

**THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
1976**

3rd — 6th MAY

THE CITY TEMPLE

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**MINUTES
OF ASSEMBLY**

The United Reformed Church in England & Wales
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ACTION CHECK LIST

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This check list may help those responsible to see that they are considered.

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Age Action Year	24	X	X		
Budget	21	X	X		
Chaplains to establishments of Higher Education	24				X
Christian Aid	25	X	X		
Christian Stewardship	13			X	X
Churches of Christ/ URC Joint Committee	13	X	X	X	X
"Evangelism, follow- up on"	14	X	X	X	X
Link-Up Scheme	24	X			
"Manifesto for our Future"	21	X	X	X	X
Ministerial Stipends	18	X	X		
"Ministry to Children"	23			X	
National Food Day	24	X	X		
Nominations Committee	25			X	X
Northern Ireland	24	X	X		
Ordination, Statement on Orders of Service	23	X	X		X
"Ten Propositions"	14	X	X	X	X
Training Courses	23		X	X	
Unified Appeal	20	X	X		
World Council of Churches 5th Assembly	14	X	X	X	X
World Development	24	X	X		

Minutes of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in
England and Wales
1976

FIRST SESSION

At LONDON and within The City Temple, on Monday, the 3rd day of May 1976 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Public Worship and Celebration of the Sacrament Members of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, being met together at the time and place duly appointed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on November 6th, 1975 for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rt Revd G. B. Caird who, being assisted by the Revds K. Chegwin and F. J. Ackroyd, led the Assembly in the celebration of the Sacrament. This act of worship included the commemoration of the following ministers and missionaries of the United Reformed Church who had died since the Assembly last met:

MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1975

John Ruskin APLEYARD	Harry KIRKPATRICK
Norman ARMSTRONG	Eva Kate LAZENBY
Joseph Calogne BACON	Robert Emlyn LEYSHON
Richard BALL	Hector MACDONALD
Alan Dennison BAKER	Reginald MANSFIELD
George Armstrong BANNISTER	Charles John MARTIN
Frederick William BELL	Thomas John MARTIN
James BENNETT	Eric Allan MATHESON
Christopher Stanley BROWN	Thomas MEGAHEY
Frederick Henry CARR	Morgan John MORGAN
Alexander Robert CASTLE	Ivor Elwyn NEWELL
Clifford William CARVER	Donald Udall PATTINSON
David Joseph DAVIES	Ralph Bolton SCURRAH
Charles Mackay Hilton DAY	Frank SHORT
Geoffrey Charles EDMONDS	Gordon Palliser SMAILES
Charles Henry GAY	Stanley William SMITH
Arthur Frank GRIFFITHS	Howard Spencer STANLEY
William Robert HOSTLER	William Dallas TAYLOR
Thomas HOUGHTON	Christopher TEASDALE
John Stuart HUTTON	Arthur Henry TEBBET
William IRVING	Horace Ernest Joseph VICKERY
Eli John JAMES	George WALKER
William Andrew JAMES	James Graham WHITTOCK
Philip Russell JOHNSON	Gwilym Henry WILLIAMS
Stanley Bright KING	Charles Louis WILSON

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1975

Dr William Chalmers DALE
The Revd Ivy L. GREAVES
The Revd Samuel Withers GREEN
The Revd Harold Arthur RIDGWELL

Miss Florence Evelyn STARKEY
Dr Norman TUNNELL
Dr Andrew WIGHT

The session was then suspended and resumed at 6 p.m.

Induction of Moderator The resumed session was opened by the Rt Revd G. B. Caird, and on his motion the Revd R. J. Hall, MA., BD., Moderator-elect, was called to the Chair and inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

The Moderator addressed the Assembly.

Roll of Assembly The roll of Assembly made up in accordance with the Rules of Procedure was laid on the table.

ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator: The Right Revd R. J. Hall, M.A., B.D.

Clerk: The Revd A. L. Macarthur, M.A., M.Litt.

Assistant Clerk: Revd P. S. Chesney, M.A.

Moderator-elect (1976-77): Revd J. E. Young, M.A., B.D.

Provincial Moderators:

I	Revd J. Howard Williams
II	Revd D. G. Stewart
III	Revd J. W. P. Williamson
IV	Revd A. J. G. Walker
V	Revd J. White
VI	Revd R. W. Hugh 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:* Revd Dr K. Slack
Church & Society: Revd J. Johansen-Berg
World Church & Mission: Revd B. M. Pratt
Finance & Administration: Mr. L. R. Palmer

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Applications: Revd H. M. Springbett

Business: Sir Harold Banwell

Nominations: Revd A. J. G. Walker

Church Life:

Ministerial Training: Revd J. I. Evans

Supplementary Ministries: Revd J. W. P. Williamson

Doctrine & Worship: Revd Dr J. Huxtable

Christian Education: Revd C. C. Franks

Youth Work: Revd J. E. Mather

Children's Work: Revd D. H. Hilton

World Church & Mission:

At Home: Revd Prof M. H. Cressey; *Abroad:* Mr J. E. M. Gilbey

Other Faiths: Revd Principal A. G. Macleod.

Church & Society: Revd J. Johansen-Berg

Additional Representatives: Revd D. V. Clarke, Mr R. Hine, Mrs. Janet Loveitt

Finance & Administration:

Treasurership: Mr J. E. Hooper; *Maintenance of the Ministry:* Revd J. White; *Welfare & Emergencies:* Revd D. A. Smith; *Unified Appeal:* Mr G. Vaughan Davies; *Development in New Areas & Care of Existing Church Buildings:* Revd R. G. Walker; *Publications & Publicity:* Revd R. T. Brooks.

Synod Clerks:

I Revd A. R. Ritchie; II Revd A. G. Burnham; III Revd R. G. Walker; IV Revd R. H. M. Adam; V Mr K. W. Thorndyke; VI Mr R. A. Heritage; VII Mr. Martin J. Ballard; VIII Revd J. E. Young; IX Revd Michael B. Stolton; X Revd D. L. Skidmore; XI Revd E. Harries-Rees; XII Revd Windsor Hicks.

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr T. N. Kilby; II Mr G. Butterworth; III Mr M. B. S. Emlyn; IV Mr. B. C. Stead; V Mr F. Cooper-Watson; VI Mr H. E. Greening; VII Mr P. A. Wade; VIII Mr P. W. Hamblin; IX Mr N. W. Prattent; X Mr R. S. Martin; XI Mr A. S. Chapman; XII Mr T. M. H. Hawkins.

Theological College Representatives:

Mansfield College, Oxford: Revd Charles Brock; *Congregational, Manchester:* Revd Principal Dr Edgar Jones; *New, London:* Revd L. A. Stringer; *Cheshunt:* Revd J. E. Newport; *Westminster:* Revd Prof R. Buick Knox; *Memorial, Swansea:* Revd Prof D. L. Trefor Evans; *Bala-Bangor, Bangor, Wales:* Dr R. Tudor Jones.

Missionaries on Furlough:

Miss Ruth Archer; Mr W. K. Curtis; Miss Barbara Lea; Revd Alan Dunstone; Mr Ivor Shepherd; Miss Ruth Scott; Miss Avis Martin; Miss Heather Boardman; Revd David Buckle.

Secretary of Council for World Mission:

Revd B. G. Thorogood.

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

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

Past Chairmen, Presidents and Moderators:

Revd Dr N. Micklem; Revd Dr S. Maurice Watts; Revd Dr H. F. Lovell Cocks; Mr E. Cunningham; Revd Dr Norman Goodall; Revd Dr W. Gordon Robinson; Revd Elsie Chamberlain; Revd Dr H. Cunliffe-Jones; Mr B. J. Hartwell; Revd H. A. Hamilton; Revd Dr J. Huxtable; Revd Dr John Marsh; Revd M. O. Janes; Revd C. A. Haig; Revd R. W. Hugh-Jones; Revd Dr E. R. Routley; Revd Dr C. S. Duthie; Revd C. J. Buckingham; Sir Harold Banwell; Mrs Gwen Hall; Revd Dr R. D. Whitehorn; Revd Andrew Prentice; Revd R. E. Fenn; Revd K. D. Keay; Revd G. T. Bellhouse; Revd F. P. Copland Simmons; Revd Prof. J. E. 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 Norman Birnie; Revd B. M. Pratt; Revd A. L. Macarthur; Revd Dr K. Slack; Revd Dr G. B. Caird.

Youth Representatives:

Mr Brian Acty; Mr Paul Lambdin;

District Council Representatives:**Province I**

- A: The Revds D. Thomas-Jones, I. K. Paton, F. Warren, D. A. Brown, H. S. Ross; Messrs E. G. Farquhar, W. Nisbet, R. S. Pagan; Mrs. E. B. Straughan; Mr G. F. Drake.
B: The Revds W. J. D. Henry, J. Brown, D. R. Hannen, A. M. L. Hutcheson, D. W. Elliott, M. R. Thrower, A. P. Dickey; Messrs G. Trenholm, C. Weddle, J. M. T. Newbigin, H. Walter; Mrs M. L. Franks, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs A. Kyle.
C: The Revds S. Jackson, J. B. Clure, J. M. Marsh; Mr L. Watson; Dr P. H. Clarke, Dr K. S. Cameron.
D: The Revds R. H. Lewis, E. White, R. R. Bance, M. Taylor, E. Hazelden; Miss N. Walters, Miss L. Blythin; Mr W. Dove.
E: The Revds W. H. Barbour, J. Hinds, D. T. Scotland; Miss I. Simpson; Mr T. Simpson; Dr J. L. Rennie.

Province II

- A: The Revds M. W. Taylor, J. D. Westhead, G. A. Rudd, R. Courtney; Miss C. M. Riley; Mr R. H. Barr.
B: The Revds A.K. Livesley, D. Robinson, B. Rawling, A. Griffith; Mr J. Haworth; Mrs I. M. MacDonald; Mr W. L. Hamilton.
C: The Revds G. Carling, M. I. Wyatt, A. J. Wilkinson, D. J. Netherwood; Messrs A. B. Cope, B. H. Moore, T. A. Watson, A. F. Climpson.
D: The Revds G. K. Tolley, D. Swansbury, D. Robertson, I. Wallace; Miss E. Hodson; Mr O. Bradbury; Miss A. M. Fraser.

- E: The Revds R. A. C. West, J. K. Ramage, F. E. Thomson, S. Brock, D. Wilkinson; Messrs. J. Collinge, J. Hedley; Mrs M. Ramage.
- F: The Revds R. J. Woods, Margaret Knee, J. Hollyman, G. Hayes, D. Bremner; Miss Jean Murray; Messrs R. J. Fern, McGregor; Prof A. R. Hunter; Mr W. Hubbard.
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- C: The Revds C. G. Jones, J. C. Price, M. Hill, P. W. Beaman; Mr C. N. Kendall; Miss H. H. Shaw; Messrs A. Johnson, A. Aston.
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- A: The Revds A. P. Burley, J. I. W. Cope, P. June Davis, J. K. Lloyd-Williams, G. Norris, B. J. Slater, J. D. Waller; Messrs W. Brownlee, G. J. Fox, H. G. Orton, B. Parnham, N. R. Redhead, W. Long.
- B: The Revds H. R. Neale, K. P. Swaine, F. L. Hill; Mr W. C. Jones, Miss M. McHarg; Mrs W. C. Jones.
- C: The Revds S. J. Martin, H. S. Mayes, J. Slack, R. F. Taylor; Mr J. Dees; Mrs R. Evans, Messrs E. G. C. Derry, G. Eyre.
- D: The Revds N. Appleton, B. Griffith, G. Hooper, K. Lee, D. Wilson, A. H. Pringle; Messrs L. S. Kay, E. Adams, E. J. Taylor; Mrs. D. G. Webb.

Province VI

- A: The Revds W. J. Boyd, E. Carless, M. J. Husselbee, H. S. Light, A. Green, J. McWade; Messrs H. G. Landon, Dr J. D. Coyle, S. Roberson; Mrs E. Ward; Mr A. Stephens, Mrs. J. Wright.
- B: The Revds G. Markham, E. J. Thomas, R. J. Englefield; Mr D. G. Griffiths; Mrs Forster.
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- A: The Revds A. Lloyd Davies, James Hutchison, Thomas Shepherd, John Simpson; Miss Mary McIver, Miss E. Unwin; Messrs W. J. Drew, C. Tebbutt.
- B: The Revds G. D. Hallas, P. E. Wadey, J. T. Lyman, R. F. G. Ruffell, A. P. Peirce, Messrs W. S. S. Cox, A. Thomas.
- C: The Revds Robert Murray, Michael Melvin, John Geyer, John Stevenson, Frank Jones; Mr Russell Swinfen; Miss M. McKerness; Messrs Bond, D. A. Horn, E. S. Piper.
- D: The Revds Jean Wilkinson, M. Spencer, J. Hussey; Dr G. Marx; Mr K. Stevens; Mrs Margaret Evans.
- E: The Revds R. Speirs, C. Wilton, A. J. Coates, J. K. Antrobus, W. Clement; Miss Beryl Jones; Mr C. A. Clark; Mrs B. Evans, Mrs C. M. Head; Mr F. Carruthers.

