.R.C.
- (b) all ministers recognised to have the status of minister of the U.R.C. (i.e. eligible for call) which will include former P.C. of E. ministers on Roll by Assembly Appointment and on the Roll of Ministers without Charge (except where they have asked that their names be withdrawn), and former C.C.E.W. ministers on Rolls 1 and 2, except where they have become 'non-uniting ministers'.
- (c) all ministers emeriti

and, in addition, to publish a list of churches with ministers, etc., a list of deaconesses, a list of local pastors as registered including one or two ex-Presbyterians who fall in that category.

These proposals were approved but the group was asked to give further consideration to those appearing on List B of the former C.C.E.W. rolls, and to consult with the World Church & Mission Department regarding the way in which missionaries of the U.R.C. should be recorded.

Applications Committee The Chairman of the Applications Committee, the Revd C. J. Buckingham, indicated the difficulty in which his Committee found itself in knowing the limits of its duty. The Executive Committee agreed with his suggestion that matters regarding the appropriate training of those entering by the R.O.M. exams should in future be considered by the Ministerial Training Committee. Other questions were deferred for consideration at a later meeting.

Recognition of Colleges On an enquiry from the Clerk as to whether a representative from the Bala-Bangor Theological College should be invited to the Assembly, it became clear that the proposal for its recognition being submitted to the Assembly raised certain issues that would require careful discussion. It was agreed that under these circumstances it would be unwise to invite a representative to this Assembly. The officers of the Church Life Department undertook to consider the proposal further in the light of the discussion.

Church Life Department Mrs Gwen Hall on behalf of the Church Life Department raised a question about the policy of the U.R.C. with regard to the work of the Education Department of the B.C.C. to which the C.C.E.W. had previously contributed £300 per annum. Since Education was a concern also of the Department of Church & Society, the two Departments were asked to consider this together and to bring a joint recommendation to a later meeting.

World Church & Mission Dept. No matters were raised from the World Church & Mission Department.

Church and Society Dept. The Revd J. Johansen-Berg expressed the concern of his Department that the whole range of grants made by the departments of the uniting Churches should be re-considered by an inter-departmental group. This was generally approved, and the F. & A. Department was asked to arrange for such a discussion with a view to future policy. The Treasurer assured the Departments that they had liberty of action in this matter within their budgets for 1973.

Finance & Administration Dept. On behalf of the group appointed at last meeting, the Clerk reported the progress so far made in consultation with representatives of the Congregational Federation and the E.F.C.C. and representatives of the Charity Commissioners. A resolution was tabled giving general support to the proposal that apportionment should take place on the basis of a mean between the number of churches and the number of members in the respective groupings. This raised a number of questions, and after considerable discussion the resolution was revised and adopted in the following form:

'The Executive Committee receives the report of those appointed to act on its behalf in the matter of the apportionment of resources between the U.R.C. and the non-uniting churches, and

- (a) requests the group to re-examine the basis of apportionment so far proposed and the position of non-covenanting Churches and to report again;

- (b) asks that the figures as calculated be circulated to the Executive Committee, to Synod offices, and to secretaries of Incorporated Unions;
- (c) resolves to ask the Assembly to appoint the same group to act on its behalf in accordance with the provisions of the U.R.C. Act.

Assembly Expenses The Treasurer reported the proposals of the F. & A. Department regarding the expenses of Assembly members, and it was agreed that those from beyond the London Area should receive a 2nd Class return fare and an allowance of up to £1 per day for travel to and from the Assembly. Members within the London area should receive the allowance for travel to and from the Assembly.

The Treasurer also submitted a preliminary report on the position as so far calculated and indicated that a deficit of up to £25,000 must be expected in 1973 and that an increase in income of the order of 25% would be required for the central funds in 1974. In the light of questions from some of the Departments the Treasurer gave assurance that the figures were subject to modification in the light of further discussion with the Departments. He asked for care in all expenditure and restraint in the initiation of new work.

The Committee expressed sympathy with the Department in the troubles it had experienced in regard to staff.

Lymm With the agreement of the Provinces, Districts and local church concerned, it was agreed that the church at Lymm should be transferred to Province III and to its District A.

Shropshire Congregational Union Incorporated On a request from the West Midland Province it was resolved to appoint Messrs D. G. Griffiths, D. Nye, J. W. Phillips and Revds H. Royds, E. C. Appleby and E. G. Thomas as Trustees of the Shropshire Congregational Union Incorporated.

1973 Assembly arrangements Sir Harold Banwell outlined the arrangements so far concluded for the Assembly of 1973, the suggested order of business, and hours of meeting. His report was received with approval.

1974 Assembly The Synod of the East Midlands Province having endorsed its invitation to the General Assembly to meet in Nottingham in 1974, it was agreed that this invitation be welcomed and that a suitable resolution be put to the Assembly.

Nominations Committee The Revd A. J. G. Walker submitted a brief report from the Nominations Committee and on his recommendation it was agreed that the Revds B. Anderson, Paul S. King, C. K. Meachin and E. W. Todd be appointed to the C.C.W.M. Board.

Next meeting It was agreed that the next meeting be held on June 7th at 1.30 p.m. The Clerk was asked to prepare a timetable of meetings of the Executive Committee in relation to other Committees, and to submit it to the next meeting.

Closure There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Moderator

Clerk

Minutes of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in
England and Wales
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FIRST SESSION

At LONDON and within the City Temple, on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1973, at 6 o'clock p.m.

Public Worship Members of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, being met together at the time and place appointed by the first General Assembly on 5th October 1972, public worship being conducted by the Rt Revd John Huxtable M.A., the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

Induction of Moderator On the motion of the Rt Revd John Huxtable, the Moderator-elect the Revd Kenneth Slack, M.B.E., B.A., LL.D., was called to the Chair and inducted as Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

The Moderator addressed the Assembly.

Roll of Assembly The roll of Assembly made up in accordance with the constitution set out in the Scheme of Union and as authorised by the Executive Committee was laid on the table.

ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator: The Right Revd K. Slack, M.B.E., B.A., LL.D.

Joint Clerks: The Revd John Huxtable and Revd A. L. Macarthur*

Moderator-elect (1973-74): Revd A. L. Macarthur

Provincial Moderators:

- I Revd J. Howard Williams
- II Revd D. G. Stewart
- III Revd J. W. P. Williamson
- IV Revd J. N. Beard
- V Revd J. White
- VI Revd R. W. H. Jones
- VII Revd R. E. Taylor
- VIII Revd C. A. Haig
- IX Revd D. A. Smith
- X Revd R. J. Hall
- XI Revd V. N. J. Lewis
- XII Revd W. J. Samuel

Department Chairmen: *Church Life:* Mrs Gwen Hall
Church & Society: Revd J. Johansen-Berg
World Church & Mission: Revd B. M. Pratt
Finance & Administration: Mr L. Palmer

*Members as Ex-Chairman and Ex-Moderator respectively.

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Applications: Revd C. J. Buckingham

Business: Sir Harold Banwell

Nominations: Revd A. J. G. Walker

Church Life:

Ministerial Training: Revd J. I. Evans; *Supplementary Ministries:* Revd N. Birnie; *Doctrine & Worship:* Revd Dr E. R. Routley; *Christian Education:* Revd C. C. Franks; *Youth Work:* Revd K. Cranston; *Children's Work:* Revd D. H. Hilton

World Church & Mission:

At Home: Revd M. H. Cressey; *Abroad:* Mr J. E. M. Gilbey; *Other Faiths:* Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod

Church & Society: Revd J. Johansen-Berg

Finance & Administration:

Treasurership: Mr K. W. Thorndyke; *Maintenance of the Ministry:* Revd J. White; *Welfare & Emergencies:* Mr R. J. S. Green; *Unified Appeal:* Mr G. Vaughan Davies; *Legal & Trust:* Mr K. M. Kirby; *Development in New Areas & Care of Existing Buildings:* Revd R. G. Walker; *Publications and Publicity:* Revd R. T. Brooks

Theological College Representatives:

Memorial College, Swansea: Revd Prof. D. L. Trefor Evans; *Westminster:* Revd Prof. J. C. O'Neill; *Cheshunt:* Revd J. E. Newport; *New College, London:* Revd John Taylor; *Mansfield, Oxford:* Revd Principal G. B. Caird; *Manchester Congregational:* Revd J. H. E. Hull.

Missionaries on Furlough:

Miss B. Lea; Miss M. Cole; Miss S. Rudofsky; Miss C. Holmes; Miss R. Archer; Revd C. E. Stewart; Revd D. Kingston; Dr Elizabeth Connan; Revd D. Collins.

Synod Clerks:

I: Revd H. S. Ross; II: Mr J. Collinge; III: Revd R. G. Walker; IV: Revd A. J. G. Walker; V: Mr K. W. Thorndyke; VI: Revd W. G. Hughes-Edwards; VII: Revd Dewi Rhys; VIII: Revd J. E. Young; IX: Revd Michael Stolton; X: Mr T. S. Byatt; XI: Revd E. Harries-Rees; XII: Revd Windsor Hicks.

Senior Chaplain to H.M. Forces stationed in Britain:

Revd L. K. Darbyshire, R.A.F.

Past Chairmen, Presidents and Moderators:

Revd Nathaniel Micklem, Revd S. Maurice Watts, Revd John Short, Revd H. F. Lovell Cocks, Revd H. S. Stanley, Mr E. Cunningham, Revd Norman Goodall, Revd W. Gordon Robinson, Revd Elsie Chamberlain, Revd H. Cunliffe-Jones, Mr B. J. Hartwell, Revd J. Trevor Davies, Revd W. A. Hamilton, Revd J. Huxtable, Revd John Marsh, Revd M. O. Janes, Revd A. R. Vine, Revd C. A. Haig, Revd R. W. H. Jones, Revd E. R. Routley, Revd C. S. Duthie, Revd C. J. Buckingham, Sir Harold Banwell, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd Dr R. D. Whitehorn, Revd Dr J. C. Bacon, Revd A. Prentice, Revd D. Conley Eades, Revd R. E. Fenn, Revd K. D. Keay, Revd G. T. Bellhouse, Revd F. P. Copland Simmons, Revd Prof. J. Eric Fenn, Revd Andrew B. Jamieson, Revd I. R. N. Miller, Revd Peter McCall, Revd F. D. McConnell, Revd Prof. F. G. Healey, Revd H. Burns Jamieson, Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod, Revd A. S. Cooper, Revd N. Birnie, Revd B. M. Pratt, Revd A. L. Macarthur.

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Province I

A: Revds A. H. Page, F. Waddell, W. Irving, D. Thomas-Jones, I. K. Paton; Messrs J. Beacom, W. Nisbet, R. Boston, R. S. Pagan, J. C. Bell.

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- A : Revds F. W. Bakewell, S. G. Barratt, J. T. Yates; Mr W. Atherton, Mrs M. A. Maltby, Miss A. E. Rowe.
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- A : Revds C. T. Husk, R. W. Kidd, R. F. Williams; Mrs J. Blumenthal, Miss J. Salisbury, Mr Alfred Cooper.
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- C : Revds P. W. Beaman, H. Gordon, D. K. Havergal-Shaw, A. J. Wilkinson; Miss M. E. G. Blacklock; Messrs K. Cox, N. McDonald, G. McOnie.
- D : Revds D. F. Flawn, T. E. Girling, C. W. Matheson; Mrs L. Thompson, Miss J. McCallum; Messrs R. G. Davies, D. G. K. Johnson, J. R. Philp.

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- A : Revds A. J. Dawson, P. H. Goodwin, A. J. Wells; Mrs M. F. Baker, Mrs P. L. Glover, Mr H. N. Hicklenton.
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- F : Revds W. J. Taylor, H. Neems, B. Sheppard, J. Rammell; Miss M. Atkinson, Miss C. Midgley, Mr W. Knowlson, Mr M. Allinson.

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- A : Revds J. Holmes, T. J. Martin, G. Norris, C. B. Nuttall, F. A. Beattie, J. D. Waller; Mrs A. Cliff, Mr H. E. Gunton, Dr J. R. Brown, Mr F. Brewster; Revd R. W. Manchester, Mr Phillips.
- B : Revds C. A. White, D. J. Groves; Mr F. Cooper, Mr C. A. Mayo.
- C : Revds D. E. Edwards, A. O. Bourne, A. E. J. Brittain; Messrs J. L. Smith, P. E. Stonehouse, G. E. Ogg.
- D : Revds G. E. Hooper, W. McGuigan, R. W. Murray, H. M. Springbett; Messrs E. G. Adams, J. M. Cornwall, L. S. Kay, Mrs Stella Jackson.

Province VI

- A: Revds A. Green, M. J. Husselbee, W. T. Jones, P. Travis, W. D. Williams; Messrs D. R. Halson, A. F. Hazlewood, D. F. Robertson, A. Stephens, Mrs C. Clay.
- B: Revds E. C. Appleby, R. Engelfield, G. Markham; Mr V. J. Swift, Miss Jean Evason, Mrs A. Martin.
- C: Revds T. Wigley, J. K. Bufton, John Green; Messrs A. E. Checkland, J. W. Cooper, W. S. S. Cox.
- D: Revds P. S. King, W. J. Walker, Bryan Dawson; Miss P. M. Cordon, Miss M. D. Burnie, Miss M. E. Langmaid.
- E: Revds H. R. Tonks, K. Flawn, K. J. Hibberd, P. Chave; Messrs R. N. Houston, H. Whiston, B. W. Flynn, Mrs E. M. Thompson, Mr H. E. Greening.
- F: Revds A. A. Baillie, L. S. Carter, W. W. Mahood; Messrs R. A. Heritage, T. J. Barber, C. H. Llewellyn.

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- A: Revds C. Charlton, A. Fincham, E. F. Jones, J. B. Simpson; Miss Strathdee, Mrs Laura King; Messrs M. J. Watson, K. S. Dugdale.
- B: Revds N. A. Hall, S. J. Whiffen, K. R. Sainsbury, A. J. Hills; Miss F. A. Cullen, Mr A. Owen, Mr A. F. Butler, Mr F. R. Rukie.
- C: Revds A. Speight, D. Pattinson, Mary Wyatt, Frank Jones; Miss G. Chopping; Messrs W. B. Grieve, T. Denzil Lewis, Mrs K. W. Sadd.
- D: Revds H. E. Johnson, A. E. Young, C. R. Garwood; Messrs C. A. Raggett, L. Rand.
- E: Revds Prof. R. Buick Knox, (Mrs) C. Payne, W. Hurley, L. Wray; Mrs M. Bason, Mrs O. Darke; Messrs A. Macaulay, M. Ballard.

Province VIII

- A: Revds G. D. Gill, K. F. D. Trunks; Mrs H. J. Elliott, Mr D. Gaskin.
- B: Revds D. S. Noel, (Miss) H. M. Pullin; Messrs E. J. Phillips, H. J. Wheeler.
- C: Revds F. G. Wilson, J. D. Pickering, J. D. Shakesby; Mrs R. D. Humphrey; Messrs F. J. Brummell, C. Glanville.
- D: Revds T. A. Williams, B. W. Kirk, S. Atkins; Mrs M. Buckler, Messrs C. Bacon, W. F. Hunt.
- E: Revds B. Warren, N. Charlton, S. Wood; Mrs P. E. Bezer; Messrs J. Storey R. Escott.
- F: Revds W. R. Batt, N. O. S. Goodchild, J. Ticehurst, B. W. Phillips, R. J. Hall; Messrs K. G. Harris, W. J. Bowerman, John Simpson, J. T. Reed, Phillip Hamblin.

Province IX

- A: Revds R. O. Balmer, K. R. Brymer, W. Dickinson, L. A. Fleming, H. Carter Lloyd, John Fletcher; Messrs K. L. Anderson, R. E. Harding, G. Turberville; Mrs M. E. Lane, Miss M. Mandville, Miss J. McCallum.
- B: Revds D. Hamilton, R. F. C. Snuggs, J. B. Wilmot; Mrs C. Hardwick, Mrs A. Hare, Mr. B. Le Marquand.
- C: Revds M. C. Playdon, A. A. Tomlinson, G. H. Thomas; Mr F. E. Parr, Pastor S. Davies, Mrs. I. K. Flory.
- D: Revds N. G. Porter, Dacre Wicks, W. C. McCrorie, G. F. Seymour; Miss E. K. Morley; Messrs J. H. Shave, D. J. Carter, A. F. W. Cory.
- E: Revds J. G. Thornton, C. E. C. Richards, G. E. Harris, A. F. Griffiths; Mrs A. Hale, Alderman J. Cumber, Messrs H. W. Ledger, I. O. Macarthur.

Province X

- A: Miss E. Rivett, Miss Hilda Maude, Mr E. J. Cadoux; Revds V. J. Abernethy, D. Holt Roberts, A. T. I. Jagger, E. G. Miller, Miss E. R. Brown.
- B: Revds Robert Boulter, G. J. Tate, P. Nicholson; Mrs Dorothy Marriage, Miss J. Warwick, Mr. W. Winter.
- C: Revds S. V. Evans, H. Shapland, K. H. Bell, N. Clark, A. F. Chalmers; Messrs P. G. Freeman, C. R. Pipe, G. P. Wilson.
- D: Revds P. S. Chesney, T. Perry, D. E. Phipps-Jones, D. H. Stockwell, E. R. Wimpres; Messrs M. L. Bradburn, C. A. Carter, W. H. C. Moreton, J. W. Squires, Mrs M. Ely.

- E: Revds N. W. Kemp, M. J. Quinton, G. W. Satchell; Mrs M. Lewis, Messrs H. J. Jones, B. A. Strange.
- F: Revds R. E. May, F. J. Ackroyd, C. J. Baker, (Mrs) F. E. Frost-Mee; Mrs R. J. Angel, Messrs R. W. Rooke, J. F. Knight, N. W. Lightup.

Province XI

- A: Revds R. G. Currie, N. K. Fisher, A. G. Halliday, J. M. Todd, A. Whillis; Mrs B. M. Wilson; Messrs C. A. Morgan, Colin Ferguson, D. F. Smith, A. Wandless.
- B: Revds R. A. Davies, C. S. Martin, S. C. Orchard, N. L. Shepherd, A. N. Dykes; Mrs N. Lay, Sir Trevor Lloyd-Hughes; Messrs R. Morris Thomas, D. H. Ward.
- C: Revds H. E. Brown, R. F. Clark, D. Schofield, R. N. Smith, G. Stephenson; Mrs E. A. Nicholson; Messrs L. Fisher, S. Prestage, T. Sholl.
- D: Revds D. A. Douglass, R. W. G. Talmey, M. D. Whitehorn, G. Williams; Messrs J. Simpson, D. D. Palmer, G. W. Brown, Mrs M. Whitehead.
- E: Revds K. Walters, Ivor Howells, W. J. Wyatt; Miss M. M. Jones, Pastor E. C. Mason, Mr. B. Webster.
- F: Revds P. G. Filby, J. H. Goldsmith, J. Newton Holder, E. D. Varley; Messrs S. C. Martin, G. W. Tyre, Miss R. M. Barron, Mrs H. W. P. Richards.
- G: Revds J. L. Armour, R. H. Smith, B. D. Treharne, D. Bending; Mrs H. M. Tizard; Messrs C. S. Stevens, A. F. Challis, R. R. P. Smith.

Province XII

- A: Revds W. Mansel Davies, H. Roy Hughes, E. M. Jeremiah; Messrs Wallace Wood, H. Bellis, Alec Garman.
- B: Revds E. C. Powell, C. Smith-Draper, G. Hewitt, R. Diffy, P. Griffiths, E. Thomas, J. I. Davies; Mrs Mary Gardner, Mrs Marina Selmer, Mr E. Baden Powell.
- C: Revds G. Edwards-Brynon, Windsor Hicks, Alan Trinder; Mrs J. S. Roberts, Mrs Jeanne Jones, Miss Muriel Jones, Mr D. Ll. Walter, Revd (Miss) D. Leyshon.
- D: Revds F. C. Glover, H. John Lewis, F. Noden, Irfon James; Mrs Brenda Morgan; Messrs Howard Jenkins, Tudor Price, Hedley Morris.

Corresponding Members The Assembly welcomed those appointed as Corresponding Members from other Churches, namely:

From the Church of Scotland:

Ministers:

- The Rt Revd R. Selby Wright, C.V.D., T.D., D.D. (Moderator)
- The Revd Hugh Mackay, C.L.J., M.A.
- The Revd R. M. Farquhar, M.A.

Elder

- Mr. J. C. W. Hood

From the Congregational Union of Scotland:

- Mr Fredk. McDermid, A.F.S., A.R.S.H. (President-elect)

From the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

- The Rt Revd R. V. A. Lynas, B.A., D.D. (Moderator)
- The Revd H. R. Allen, O.B.E., M.A.
- The Revd R. G. Craig, B.A.
- The Revd J. W. Sloan, B.A.

Elder

- Mr H. C. Walker

From the Presbyterian Church of Wales:

- The Rt Revd Glyn Parry Jones, M.A., B.D. (Moderator)

Elder

- Mr Meurig Owen

From the Union of Welsh Independents:

The Revd Trebor Lloyd Evans, M.A., B.D.