Province VIII

- A: The Revds Gillian Bobbett, R. Irving, K. F. D. Trunks; Miss K. Austin; Messrs D. Gaskin, R. Gould.
B: The Revds D. A. Barber, R. H. Norman, R. S. Richards; Mr W. S. Dart.
C: The Revds F. G. Wilson Dennett, J. Eastwood; Margaret Howard; Miss M. Eason; Mrs Jean Dennett; Miss L. Gale; Mr A. E. Fletcher; Mrs W. J. Eastwood.
D: The Revds N. Jones, F. Card, S. Atkins, B. Kirk; Mr C. Bacon; Mrs E. M. Withey; Miss I. Reeves, Mr D. Puddy.
E: The Revds Stella Beare, N. Charlton, P. E. Gee, F. Larkworthy; Messrs F. Armitage, E. F. Laver, K. Richardson, J. N. Smith.
F: The Revds J. E. Ticehurst, N. Voice, C. H. Grant, K. E. Roach, J. Cox, M. Shapland; Pastor F. Lamborn; Messrs G. Lunt, T. S. Prigg, J. Aplin, E. H. Hobbs, A. H. Jeffries.

Province IX

- A: The Revds A. J. Bowen, Mrs B. F. Williams, N. R. Skinner, D. E. Haward, W. Dickinson, F. A. Shield, Louise H. Drake, K. C. Sawyer; Mr L. I. Holly; Mrs D. Mansfield; Mr H. J. W. Day; Mrs E. Hosford; Messrs H. Johnson, A. L. Cruickshank, C. R. Cork, R. E. Harding.
B: The Revds D. Langford, R. M. Ward, M. F. Camroux, G. E. H. Long; Mrs C. Hardwick; Mrs M. Owens; Miss M. Bodey; Mr R. Hall.
C: The Revds G. H. Thomas, R. J. F. Phillips, Stanley H. Hodgson, D. A. Cox; Mrs M. Mowle, Miss F. McConnell; Mr T. G. Rees; Miss F. Claxton.
D: The Revds R. D. C. Cole, F. M. Hodges Roper, A. J. Spring, E. N. Barrow; Messrs H. J. Eatwell, D. W. M. Henderson; Mrs Joan Davies; Mr H. A. Richardson.
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Province X

- A: The Revds R. J. Blick, G. E. Caswell, J. G. Farmer, P. C. Jupp, D. R. Viles; Miss Sheila Fairbairn, Miss Lily M. Harrison; Mrs. S. T. Roche; Miss Joyce W. Dollar, Miss Judith Green.
B: The Revds K. Fear, Margaret Lawson, W. Marshall-Jones; Messrs D. MacKay, J. van Steveren; Miss Nancy Jones.
C: The Revds J. Hislop, K. Marsh, J. Pagan, P. Sindle; Messrs W. F. Kennedy, E. J. Page, A. M. Perry, W. Osmond.
D: The Revds D. V. Godfrey, G. Bellamy, R. K. Scopes, Susan Armitage, N. W. Kemp, P. C. Clarke; Mrs. S. Marsden; Dr A. Stokes; Messrs M. Harris, C. R. Lowden, A. J. Hollis, S. Harvey.
E: The Revds K. F. Faulkner, C. W. Lucraft, D. C. Morgan; Messrs D. McKean, B. A. Strange; Mrs E. Wilson.
F: The Revds Mrs F. E. Frost-Mee, Miss M. Kerr, D. Atkinson, T. Burghart, I. Duncan, L. C. K. French, R. May; Miss J. Sadler; Messrs C. H. Tebboth, J. Knight.

Province XI

- A: The Revds Janet Webber, J. Neary, D. Adam, H. Bennett, J. Weller, G. Roper; Dr E. Welford; Mrs B. M. Wilson, Mrs H. M. Harrison, Mrs K. Goodfellow; Messrs F. A. W. Lodde, G. Everitt.
B: The Revds J. P. Caton, A. N. Dykes, D. L. Helyer, T. Perry, B. S. Stone; Messrs A. Bolton, S. Deen, A. Lorimer, R. Morris Thomas, C. Burgess.
C: The Revds D. A. Pratt, C. Kenworthy, A. S. Bound, K. Summers, B. R. S. Pont; Mr A. Collins; Miss E. M. Pollock; Mr R. Thurley; Mrs W. Goody; Mr P. Woods; Miss K. Salvage; Dr J. C. Wishart.
D: The Revds D. A. Douglass, H. H. B. Jutson, R. W. G. Talmey, M. D. Whitehorn, G. J. Williams; Miss M. Cole; Messrs F. W. Durrant, R. Giles, I. Ring; Miss L. Walton.
E: The Revds A. Dewhurst, J. H. Hoadley, I. Stewart; Mr B. R. Moss; Mrs F. H. Tillman.
F: The Revds C. R. Garwood, L. J. Garland, G. Stinchcombe, R. C. Tucker, R. C. Christopher, Miss A. M. Enness; Mr L. MacLennan; Miss E. E. Rulf, Miss M. Margetts, Miss C. R. Holdridge.
G: The Revds G. E. Beck, C. Charlton, W. Connelly, R. P. Cox, R. H. Smith; Mrs J. Armour; Mr A. F. Challis; Miss E. M. Davis; Messrs R. R. P. Smith, J. R. Williams.

Province XII

- A: The Revds D. E. James, E. M. Jeremiah, D. Tegwyn Francis, W. Mansel Davies; Messrs D. H. Jones, W. Wood, A. Garman, H. E. Bellis.
B: The Revds E. Thomas, T. G. O. Thomas, A. W. J. Jeffreys, G. Hewitt, C. Smith-Draper; Mrs L. Waring; Miss D. Newnes; Mr P. Jones; Mrs M. Gardner; Dr N. E. Melling; Messrs E. Judd, C. A. Combes.
C: The Revds Mary Evans, J. J. Bowen, M. Page, M. Bail, T. G. Jones, A. Trinder; Mrs A. Roberts, Mrs J. Jones; Messrs K. Thomas, D. L. Walters; Mrs S. Gay; Mr N. Shepherd.
D: The Revds J. H. Latham, H. J. Lewis, I. James, D. D. Jenkins; Dr Raymond Abba; Messrs I. Bevan, H. Thomas, W. C. Johns; Mrs M. Rowlands.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from 21 members of assembly.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

From the Church of Scotland:

The Rt Revd J. G. Matheson
The Revd Peter Graham
The Revd Dr P. P. Brodie
Mr William Law

From the Congregational Union of Scotland:

The Revd Alex B. Cairns

From the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

The Rt Revd Dr G. T. Lundie
The Revd W. E. Davison, M.A.
The Revd R. W. W. Clarke, M.A.
Mr W. G. Parker, FCA

From the Presbyterian Church of Wales:

The Revd Haydn O. John
The Revd Denzil Harries, B.A.

From the Union of Welsh Independents:

Mrs Morfudd Jenkins

From the Churches of Christ: (Consultant Observer)

The Revd Dr W. G. Baker

Loyal Address The Revd Principal G. B. Caird moved the adoption of a Loyal Address to the Throne which was received by a standing vote:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

We, the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales send greetings to Your Majesty, with the assurance of our loyalty and our prayers. We believe that God continues to bless our union of two churches and is leading us into that fuller unity with other churches of this land which will enable us to be the more effective agents of His purpose and servants of the Gospel of Christ.

With all your subjects we rejoice in the coming celebration of Your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, giving thanks to God for your devotion to Christian faith and service, for your confidence in the power of individual example and responsibility, and for the care you have shown for the needs of your people, both spiritual and temporal, and especially for the victims of disaster and violence and for other casualties of this age of rapid change.

We pray that God may grant Your Majesty many years of health and happiness to reign in the growing esteem and affection of your people and to lead us in the pursuit of justice and peace; and we commend Your Majesty and the Royal Family to the grace and protection of God.

We are,

Your faithful and loyal subjects,

RICHARD J. HALL, Moderator

ARTHUR L. MACARTHUR, Clerk

Reception of Newly Ordained Ministers, Deaconess and Newly Appointed Missionaries

The following ministers ordained to the Ministry since the Assembly of 1975 were introduced by their Provincial Moderators and received by the Moderator of the Assembly:

MINISTERS

Stuart James Brock
Graham Carling
Ian McLeod
David Miller
Barry Jones
David Raymond Peel

James Graeme Davidson Allan
David Atkinson
Ronald Blick
Ian Sutherland Duncan
John Farmer
Moira Helen Kerr

Bryan Reginald Shirley
David Edmund Robertson Sparks
Edward Norman Barrow
Martin Frederick Camroux

Barry Edward Carter
Kenneth John Summers
Kenneth James Tracey
Elizabeth Anne Welch
David John Wilkinson

Miss H. Mollie Fletcher was received by the Moderator as a deaconess, and Miss Jothi Dasappa and the Revd Robert Hamilton as missionaries of the United Reformed Church.

In the name of the Assembly the Moderator addressed the new ministers, deaconess and missionaries and commended them to God in the work they had undertaken.

Corresponding Members The Assembly received corresponding members from the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Congregational Union of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the Union of Welsh Independents and the United Free Church of Scotland who were welcomed by the Moderator and their names added to the Roll, as follows:

From the Church of Scotland

The Rt Revd J. G. Matheson, BD. (Moderator)
The Revd P. P. Brodie, DD.
The Revd Peter Graham
Mr William Law

From the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

The Revd W. E. Davison, MA.
The Revd R. W. W. Clarke, MA.
Mr W. G. Parker

From the Congregational Union of Scotland

The Revd Alex. B. Cairns, MA.

From the Presbyterian Church of Wales

The Revd Haydn O. John
The Revd Denzil Harries, BA.

From the Union of Welsh Independents

Mrs Morfudd Jenkins

From the United Free Church of Scotland

The Revd A. D. Scrimgeour, BD. Th.M. (Moderator)

The Assembly heard with sympathy of the illness of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and asked that its prayers should be made known to that Church in all its present anxieties.

The Assembly was addressed in the name of the Church of Scotland by the Rt Revd J. G. Matheson, BD (Moderator); the Presbyterian Church of Ireland by the Revd W. E. Davison, MA.; the Congregational Union of Scotland by the Revd Alex. B. Cairns, MA.; the Presbyterian Church of Wales by the Revd H. O. John; the Union of Welsh Independents by Mrs Morfudd Jenkins, and the United Free Church of Scotland by the Revd A. D. Scrimgeour, BD (Moderator).

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 1976.

60 years

Owen D. Jeffreys
Ernest E. Johnston
William A. K. Smith
Sidney Maurice Watts

50 years

Alan Balding
Henry W. Bell
Geoffrey T. Bellhouse
Norman Castles
Roydon O. Clack
George G. Gardiner
Frederick H. Hawkins
William G. Jones
Malcolm McAra

Raymond G. Martin
Owen Rhys Owen
John W. M. Sayers
David A. Thomas
Ernest Thorburn
Percy V. Wickenden
James H. Williams
John L. Woodhouse

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

Thanks to the Retiring Moderator On the motion of the Revd Robert J. Way, the Assembly resolved to record its thanks to the Revd Principal G. B. Caird for the service he had rendered to the United Reformed Church as Moderator. This was received with acclamation as was Principal Caird's reply.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again in the same place at 9.45 a.m. for ordinary business and the session was closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

TUESDAY, 4th MAY, 1975

SECOND SESSION

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd Francis Ackroyd, Moderator's Chaplain.

Tellers The report of the Tellers on the Ballot for Moderator was submitted by Mr. T. S. Byatt which showed the Revd John Edward Young, MA., BD, minister of Argyle URC, Bath to be elected. The Moderator welcomed the Revd John Young, who then briefly addressed the Assembly, giving thanks for this call to further service and expressing his willingness to undertake this office.

Order of Business The Chairman of the Business Committee, Sir Harold Banwell, reported on the order of business, with special regard to the points at which Resolutions from Synods would be called.

On his motion the proposed Order of Business was approved.

The Clerk drew attention to the omission from the Minutes of the Assembly of 1975 of a record that a resolution concerning the establishment of a closer relationship with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea had been passed. (cf. p.76 Reports to Assembly 1975 resolution 4).

Nominations Committee

The first report of the Nominations Committee was presented by the Revd A. J. G. Walker. On his motion, duly seconded, the report was received and the following resolutions were agreed:

- 1. The Assembly re-appoints the Revd C. K. Meachin as Secretary for Mission, to serve until 31st August, 1981.**
- 2. The Assembly welcomes the appointment of the Revd C. K. Forecast as Secretary for Christian Education, to serve until 31st August, 1982.**
- 3. The Assembly appoints Bishop Lesslie Newbigin as Chairman of the Ministerial Training Committee, to serve until the Assembly of 1982.**
- 4. Consequent upon the election of the Revd J. E. Young as Moderator 1977/78 he moved that Assembly appoints the Revd H. S. Ross as chairman of the Business Committee until Assembly 1978. This was seconded and agreed.**

Executive Committee

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted by the Revd Dr G. B. Caird. He expressed the thanks of the Assembly to the Revd Douglas Smith for his service as Moderator of Wessex Province and its good wishes for his retirement.

He called attention to the events of 1876 by which the Presbyterian Church of England was brought into being and the Assembly recorded its congratulations on this centenary occasion.

On his motion, duly seconded, the Report was received.

Dr Caird then moved:

1. The Assembly receives the paper on procedures for the filling of vacant pastorates and commends it to Synods and Districts for their guidance.

The Revd A. G. Burnham moved as an amendment that the words 'and the minister-elect' be added to paragraph 12 after 'District Secretary'. This was seconded and agreed.

With this amendment (1) was agreed.

At this point Dr Slack took the Chair.

On the further motion of the Revd G. B. Caird:

2. The Assembly appointed the Revd Peter Sutherland Chesney as Moderator of the Wessex Province from 1st September, 1976 for a period of seven years.

3. The Assembly re-appointed the Rt Revd R. J. Hall as Moderator of Thames North Province for a further period of two years from September 1976.

4. The Assembly endorsed the action of the General Secretary in accepting on its behalf the resignation of the Revd Vernon N. J. Lewis from the Moderatorship of the Southern Province from the 30th June, 1976 on the grounds of health, and expressed its thanks to him for his service as Provincial Moderator since the inception of the United Reformed Church and wished him a speedy and complete recovery from an illness due at least in part to the strains of work under which he placed himself.

5. The Assembly appointed the Revd Charles Cyril Franks as Moderator of the Southern Province from 1st September, 1976 for a period of seven years.

6. The Assembly resolved that the rules of procedure for the election of the Moderator of the General Assembly be revised as follows – the revision to take effect as from the close of this Assembly.

Part III (3) After 'a Synod' add the words 'the consent of the nominee not being required'.

(7) Delete 'but no other information' and 'at least 14 clear days'. Add at end of paragraph, 'Brief indication of reasons for the nomination as supplied by the Synod concerned may be circulated with the ballot paper'.

(8) Shall now read: 'Voting papers shall be placed in a ballot box in the meeting place of the Assembly up to the close of business on the second day of meeting. The unopened box shall then be delivered to the Tellers by whom alone it shall be opened. They shall report the result of the ballot to the Assembly at its final session.'

(9) Delete the first sentence.

In answer to a question the Clerk indicated that voting cards received from representatives unable to attend could be counted provided they arrived in time.

7. The Assembly noting that the following proposed revisions of the Basis of Union have been under consideration by Synods and District Councils in accordance with the provisions of para. 9(5) (xi) of that Basis, resolved to amend the Basis and subject to confirmation by the Assembly of 1977 agreed that the following clauses should read:

1. Add the following new paragraph to Functions of the District Councils at p.24 of the Manual:—

9(3) (xix) to make recommendations to the Synod for appointment to service on District Council of

- (i) URC ministers/laymen serving as:
 - (a) Full-time Chaplains to Universities, Colleges, Hospitals, Factories, where their work is seen to be an extension of the ministry of the District concerned;
 - (b) Secretaries and other full-time officials of ecumenical bodies with which the URC is in relationship.
- (ii) URC ministers giving significant oversight to local churches, under the general direction of the Council concerned;
- (iii) Ministers of other Churches appointed to serve on behalf of the URC in charge of a U.R. Church or in an ecumenical group including URC interests.
- (iv) Ministers not in pastoral charge who perform duties within the District in respect of which the Council has some direct responsibility.

2. Add the following new paragraph to the Functions of Synods at the bottom of page 26 of the Manual:—

9.(4) (xvii) To appoint at its discretion additional members to serve on District Councils in accordance with recommendations made by such Councils under the provisions of paragraph 9(3) (xix) above.'

8. The Assembly confirmed the acceptance of the invitation of the West Midland Synod to meet in Birmingham in 1977 and resolved to meet at 3 pm on Monday, May 2nd, 1977 in that city, or at such other time and place as may be duly appointed.

9. The Assembly accepted the invitation of the Mersey Synod to meet in Southport in 1978 and resolved to meet there at 3 pm on Monday, May 1st, 1978 or at such other time and place as may be duly appointed.

This resolution having been moved, it was agreed that the reference to a date be deleted pending further discussion of the implications of proposals concerning national holidays.*

The Assembly accepted the invitation of the Yorkshire Synod to meet within its bounds in 1979 and requested that Synod to arrange that in that year

- (a) The Assembly be held residentially
- (b) it take place at the end of June
- (c) it be held over the last week-end of that month commencing on the Friday afternoon and concluding its business by Monday afternoon.

It was moved as an amendment by the Revd B. M. Pratt, seconded by Dr John Huxtable and agreed, that;

10. The Assembly asks the Executive Committee to seek an invitation for the Assembly to meet in London in 1979.

On becoming the substantive motion this was agreed as the formal decision of Assembly. The General Secretary was asked to prepare further papers on the question of a residential Assembly for discussion at a later session and consideration of the whole resolution was held over.

11. The Assembly authorised the group appointed to act in matters of the Apportionment of Funds to act for the United Reformed Church in negotiations with the Memorial Hall Trust with a view to the revision of its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

12. The Assembly noted with pleasure the progress so far made in dealing with housing for retired Ministers, and approved the action taken, and to be undertaken, in fulfilment of the objectives set out in the Report.

13. The Assembly agreed that the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society shall be responsible to, and report through the Central Committee of the Finance and Administration Department.

The Moderator, the Rt Revd R. J. Hall, then resumed the Chair.

Note: Subsequently Mersey Province booked 8th May 1978 for the General Assembly to meet in Southport.

The Moderators' Report was presented by the Revd W. J. Samuel. On his motion, duly seconded, Assembly took note of the Report.

Synod Resolution The Assembly turned to the consideration of resolutions from Synods. The Revd C. Bembridge moved on behalf of the **Mersey Province**:

The Assembly resolves that newly ordained ministers, who are to be presented by Provincial Moderators, be invited to attend, as observers, the whole of the General Assembly Meeting and that they be afforded the same hospitality and expenses as the representatives of District Councils.

The Treasurer, Mr L. Palmer, indicated that this would be acceptable to the F & A Department and the motion was duly seconded and agreed.

On behalf of the **East Midlands Province** the Revd John Waller moved as follows:

The Assembly remits for consideration by Synods and Districts the proposal to increase the local church representation on Districts and Synod by changing paragraphs 9(3)c and 9(4)c in the Basis of Union to read as follows:

1-200 members	1 representative
201-400 members	2 representatives
401-600 members	3 representatives
601-800 members	4 representatives
over 800 members	5 representatives

with a view to the appropriate amendment of the Scheme of Union.

This was seconded and agreed.

Christian Stewardship The report of the Christian Stewardship Group was presented by Mr R. S. Martin. On his motion, duly seconded the Assembly received the report.

Mr Martin then moved:—

The Assembly calls upon Synods and District Councils to promote and sponsor training programmes to help encourage local churches respond to the call to Christian Stewardship, renewal and evangelism.

At the invitation of the Moderator, Mr William Law of the Stewardship Department of the Church of Scotland, addressed the Assembly.

After discussion the resolution was adopted.

The Moderator received the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Donald Coggan and Mrs Coggan, and at the Moderator's invitation the Archbishop addressed the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed its business at 3 pm.

Minutes The Minutes of the First Session were submitted and approved.

Churches of Christ

The report of the Joint Committee for Negotiations with the Churches of Christ was presented by the Revd Dr Norman Goodall, Chairman. On his motion seconded by Dr Marsh, the Assembly received the Report.

The Chairman then moved:—

The Assembly authorises the Executive Committee to receive the Joint Committee's final report and, if it thinks fit, to send the report to Synods, District Councils and local churches in preparation for the first determinative vote at the Assembly of 1977.

The Revd K. Ramage moved as an amendment the deletion of the words 'if it thinks fit'. This was seconded. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost. After further discussion the motion was carried in the original terms.

World Church and Mission Department

The report was presented by the Revd B. M. Pratt, Chairman who formally moved its reception. This was seconded by the Revd M. H. Cressey and agreed.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Professor Cressey, the following resolutions were then agreed:

- 1. The Assembly commends to local churches, Districts and Synods the reports of the WCC Fifth Assembly and in particular asks them to study during coming years the recommendations to the Churches arising from the six Sectional Reports, and to consider how these may apply in their own situations.**
- 2. The Assembly receives the second report of the Churches' Unity Commission and remits it for general discussion in Church Meetings, Elders' Meetings, District Councils and Synods, comments to be submitted by 31st January, 1977 to the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee through the General Secretary with a view to a definite response to the ten propositions of the report by the Assembly of 1977.**

The Chairman then moved resolution 3 and accepted an amendment on the motion of President Newport that there be inserted 'and to the councils of the Church' after 'Churches Unity Commission'. The resolution was then passed in the following terms:

- 3. The Assembly authorises the World Church and Mission Department, after consideration of the second report of the Churches' Unity Commission, to submit to the autumn meeting of the Assembly Executive Committee proposals for an interim response to the ten propositions for transmission, if then approved, to the Churches' Unity Commission and to the councils of the United Reformed Church as guidance in their work.**

Thereafter on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Professor Cressey, the following resolutions were agreed:

- 4. The Assembly, noting the publication by the Consultative Committee on Local Ecumenical Projects in England of 'Guidelines for Local Ecumenical Projects' and its detailed consideration by the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee, recommends its use, together with the URC notes thereon presented in the Assembly reports for the guidance of Synods, District Councils and local churches.**

- 5. The Assembly authorises the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee to send the papers for 'Follow-up on Evangelism' when they are completed to Synods, District Councils and local churches for selective use and for report back to the Committee on any matters of general interest and concern.**

- 6. The Assembly accepts the recommendations of the British Churches' Committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches:—**

- (i) that in the light of the need to encourage awareness of and participation in the wider European area of the Alliance and in the work of the Alliance as a whole, coupled with the limitations on current budgets for travel and committee work, the British Churches' Committee of the Alliance be dissolved;
- (ii) that the World Church and Mission Department include in its concerns effective liaison between the member Churches of the Alliance in the British Isles and the maintaining of financial support of the Alliance and the dissemination of knowledge of its programmes;
- (iii) that in particular the World Church and Mission Department seek support for and interest in the Centenary Consultation of the Alliance in St Andrew's, Scotland, in 1977.
- (iv) that thanks be expressed to the past and present officers of the British Churches' Committee and in particular to the Revd Dr Stuart Loudon, the Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod and Mrs Christiane Coe, its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer in the immediately past years.

- 7. The Assembly commends to its churches the study of Bishop David Brown's booklet 'A New Threshold' as a guide to issues involved in the Church's approach to Muslim and other religious communities.**

World Church and Mission At the invitation of the Moderator, Dr Keesecker, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, addressed the Assembly. The Revd B. M. Pratt presented the Missionaries to the Moderator.

Newly appointed missionaries

Miss Jothi Dasappa, to the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
The Revd Robert Hamilton, to the Church of South India.

Missionaries on furlough

Miss Ruth Archer, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
Miss Heather Boardman, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
Revd and Mrs David Buckle, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
Mr and Mrs Ken Curtis, Gilbert Islands Protestant Church.
Revd Alan Dunstone, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
Miss Barbara Lee, United Church of Zambia.
Miss Avia Martin, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.
Miss Ruth Scott, Church of North India.
Mr and Mrs Ivor Shepherd, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.
Miss Jean Stolton, Church of North India.

Deputies from other churches

Revd Dr W. G. Baker, Churches of Christ
Pastor Klaus Bohm, Palatinate Church.
Revd E. Braekman, Protestant Church of Belgium.
Pr. Enrique Capo, Iglesia Evangelica Espanola.
Revd B. A. Koek, Remonstrant Brotherhood.
Revd E. Perret, WARC.
Madame Agnes Prevot, Eglise Reformee d'Alsace et de Lorraine.

Other Visitors

The Revd Ernest Dawe.

Assembly took up consideration of the remaining resolutions of the World Church and Mission Department which were moved by the Chairman of the Department and seconded by the Chairman of the 'Abroad' Committee — Mr John Gilbey. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

8. The Assembly agrees that the CWM should apply to the Charity Commissioners for a revised scheme in accordance with Section 4 of the document 'Sharing in One World Mission'.

9. The Assembly resolves that the URC will become a participating body of the Council for World Mission in its new form as outlined in the document 'Sharing in One World Mission'.

10. The Assembly authorises the WCM Department to plan for the assumption of those responsibilities which will fall to the URC if the proposals for the restructuring of the Council for World Mission are approved by the Constituent Bodies, and put into effect.

11. The Assembly instructs the WCM Department to submit proposals for the implementation of these plans to the Executive Committee of Assembly, which shall authorise any action it judges to be needed before the 1977 Assembly.

12. The Assembly authorises the Nominations Committee, in the light of recommendations to be made by the WCM Department, to appoint four members to represent the URC at the proposed inaugural meeting of the new CWM Council in 1977.

The Moderator thanked the officers of the Department for their presentation of these resolutions and thanked the CWM Board for their initiative in preparing the proposals for the new CWM.

Thereafter the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

Northern Synod The Revd J. Howard Williams moved the resolution of which the Northern Province had given notice:

The Assembly instructs the Department of World Church and Mission to consider whether the time is ripe for an approach to be made to the Methodist Church with a view to union of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches in England and Wales, and through the Secretary of the Conference to consult with the appropriate committee of the Methodist Church and to report to next Assembly.

This was seconded by the Revd D. R. Hannen.

Thereupon Dr Slack gave notice of an alternative motion. The Moderator ruled that this be printed with the Notices and Intimations for the following day and this business was held over.