From the Churches of Christ:

The Revd Principal J. E. Francis

Loyal Address The Revd John Huxtable moved the adoption of a Loyal Address to the Throne, which was received by a standing vote:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

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

We give thanks to God that Your Majesty's high sense of duty and care for all Your people bind the nation together in devotion to those ideals of justice and service which are at the heart of our civilization and our noblest contribution to the life of the world.

We are deeply grateful that Your Majesty is ready to respond to the increasing demands of so many public occasions here and throughout the Commonwealth, and that in all these manifold activities You have the support of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and the other members of Your Royal House.

We rejoice in Your Majesty's continued devotion to the Christian Faith and we pray that Your example may lead the people of Your Realm to seek that righteousness which alone exalts a nation and without which there can be no lasting abatement of strife and unrest, or any confident hope of ultimate reconciliation and peace.

We pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon Your Majesty and that He may grant You many years in which to rule over us.

May it please Your Majesty,

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,

KENNETH SLACK Moderator

JOHN HUXTABLE Joint Clerks of the

A. L. MACARTHUR General Assembly

Thanks to Retiring Moderator: On the motion of the Revd H. S. Ross the Assembly resolved to record its thanks to the Revd John Huxtable for the service he had rendered to the United Reformed Church as its first Moderator. This was received with acclamation as was Mr Huxtable's reply.

Ministerial Jubilees: The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers the Jubilee or Diamond Jubilee of whose ordination falls within 1973 or had taken place since the Assemblies of 1972, namely:

1913: The Revds William Short, R. R. Grant Sutherland, R. E. Thomas.

1922-23: The Revds J. R. Appleyard, W. A. M. Austin, A. C. Eastman,
L. J. Farmer, G. N. Fisher, S. B. Green, T. P. Haines, W. P.

Hancock, P. McPhail, W. D. Mason, H. Russell, Frank Short, William South, George Sydenham, L. J. Thompson, Dr R. D. Whitehorn, C. L. Wilson.

At the invitation of the Assembly the Moderator undertook to send them the greetings and congratulations of the Church.

Reception of newly ordained Ministers: The following ministers ordained to the Ministry since the Assemblies of the uniting Churches in May 1972 were introduced by their Provincial Moderators and were received by the Moderator of the Assembly :

Susan K. Armitage	David J. Joseph
Stella M. Beare	Peter Loveitt
Peter Chave	Charles S. Martin
Kathryn Chegwin	Anthony Ruffell
Anthony C. Gardiner	James Schofield
Colin Gunton	Kenneth F. Scriven
Geoffrey A. Harmer	Brenda K. Stephenson
Arthur Huyton	Kevin P. Swaine
Lionel Jameson	Pamela Ward

One newly ordained minister, the Revd James E. Mayer, being unable to be present, the Provincial Moderator, the Revd J. W. P. Williamson, asked that his name be recorded with the others.

The following newly appointed servants of the World Mission of the Church were recognised as missionaries of the U.R.C. and those present commissioned in the name of the Church by the Moderator who then received them together with their wives: Mr W. K. & Mrs Curtis; The Revd John & Mrs Edwards; Mr F. & Mrs Fennell; Mr John & Mrs Parry; The Revd Derek & Mrs Wales.

The Assembly recorded its pleasure that Mrs Patricia Martin, Miss Pamela Mills, Mr Clive Perrett, Mr John Phillips and Miss Elizabeth Wilson had also been accepted as missionaries of the United Reformed Church. Having left for service overseas, they were unable to be present.

Tellers: The report of the Tellers concerning the Moderator-elect was submitted by the Revd John Huxtable, and on his motion it was agreed that the Revd A. L. Macarthur be Moderator-elect for 1973-74 and Moderator for 1974-75.

Applications Committee: The Chairman of the Applications Committee, the Revd C. J. Buckingham, presented to the Assembly applications to be received as local churches of the United Reformed Church from 140 churches of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales in accordance with the procedures laid down in clause 28 of the U.R.C. Act 1972. These applications submitted by their respective Provincial Synods being in due order, the Chairman moved that the churches be admitted, and on his motion, seconded by the Clerk it was agreed that they be added to the roll of member churches of the United Reformed Church (Appendix IV).

It was noted that 8 of these churches were union churches as designated in the U.R.C. Act clause 14, and the Clerk was instructed to see that the provisions of that clause be implemented.

Reports: The Clerk submitted for the consideration of the Assembly the Reports, the resolutions of Provincial Synods, and other attendant papers

circulated to the members, and it was agreed that these be considered at later sessions in accordance with the recommendations of the Business Committee.

Nominations Committee: On the motion of the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, duly seconded, it was agreed that Tellers be appointed to act during the sessions of the Assembly as indicated on the notice board in the vestibule, and that Mr T. S. Byatt act as their Chairman.

Adjournment: The Assembly then adjourned to meet again in the same place at 10 a.m. next morning for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and thereafter for ordinary business, and the session was closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SESSION

At LONDON and within the City Temple, on Tuesday, the 8th day of May 1973 at 10 o'clock a.m.

The General Assembly again convened and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Commemoration: The Assembly having first commemorated brethren who had passed away since May 1972, celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the service assisted by the Revd H. Burns Jamieson, the Revd Barbara Meachin and the Revd Timothy Cornford.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1972

George William ACKROYD
Sidney BAINBRIDGE
Kenneth Frank BOXALL
Selwyn Oswald BURNHAM
Denis Hartwell CHAPMAN
William Allan CHRISTIE
Frederick John COLE
Douglas Harry COTTRELL
Hugh Parker DAVIES
Ivor Henry EATON
Thomas John EVANS
Joseph Arthur FIGURES
William Anthony GAINSBOROUGH
Maurice William GANDY
Thomas Henry GIBBS
Peter GORDON
Alfred Ernest GOULD
John Charles Hopson GOULD
Edward HALL
James HENDERSON
Ernest Herbert HOLLAND
Sydney John HOOPER

John HOSKING
George HOWE
Percy KIGHTLEY
Thomas William LACEY
Frederick William Richard LINES
Howel Gomer NICHOLAS
Frank Maslin POLLARD
Albert RHODES
Charles Alma ROWLANDS
Daniel Emlyn ROWLANDS
Horace SHARP
Frank SHEPHERD
Martin Thomas SHEPHERD
Norman SHIELDS
Harold Edgar SHORTHOUSE
Leonard George WATERS
Everett WILSON

C.C.W.M.

George Eric BURTON
Gerald Robert GRIFFITHS
William Francis ROWLANDS

Moderator's Chaplain: The Moderator reported that he had appointed the Revds Barbara Meachin and Timothy Cornford to be his Chaplains.

Applying Churches: In view of the decision of the Assembly to admit to membership the churches listed in the minutes, the Moderator announced that

in accordance with the provisions of the United Reformed Church Act 1972 he had declared them to have been admitted as member churches on and from May 7th 1973.

Order of Business: On behalf of the business Committee, Sir Harold Banwell, the Chairman recommended some changes in the order of business as set out in the agenda. Subject to these slight amendments, it was agreed that business should proceed in accordance therewith.

The Chairman moved that

The Assembly appoints a special Committee to consider motions from Provincial Synods regarding representation at Assembly and other Councils and related matters arising during the Assembly or submitted to the Committee by the Councils of the Church, and that the Committee so appointed be empowered to report with recommendations to the Executive Committee in the first instance and to the Assembly, always in accordance with the Scheme of Union and the Rules of Procedure.

This was agreed.

On the Chairman's motion it was agreed that additional resolutions already received by the Clerks be received and considered at later sessions.

Executive Committee: The Assembly called for the Report of the Executive Committee, which was submitted by the Revd J. Huxtable, the retiring Moderator. On his motion, seconded by the Revd W. E. Peters, the report was received and the following resolutions adopted :

1. The Assembly gladly accepts the invitation of the East Midland Province to hold its meeting in 1974 in Nottingham, and resolves to meet in the Albert Hall, Nottingham on Monday, 6th May 1974 at 6 p.m. or at such other time and place as may be duly authorized.

2. The Assembly resolves to confirm the action of the Executive Committee and appoints the Revd J. Huxtable, Messrs L. Palmer, P. A. Simpson, N. Pooler, K. Thorndyke, the Revd E. W. Todd and the Revd A. L. Macarthur to act for it in regard to the apportionment of resources under the United Reformed Church Act 1972, and authorises them to appoint from among themselves the persons to consult with the Charity Commissioners under the provisions of section 13 (2) of the Act.

3. The Assembly resolves to accept the invitation of the United Board to share in its work and agrees that appointments of full time United Reformed Church Chaplains to the Forces shall be made through the agency of the Board.

4. The Assembly, in accordance with the constitution, resolves to appoint four members to serve on the Board and requests the Church Life Department of the U.R.C. to keep the work of the Chaplains under review and to report thereon to the Assembly from time to time.

The Revd J. Huxtable then moved the following :

The Assembly receives the report of the Executive Committee regarding provision for the ordination of those who have completed the non-collegiate

Examinations but have not yet been called, and authorises District Councils to act in accordance with its recommendations.

On behalf of the Northern Synod the Provincial Moderator, the Revd J. Howard Williams, seconded by the Revd H. S. Ross, moved as an amendment:

The Assembly requests that the matters raised in the section of the report of the Executive Committee concerning local pastors, and consequent resolutions be given further consideration by an appropriate Assembly Committee and by the whole Church through reference to Synods and District Councils before decision is taken.

Further consideration was deferred until a later session.

The sitting was then suspended.

The Assembly resumed its business at 3 p.m. and after worship led by the Moderator and his chaplain continued the discussion of the report of the Executive Committee, and of the amendment already moved on behalf of the Northern Synod.

On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated.

On a further amendment the Revd J. Huxtable agreed to the inclusion of a reference to Provincial Synods in the resolution. This was accepted by the Assembly, and the resolution carried in the following form:

5. The Assembly receives the report of the Executive Committee regarding provision for the ordination of those who have completed the non-collegiate Examinations but have not yet been called, and authorises District Councils, in consultation with the appropriate Provincial Synod, to act in accordance with its recommendations.

The Revd Prof. J. C. O'Neill asked that his dissent be recorded, and the reasons for his dissent entered in the minutes, namely: I dissent from the above resolution on the grounds that ordination requires separation from other work in order to prepare, and willingness to be sent or called where God wills, even should that ministry turn out to be part-time.