Applications Committee The Revd H. M. Springbett, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee. On his motion, seconded by the Revd A. L. Macarthur, the report was received and the following resolutions adopted.

1. The Assembly agrees that it shall be normal for ministers in charges to have their names placed on the roll of the church they serve and that ministers of the United Reformed Church who are retired or serving otherwise than as ministers of local churches, shall normally be members of a local church of the United Reformed Church or, because of residence or for other good reason, of some other recognised Christian fellowship.

2. The Assembly receives Belgrave Union Church, Loughborough Road, Leicester as a local church of the United Reformed Church.

3. The Assembly receives Hatherlow Church, Romiley, Stockport as a local church of the United Reformed Church.

The Moderator declared them to be admitted and expressed the welcome of the Assembly to these churches now received into the United Reformed Church.

The Chairman introduced the matter of the Application of Orsett Church to withdraw from the United Reformed Church.

Thereafter the Revd John Hussey presented the recommendation from Eastern Province which had been circulated with the Synod resolutions.

The Revd H. M. Springbett, seconded by the General Secretary, moved

The General Assembly receives the recommendation of the Eastern Province but defers decision on the question of the withdrawal of the church at Orsett from the United Reformed Church and requests the church to receive representatives from the Assembly's Applications Committee to discuss the matter. In order, however, not to impose undue delay the Assembly authorises the Executive Committee to consider the report of the Applications Committee's representatives and to determine the case.

This was agreed.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again in the same place at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th May for ordinary business and the session was closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SESSION

The Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd Francis Ackroyd.

The Moderator received the Revd Edmond Perret, General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Synod Resolutions On behalf of the **South-West Province** a resolution was moved by the Revd N. Charlton and duly seconded. The Assembly accepted as an amendment, on the motion of the Revd A. L. Macarthur, the insertion of the words 'on the advice of the Finance and Administration Department'. The resolution was then agreed in the following form:

The Assembly authorises the Executive Committee on the advice of the Finance and Administration Department to make the arrangements necessary to give support to the Pastorate of any future Moderator of the General Assembly, so that the burden of such provision is borne by the whole Church.

Wales. On the motion of the Revd W. J. Samuel, duly seconded, the Assembly asked the appropriate Committee to give further consideration to the use of the term 'Interim Moderator' and to report. (The appropriate Committee would in this case be the Executive Committee).

Future Assemblies Sir Harold Banwell, seconded by the Revd A. L. Macarthur, moved as follows:

The Assembly approves a proposal to hold in 1980:

- (1) a residential Assembly
- (2) an Assembly taking place at the end of June
- (3) an Assembly commencing on a Friday afternoon and concluding by Monday afternoon.

On the advice of the Moderator, the Assembly resolved to take the resolution in three separate parts.

Part 1 was, after discussion, rejected by the Assembly.

On 2 it was moved as an amendment by Mr J. Gilbey, and seconded, that the date be altered to 'not later than the second week in July'. After further discussion this amendment was, by leave, withdrawn. It was moved by the Revd J. Hislop, seconded by the Revd Charles Haig and carried, that the question be not put.

Mrs Goodfellow moved as an amendment 'that the Business Committee be asked to consider the substance of point 3'. The amendment was lost. Point (3) was then put to the vote and rejected by the Assembly.

Finance and Administration Department

The report of the Finance and Administration Department, moved by Mr L. Palmer, Chairman, seconded by the Revd J. White, was received.

The Revd J. White then moved:

The Assembly resolves

- (a) that with effect from 1st July, 1976 the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in full charge shall be:
£1,900 per annum for the first ten years of service,
£1,950 per annum for the next ten years,
£2,000 per annum after twenty years.
- (b) and that in addition with effect from 1st July, 1976 the local church shall be responsible for the payment of heating and lighting of the manse up to £150 per annum.

It was moved as an amendment by Mr H. G. Landon, seconded by Mrs E. Ward, that the words 'up to' be deleted and the word 'of' be substituted before £150. The amendment was lost.

The Revd J. Newport moved as an amendment that the letter (a) be moved to a position before the figure of monetary stipend which was accepted by the mover of the motion. The amendment was carried.

The resolution was then passed in the following form:

1. **The Assembly resolves that with effect from 1st July, 1976 the minimum rate of stipend payable to ministers in full charge shall be:**
 - (a) **£1,900 per annum for the first ten years of service**
£1,950 per annum for the next ten years;
£2,000 per annum after twenty years.
 - (b) **and that in addition with effect from 1st July, 1976 the local church shall be responsible for the payment of heating and lighting of the manse up to £150 per annum.**

The following resolutions were then adopted.

2. **that Rule 2(1) of the Presbyterian Maintenance of the Ministry Fund be amended accordingly.**
3. (a) **that with effect from 1st July, 1976 the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in a Scope (W) pastorate shall be:**
£1,800 per annum during first ten years of ministerial service;
£1,850 per annum during the next ten years of ministerial service;
£1,900 per annum after twenty years of ministerial service
and the Scope OV maximum shall be £1,350 per annum from 1st July, 1976.
 - (b) **and that in addition with effect from 1st July, 1976 the local church shall be responsible for the payment and lighting of the manse up to £150 per annum from 1st July, 1976.**
4. **that the Scope OV maximum shall be £1,350 per annum from 1st July, 1976.**

The Chairman then moved that with effect from 1st July, 1976 the salary scale for deaconesses shall be:

£1,650 during the first ten years of service;
£1,700 during the second ten years;
£1,750 after twenty years.

It was moved by the Revd J. Brown, and seconded, that this resolution be referred back to the Finance and Administration Department to take into account the views expressed in debate, and to report to the Executive Committee. This was agreed, and on being put as the substantive motion, was carried.

On the motion of the Revd J. White, seconded by Dr J. Marsh, the following resolutions were agreed:

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 rates which apply to grants from the Pastors' Widows' Fund.**
6. **The Assembly resolves that for the period from 1st July, 1976 until the inauguration of the Unified Scheme the scale of Children's Allowances and the regulations of the Congregational Maintenance 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, 1974 — 30th June, 1975.**
7. **The Assembly resolves that in the period 1st July, 1976 until the inauguration of the Unified Scheme the allocation from the Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry Fund to the support of the ministry in Other Situations be at the rate of £8,000 per annum.**

8. **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.**
9. **The Assembly confirms the action of the Committee in regard to the Congregational Pastors' Widow's Fund in increasing the income limit from 1st July, 1975 to £950.**

The Chairman, seconded by Dr Marsh, moved the resolution numbered 10 in the Book of Reports (p.49). An insertion to clause (a) was moved by the Revd Robert Courtney, accepted by the Chairman, and adopted as an amendment by the Assembly. An insertion to clause (b) was made on the motion of Mr D. McKean, duly seconded, and the resolution was then carried in the amended form.

10. (a) **The Assembly welcomes the concern of the Committee in regard to the pension provision for retired ministers and ministers' widows, encourages the Committee to go ahead with plans to bring together into one Fund the Presbyterian Ministers and Widows and Orphans Pension Fund and the Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund and instructs the Committee to investigate the effects of providing a common retirement age for men and women and to report.**
- (b) **The Assembly resolved that:**
 - (i) **the pension age under the Presbyterian Ministers and Widows and Orphans Pension Fund should be 65 (for male ministers) and 60 (for female ministers).**
 - (ii) **the future service pension under the Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund for all service after June 1971 be at the rate of 1/80th of the appropriate basic stipend at retirement for each year of such service, and that the resulting pension be calculated by reference to the basic stipend fixed from time to time.**
 - (iii) **the total annual rate of contribution under the two funds be 12½% of the appropriate basic stipend, the minister to pay 5% and the balance to be raised by the Church.**

and instructs the Committee to take such necessary steps and to alter the rules of either, or both Funds as may be required and to consider the possibility and implications of increasing the pension provision in respect of past service for ministers on retirement and for ministers' widows.

It was moved by Mr C. Lowden, seconded by Miss S. Fairbairn, and agreed that:

11. **The Assembly requests the Finance and Administration Department to consider the way in which financial assistance can be given to ministers towards any unavoidable cost of changing furnishings when moving from one church to another, and, if considered fit, to make the necessary arrangements.**

The Revd N. Charlton seconded by Mr F. Armitage moved the following resolution which was adopted.

12. **The Assembly requests the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to consider ways and means of creating an equitable system of helping churches with the expenses involved in the removals and settlements of ministers and to report to the next Assembly.**

The Assembly resumed its business at 3 p.m.

The Revd J. White moved:

13. **The Assembly resolves that the date of inauguration of the Unified Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration be the 1st January, 1977.** This was duly seconded.

It was moved as an amendment by the Revd D. J. Wilkinson and Mr J. Collinge that 'January 1978' be substituted for '1st January 1977'.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost, and the original motion was carried by a large majority.

The Revd J. White presented the basis of assessment for the Unified Scheme for Ministerial Remuneration. On his assurance that the percentage reduction for grouped churches would be reviewed annually, an amendment in the names of the Revds R. F. Williams and H. S. Mayes was withdrawn. The resolution was then agreed in the following terms:

14. **The Assembly resolves that in regard to the Unified Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration:**
- (i) **The basis of assessment shall be as set out in Appendix 1 of the Department's Report to the 1975 Assembly with the following modifications:**
 - (a) **for a small church with fewer than 50 members which cannot be grouped and where the assessment would be less than £300, any contributions to the fund should be on a voluntary basis.**
 - (b) **where two or more churches are grouped under one (or more) ministers and the assessment can be collected in one sum, a reduction of 5% be allowed.**
 - (c) **the membership and net assessable income on which the assessment is based will be the average over 3 years (the penultimate year and the two preceding years) with interim arrangements in the early years of the Scheme.**
 - (d) **for churches where the assessment is in excess of the highest basic stipend the amount of the excess shall be regarded as deductible in arriving at the net assessable income.**
 - (ii) **for the calendar year 1977, the rate of assessment shall be £5 per member and 48p per pound of net assessable income.**

Mr L. Palmer presented the accounts for 1975 and on his motion seconded by Dr John Marsh.

15. **The Assembly resolved that the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1975 be received and adopted**

On the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by Mr G. Vaughan Davies, Chairman of the Unified Appeal Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

16. **The Assembly records its appreciation to all those who helped to produce a satisfactory result to the Unified Appeal in 1975.**

It was then moved that:

The Assembly asks the Committee to consider the method used in allocating the 1977 target to the Provinces and to make any changes it deems desirable.

The Revd D. L. Skidmore moved on behalf of the Thames North Province as an amendment the addition of the words 'taking into account information becoming available, including that provided by churches in connection with the Unified Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration'.

Following debate, the Treasurer confirmed that assurances previously given in relation to the confidentiality of information provided to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee would be respected.

At this point the Assembly adjourned.

The Assembly resumed its business at 6 p.m.

On resumption the Revd G. B. Caird presided and led the Assembly in worship for the re-commissioning to further periods of service of the Rt Revd R. J. Hall as Moderator of Thames North Province, the Revd C. K. Meachin as Secretary for Mission, and the commissioning of the Revd C. K. Forecast as Secretary for Christian Education.

The Moderator resumed the chair, and the Assembly took up again consideration of the resolutions of the Finance and Administration Department.

The amendment moved by the Revd D. L. Skidmore on behalf of the Thames North Province was then agreed, and on becoming the substantive motion the Assembly resolved as follows:

17. **The Assembly asks the Committee to consider the method used in allocating the 1977 target to the Provinces and to make any change it deems desirable, taking into account information becoming available, including that provided by churches in connection with the Unified Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration.**

18. The Assembly notes the revised Budget for 1976, and approves the budget for 1977.

19. The Assembly requests that every effort be made to effect maximum economies in 1976 and 1977.

Northern Province Resolution

The Clerk outlined the position the Assembly had reached on the previous evening in its consideration of the resolution concerning U.R.C./Methodist relations.

Thereafter the Revd D. Hannen outlined the Province's reasons for the resolution. After discussion the following resolution previously moved and seconded was adopted.

The Assembly instructs the Department of World Church and Mission to consider whether the time is ripe for an approach to be made to the Methodist Church with a view to union of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches in England and Wales, and through the Secretary of the Conference to consult with the appropriate committee of the Methodist Church and to report to next Assembly.

Church Life Department

The report of the Church Life Department was presented by the Chairman, the Revd Dr K. Slack. On his motion the Assembly recorded its thanks to the Revd Ieuan Evans for the service he had rendered to the Church as Chairman of the Ministerial Training Committee.

At the invitation of the Moderator, Mr Brian Acty addressed the Assembly on the Manifesto of the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth. Dr Slack then moved:

The Assembly welcomes the concern shown by the FURY Assembly and expressed in its 'Manifesto for our Future' and urges all Councils and Committees of the Church carefully to consider its emphases and proposals in the planning of their future work and policy.

This was duly seconded and agreed.

Publications and Publicity

At this point, on the motion of the Chairman of the Business Committee, Assembly took up the report of the Publications and Publicity Committee, which was presented by the Chairman, the Revd R. T. Brooks. On the motion, duly seconded, the Assembly received the report.

The following resolution was moved by the Revd M. Hubbard, duly seconded and agreed:

The Assembly notes the work of the Publications and Publicity Committee during a difficult period and congratulates it on the increase in business through Tavistock Bookshop and the continuance of *Reform* and other essential services to the Church.

Assembly then adjourned to meet at 9.45 am on Thursday, 6th May.

THURSDAY, 6th MAY, 1976

FOURTH SESSION

The Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd Francis Ackroyd.

Church Life Department (Cont.)

The Assembly resumed consideration of the Report of the Church Life Department. On the motion of Dr Slack, duly seconded the Report was received.

Thereafter, on the motion of Dr Slack, duly seconded, the Assembly adopted each of the following regulations concerning courses 3 and 4 for those training for the ministry:

1. that Course 3 should not be restricted to non-graduates as the description in the Commission on the Ministry report implies, but should be open to candidates whose age is not less than thirty, whose personal circumstances make a three year residential course in a college impracticable, and who have educational qualifications which may range from not less than five GCE 'O' levels to a university degree, or who can provide evidence of ability to cope with sustained study well beyond 'O' level standard.
2. that the Colleges should devise, for each candidate they accept for training, a course suited to his needs and capabilities, bearing in mind that the normal length of Course 3 is four years, including a period of residence in college, normally one academic year, and that an adequate course should include the elements listed in the Commission on the Ministry report (para. 38). The Colleges would be responsible for supervising and examining the courses.
3. that the Colleges should be encouraged to use university and other courses open to those studying at home, and the non-residential ordination courses of other denominations, as part of Course 3, wherever appropriate; to arrange for the practical training of candidates to include pastoral experience and projects related to, e.g. social and welfare services, local authority youth work, in their home area; and to seek opportunities for candidates to take part in the lay training activities of the Church.
4. that the College should, in consultation with the appropriate Provincial Moderators, appoint local tutors who would be expected to give candidates regular oversight. Each candidate should be visited by a member of College staff about three times a year, and occasional weekend seminars in College should be arranged for Course 3 candidates, in which candidates on other courses and ordinands from other denominations might also take part.
5. that candidates who do not intend to enter the ministry immediately should be permitted to postpone the year's residence in College to the year before they actually begin their ministry. The College would be expected to keep in touch with them during the intervening period.
6. that Course 4 candidates should be required to take either a one year residential course or a two year non-residential course.
7. that the costs of administration and travel for Courses 3 and 4 should be borne by the Church.

It was agreed that these proposals should be implemented in September 1976.

Special reference was made to the impending retirement of Principal Dr Edgar Jones from the Congregational College, Manchester.

The Assembly expressed its thanks to the Revd Dr G. B. Caird for his service to the Church as Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford and its good wishes on his appointment as Dean Ireland's Professor of Theology in the University of Oxford.

Assurance was given by the Chairman that reports on the work of the Chaplains to the Forces would be incorporated in future Church Life Department reports.

It was agreed that a letter of greeting be sent to the Chaplains' United Board and to the Revd Kenneth Darbyshire, Principal Chaplain C. of S. & F. C. in the RAF.

On the motion of Dr Slack, seconded by the Revd J. E. Mather, the following resolutions were passed.

- 1. The Assembly urges all local churches to encourage more men and women to offer themselves for service as youth workers in church, statutory and voluntary youth organisations.**
- 2. The Assembly urges local churches and District Councils to encourage youth workers to take part in the URC Introductory Training Course or some other training programme relevant to their work within the Church in order to improve the quality of the Church's work amongst young people.**
- 3. The Assembly notes with pleasure the increased co-operation between Churches in serving young people and encourages the Youth Committee to develop joint Conferences and activities, the 'Time for God' scheme and the sharing of concerns and projects in general.**

By leave of Assembly a resolution on 'Ministry to Children' was adopted in the following form:

- 4. The Assembly draws the attention of District Councils to the availability of the discussion paper entitled 'Ministry to Children' and to the recommendation of the officers of the Children's Committee that they hold a consultation with church leaders and workers among children on the issues raised by the paper.**

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:

- 5. The Assembly welcomes the possibility of the Church Life Department through the Children's Committee being involved in new ways of working with the Division of Education and Youth of the Methodist Church.**

The Assembly agreed at the request of the mover to receive the proposal regarding the statement on Ordination in an amended form, and on his motion, seconded by Dr Huxtable, it was adopted in the following form:

- 6. The Assembly requests the Provincial Synods to study the statement on Ordination prepared by the Doctrine and Worship Committee in preparation for consideration at the Assembly of 1977.**

The Chairman then moved the following resolutions which were adopted:

- 7. The Assembly notes that certain orders of worship and three service books are being prepared by the Doctrine and Worship Committee, and that all services will be published in a temporary form for use in the churches; and asks churches to send their comments on these services to the committee. In the light of the comments received the Committee will proceed to revise and publish the Services and Books for the help and guidance of the churches.**

It was, however, noted that the date of 1977 in parenthesis at the beginning of paragraph 40, p.21 of the Reports was withdrawn.

- 8. The Assembly records its thanks for the excellence of the service of the members of Saint Andrew Press in the publishing of *New Church Praise*, and also to the members of the New Church Praise Committee, for not only producing, but also so effectively promoting, this stimulating contemporary supplement to our hymnbooks.**

At the invitation of the Moderator, the Revd Dr L. Green addressed the Assembly on the work of the Chaplains and Students Working Party, with special reference to the position of overseas students in this country.

Dr Slack, seconded by the Revd M. Hubbard then moved the following resolutions which were adopted:

9. **The Assembly urges Provincial Synods, when appointing Chaplains to Establishments of Higher Education, to ensure that those appointed have sufficient time and funds available to do justice to the task. Consideration should also be given to the appointment of suitable lay people to assist in this work.**
10. **The Assembly commends the Link-up scheme and urges ministers and church secretaries to forward to the Church Life Department the name and college addresses (or, if not known, details of the college, course and home address) of students, nurses, etc. commencing studies at any Higher Education Establishment by September 15th each year.**

It was agreed that a resolution regarding fees charged to Overseas Students might be brought to the Executive Committee.

Business Committee Chairman The Moderator supported by the Clerk expressed the thanks of Assembly to Sir Harold Banwell for his service to the United Reformed Church as Chairman of the Business Committee.

Church and Society

The Report of the Church and Society Department was presented, visually and orally, by the Revd J. Johansen-Berg. On his motion, seconded by Mrs J. Loveitt, the report was received.

The Chairman then moved the following resolutions which were seconded by the Revd A. S. Cooper and agreed:

1. **The Assembly commends Age Action Year 1976 to the attention of the churches and expresses the hope that churches will help to emphasise the educational aspects of the campaign.**
2. **The Assembly encourages the Church and Society Department to discuss with the Finance and Administration Department questions raised by the possibility of investing in the Homelands in South Africa and to explore ways in which our own investment policies might reflect a concern for the development of such areas.**
3. **The Assembly welcomes the continuance of a world development programme based on political action, education and a financial appeal; encourages the Church and Society Department to co-operate with Christian Aid and the World Development Movement in the production of literature to promote such a programme; and urges churches to play a full part in helping their members to respond to the programme through study, action and financial commitment.**

The following resolution was passed after assurances had been given concerning some of its implications and notice of an amendment had been withdrawn.

4. **The Assembly approves the allocation to Christian Aid of 90% of all monies raised for the world development appeal for overseas projects and programmes, with the remaining 10% being allocated to the World Development Movement for its development education and political action.**
5. **The Assembly encourages the churches to take part in a National Food Day on 25th September, 1976 by arranging appropriate activities locally, if possible with other Churches and with groups such as Friends of the Earth, to focus attention on the need for changes in eating habits and food production in Britain, on the plight of the millions in developing countries who suffer from permanent hunger and malnutrition, and on the need for a major reorientation of international and national economic policies to overcome poverty.**

The Revd M. Hubbard moved the following additional resolution:

6. **The Assembly notes that the British Council of Churches is about to launch an appeal for Ireland for money to help with community projects and with attempts to provide constructive alternatives to violence. The Assembly commends this appeal to local churches.**

This was seconded by the Revd J. Johansen-Berg and agreed.

On the motion of the Revd Peter Peirce, seconded by the Revd A. L. Macarthur, it was agreed that:

- 7. The Assembly expresses its complete confidence in Christian Aid and strongly commends support of it to our churches.**

The Assembly then adjourned.

Church and Society Department (Continued)

Assembly resumed at 2.30 pm and concluded the consideration of the Report of the Church and Society Department.

Working Party on Synods and District Councils The General Secretary reported on the present stage of progress and mentioned that comments from Districts and Synods would be welcomed by the group.

Deployment The Chairman of the Deployment Committee, the Revd Peter McCall, presented the first report of this committee. On his motion, seconded by the Revd A. J. G. Walker, the Report was received.

Nominations Committee

The second report of the Nominations Committee was presented by the Revd A. J. G. Walker, Chairman. On his motion, duly seconded, the second report was received. He moved:

- 5. The Assembly asks District Councils and Synods to submit, through the Provincial Moderators, the names of members of the United Reformed Church who might be invited to serve on Committees of the Assembly.**
- 6. The Assembly appoints Committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1976-77, as set out in the Appendix to the Report. (Appendix 1).**

On the further motion of Miss S. Fairbairn, seconded by the Revd D. Elliott, it was agreed that:

- 7. The Assembly requests Provincial Synods to explore ways and means of making more effective use of provincial representatives on departmental committees in the exercise of 'mutual oversight'.**

Finance and Administration Department (Additional Resolution)

Dr M. C. Shephard moved as an additional resolution to the Finance and Administration Department:

This Assembly asks the Executive, as a matter of urgency, to devise a national scheme for providing ministers with a sum adequate to buy a house on retirement.

This was seconded by the Revd K. Ramage.

It was moved as an amendment by the Revd G. Roper, duly seconded, that the words 'a sum adequate to buy' be deleted. After debate and assurance from the Treasurer that a report would be forthcoming without long delay, the motion and amendment were, by leave, withdrawn.

Overseas Students (Additional Resolution)

It was moved by the Revd A. D. Tucker, seconded by Mr D. Thacker, and agreed that:

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church notes with concern the detrimental effects of the higher fees charged to overseas students in Universities and grant-aided establishments of higher and further education, and asks the Chaplains and Students Working Party and the World Church and Mission Department to consider making urgent representations, in consultation with the Churches Commission on Overseas Students to the Secretary of State for Education and Science and to other appropriate organisations.

Thanks On the motion of the Revd R. W. Hugh-Jones the Assembly recorded its thanks to all who had contributed to its work. It expressed its particular thanks to the elders and members of the City Temple for the use of their buildings, to those who provided hospitality for members of the Assembly, to Mrs Gwynn Jones and all who helped to cater for the Assembly's comfort and refreshment and to the staff of the Thames North office for their co-operation. The Assembly thanked office staff for the arrangements made to assist its work, the organists, the Moderator's Chaplain and the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the manner in which they discharged their duties.

Minutes The minutes of the previous day's session, together with those of this session, were submitted and approved.

Closure The Assembly having thus in the good providence of God brought its business to completion, and having agreed to meet again in the Central Hall, Birmingham, at 3 pm on Monday, May 2nd, 1977, or at such other time and place as may be duly agreed, an act of closing worship was led by the Revd Francis Ackroyd, Moderator's Chaplain, and the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

Richard J. Hall *Moderator*

Arthur L. Macarthur *Clerk*

APPENDIX I

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Tellers for the Election of Moderator of the General Assembly 1978-1979:
Mr T. S. Byatt, Mrs E. Speedyman, Mr K. W. Thorndyke

Note: The Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, the immediate Past Moderator and the General Secretary are members ex officio of every Standing Committee. The Departmental Chairman 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: Revd Dr K. Slack—1980

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd D. W. Elliott	VII	Revd N. Hall
II	Revd R. W. Courtney	VIII	Revd S. Atkins
III	Mrs A. Cooper	IX	Revd J. G. Thornton
IV	Revd G. Tillison	X	Miss S. Fairbairn
V	Mr E. G. Leigh Brown	XI	Revd R. F. Clark
VI	Revd J. E. Fenn	XII	

Together with the Chairman of the Committees within the Department, Mrs R. Goodfellow and the Revds Dr L. C. Green and R. E. Taylor.

Members under 25: Mr B. Acty and Mr I. Ring

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Chairman: Revd Dr L. Newbigin—1982

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd Dr E. C. Blackman	Mr H. L. Morris	Revd B. G. Thorogood
Mrs J. Boulind	Revd J. E. Newport	Revd F. R. Tomes
Revd K. M. Hendry	Revd D. G. Stewart	Revd R. J. Way
Revd P. C. Jupp	Revd Margaret Taylor	

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

Panel for Assessment Conferences

Mrs Margaret Chesney	Revd Prof J. H. E. Hull	Mr J. Simmonds
Mrs Ruth Clarke	Revd H. A. Jacquet	Mrs E. M. Steel
Revd G. J. Cook	Revd D. McIlhagga	Dr D. A. Sykes
Revd J. I. Evans	Revd Barbara Meachin	Revd I. Thomas
Revd A. Frost	Revd J. E. Newport	Revd E. W. Todd
Mrs R. Goodfellow	Mr R. Norris	Revd G. Williams
Mrs Gwen Hall	Mrs Beti Onions	Revd T. R. Willis
Revd Kathleen Hendry	Mr C. Porteous	Revd C. Wilton
Mrs Mary Herbert	Revd K. Sainsbury	Mr D. Thacker
Revd M. F. Hubbard	Revd R. K. Scopes	Mrs. P. E. P. Sessions

together with the General Secretary and the Provincial Moderators.