The Assembly called for the Report of the **Nominations Committee**, which was submitted by the Revd A. J. G. Walker, Chairman. On his motion the report was received. The following resolutions duly moved and seconded were adopted:

1. The Assembly resolves that when the Nominations Committee considers the membership of Committees to be proposed to the General Assembly of 1976 it shall deem not more than two-thirds of those appointed by the First General Assembly to be eligible for re-appointment.

2. The Assembly requests Synods and District Councils to supply to the Nominations Committee as soon as possible after their autumn meetings lists of names of people who might be asked to serve the Assembly on its Committees, in accordance with the recommendation in the Scheme of Union, p. 78.

3. The Assembly appoints Committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1973-74, as set out in the Appendix to the report.

4. The Assembly resolves that the appointment of the Special Committee to examine the membership of councils of the Church and related matters be remitted to the Executive Committee.

The Assembly called for the Report of the **Provincial Moderators**, which was submitted by the Revd Norman Beard. On his motion the report was received and discussed. Some questions on the report were deferred to a later session.

The Assembly received the Corresponding Members who were cordially welcomed by the Moderator. The Assembly was addressed in the name of the Church of Scotland by the Rt Revd R. Selby Wright, C.V.D., T.D., D.D., Moderator; in the name of the Congregational Union of Scotland by Mr Fredk. McDermid, A.F.S., A.R.S.H., President-elect; in the name of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland by the Rt Revd R. V. A. Lynas, B.A., D.D., Moderator; in the name of the Union of Welsh Independents by the Revd Trebor Lloyd Evans, M.A., B.D., General Secretary; and in the name of the Presbyterian Church of Wales by the Rt Revd Glyn Parry Jones, M.A., B.D., Moderator. The representatives of these Churches were thanked by the Moderator.

The sitting was then suspended, and on resumption:

Questions were put to the Provincial Moderators and replies given.

The Revd A. L. Macarthur presented the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings, and these were approved.

The Assembly called for the Report of the **Church Life Department**, which was submitted by Mrs Gwen Hall, Chairman. On her motion, seconded by the Revd Dr H. Cunliffe-Jones the report was received.

The following resolution was spoken to by the Revd Donald Hilton, and adopted:

1. The Assembly expresses its gratitude to the Partners in Learning Editorial Board and Panel for providing the annual series of volumes for the total church programme and for the financial responsibility they carry in publishing them.

The following resolutions were adopted:

2. The Assembly commends Project 73 to District Youth Forums and local Church Youth Groups for study and action.

3. The Assembly authorises the Doctrine and Worship Committee to reconsider Schedule D with a view to transforming it into a more acceptable liturgical form.

The Chairman moved the following resolution, which was further introduced by the Revd Erik Routley.

- (a) authorises the production of a Hymn Book Supplement for use with both Congregational Praise and the Church Hymnary (Third Edition);
- (b) instructs a Committee to be nominated to the Executive by the Nominations Committee and to be responsible to the Doctrine & Worship Committee, to undertake the task of the selection and editing of material and the production of the book;
- (c) authorises the Church Life Department to discuss with the Finance & Administration Department the provision of the necessary expenditure

including the fees of a Hymnological Consultant, and the payment of part-time secretarial assistant.

On the motion of the Revd A. J. G. Walker, it was agreed that the words in clause (b) 'to the Executive' be deleted.

The Revd Aled Davies moved the following amendment, which was seconded by the Revd Prof. Eric Fenn:

para., (a) to read: authorises the production of a Hymn Book Supplement, after consultation with other churches as to the possibility of an ecumenical publication, for use with both Congregational Praise and the Church Hymnary (Third Edition). This was defeated, and the resolution adopted in the following form:

4. (a) **authorises the production of a Hymn Book Supplement for use with both Congregational Praise and the Church Hymnary (Third Edition);**
- (b) **instructs a Committee to be nominated by the Nominations Committee and to be responsible to the Doctrine & Worship Committee, to undertake the task of the selection and editing of material and the production of the book;**
- (c) **authorises the Church Life Department to discuss with the Finance & Administration Department the provision of the necessary expenditure including the fees of a Hymnological Consultant, and the payment of part-time secretarial assistance.**

Owing to the inability of the Revd K. Cranston to attend the Assembly on Wednesday, it was agreed to take the following resolutions at this stage, and on being introduced by Mr Cranston, the following were adopted:

5. The Assembly, being concerned about the inadequate provision for Youth participation at District level, urges District Councils to examine ways in which young people may be fully involved at this level.

The following resolution was moved:

The Assembly instructs the appropriate committee to give urgent consideration to finding practical ways whereby at least one young person under 25 years may be included in the representation of each District at the General Assembly. On being put to the vote this was defeated.

The following resolution was proposed:

The Assembly recognising that it may not be possible to include adequate representation of young people in the District Representation at the next Assembly, resolves that two members of the Assembly of Youth be granted seats at the 1974 General Assembly.

By leave of the Assembly the words 'being elders' were added after 'Assembly of Youth',

Discussion of the resolution was deferred to a later session.

The Assembly was adjourned until 9.45 a.m. to-morrow, and the Session was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION

At LONDON and within the City Temple, on Wednesday, the 9th day of May 1973 at 9.45 a.m.

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Moderator and his Chaplain and constituted with prayer.

Thereafter the Assembly resumed consideration of the Report of the Church Life Department and of the resolution already moved.

The Revd Keith Forecast, seconded by the Revd W. J. Taylor moved the following amendment:

6. 'The Assembly, wishing to encourage the participation of young people in all the Councils of the Church, invites the Assembly of Youth to appoint two young people as consultants to attend the General Assembly with the right to speak but not to vote (except that, if either or both be Elders, they shall be full members of Assembly), and instructs the appropriate committee to seek ways in which representative young people may become full members of the General Assembly at the earliest possible date.'

The Chairman of the Church Life Department asked permission to withdraw the resolution in favour of this amendment. This was granted, and on being put to the vote the amendment now before the Assembly as the substantive motion was adopted. It was further resolved that the Assembly instructs the Nominations Committee, when reconstituting national committees, to ensure that there is representation of young people thereon.

The following resolution having been moved, was spoken to by the Revd Erik Routley:

7. The Assembly instructs the Doctrine and Worship Committee to prepare material for inclusion in a Service Book for use in the United Reformed Church, and to consider the preparation of services for congregational use.

An amendment standing in the name of the Revd Aled Davies was, by leave of Assembly, withdrawn, and the resolution as moved on behalf of the Department, adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

8. The Assembly approves the setting up of regional Pilot Councils and requests Provinces to appoint Pilot Officers in consultation with the Pilot Panel.

9. The Assembly recognises the importance of Youth Leadership Training and instructs the Youth Committee and the Committees responsible for Youth work in Provinces and Districts to work out together plans for Youth Leadership Training most suitable for each Province.

A resolution concerning rules for the admission to the Register of Local Pastors moved on behalf of the Department was further introduced by the Revd Norman Birnie, Chairman of the Committee on Supplementary Ministries.

Assurance was sought by the Revd B. M. Pratt, Chairman of the World Church & Mission Department, that the authorisation for Local Pastors to preside at the Sacraments to be given in these rules should only be given on the understanding that this was without prejudice to future discussion of the relation between ordination and such presidency. This assurance having been given, on behalf of the Department, the resolution was adopted in the following form:

10. The Assembly approves the following rules for admission to the Register of Local Pastors:

(i) **The United Reformed Church recognizes the ministry of local pastors on the Register of Local Pastors as auxiliary to that of the ordained ministry. They are called to share with ordained ministers in the pastoral oversight of particular churches or groups of churches, and may preside at the sacraments and at the Church Meeting and Elders' Meeting in the churches they have been called to serve. Unless they have retired, their service is normally part time and they earn their living at another occupation. A church served by a local pastor is not normally eligible for help from denominational funds towards any remuneration paid.**

(ii) **The United Reformed Church will admit to the Register of Local Pastors those who: (a) have completed the Lay Preachers' Certificate Course (with the addition of Pastoralia) to the satisfaction of the tutors and assessors appointed, and (b) have been commended by their District Council and Provincial Synod with evidence of their Christian character, sense of vocation, fitness for the work and understanding of the basis of the United Reformed Church, and (c) have been called to pastoral charge.**

(iii) **Applications will be considered by the Supplementary Ministries Committee, which may, in exceptional cases, modify or dispense with the requirement in (ii) (a) on grounds of age, qualifications or experience.**

(iv) **The Supplementary Ministries Committee will keep a list of those who have completed the course of study but are not in pastoral charge.**

The following resolution was then moved and adopted:

11. The Assembly resolves for the year July 1st, 1973 to June 30, 1974, that subject to consultation with the Pay Board, the salary scale for deaconesses shall be as follows:

During the first five years of service £920; during the second five years of service £970; during the third five years of service £1020; during the fourth five years of service £1070; and after twenty years' service £1120. Deaconesses not on full pay shall receive a proportionate increase. The increase shall be met for the first six months from the reserve funds at the disposal of the Supplementary Ministries Committee, and thereafter from the general funds of the Church.

The following motion was moved on behalf of the Department and spoken to by the Revd J. I. Evans:

The Assembly appoints a Commission to explore the forms of ministry

needed in the U.R.C. in the foreseeable future; to estimate the number of full time, fully trained ministers required; to suggest the scope and content of the training desired; and in the light of this examination to recommend a policy for the whole Church concerning the use of the existing Colleges and the available financial resources for ministerial training;

instructs that each of the recognised Colleges be represented on the Commission together with representatives of the Moderators, the Finance Department and the Church Life Department, and such others as the Nominations Committee deems necessary;

authorises the Church Life Department to discuss with the F. & A. Dept., the provision of the necessary funds to be made available to enable the Commission to work speedily and effectively.

The Revd C. A. Haig, seconded by the Revd R. Davies, moved as an amendment the inclusion of the words 'in consultation with the representatives of sister Churches in the B.C.C.' after the word 'required' (line 3).

The amendment on being put to the vote was lost, and the resolution carried with the agreed inclusion of the phrase 'the four departments' following 'the Moderators', in place of 'Finance Department and the Church Life Dept.', as follows:

12. The Assembly appoints a Commission to explore the forms of ministry needed in the U.R.C. in the foreseeable future; to estimate the number of full time, fully trained ministers required; to suggest the scope and content of the training desired; and in the light of this examination to recommend a policy for the whole Church concerning the use of the existing Colleges and the available financial resources for ministerial training;

instructs that each of the recognised Colleges be represented on the Commission together with representatives of the Moderators, the four departments, and such others as the Nominations Committee deems necessary;

authorises the Church Life Department to discuss with the Finance & Administration Department the provision of the necessary funds to be made available to enable the Commission to work speedily and effectively.

The following resolution was moved on behalf of the Department:

The Assembly recognizes Bala-Bangor College for the training of ministers of the United Reformed Church.

The Revd R. R. Bance, seconded by the Revd G. Jones, moved that this resolution be referred back to the Department for further consideration and this was carried.

The following resolutions were agreed:

13. The Assembly recognizes the course offered at Queen's College for students for whom good reasons can be adduced for studying there, and for whom adequate financial provision can be assured.

14. The Assembly adopts the following procedures for candidature for the Ministry:

i. candidates must first obtain the support of their local Church Meeting, and then apply through the Moderator to the District Ministerial/Pastoral Committee, for consideration by a National Assessment Conference.

ii. The Assessment Conference will report on each candidate to the Moderator of the Province who will take the name to the Provincial Ministerial Committee. This Committee will have the final decision on the acceptance of the candidates, and on the recommendation of the College in which the candidate shall be trained, or the R.O.M. non-collegiate course.

iii. The Colleges are asked to submit an annual report on each student to the Provincial Ministerial Committee, who are requested to meet the student once each year.

iv. R.O.M. candidates will be under the same care as College students and the Provincial Committee will be kept informed annually of their progress.

15. The Assembly resolves that the administrative structure of the joint Westminster/Cheshunt college agreed by the Joint Committee on 12th December 1966 should be reaffirmed, suitably modified in order that the United Reformed Church might make the appointments previously made by the Presbyterian Church of England.

The following resolution was moved on behalf of the Department and the Revd Michael Davies addressed the Assembly on the matters raised therein :

16. The Assembly instructs the appropriate Committee to consider the status of U.R.C. Ministers and Laymen who are full time or part time Student Chaplains and their relationship with the Church and its Councils.

The substance of this resolution was, on the suggestion of the Moderator, received by the Assembly, and the matters raised referred for consideration by the special Committee to be appointed to discuss the membership of the Councils of the Church.

The following resolutions were adopted :

17. The Assembly approves that a programme of regular training courses for Chaplains working amongst Students be drawn up and authorises provision to be made in the budget of the Church Life Department to finance these.

18. The Assembly affirms that policy on Chaplaincy matters and liaison with Students should be the responsibility of the Church Life Department but that the detailed implementation of policy, including appointment of and relations with individual Chaplains, should be the responsibility of the Provinces.

19. The Assembly instructs the Church Life Department in consultation with the Finance and Administration Department Central Committee, to consider the financing of the work of Chaplains (i.e. out of pocket expenses, remuneration of whole or part-time Chaplains and contribution to ecumenical Chaplaincies) and to submit recommendations to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

20. The Assembly instructs the Church Life Department to maintain a central register of Chaplains and requests that Chaplains submit an annual report of their work to the Department and to the Provincial Moderator.

21. The Assembly authorises that a centralised liaison system be introduced to link-up students with Chaplains and requests Church Secretaries to forward the name and college addresses of students, nurses, etc., commencing studies at a Higher Education Establishment, to the Church Life Department by 15th September each year.

22. It was agreed that the English text of the final agreement drafted for acceptance by Lutheran and Reformed Churches be printed along with the Minutes of the Assembly.

Consideration of other business connected with the Church Life Department was deferred to a later Session.

Churches of Christ: The Assembly received the report of the Committee now established for Conversations with the Churches of Christ, which was submitted by the Chairman, the Revd Dr Norman Goodall, and it was agreed that the report as submitted in temporary form be printed with the Minutes of the Assembly (see Appendix II).

Reference was made by the Moderator to the fact that Dr Goodall had, in common with those listed in the proceedings of the Assembly on Monday, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination, and to the remarkable service rendered by Dr Goodall not only to the C.C.E.W. and the U.R.C., but to the whole Church. This reference was received with standing acclamation.

Reception of Missionaries: On the proposal of the Chairman of the World Church & Mission Department, the following missionaries on furlough were presented to the Moderator and welcomed by him on behalf of the Assembly: The Revd D. & Mrs M. Collins; Miss Merlin Cole; Miss Barbara Lea; Miss Christina Holmes; Dr Elizabeth Connan; Miss Sheila Rudofsky; Miss Ruth Archer; The Revd Derek Kingston; and the Revd Cecil Stewart.

and of Deputies from other Churches: Also on the proposal of the Chairman of the World Church and Mission Department the following Deputies from other Churches were presented to the Moderator, who expressed to them the welcome of the Assembly: The Rt Revd James Blair, Bishop of Dacca, Church of Bangladesh; Pfarrer Aribert Jentzsch and Pfarrer Theodor Herser of The Protestant Church of the Palatinate; The Revd Aldo Sbaffi, Moderator The Waldensian Evangelical Church; the Revd Roderick Macdonald, The Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The sitting was suspended until 5 p.m.

On resuming the Assembly was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly to the Chief Commoner, who was present with his lady, for the generous hospitality of the City of London at the Guildhall this afternoon at tea-time, and asked that the Chief Commoner would convey these thanks to the City. The Assembly responded warmly.

The Revd A. L. Macarthur presented the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings, and with one or two minor corrections which were noted, these were approved.

The Assembly called for the Report of the **World Church & Mission**

Department, which was submitted by the Revd B. M. Pratt, Chairman. On his motion, seconded by the Revd J. Huxtable, the report was received.

Mr Pratt introduced the Bishop of Dacca, the Rt Revd James Blair, who was invited to address the Assembly.

When Mr Pratt had spoken to the report, and it had been formally seconded, the Revd Boris Anderson was invited to speak and addressed the Assembly concerning the overseas responsibilities of this Department.

The following resolution was moved :

1. The Assembly, recalling the commitment in the Scheme of Union that the United Reformed Church will take, wherever possible and with all speed, further steps towards the unity of God's people and welcoming the response given on behalf of other Churches in the Service in Westminster Abbey on 5th October 1972, now:

i. Invites those Churches to share in discussion as to how that unity can be furthered in England.

ii. Resolves to appoint eight people to be available to meet with similar groups from such other Churches as may be ready to accept this invitation.

iii. Records its hope that these discussions will produce concrete proposals for conversations between those Churches able to commit themselves to seek the formation of a united Church.

The Assembly instructs its representatives to report the progress made towards this end not later than the Assembly of 1974.

On being put to the vote this was carried, none voting against. Abstentions being called for, only one was declared.

The Assembly was then led in prayer by Dr Norman Goodall.

2. It was further resolved that the Assembly addresses this invitation to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, the Churches of Christ, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, and the Roman Catholic Church, and asks the F.C.F.C. to act as agent in securing representation of such smaller Churches as desire to participate.

3. The Assembly takes note of the guide lines on the U.R.C. and local ecumenical experiments put forward by the World Church and Mission Department in its report and commends them to Synods, District Councils and local churches.

4. The Assembly agrees that the Revd R. H. Lewis continue as the Church's consultant on Jewish matters for a further two year period, June 1973-June 1975.

5. The Assembly notes that the B.C.C. at its April meeting received proposals regarding its future structure which require the support of the member churches. Since response is required before December 31st the Assembly refers consideration of these proposals and their financial implications to the W.C. & M. Dept. in consultation with the F. & A. Department, and authorises the Executive Committee to act in the light of their recommendations.

6. The Congregational Council for World Mission has notified the United Reformed Church and its other constituent bodies that it proposes that the name of the Council be changed with effect from 1st January 1974 to 'Council for World Mission (Congregational and Reformed)'. The consent of the constituent bodies is necessary for this change to be made. The Assembly resolves to indicate its approval.

7. The Assembly welcomes the initiative of the B.C.C. in proposing the establishment of a consultative committee for local ecumenical projects in England directly responsible to the churches, gives general approval to the terms of reference so far suggested and agrees to appoint two representatives to serve on the committee. It requests its representatives to report to the Department of World Church & Mission (see Appendix III).

The Moderator received the Revd A. S. Cooper, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, now Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and wished him well in that office.

Church Life Department On a question from the Revd V. N. J. Lewis as to the date on which an authoritative judgment as to the proper understanding of paragraph (25) c., page 25 of the Scheme of Union, concerning those who may be authorised to preside at the sacraments, considerable discussion followed and the Assembly welcomed the assurance contained in the Church Life Department report that this matter was to be given the careful consideration of the Doctrine & Worship Committee in connection with its examination of the doctrine and practice of ordination.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again at 9.45 a.m. to-morrow and the Session was closed with the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

At LONDON and within the City Temple, on Thursday, the 10th day of May 1973 at 9.45 a.m.

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Moderator assisted by Miss Margaret Neill and his Chaplain, and constituted with prayer.

The Assembly called for the Report of the **Church and Society Department**, which was submitted by the Revd John Johansen-Berg, Chairman. On his motion, seconded by the Revd David Clarke, the report was received, and the Revd John Reardon, the Secretary of the Department, spoke to it by the invitation of the Assembly.

After discussion arising from matters in the report not arising by resolution, a particular question was asked in the name of the church in Jersey concerning the proposed nuclear tests to be carried out in the Pacific by the French Government. The Revd J. Brown and Revd D. Elliott moved, and it was agreed, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Department should write to the French Ambassador expressing concern.

The Assembly proceeded to the discussion of the resolutions submitted by the Department.

The following resolution was adopted :

1. The Assembly urges church meetings to correspond with local Members of Parliament about the aid budget, in particular to request that H.M. Government should give the U.N.C.T.A.D. target of 0.7 per cent of Gross National Product in official aid; encourages churches to participate in the Europe '73 Programme; and resolves that there should be an annual World Development Appeal, in the form of a One Per Cent appeal, made to individual members of the Church and that the appeal should be organised by the Church and Society Department in consultation with C.C.W.M. and Christian Aid.

The Assembly received and adopted the following additional resolution moved by the Revd C. T. Husk and seconded by the Revd J. W. P. Williamson :

2. The Assembly expresses its sincere appreciation to Christian Aid for its provision of publicity and other material in connection with our One Per Cent Appeal.

The following resolutions were adopted :

3. The Assembly commends the Report 'Non-Violent Action: a Christian Appraisal' (S.C.M. Press) for study by church meetings, districts and provinces and encourages the Church and Society Department to explore further the methods of implementing the conclusions.

4. The Assembly resolves to send copies of the Report, 'Non-Violent Action: a Christian Appraisal' to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and urges H.M. Government to implement the proposals concerning the training of the army in non-violent techniques, the training of volunteer reservists for non-violent peace-keeping operations, the increase in the number of the police and the strengthening of the role of the United Nations Organisation in mediation and peace-keeping.