Westminster/Cheshunt Committee

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

Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod
Revd Dr L. Newbigin

together with four appointed by the Governors of Cheshunt College.

Board of Studies (Westminster/Cheshunt)

Revd D. W. Ager (Sec. 1981) Mr J. M. Ross
Revd J. E. Fenn Dr Graham Stanton
Revd W. N. Leak Revd H. M. Springbett

Dr D. A. Sykes
Revd D. Holt Roberts
(Chairman—1979)

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

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

Chairman: Revd Dr L. Newbigin
Secretary: Revd R. O. Latham

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

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Chairman: Revd J. W. P. Williamson—1979
Secretary: Revd F. R. Tomes—1977

Mr. W. Atherton
Revd M. G. Dunford
Mr Phillip Jones
Dr R. D. Jurd

Revd B. W. Kirk
Miss P. F. Parrish
Revd R. Royston-Bishop
Mrs O. Russell

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Chairman: Revd Dr J. Huxtable—1980
Secretary: Revd D. McIlhagga—1977

Revd Dr I. Fraser
Revd D. C. M. Gardner
Revd Dr C. Gunton
Revd T. C. Micklem
Revd Dr J. I. Morgans

Revd Joan Peters
Miss A. Phillips
Mr J. M. Ross
Revd Dr S. H. Russell
Revd H. M. Springbett

Revd Dr J. H. Thomas
Revd Prof W. A. Whitehouse
Revd D. G. Wensley
Revd Dr B. A. Wren

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Mrs R. Goodfellow
Revd David Jenkins
Revd Glyn Jenkins

Revd Dr S. H. Mayor
Mrs Beti Onions
Revd S. M. Thornton

Revd A. D. Trinder
Revd R. J. Way
Revd M. D. Whitehorn

YOUTH WORK

Chairman: Revd J. E. Mather—1981
Secretary: The Youth Secretary

Revd Gillian Bobbett
Mr W. E. Burton
Revd E. F. Cattermole
Mr B. Cox

Revd R. Diffey
Mrs D. McIlhagga
Revd A. K. McNicol
Miss K. Pugh

Revd W. J. Taylor
Miss R. V. Tully
Revd D. Wilson

Members under 25

Mr B. Acty
Mr C. Brann
Mr S. Brown
Mr R. Giles

Mr. P. Lambdin
Miss A. Richard
Miss C. Snelling
Miss S. Stevenson

Mr D. Snashall
Mr B. Vardy
Mr R. Wolff
Mr P. Woods

CHILDREN'S WORK

Chairman: Revd D. H. Hilton—1977

Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Miss M. Burnie
Miss M. Goodwin
Miss D. K. Jones

Revd P. Loveitt
Revd P. E. McIntosh
Revd D. A. Pratt

Mrs M. Richmond
Mr C. Webb
Mrs D. Wilton

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Revd B. M. Pratt—1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I Revd R. R. Bance

II Revd P. S. Killick

III Mrs R. M. Smith

IV Revd D. M. Main

V Mrs J. Webb

VI Revd E. E. B. Cruchley

VII Miss E. Paterson

VIII Revd R. A. Irving

IX Revd R. D. C. Cole

X Miss D. J. Biggs

XI Revd J. Weller

XII Mrs E. M. Steel

together with the Chairmen of Committees within the Department and the Revd Dr N. Goodall and Mrs A. G. MacLeod.

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Chairman: Revd Professor M. H. Cressey—1978

Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd D. J. D. Baker
Revd G. E. Beck
Revd P. S. Chesney
Revd D. P. C. Geddes

Miss E. M. Gooding
Revd G. Hewitt
Revd Dr J. Huxtable
Revd D. Marsden

Mrs J. Parker
Mrs E. M. Steel
Revd R. Whitehead

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Chairman: Mr J. E. M. Gilbey—1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd R. R. Bance
Revd D. Batchelor
Mrs M. O. Berridge
Miss D. J. Biggs

Miss V. A. Collins
Revd Doris Leyshon
Mr F. P. Long
Revd A. Porter

Revd B. Tettey
Revd S. M. Thornton
Revd S. Wilton

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman: Revd Principal A. G. MacLeod—1977

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd Dr H. D. Beeby
Revd P. Chave
Mrs O. Darke

Mr B. Evans
Revd Florence Frost-Mee
Revd Professor J. H. Hick

Revd R. H. Lewis
Revd Dr L. Newbigin
Revd I. 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	VII	Mr C. George
II	Revd A. Hodgson	VIII	
III	Revd H. Starr	IX	Revd S. Haine
IV		X	Revd G. J. Tate
V	Revd D. Morris	XI	Revd D. Forrester
VI	Mrs J. Loveitt	XII	Revd D. T. Francis

together with Revds A. J. Addy, P. Brain, Mr P. J. Bunker, Mr R. Clarke, Revd D. V. Clarke, Mr R. Hine, Revds E. F. Jones, R. W. H. Jones, Dr Alwin Latham, Professor R. W. Steel.

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	VII	Mr M. Foster Taylor
II	Mr G. Butterworth	VIII	Mr P. Hamblin
III	Mr M. Emlyn	IX	Mr N. W. Prattent
IV	Mr J. E. M. Gilbey	X	Mr R. S. Martin
V	Mr F. Cooper Watson	XI	Mrs C. M. Dickerson
VI	Mr H. E. Greening	XII	Miss M. Jones

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

TREASURERSHIP

Chairman: Mr J. E. Hooper—1981

Secretary: The Chief Accountant

Mr F. H. Bennett	Mr J. A. Cumming	Mr L. Macro
Mr F. H. Brooman	Mr J. D. Green	Mr K. W. Thorndyke
Mr G. Burwood	Mr T. W. Macdonald	Sir Alan Wilson
Sir Sydney Caffyn	Mr R. S. Martin	

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Chairman: Revd J. White—1977

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mr F. H. Bennett	Mr J. R. Gow	Revd T. Russell
Miss D. J. Biggs	Mr K. L. G. Hales	Revd W. J. Samuel
Mr A. S. Chapman	Revd K. Hendry	Mr A. D. Thomas
Revd A. Evans	Revd W. Hughes Edwards	Revd P. E. Wadey
Mr J. E. M. Gilbey	Mr G. McOnie	Mr J. McVitie

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman: Revd D. A. Smith—1982

Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd J. Hislop	Mrs A. Selwyn Roberts	Revd L. A. Stringer
Mr K. E. G. Paddon	Revd B. Reita Searle	

UNIFIED APPEAL

Chairman: Mr G. Vaughan Davies—1979

Secretary: Mr J. W. Paterson—1977

Revd N. J. W. Appleton
Mr C. Beety
Mrs M. Byatt
Mr A. S. Chapman

Mr M. B. S. Emlyn
Revd L. A. Fleming
Mr B. W. Flynn

Revd S. O. Jones
Revd J. Ticehurst
Mrs M. Wildgoose

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW AREAS AND CARE OF EXISTING CHURCH BUILDINGS

Chairman: Revd R. G. Walker—1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd J. L. Armour
Mr C. Bacon
Mr F. Cooper-Watson
Mr W. C. Hammond

Mrs M. Herbert
Revd W. Hicks
Mr R. N. Houston
Revd A. C. Mellor

Mr M. Foster Taylor
(Property Consultant)
Revd H. Wickham
Revd J. H. Williams

OTHER COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

Chairman: The Moderator of the General Assembly

Four representatives from each Province, including the Moderators, and two persons appointed by each of the four Departments (other than the Chairman and Secretaries).

Members ex officio. The Moderator-elect of the General Assembly, the immediate past Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Treasurer, the Legal Advisers, the Chairmen of the Business, Applications and Nominations Committees, the Chairmen and Secretaries of the four Departments, the Secretary of the Nominations and Business Committees.

BUSINESS

Chairman: Revd H. S. Ross—1978

Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-Elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Treasurer, the Chairmen of the four Departments and the Chairmen of the Nominations and Applications Committees.

APPLICATIONS

Chairman: Revd H. M. Springbett—1979

Secretary: The General Secretary

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

NOMINATIONS

Chairman: Revd A. J. G. Walker—1979

Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

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

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Chairman: Revd R. T. Brooks—1977
Secretary: Mr Percy W. Bush

Revd D. W. Ager	Revd Dr R. Duce	Mrs. M. Schofield
Revd E. A. Banyard	Revd T. C. Micklem	Mrs. J. Loveitt
Mr R. Caffyn	Mrs P. Pavitt	Mr T. Ian M. Smith
Revd T. A. Chadwick	Revd C. E. C. Richards	

together with the Departmental Secretaries *ex officio*s.

Editorial Advisory Board

Revs Daphne Hull and E. A. Banyard—1977
Revd T. C. Micklem (Chairman) and Miss D. J. Biggs—1978
Revs P. Nash and Kathryn M. Chegwin—1979

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Chairman: Mr R. S. Martin
Secretary: Revd C. K. Meachin

Revs D. Bale	Revd D. C. M. Gardner	Mr L. R. Palmer
Revd Stella Beare	Mr J. E. M. Gilbey	Revd G. Tillison
Revd M. J. Davies	Revd E. F. Jones	

DEPLOYMENT

Chairman: Revd P. McCall
Secretary: Revd J. N. Beard

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THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1975

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THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1975

NOTES

1. Under the provisions of the United Reformed Church Act 1972 both the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England were dissolved on the 5th October, 1972 (the date of formation). On and from that date the assets of the former Congregational Church apart from those held for the Congregational Ministers' Pension, Congregational Pastors' Superannuation and Congregational Pastors' Widows' Funds are held as far as circumstances permit on the same trusts as before the date of formation but extended to include the purposes of the United Reformed Church until the coming into force of a scheme under Section 13 of the Act dividing the assets between the United Reformed Church and the Non-Uniting Churches. As in previous years the consequences of this division have not been anticipated in these Accounts except for income received since the date of formation as mentioned below. 18.2% of the net assets of the former Congregational Church as at 5th October 1972, excepting those held for the above mentioned funds, are apportionable. It is estimated that about 150,000 Common Investment Fund Units and £77,000 in cash will be made over to Non-Uniting Churches in settlement of this liability.

It is expected that the basis for this division under the scheme of allocation to be made by the Charity Commissioners will be that wherever possible the assets will be divided in specie (together with income received therefrom since the date of formation) with a cash settlement where division in specie is not possible for any property retained in excess of the United Reformed Church entitlement.

If this basis is adopted the assets to be handed over to the Non-Uniting Churches will be eliminated from the Balance Sheet at their book values and a liability provided for any excess property retained, with equivalent reduction in the amount of the related ex Congregational Church in England and Wales Capital and Funds for which the assets are held.

Amounts of dividends from the Common Investment Fund and interest have been reduced by the amount of these dividends and interest due to Non-Uniting Churches, which have been included in sundry creditors in so far as they have not been paid over at 31st December 1975.

2. Legacies received in the year have been credited direct to Accumulated Funds, as have the balances on Legacy Equalisation Funds as at 1st January 1975.
3. The treatment of the Church's Investment in the Tavistock Bookshop has been changed in that the net assets of the Bookshop have been included in the Balance Sheet in place of the sum of £14,000 shown previously. The difference of £1,558 has been credited to the Accumulated Fund.
4. A number of Funds have been brought together to form an Accumulated Fund—details are shown on page 38 of the Accounts.
5. Depreciation has been provided on the cost of fixed assets at various rates so as to write-off their cost over their expected useful life. No provision has been made for depreciation on properties.
6. Westminster College buildings and contents and sundry other property are not included in the Balance Sheet on page 40.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1975

1974		1975
£		£
539,330	Proceeds of Unified Appeal and Appeal for Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	586,440
	Other Income	
4,000	Tavistock Bookshop Profit	10,574
—	URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	1,522
35,560	Dividends and Interest	29,154
19,613	Sundry Income	4,941
<u>598,503</u>		<u>632,631</u>
	General Allocations	
	Overseas Missions	284,000
288,758	Less Sums specifically received	<u>9,687</u> 274,313
12,500	Church Extension	3,000
10,000	Westminster College	10,000
75,000	Maintenance of the Ministry	77,125
17,500	Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund	17,334
	Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows' Sup- plementary Fund	9,000
12,404	Welfare and Emergencies	10,000
9,000		
<u>425,162</u>		<u>400,772</u>
	Department Costs	
		<i>Costs</i> <i>Income</i> <i>Net</i>
22,661	General Secretary, Staff, Expenses	17,402 677 16,725
8,937	Assembly costs	11,157 — 11,157
35,115	Moderators	45,360 7,474 37,886
5,678	Grants	11,833 807 11,026
26,995	Church Life Department General	31,170 6,716 24,454
8,755	Deaconess	9,953 250 9,703
3,654	Youth	13,777 2,232 11,545
5,561	World Church and Mission Department	10,989 3,453 7,536
6,387	Church and Society Department	7,081 292 6,789
	Finance and Administration Department	
16,401	General	43,168 7,726 35,442
9,606	Legal and Professional costs	17,566 — 17,566
15,338	General Office costs	29,847 810 29,037
8,881	Publications, Printing and Stationery	17,351 6,718 10,633
1,530	Information Service	1,412 — 1,412
<u>175,499</u>		<u>268,066</u> <u>37,155</u> <u>230,911</u>
600,661	Total Expenditure	631,683
<u>£(2,158)</u>	Net Surplus in year carried to Accumulated Fund	<u>£948</u>

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DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1975

	Balance 1st January 1975	Net Income	Net Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31st Dec. 1975
CAPITAL FUNDS					
Central Administration	321,084				
Profit on sale of house		5,839			326,923
Social Responsibility	1,007				1,007
Training and Mission	607				607
	<u>322,698</u>	<u>5,839</u>			<u>328,537</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS					
Home Churches	2,397				2,397
Maintenance of the Ministry	16,822				
Motor Car Grants			1,527		15,295
Training and Mission	492				492
Church Relations	80				80
Central Administration	89				89
Retirement Housing		7,176			7,176
	<u>19,880</u>	<u>7,176</u>	<u>1,527</u>		<u>25,529</u>
UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS					
Legacies Equalisation					
Home Churches	24,043				
Central Administration	20,663				
	<u>44,706</u>				<u>44,706</u>
Accumulated Funds					
Home Churches	36,584				36,584
Interest not dealt with in 1974 Accounts				10,059	10,059
Property depreciation written back		3,030			3,030
Net excess of assets over liabilities of Tavistock Bookshop		1,558			1,558
Interest on value of assets to be allocated to Non Uniting Churches Accrued to 31st December 1974			11,200		(11,200)
	<u>81,290</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>11,200</u>	<u>10,059</u>	<u>84,737</u>
Legacies received in year		31,436			31,436
Net Surplus in year		948			948
	<u>81,290</u>	<u>36,972</u>	<u>11,200</u>	<u>10,059</u>	<u>117,121</u>

Year to 31st December 1975

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUNDS

1974		1975	
Congregational	Presbyterian	Congregational	Presbyterian
57,185	53,986	73,637	84,481
Balance at 1st January 1975			
29,468	519	19,064	618
75,000	—	77,125	—
Add C.I.F./Pool Dividends			
—	778	—	255
Allocation from Unified Appeal			
—	2,165	1,015	2,580
Endowment Income			
—	374,686	—	396,592
Assessments on Congregations			
—	5,000	—	—
General Interest			
—	—	—	33,310
Legacies			
<u>161,653</u>	<u>437,134</u>	<u>170,841</u>	<u>517,836</u>
Deduct Grants Paid			
88,016	—	112,863	—
Salaries etc. Paid			
—	332,653	—	376,864
Contribution to Office costs			
—	7,500	—	—
Contribution to M.W.O. Pension Fund			
—	12,500	—	12,500
<u>£73,637</u>	<u>£84,481</u>	<u>£57,978</u>	<u>£128,472</u>
Balance at 31st December 1975			

Movement in Funds — Year to December 31st 1975

ex P.C.E.

	Maintenance of the Ministry	Home Church	Overseas Mission	Church Extension	Christian Approach to Jews	Inter Church Relations	College	Youth	Womens Missionary Association	Womens Home Church	Sundry Assembly Funds	Trust Funds	Total
Balance at January 1st 1975													
General Funds	—	—	35,312	—	12,170	—	11,028	13,563	26,058	10,543	2,559	—	111,233
Funds for Special Objects	—	103,619	47,866	175,390	15,185	1,876	29,393	1,306	9,132	—	257,947	—	641,714
General Endowment Funds	18,977	6,290	20,851	—	—	—	97,570	—	6,361	—	—	—	150,049
Endowment Fund Special Objects	—	3,849	11,845	—	—	—	67,238	—	2,329	1,191	—	79,278	165,730
	18,977	113,758	115,874	175,390	27,355	1,876	205,229	14,869	43,880	11,734	260,506	79,278	1,068,726
Add Legacies			1,288	250					3,100				4,638
Allocation from Unified Appeal				3,000			10,000						13,000
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1,804	2,635	18,937	2,633	10	2,578	10	1,268	296	12,152	1,614	43,937
Transfer from other Funds											10,478		10,478
	18,977	115,562	119,797	197,577	29,988	1,886	217,807	14,879	48,248	12,030	283,136	80,892	1,140,779
Less Excess of Payments over Receipts		476	7,250			147	14,259			31	10,297	477	32,937
Loss on Sale of Investments											722		722
Transfer to Other Funds											10,059		10,059
	18,977	115,086	112,547	197,577	29,988	1,739	203,548	14,879	48,248	11,999	262,058	80,415	1,097,061
Balance at December 31st 1975													
General Funds	—	—	32,344	—	14,803	—	9,992	13,563	29,500	10,839	—	—	111,041
Funds for Special Objects	—	104,554	46,438	197,577	15,185	1,739	29,558	1,316	9,863	—	262,058	—	668,288
General Endowment Funds	18,977	6,290	20,851	—	—	—	97,570	—	6,361	—	—	—	150,049
Endowment Funds for Special Objects	—	4,242	12,914	—	—	—	66,428	—	2,524	1,160	—	80,415	167,683
	18,977	115,086	112,547	197,577	29,988	1,739	203,548	14,879	48,248	11,999	262,058	80,415	1,097,061

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CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
322,698	Capital Funds Page 38	328,537
19,880	Special Funds Page 38	25,529
81,290	Unexpended Income Funds Page 38	117,121
84,481	Maintenance of the Ministry Funds (Presbyterian) ... Page 38	128,472
73,637	(Congregational) ... Page 38	57,978
<u>1,068,726</u>	Ex Presbyterian Funds—yet to be classified ... Page 39	<u>1,097,061</u>
<u>£1,650,712</u>		<u>£1,754,698</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Fixed Assets		
67,460	Church House at cost	67,460
203,980	Freehold Houses at cost	201,737
10,150	Leasehold House at cost	10,150
	Motor Cars, Furniture and Equipment at cost... ..	42,293
<u>26,214</u>	Less Sums written off	<u>15,825</u>
307,804		305,815
Quoted Investments—at cost Market Value		
325,259	Common Investment Fund	£281,904 325,648
539,130	Investment Pool	£525,022 539,130
23,636	Other Quoted Investments	£31,454 28,420
		<u>£838,380</u> £893,198
Unquoted Investments—at cost		
2,500	URC Insurance Ltd.	2,500
Loans and Advances		
83,182	Churches	76,124
6,715	Ministers	5,326
14,000	Net Assets of Tavistock Bookshop	32,610
Current Assets		
90,045	Sundry Debtors	333,234
1,124,895	Cash at Bank, on call, and short term deposit	1,096,143
		1,429,377
(177,921)	Less Sundry Creditors	190,982
	Balances held for Provinces and Congregations	799,270
<u>(688,533)</u>		<u>990,252</u> 439,125
<u>£1,650,712</u>		<u>£1,754,698</u>

COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 Units	£
	CAPITAL at 1st January 1975 ...	1,630,682	1,707,506
	Units issued in year ...	44,845	41,143
	Profit on sale of investments ...	—	911
1,707,506	Capital 'at 31st December 1975 ...	1,675,527	1,749,560
	Special Reserve Fund ...		
	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	9,623	
9,623	Underwriting commission received ...	1,618	11,241
1,724	Unexpended income ...		—
£1,718,853		£1,760,801	
	REPRESENTED BY:		
1,705,859	Investment at cost		1,759,353
	(Market Value £1,542,367) ...		
22,025	Income Tax Recoverable ...	14,994	
(9,031)	Balance with Bankers ...	(13,546)	1,448
£1,718,853		£1,760,801	

The number of units in issue at 31st December 1975 was 1,675,527

Valued as follows

1,030,752	Market Value of investment £1,542,367	
11,188	Uninvested cash	1,448
£1,041,940		£1,543,815

(1974 £0.63896) £0.92139 each

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

123,399	Dividends and interest received (including balance brought forward) ...	159,565
	Less Distributions made in the year	
	1,630,682 Units at £0.0973 ...	158,671
	32,751 Units at £0.0273 ...	894
121,675	12,094 Units at nil ...	—
£1,724	Balance carried forward ...	£ —

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 Units	£
	CAPITAL AT 13th December 1974 ...	554,969	396,525
	Write up value of investments at 13th December 1974 to cost ...	—	327,577
	Profit on sale of investments ...	—	42
396,525		554,969	724,144
	Special Reserve Fund:		
	Underwriting commission received ...		158
—	Unexpended income ...		—
51			—
£396,576			£724,302
	REPRESENTED BY:		
359,653	Investment at cost		722,051
	(Market Value £588,818) ...		
8,332	Income Tax recoverable ...		5,835
28,591	Balance with Bankers ...	(3,584)	2,251
£396,576			£724,302

Note The accounts have been prepared to 31st Dec. 1975, (13th Dec. 1974) and the investments have been included in the Balance Sheet at cost (1974 Market Value).

The number of units in issue at 31st December 1975 was 554,969 valued as follows.

359,653	Investments	£588,818
36,872	Uninvested cash	2,251
£396,525		£591,069

(1974 £0.7145) £1.065 each

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st December 1975

51,441	Dividends and interest received (including balance brought forward) ...	61,257
51,390	Less Distribution made in the year (£0.0926) 554,969 Units at £0.1104 ...	61,257
£51	Balance carried forward — unexpended income ...	£ —

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RETIRED MINISTERS' AID FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975	
£		£	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
46,912	Balance at 1st January 1975	53,197	
<u>6,285</u>	Add Net surplus for year	<u>10,121</u>	
53,197		63,318	
—	Less Loss on sale of investments	<u>8</u>	63,310
ENDOWMENT FUNDS			
30,250	Balance at 1st January 1975	31,250	
<u>1,000</u>	Amount received in year	<u>1,000</u>	32,250
<u>£84,447</u>		<u>£95,560</u>	
REPRESENTED BY:			
74,063	Investments at cost	71,455	
	(M.V. 1974: £47,168)		
	1975: £70,272)		
10,251	Balance with Bankers	24,126	
133	Debtors	—	
		24,126	
—	Creditors	<u>21</u>	<u>24,105</u>
<u>£84,447</u>		<u>£95,560</u>	

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

	Dividends and Interest		
2,687	General Fund Investments	3,623	
<u>3,565</u>	Endowment Fund Investments	<u>2,997</u>	
6,252		6,620	
—	General Interest	<u>850</u>	7,470
—	Receipts from Trusts		1,166
7,620	Allocation from Unified Appeal		8,000
711	Donations		160
<u>185</u>	Legacies	<u>1,500</u>	
14,768			18,296
(918)	Less Grants	1,178	
<u>(7,565)</u>	Allocation to Pension Fund	<u>6,997</u>	8,175
<u>£6,285</u>	Surplus for year	<u>£10,121</u>	

WIDOWS' SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975	
£		£	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
4,595	Balance at 1st January 1975	7,595	
<u>3,000</u>	Add Net surplus for year	<u>714</u>	8,309
<u>£7,595</u>		<u>£8,309</u>	
REPRESENTED BY:			
4,058	Investment at cost	4,058	
	(M.V. 1974: £2501)		
	1975: £3729)		
<u>3,537</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>4,251</u>	
<u>£7,595</u>		<u>£8,309</u>	

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

324	Dividends		386
—	General Interest		250
4,784	Allocation from Unified Appeal		1,000
294	Donations		98
<u>85</u>	Legacies	<u>1,000</u>	
5,487			2,734
2,487	Less Grants		2,020
<u>£3,000</u>	Surplus for year	<u>£714</u>	

PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
291,478	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	291,478
ACCUMULATED FUND		
6,767	Balance at 1st January 1975	11,879
4,021	Legacies Equalisation Fund Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	4,021
5,112	Legacies received in year ...	3,398
	Net surplus in year ...	10,948
<u>£307,378</u>		<u>£321,724</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
296,542	324,620 C.I.F. Units (M.V. 1974: £199,196 ... 1975: £299,102) ...	308,342
37	Debtors ...	13
10,799	Balance with Bankers ...	13,369
<u>£307,378</u>		<u>£321,724</u>

**Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1975.**

21,557	Dividends from Common Investment Fund Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will	30,775
1,873	Trusts ...	2,277
1,523	Other Income ...	245
24,953		33,297
(19,461)	Less Grants ...	22,349
(380)	Administration ...	—
<u>£5,112</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£10,948</u>

PASTORS' WIDOWS FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
158,302	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	158,302
ACCUMULATED FUND		
25,140	Balance at 1st January 1975	25,790
11,730	Legacies Equalisation Fund Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	11,730
—	Legacies received in year ...	3,016
650	Net surplus in year ...	3,122
<u>£195,822</u>		<u>£201,960</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
174,544	207,428 C.I.F. Units (M.V. 1974: £117,339 ... 1975: £191,122) ...	196,344
21,250	Balance with Bankers ...	5,595
28	Debtor... ...	21
<u>£195,822</u>		<u>£201,960</u>

**Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1975**

12,365	Dividends from Common Investment Fund Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will	18,608
1,873	Trusts ...	2,277
3,150	Other Income ...	985
17,388		21,870
(16,736)	Less Grants ...	18,746
(2)	Administration ...	2
<u>£650</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£3,122</u>