5. The Assembly commends the Report 'The Search for Security' (S.C.M. Press) for study by Provinces.

6. The Assembly urges church meetings to acquaint their membership and local M.Ps. with information concerning Taiwan, and encourages the Church and Society Department to continue with representations to H.M. Government, urging initiatives to bring about an internationally supervised plebiscite in Taiwan to ascertain in what way the inhabitants wish to be governed in order that the status of the island may be legally determined.

7. The Assembly encourages the Church and Society Department to explore further ways in which the Church might express its Christian concern for Southern Africa, and to consult with the Department of World Church and Mission, and C.C.W.M. and the Investment Committee on this matter.

The Assembly agreed to receive an additional motion, which was moved and seconded by Mr Colin Ferguson and the Revd Philip Nash. Discussion of the motion was deferred to a later session.

The sitting was then suspended until 3 p.m.

On resuming the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer, after which consideration of the motion which had been spoken to by Mr Colin Ferguson and the Revd Philip Nash was continued. After discussion the resolution was adopted as follows:

8. The Assembly expresses deep concern at the numbers of homeless people in this country, and calls upon its District Councils and local churches to examine the situation in their own locality, and then to take such measures there as they feel appropriate to express this concern.

It was also reported that the Church and Society Department had appointed the undermentioned to serve as an advisory group on Broadcasting, in accordance with the Report (p. 55 Book of Reports):

The Revds Colin Evans, J. Johansen-Berg, E. F. Jones, J. Reardon, Basil Sims, Vernon Sproxtton, Mrs Judith O'Neill and Mr John Rawnsley.

The Revd M. Quinton, seconded by the Revd Aled Davies, moved the following resolution:

The Assembly requests District Councils and Provincial Synods, during the ensuing twelve months, to consider whether the functions now belonging separately to District Councils and Provincial Synods could with advantage be combined under one new form of regional council, and to submit to the General Assembly of 1974 any resolutions which seem appropriate on this matter.

After discussion the Revd A. J. G. Walker, seconded by the Revd D. Holt Roberts, moved that the question be not put, on the grounds that if a negative decision was taken, the matter could not be raised again, under the rules of procedure, until 1976. This was agreed, and the Assembly passed from consideration of the matter.

On a question from the Revd D. G. Stewart, it was agreed that the procedure concerning Notices of Motion on p. 107 of the Book of Reports be looked at by the committee set up to look at some of the resolutions submitted by Provinces.

Applications Committee The Revd C. J. Buckingham presented a further report on behalf of the Committee, and on his motion, seconded by the Revd A. L. Macarthur, the report was received.

The Assembly approved the recommendation of the Committee that Miss F. Gerner should be ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

Church Life Department Nomination to Teaching Staff.

At the instance of Professor W. H. Semple, the Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly, expressed thanks to the Revd Professor F. G. Healey for his distinguished service to the Church as Professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster College, Cambridge. Professor Healey replied.

On the motion of the Revd J. I. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Gwen Hall, it was moved that the Assembly appoints the Revd Martin H. Cressey M.A. to the Barbour Chair of Systematic Theology at Westminster/Cheshunt College from 1 September 1973.

At the will of the Assembly Professor W. H. Semple spoke to the motion, which was agreed unanimously.

The Moderator received the Revd M. H. Cressey.

The sitting was then suspended.

On resuming at 5 p.m. the Assembly called for the Report of the **Finance & Administration Department**, which was submitted by Mr L. Palmer, Chairman. On his motion, seconded by the Revd John White, the Report was received.

Questions and comments were addressed to the officers of the Department and were noted for consideration by its Committees.

The Revd R. E. Fenn drew the attention of the Assembly to the fact that before next Assembly Mr F. E. Crozier, the Financial Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of England, and now Financial Consultant of the U.R.C. would retire after 48 years of outstanding service in which he had earned the gratitude and the affection of ministers and laymen throughout the Church. The Moderator received Mr Crozier and expressed to him the warm thanks of the Assembly. Mr Crozier was acclaimed by the Assembly and replied.

The Moderator also received and thanked Mrs Olive Russell, for 22 years' service as Manageress of the Bookshop, and thanked her for the skill and devotion that had made this a successful venture during all that time, and in particular for her part in making it a joint Bookshop before the Union of the Churches.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again at 9.45 a.m. and the Session was closed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION

At LONDON and within the City Temple on Friday, the 11th day of May 1973 at 9.45 a.m.

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Moderator and his Chaplain, and constituted with prayer.

The Revd John Huxtable called the attention of the Assembly to the forthcoming retirement of Miss Dorothy J. Biggs from her present position as joint Administrative Secretary after many years of service with the London Missionary Society and the Congregational Union and Congregational Church in England & Wales, in all of which she had brought a variety of gifts and a dedicated friendliness that had enriched the life of the Church and the Churches.

The Moderator received Miss Biggs and thanked her.

Finance & Administration Department The Assembly resumed consideration of the Report of the Finance & Administration Department and the following resolutions submitted by the Department were passed:

1. The Assembly resolves that with effect from 1st July 1973 the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in full charge shall be:

£1,200 per annum for the first ten years of service;

£1,250 per annum for the next ten years;

£1,300 per annum after twenty years.

The Revd Howard Shapland spoke to Resolution 2 from Thames North (Reports pages 18-19). It was agreed that the general sense of the resolution be cast in another form and presented later.

2. The Assembly resolves (i) that Rule 2 (1) of the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund be amended accordingly; and (ii) that with effect from 1st January 1974, Rule 9 (i) of the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund be amended to read as follows:

In order to provide the necessary funds for payment of the minimum stipend and children's allowances, the minimum required contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund from each congregation or joint pastorate shall annually be calculated on figures for the penultimate year, at the rate of £2.70 a member and £0.42 in the £ of the congregational income, from which income shall be excluded for purposes of such calculation amounts received as legacies, gifts in lieu of legacies, amounts spent on repairs and redecoration of church, church hall and manse and contributions to the Fund in excess of the highest basic stipend.

3. The Assembly resolves that for ministers in receipt of stipends from the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund (i) with more than 15 years' service on 1st July 1973, an additional payment of £50 shall be made in the period 1st July 1973-30th June 1974; (ii) those completing 15 years' service in this period shall receive a proportionate amount.

4. The Assembly resolves that with effect from 1st July 1973 the minimum rates of stipend payable to a minister in a Scope (W) pastorate shall be:

£1,100 per annum during the first 10 years of ministerial service;

£1,150 per annum during the next 10 years of ministerial service;

£1,200 per annum after 20 years of ministerial service

and the Scope OV maximum shall be £900 per annum from 1st July 1973.

On the motion of the Revd R. E. May, seconded by Mr J. Knight, the following resolution was considered:

'The Assembly instructs the Finance & Administration Department and its Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to bring resolutions to the next Assembly bringing all ministers in whole time ministerial service on to the same minimum rates of stipend and to the effect that Scope (W) shall no longer be applied.

The Assembly pledges its support through the districts to ensure that it is financially possible.'

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Further motions from the Department were considered and the following resolutions were adopted:

5. The Assembly resolves that grants from the fund of the former Congregational Church to retired list B Evangelists shall be paid at the same rates which apply to grants from the Pastors' Superannuation Fund, and gifts from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the former Congregational Church to widows of list B Evangelists shall be paid at the same rates which apply to grants from the Pastors' Widows Fund.

6. The Assembly resolves that for the year 1st July 1973-30th June 1974 the scale of Children's Allowances and the regulations of the Congregational Maintenance of Ministry Scheme as regards 'Other Earnings Deductible', definitions of 'scope' and 'pastoral expenses' and 'Car Schemes in Group Pastorates' shall remain as for the year 1st July 1972-30th June 1973.

7. The Assembly resolves that in regard to Children's Allowances:

- (a) Former Presbyterian ministers in full charge in the U.R.C. will continue to receive, or be eligible for, children's allowances in accordance with the former Presbyterian scale in force at 5th October 1972;**
- (b) Former Congregational ministers in full charge in the U.R.C. and in (W) Scope pastorates, and all new entrants to the ministry of the U.R.C. after 5th October 1972 shall be entitled to children's allowances in accordance with the regulations of the Congregational Church in England & Wales in force at 5th October 1972.**

8. The Assembly resolves that in the year 1st July 1973 to 30th June 1974 the allocation from the Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry to the Support of the Ministry in Other Situations be £8,000.

9. The Assembly resolves that in each specialised ministry assisted by the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the former Congregational Church, the maximum initial charge on the Fund shall not normally exceed one half of the basic minimum stipend for up to ten years of service.

10. The Assembly resolves that for the purposes of the Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund the basic minimum stipend for the year 1973-74 shall be £1,200.

11. The Assembly resolves that in regard to (i) Congregational Pastors' Superannuation Fund, for the year 1973-74 and pending further investigation, the income limit shall be £679; (ii) Congregational Pastors' Widows Fund, for the year 1973-74, and pending further investigation, the income limit shall be £559; (iii) the special payment of £10 made by the State to pensioners in December 1972, shall be disregarded when calculating grants.

12. The Assembly authorises the Welfare & Emergencies Committee to prepare a Welfare Appeal for 1973 and to address that Appeal to those of its member churches that were formerly in membership of the Congregational Church in England & Wales.

13. The Assembly resolves that the assessment for the Special Contingencies Fund for 1973 shall be at the rate of 5p per cent on the combined membership and ordinary income of former Presbyterian congregations as recorded in the statistical returns for 1971.

14. The Assembly welcomes the proposal that in 1974 appeals and assessments for these purposes shall be amalgamated and included in the new Unified Appeal.

15. The Assembly resolves that the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1972 be received and adopted.

16. The Assembly authorises the Treasurer to discuss with Provincial Treasurers arrangements for increasing contributions in 1974 from churches through the Unified Appeal on the basis of a 25 per cent increase over the broad level of giving in 1972.

17. The Assembly resolves that Messrs Robson, Rhodes & Co. of 24/28 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6EA be appointed as Auditors.

Arising from earlier discussion of a proposal from the Province of Thames North, the Revd Howard Shapland, seconded by the Revd B. M. Pratt, moved the following resolution, which was agreed :

18. The Assembly resolves that the remit of the Commission appointed to explore the forms of ministry needed in the U.R.C. in the foreseeable future shall include all matters related to ministerial remuneration and provision for retirement.

The Assembly then gave consideration to a resolution standing in the names of the Revds R. A. Davies and M. J. Quinton, who moved :

'The Assembly affirms the right and responsibility of Local Churches in pastoral vacancy, with their Interim Moderators, to seek candidates through any channels of communication or advice open to them.'

In the course of the discussion attention was called to the definition of the functions of Provincial Moderators in the Scheme of Union (p. 34) and in particular to the clause: 'in consultation with interim moderators of local churches he shall suggest names of ministers to local pastorates'.

The Assembly having heard this clause agreed that it could not bear interpretation as giving exclusive rights to Provincial Moderators or to any of the parties sharing in the process of call.

This assurance having been given, the motion was by leave withdrawn.

Minutes: The Clerk submitted the minutes of Thursday's session of the Assembly which were approved.

On behalf of the Province of Wales the following resolution was moved and agreed :

Interim Moderators: The Synod of the Province of Wales resolves that the General Assembly be requested to instruct the appropriate Committee to examine the term 'Interim Moderator' to discover if a more meaningful name can be found for this office.

It was further agreed that the appropriate Committee should in this case be the Executive Committee.

Nominations: The Revd A. J. G. Walker, Chairman, submitted a further report of the Nominations Committee, and on his motion duly seconded the following appointments were made :

1. (a) The Assembly appoints to the Commission on the Ministry the following persons, and authorises the Executive Committee to consider the desirability of adding further names, with power to act thereon:

Professor W. R. Niblett (Chairman); 1 representative to be appointed by each of the recognised Colleges; 2 Provincial Moderators to be selected by the Moderators; 2 representatives to be appointed by each of the Departments; the Revd Robert Kemble, and Miss Alison Shrubsole.

(b) The Assembly instructs the Nominations Committee to submit a name to the Executive Committee for appointment as Secretary of the Commission.

2. The Assembly appoints the following committees and representatives:

- (a) Committee for Multilateral Conversations:**
Revd C. A. Haig (Chairman), the Rt Revd Dr K. Slack, Revds M. H. Cressey, J. Huxtable, A. L. Macarthur, B. M. Pratt and Mrs E. M. Steel.
- (b) Consultative Committee for Local Ecumenical Projects in England:**
Revds M. H. Cressey and J. Huxtable.
- (c) Hymn-Book Sub-Committee:**
Mr P. W. Cutts (Chairman), the Revd D. C. M. Gardner (Secretary), Mrs C. Brock, Revds Dr J. K. Gregory, D. Hilton, Mr R. Jacquet, Revds D. McIlhagga, Dr E. R. Routley, T. C. Micklem, Mr C. E. Strange, Mr A. D. Thomas, Revd Dr B. A. Wren.

British & Foreign Bible Society: A question concerning the work of the British & Foreign Bible Society was asked, and the Revd R. O. Latham on behalf of the Church Life Department agreed to take note of this concern.

Thanks: The Revd Ronald Taylor, Moderator of the Eastern Province, moved the following resolution of thanks, which was received with acclamation:

The Assembly wishes to record its thanks to all who have contributed in any way to its success and effectiveness—The Office-bearers of the City Temple for the use of the Church and rooms, and for all their care for the comfort of the Assembly; to the organists; to the ladies responsible for refreshments and flowers; and to all who have provided such generous hospitality to members of Assembly; to the office staff and members of the Press; Also to record its thanks to the Moderator, Clerks, and other Officers of the Assembly for the way in which they have discharged their duties.

In accordance with Standing Order 24 the Clerk formally submitted the minutes of this session and the Assembly authorised the Moderator to sign them on completion.

The General Assembly having in the good providence of God brought its business to completion, was addressed by the Moderator and after prayer and praise he declared the session closed, called the next Assembly to meet at 6 p.m. on 6th May 1974 in the Albert Hall, Nottingham, or at such other time and place as may be duly determined, and pronounced the Benediction.

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

KENNETH SLACK	}	Moderator
JOHN HUXTABLE		Joint Clerks
A. L. MACARTHUR		

APPENDIX I

DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, REPRESENTATIVES

Tellers for the Election of Moderator of the General Assembly 1975-76:

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

NOTE: The Moderator, the Moderator-Elect and the General Secretaries are members ex officio of every Standing Committee. The Departmental Chairmen and Secretaries are members ex officio of each committee within their respective Departments. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Department is a member ex officio of every committee which has funds.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mrs Gwen Hall—1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives:

I Mrs M. Tasker	VII Revd E. A. Banyard
II Revd K. M. Hendry	VIII Revd G. Bobbett
III Mrs A. Cooper	IX Revd J. G. 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 Revds Dr L. Green and 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 from the date of union.

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	Revd M. F. Hubbard	Revd R. K. Scopes
Mr P. J. Bunker	Revd J. H. E. Hull	Revd K. Sinasbury
Miss M. Burnie	Revd Dr J. Huxtable	Miss O. Spicer
Revd J. L. Cottle	Revd H. Jacquet	Mrs E. M. Steel
Miss M. Cumber	Revd Dr E. Jones	Dr D. A. Sykes
Revd Dr J. Trevor Davies	Revd A. L. Macarthur	Mr K. W. Thorndyke
Mr F. Felton	Revd P. McCall	Revd G. G. Thrusell
Revd C. C. Franks	Revd F. D. McConnell	Revd E. W. Todd
Mrs R. Goodfellow	Mrs N. Manson	Revd Dr A. R. Vine
Revd J. W. Green	Revd W. S. Minnis	Revd R. M. Ward
Mrs Gwen Hall	Revd J. E. Newport	Revd G. Williams
Revd Kathleen Hendry	Mrs B. Onions	Revd G. Holland Williams
Mrs J. Houston	Dr Paul H. Rogers	

and the Provincial Moderators.

Westminster-Cheshunt Committee

Revd Professor R. Buick Knox
Revd A. L. Macarthur

Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod
Revd J. I. Evans

together with four appointed by the Governors of Cheshunt College.

Board of Studies (Westminster-Cheshunt)

Revd D. W. Ager
Revd B. Anderson
Revd J. E. Fenn
Revd G. E. Harris

Revd W. N. Leak (Secretary)
Mr J. M. Ross
Dr D. A. Sykes
Revd D. Holt Roberts (Chairman)

together with the College Staff and four appointed by the Governors of Cheshunt College.

Nominations to Teaching Staff

Chairman: Revd J. I. Evans
Secretary: Revd R. O. Latham

Principal, Westminster College (Revd A. G. MacLeod)
President, Cheshunt College (Revd J. E. Newport)
Professor G. B. Caird
Professor J. R. Wilkie
Revd K. M. Hendry

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

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

Miss S. Bradburn
Revd M. G. Dunford
Revd W. Gathercole

Dr R. D. Jurd
Miss A. Mortimer
Revd J. W. P. Williamson

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

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

Revd Principal G. B. Caird
Revd D. C. M. Gardner
Revd Professor J. Hick
Revd T. C. Micklem

Revd Joan T. Peters
Mr J. M. Ross
Revd H. M. Springbett

Revd J. M. Todd
Revd Janet Webber
Revd Dr B. A. Wren

Hymn Book Supplement Sub-Committee

Mr P. W. Cutts (Chairman)
Mrs C. Brock
The Revd D. C. M. Gardner (Secretary)
The Revd Dr J. K. Gregory
The Revd D. H. Hilton
Mr R. Jacquet

The Revd D. McIlhagga
The Revd Dr E. R. Routley
Mr C. E. Strange
The Revd T. C. Micklem
Mr A. D. Thomas
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 B. 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 Bobbett	Revd C. K. Forecast	Revd W. J. Taylor
Mr W. E. Burton	Revd K. Graham	Miss R. V. Tully
Mr N. Cheetham	Mrs D. McIlhagga	Revd Duncan Wilson
Mr G. W. Duncan	Miss K. Pugh	

Members under 25

Mr B. Acty	Miss V. Kemp	Mr M. Nicholls
Mr P. Baker	Mr D. Latham	Mr D. Peel
Miss R. Brett	Mr B. Lockwood	Mr B. Vardy
Mr S. Harwood	Mr A. Main	Mr M. Williams

CHILDREN'S WORK

Chairman: Revd D. H. Hilton—1977

Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Miss M. Burnie	Revd D. A. Pratt	Revd J. D. Waller
Miss D. K. Jones	Mrs D. Richmond	Mr C. Webb
Revd P. E. McIntosh	Mrs R. Sawyer	Mrs D. Wilton

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Revd B. M. Pratt—1979

Secretary: The General Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives:

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

together with the Chairmen of Committees within the Department and the Revd Dr N. Goodall, Mrs A. G. MacLeod, Mr N. W. Pratten and Mrs E. Steel.

The President and the Treasurer of the former Presbyterian Women's Missionary Association serve as consultants for 3 years from the date of union.

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. Parrish	

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Chairman: Mr J. E. M. Gilbey—1979

Secretary: The Associate Secretary

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

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman: Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod—1977

Secretary: The Associate Secretary

Revd F. H. Brown

Mrs O. Darke

Mr. B. Evans

Revd Florence Frost-Mee

Revd Prof. J. H. Hick

Revd H. A. Jacquet

Revd R. H. Lewis

Revd R. L. Richards

Revd Iorwerth Thomas

with power to co-opt.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Revd J. Johansen-Berg—1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives:

I Revd R. G. Bell

II Revd A. G. Burnham

III Mrs I. Ockenden

IV Mrs C. Nesbitt

V Revd M. S. Leah

VI Revd J. L. Cottle

VII Mr A. Owen

VIII Revd N. Charlton

IX Revd A. A. Tomlinson

X Revd D. E. Phipps Jones

XI Mr R. Clark

XII Mrs J. Selwyn Roberts

together with Mr P. J. Bunker, the Revd D. V. Clarke, the Revd E. F. Jones, Dr Alwin Latham, Dr A. I. MacLeod, Professor R. W. Steel, Revd R. F. Taylor, and the Rev Dr B. A. Wren.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mr L. R. Palmer—1979 (Honorary Treasurer of the Church)

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives:

I Mrs M. L. Franks

II Revd W. Louttit

III Mr R. L. Twemlow

IV Mr J. E. M. Gilbey

V Revd H. Wickham

VI Mr H. E. Greening

VII Mr M. Foster Taylor

VIII Mr W. F. Hunt

IX Mr R. E. Harding

X Mr R. S. Martin

XI Mrs C. M. Dickerson

XII Miss M. Jones

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department and Sir Sydney Caffyn.

TREASURERSHIP

Chairman: Mr K. W. Thorndyke—1975

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mr F. H. Bennett

Mr F. H. Brooman

Mr G. Burwood

Sir Sydney Caffyn

Mr J. A. Cumming

Mrs M. Dickerson

Mr J. D. Green

Mr J. E. Hooper

Mr T. W. Macdonald

Mr L. Macro

Sir Alan Wilson

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Chairman: Revd J. White—1977

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mr F. H. Bennett

Mr A. S. Chapman

Mrs N. W. Cornford

Mrs G. Evans

Mr J. E. M. Gilbey

Mr J. R. Gow

Revd Jessie Halfpenny

Revd V. N. J. Lewis

Mr G. McOnie

Mrs N. Manson

Revd R. Parker

Revd D. U. Pattinson

Revd T. Russell

Revd W. J. Samuel

Mr A. D. Thomas

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman: Mr R. J. S. Green—1977

Secretary: The General Secretary

Mr H. E. Greening
Mr T. K. Hawkins

Revd J. Hislop
Mrs J. Selwyn Roberts

Revd B. Reita Searle

UNIFIED APPEAL

Chairman: Mr G. Vaughan Davies—1979

Secretary: Mr J. W. Paterson—1977

Mrs M. Byatt
Mr A. S. Chapman
Revd F. G. Wilson Dennett
Mr M. B. S. Emlyn

Revd L. A. Fleming
Mr R. E. Harding
Revd S. O. Jones

Revd W. S. Minnis
Mrs E. Speedyman
Mrs M. Wildgoose

LEGAL AND TRUST

Chairman: Mr K. M. Kirby—1975

Secretary: The General Secretary

Mr C. Bacon
Mr A. A. Dobbie
Mr E. W. Eldridge

Mr Angus Macarthur
Mr N. Micklem

Mr H. B. Ringrose
Lord Wade

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW AREAS AND CARE OF EXISTING CHURCH BUILDINGS

Chairman: Revd R. G. Walker—1979

Secretary: Mr W. G. Nutley—1977

Revd R. Andrews
Revd J. L. Armour
Mr F. Cooper-Watson

Revd W. Hicks
Mr R. N. Houston
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Chairman: Sir Harold Banwell—1975

Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

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APPLICATIONS

Chairman: Revd H. M. Springbett—1979

Secretary: The General Secretary

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One vacancy

APPENDIX II

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

INTERIM REPORT to the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church MAY 1973

The Committee has met twice and a third (residential) meeting is to be held at Overdale College, Selly Oak on the 18th and 19th July, 1973.

A good start has been made and work has begun on matters where differences of practice—and to some extent in doctrine—between the Churches of Christ and the traditions now embodied in the United Reformed Church are most in evidence. These are—first, baptism and secondly the significance of the ordained eldership with special reference to the role of the elder in the administration of Holy Communion. The joint discussion of these matters has immediately raised searching questions and the Committee is aware of their significance far beyond a possible union of the Churches of Christ and the United Reformed Church.

The conversations are continuing hopefully and the Committee prays that it may be led to new understandings and agreements, which will not only prepare the way for the desired union between our two Churches but will also contribute to the search for the more complete unity of Christ's people.

The members of the Joint Committee are :

representing the United Reformed Church : The Revd M. H. Cressey, The Revd Dr N. Goodall, The Revd D. Havergal-Shaw, The Revd Dr J. Huxtable, The Revd A. L. Macarthur, The Revd B. M. Pratt, The Revd Dr K. Slack
representing the Churches of Christ : The Revd Dr W. G. Baker, The Revd T. C. Cheesbrough, The Revd J. E. Francis, Mr Wilfred Georgeson, Mr James Gray, The Revd Philip Morgan, Dr D. M. Thompson

APPENDIX III

PROPOSED CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL ECUMENICAL PROJECTS IN ENGLAND

In October 1972 the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, in response to a resolution of the Anglican-Methodist Liaison Commission, asked the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches to convene a meeting to formulate proposals for the creation of a 'national advisory body for areas of ecumenical experiment in England'. Accordingly a meeting was held on 15th February 1973 attended by representatives of the churches involved in designated ecumenical experiments in England, representatives from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the Revd R. M. C. Jeffery and members of the B.C.C. staff.

Preliminary

1. At the meeting held on 15th February 1973 it was agreed that it was right to create a committee for England alone with observers from Ireland, Scotland and Wales having the right to attend in a consultative capacity and to receive all papers.
2. It was agreed that it was right to create a committee which would not include in its membership ministers and laymen actually involved in 'ecumenical experiments' but that adequate opportunity must be given for such people to meet the committee and discuss matters of concern as and when necessary. It was recognised that much of the pressure for the creation of some national body had come from people involved in experiments, and that they were aware of the discussions taking place and the broad outline of the proposals being made.
3. It was agreed that the committee should not be tied by the phrase 'area of ecumenical experiment' because of the various interpretations given to it and because some people were unhappy with it, but primarily because it tended to obscure the fact that in many places the churches were making plans for future ecumenical development not in terms of 'an experiment' but in terms of deliberate long-term commitment.

The Proposal

4. *Name:* Much time was spent on discussing possible names for the new committee but no completely satisfactory formula was arrived at. It was therefore decided to leave the selection of a name to the committee when constituted.
5. *Membership:*
 - (a) Two representatives from each of the churches in England which were involved in conversations leading to the passing of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969, i.e. the Church of England, the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the United Reformed Church, to which the Churches of Christ should be added now that they have entered into unity conversations with the U.R.C. Question of any wider membership to be left over for present. The two representatives to be as far as possible, one representative of the central administration and one person with a specific concern for ecumenical relations at national level.
 - (b) One observer each from Ireland, Scotland and Wales to be appointed by the appropriate National Council of Churches.
 - (c) The Ecumenical Officer for England to act as convener (at the start) and link-man between the Committee and the B.C.C., with other B.C.C. representation to be decided.
6. *Terms of Reference:* The committee should
 - (a) Keep the churches informed about the development of local ecumenical projects in so far as this development affects the churches at national level;
 - (b) Discuss matters of concern remitted to them by member Churches or by bishops,

chairmen, moderators etc., and/or sponsoring bodies, or by the governing committees of local ecumenical projects;

- (c) Give as clear guidance as possible on the rules of the various churches, and the operation of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act and other legislation etc.;
 - (d) Bring to the attention of the churches or their appropriate committees problems in relation to policies, laws, administrative rules and regulations etc., that are creating unnecessary complications for inter-church projects and make proposals for possible amendments.
7. *Powers:* The Committee would not involve itself directly in the sponsorship or supervision of ecumenical projects and would act in a consultant/advisory and not an executive capacity. It would be directly responsible to the member Churches and formally independent of the B.C.C. although it would report on its activities to the B.C.C. General Council.
8. *Finance:*
- (a) Expenses of representatives would be paid by the appointing churches or councils.
 - (b) For the first year the group could be serviced by the B.C.C. through the Ecumenical Officer for England with normal office expenses covered either by the B.C.C. or by shared resources from the member Churches.
 - (c) Special additional expenses would be dealt with on an ad hoc basis if the question arose.

APPENDIX IV
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The following former member churches of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales who had not agreed to unite at the time of the formation of the United Reformed Church, had submitted applications in due order and were supported by the Provinces within which they are situated and it was recommended to the Assembly that they be admitted.

Province: I: Northern

Cockfield
 Norton
 Sorley Street, Sunderland
 Winlaton

Province: II: North Western

Adlington
 Belgrave, Darwen
 Blackford Bridge, Bury
 Cleveleys
 Deane, Bolton
 Fleetwood
 Grange-over-Sands
 Hope, Denton
 Lower Chapel, Darwen
 Macfadyen Memorial, Chorlton-cum-Hardy,
 Manchester
 Stand
 Tintwistle
 Union Street, Oldham
 Whaley Bridge

Province: III: Mersey

Bebington, Higher Bebington Road
 Eccleston, St. Helens
 Malpas
 Marlowe Road, Wallasey
 Prescot
 Rainford
 St Pauls, Wigan
 Westminster Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool

Province: IV: Yorkshire

Bingley
 Cleckheaton, Providence Place
 Eccleshill
 Frizinghall
 Hillsborough, Carlton Road, Sheffield
 Holme Lane, Bradford
 Holmfirth
 Hopton, Mirfield
 Intake, Doncaster
 Maltby
 Masbro', Rotherham
 Netherfield, Penistone
 Parkgate, Rotherham
 Skipton
 Trinity, Leeds
 Worrall

Province: V: East Midland

Anstey
 Carr Vale
 Crick
 Daventry
 Everdon, Daventry
 Gt Doddington
 Headlands, Northampton
 Hinkley, The Borough
 Ilkeston, Wharnccliffe Road, Derbyshire
 Long Buckby
 (U) Louth, Eastgate Union
 Newport Pagnell and Sherington
 Olney Cowper
 Oundle
 Selston
 Wycliffe, Leicester
 Yardley Hastings

Province: VI: West Midland

Albert Street, Rugby and Newton
 Chesterton
 Cirencester
 Coleford
 Digbeth in the Field
 Dursley
 Foleshill Road, Coventry
 Madeley
 Prestbury
 Quarry
 Rodborough
 Stourbridge
 Tyndale and Painswick Road
 Warden Hill, Cheltenham
 West Orchard, Coventry

Province: VII: Eastern

Chelmsford Avenue, Southend on Sea
 Danbury
 Hadleigh (Great Meeting)
 Harwich Road, Colchester
 Haverhill, Old Independent
 (U) Hutton and Shenfield Union
 Monks Eleigh
 Needham Market
 Roydon
 Stowmarket
 Sudbury, Christ Church
 Whittlesford
 Wymondham

Province : **VIII : South West**

Berrynarbor
Chudleigh
Curry Rivel
Devizes, St. Mary's
Elmore, Tiverton
Galhampton
Howe, Torrington
Malmesbury
(U) Wells, United
(U) Winscombe

Province : **IX : Wessex**

Broadchalke
Burley
Hook
Marston Road, Oxford
Three Cross
Wareham

Province : **X : Thames North**

Barnet, Wood Street
(U) Chigwell Row United
Christ Church, Enfield
Christ Church, Friern Barnet
(U) Hampstead Garden Suburb Free
Hendon, The Hyde
Knebworth
Palmers Green
Whitefield Memorial

Province : **XI : Southern**

Algernon Road, Lewisham
(U) Arundel Union
(U) Christ Church and Upton Chapel
Christ Church, Westgate-on-Sea
Five Oak Green
Hythe
Lenham
Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells
Ramsgate
Sevenoaks
Smarts Hill, Penshurst
Snodland
South Croydon

Province : **XII : Wales**

Capel-yr-Ynys, Cefn-y-Crib
Carmarthen Road, Swansea
Cefnybedd, Builth Wells
Christchurch, Penarth
Danygraig
English, Bridgend
Fleur-de-Lys
Gnoll Road, Neath
Horeb, Builth Wells
Jerusalem, Blackwood
Manselton, Swansea
New Bethel, Mynyddislwyn
Newtown, English
Salem, Maesmynis, Builth Wells
Tabernacle, Mumbles, Swansea

(U) : Indicates Baptist/U.R.C. Churches.

(The Provinces will agree on the allocation of applying churches to appropriate Districts)