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
922,308	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	959,002
<u>46,841</u>	Add Net surplus for year ...	<u>44,594</u>
969,149		1,003,596
<u>10,147</u>	Less Loss on sale of investments ...	<u>6,502</u>
959,002		997,094
ENDOWMENT FUND		
<u>5,359</u>	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	<u>5,359</u>
<u>£964,361</u>		<u>£1,002,453</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
830,972	Investments at cost ...	952,171
	(M.V. 1974: £457,050 ...)	
	1975: £831,115) ...	
119,684	Balance with Bankers ...	38,491
<u>13,915</u>	Debtors ...	<u>12,096</u>
		50,587
(210)	Less Creditors ...	<u>305</u>
<u>£964,361</u>		<u>£1,002,453</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

Dividends and Interest			
61,323	General Investments ...	77,560	
<u>327</u>	Endowment Fund Investments ...	<u>327</u>	
61,650		77,887	
7,775	General Interest ...	6,975	84,862
29,952	Premiums ...		34,696
Contributions from Maintenance of the			
12,500	Ministry Fund ...		12,500
7,565	Allocation from Retired Ministers' Aid Fund ...		6,997
214	Donations ...		518
<u>2,309</u>	Legacies ...		<u>894</u>
121,965			140,467
(63,573)	Less Pensions ...	82,932	
(9,051)	Refunded Contributions ...	10,441	
<u>(2,500)</u>	Office charges ...	<u>2,500</u>	95,873
<u>£46,841</u>	Surplus for year ...		<u>£44,594</u>

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
299,427	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	524,039
224,612	Surplus in year to date ...	106,119
—	Less Loss on sale of investments ...	<u>1,590</u>
<u>£524,039</u>		<u>£628,568</u>
	REPRESENTED BY	
206,868	Investments at cost ...	456,671
	(M.V. 1975: £388,508) ...	
315,565	Balance with Bankers ...	175,975
1,869	Debtors ...	<u>88</u>
		176,063
(263)	Creditors ...	<u>4,166</u>
<u>£524,039</u>		<u>£628,568</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975.

23,105	Dividends and Interest ...	49,618
71,986	Contributions: Ministers and Churches ...	76,618
17,500	Central Church Funds ...	<u>17,334</u>
142,406	Transfer values received	—
254,997		143,570
(28,889)	Less Pensions Paid ...	34,648
	Premium refunds to members on	
(1,283)	Withdrawal ...	1,662
	Transfer value paid on withdrawal ...	<u>692</u>
		37,002
(213)	Management expenses ...	<u>449</u>
<u>£224,612</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£106,119</u>

The Presbyterian Ministers', Widows' and Orphans Pension Fund and the Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund were valued actuarially as at 31st December 1973. Subsequently an estimate was prepared as to what the results of an actuarial review as at 31st December 1973 would have looked like if the two Funds were combined.

On the assumption that:

- (i) the total future contribution rate would be 12 ½ %.
 - (ii) the special contribution from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of £10,000 per annum was continued to the 31st December 1993;
 - (iii) the contribution of £4,000 per annum from the Retired Ministers' Aid Fund was continued to the 31st December 1985;
 - (iv) the income from the Retired Ministers' Aid Fund (Trust Funds) was transferred to the combined Fund (£2,200 per annum on average) each year until 31st December 2003;
 - (v) £20,000 could be transferred from another source;
- the value of the combined liabilities would be very close to that of the combined assets. In arriving at this estimate, account has been taken of the possible effect of inflation on future stipends.

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STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
45,942	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	46,746
343	Surplus in year ...	415
461	Profit on Sale of Investments ...	—
<u>£46,746</u>		<u>£47,161</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

47,477	Investments at cost ...	47,477
	(M.V. 1974: £28,996 ...	
	1975: £51,067 ...	
521	Debtor ...	1,935
(1,252)	Balance with Bankers ...	(2,251)
<u>£46,746</u>		<u>£47,161</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1975.

3,719	Dividends from Investments ...	4,073
978	Contributions ...	897
4,697		4,970
(4,043)	Pension Payments ...	4,495
(47)	Reinsured Life Insurance ...	60
(124)	Premiums paid on withdrawal ...	—
(140)	Professional fees ...	4,555
<u>£343</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£415</u>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
107,152	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	100,882
(5,844)	Deficit in year to date ...	5,129
(426)	Loss on investment realised ...	5,129
		<u>95,753</u>
	REVENUE RESERVE	
2,500	Management Fund Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	2,500
<u>£103,382</u>		<u>£98,253</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

118,776	Investments at cost ...	118,565
	(M.V. 1974: £67,376 ...	
	1975: £95,143) ...	
(16,625)	Balance with Bankers ...	(20,331)
1,231	Sundry Debtor ...	19
<u>£103,382</u>		<u>£98,253</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

1,500	Allocation from Home Churches Fund ...	1,500
9,050	Interest on Investments (Gross) ...	9,036
2,170	Premiums ...	1,924
<u>12,720</u>		<u>12,460</u>
17,367	Less Annuities Paid ...	17,586
1,039	Premiums refunded ...	—
158	Administration Costs ...	3
<u>18,564</u>		<u>17,589</u>
<u>£5,844</u>	Deficit for year ...	<u>£5,129</u>

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CENTRAL FUND FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
270,200	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	270,200
8,344	Less Allocation to Non Uniting Churches ...	—
<u>261,856</u>		<u>270,200</u>
REVENUE RESERVES		
Contingencies Funds		
12,847	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	12,847
336	Special Emergency Fund Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	336
<u>£275,039</u>		<u>£283,383</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
283,164	282,936 C.I.F. Units (M.V. 1974 £180,793 1975 £260,694) ...	283,164
(8,125)	Balance with Bankers ...	219
<u>£275,039</u>		<u>£283,383</u>
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975		
22,069	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units ...	22,197
—	Less Allocation to Non Uniting Churches relating to income in prior years ...	8,344
<u>£22,069</u>		<u>£13,853</u>
	Sum transferred to Maintenance of Ministry Fund ...	<u>£13,853</u>

CHURCH AID FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
61,046	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	61,046
2,081	Less Allocation to Non Uniting Churches ...	—
<u>58,965</u>		<u>61,046</u>
REVENUE RESERVES		
Accumulated Fund:		
1,918	Balance of Legacies Equalisation Fund 1st January 1975 ...	1,918
—	Legacies in year ...	86
<u>7,386</u>		<u>2,004</u>
	Contingencies Fund ...	<u>7,386</u>
<u>£68,269</u>		<u>£70,436</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
71,347	70,303 C.I.F. Units (M.V. 1974: £44,921 1975: £65,145) ...	71,347
(3,078)	Balance with Bankers ...	(911)
<u>£68,269</u>		<u>£70,436</u>
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975		
5,515	Dividends from C.I.F. Units ...	5,565
—	Less Allocation to Non Uniting Churches relating to income in prior years ...	2,081
5,515		3,484
<u>499</u>	Legacy Equalisation ...	<u>—</u>
<u>£6,014</u>		<u>£3,484</u>
	Sum transferred to Maintenance of the Ministry Fund ...	<u>£3,484</u>

CHURCH BUILDING FUND (INCORPORATING THE ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY)

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
105,303	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	105,303
	Less Allocated to Non Uniting Churches ...	—
<u>1,585</u>		<u>—</u>
103,718		105,303
ACCUMULATED ACCOUNT		
	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	25,880
	Less Allocation of income arising before 1st January 1974 to Non Uniting Churches ...	<u>1,585</u>
		24,295
	Provision no longer required ...	2,250
<u>25,880</u>	Surplus in year to date ...	<u>6,534</u>
		33,079
<u>£129,598</u>		<u>£138,382</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
15,439	Freehold Ground Rents at cost ...	15,439
38,247	38,201 C.I.F. Units ...	38,247
	(M.V. 1974: £24,401 ...	
	1975: £35,202) ...	
20,202	Quoted Investments ...	<u>20,202</u>
	(M.V. 1974: £16,991 ...	
	1975: £18,000)	73,888
59,145	Loans to Churches ...	67,340
479	Debtors ...	986
(1,664)	Balance with Bankers ...	(3,832)
<u>(2,250)</u>	Provisions ...	<u>—</u>
		(2,846)
<u>£129,598</u>		<u>£138,382</u>
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975		
	Dividends on Common Investment Fund	
2,980	Units ...	2,997
2,083	Interest on other investments ...	1,162
1,918	Loan Interest ...	840
3,049	Rents and Ground Rents ...	4,289
500	Other income ...	<u>2,462</u>
(1,310)	Allocation to Non Uniting Churches ...	11,750
<u>(11,350)</u>	Less Grants to Churches ...	<u>—</u>
		5,216
<u>(£2,130)</u>	Surplus (deficit) for year ...	<u>£6,534</u>

WELFARE FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
300	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	300
	Less Allocated to Non Uniting	—
<u>31</u>	Churches ...	<u>—</u>
269		300
	REVENUE RESERVE	
499	Legacy Equalisation Fund ...	—
	Accumulated Fund	
622	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	4,026
	Less Allocation of income	
	arising before 1st January	
	1974 to Non Uniting	
	Churches ...	<u>31</u>
	Balance of Legacy Equalisation	3,995
	Fund at 1st January 1975 ...	499
<u>3,404</u>	Surplus in year to date ...	<u>4,898</u>
<u>£4,794</u>		<u>£9,692</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
2,000	2,000 C.I.F. Units at cost	2,000
	(M.V. 1974: £1,278 ...	
	1975: £1,843)	
—	£250 War Loan at valuation ...	50
	(Market Value 31/12/75 £61)	
17	Debtors ...	33
<u>2,777</u>	Balance with Bankers ...	<u>7,609</u>
<u>£4,794</u>		<u>£9,692</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

	Dividends on Common Investment Fund	
156	Units ...	158
4	Other Interest ...	208
1,677	Donations ...	1,990
94	Legacy Equalisation Fund ...	—
<u>9,000</u>	Allocation from Central Funds ...	<u>10,000</u>
10,931		12,356
<u>27</u>	Less Allocated to Non Uniting Churches	<u>—</u>
10,904		12,356
(7,465)	Less Grants ...	7,458
<u>(35)</u>	Administration Expenses ...	<u>—</u>
<u>£3,404</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£4,898</u>

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ARTHUR CLEGG BOWDLER FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
25,274	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	25,274
	Less Allocated to Non Uniting Churches ...	—
<u>858</u>		<u>—</u>
24,416		25,274
	CAPITAL RESERVE	
14,649	Special Fund, Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	14,649
	REVENUE RESERVE	
25,187	Accumulated Fund ...	
	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	27,112
	Less Allocation of income arising before 1st January 1974 to Non Uniting Churches ...	<u>858</u>
		26,254
	Creditor at 31st December 1973 written back ...	838
<u>1,925</u>	Surplus in year to date ...	<u>3,721</u>
<u>£66,177</u>		<u>£70,736</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
54,254	54,151 C.I.F. Units at cost (M.V. 1974: £34,600 ... 1975: £49,894) ...	54,254
12,761 (838)	Balance with Bankers ...	16,482
	Creditors ...	—
<u>£66,177</u>		<u>£70,736</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units ...	4,248
<u>—</u>	Sundry income ...	<u>843</u>
3,485		5,091
<u>1,560</u>	Less Grants paid ...	<u>1,370</u>
<u>£1,925</u>	Surplus for year ...	<u>£3,721</u>

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HOME FOR RETIRED MINISTERS (FEN PLACE)

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974		1975
£		£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
63,919	Balance at 1st January 1975 ...	63,919
REVENUE RESERVES:		
5,000	Special Legacy—Balance 1st Jan. 75	5,000
	Accumulated Fund:	
	Balance at 1st January 75	3,316
	Legacies received	1,194
	Provision not now required	<u>512</u>
		5,022
	Less Deficit in year	
	to date	<u>3,341</u>
<u>3,316</u>		<u>1,681</u>
<u>£72,235</u>		<u>£70,600</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
60,465	Freehold property at cost ...	60,465
5,965	Furniture and Equipment at cost ...	5,965
<u>(4,200)</u>	Less Depreciation to date ...	<u>4,400</u>
		1,565
62,230		62,030
7,307	5,604 C.I.F. Units at cost	7,307
	(M.V.: 1974: £3,581 ...)	
	1975: £5,163) ...	
1,135	Debtors and Payments in advance ...	21
2,575	Balance with Bankers ...	<u>2,174</u>
		9,502
<u>(1,012)</u>	Less Sundry creditors ...	<u>932</u>
<u>£72,235</u>		<u>£70,600</u>

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st December 1975**

13,707	Rents ...	16,514
473	Visitors ...	755
740	Garden Party ...	750
2,342	Dividends and Interest ...	2,608
<u>1,205</u>	Other Income ...	<u>1,576</u>
		22,203
18,467		
(7,176)	Less Staff Salaries ...	9,259
(4,830)	Provisions and Laundry ...	5,798
(2,034)	Maintenance ...	3,590
	Rates, Lighting, Heating and	
(3,938)	Insurance ...	6,134
<u>(693)</u>	Sundry Expenses ...	<u>763</u>
		25,544
<u>£204</u>	Deficit for year ...	<u>£3,341</u>

TAVISTOCK BOOKSHOP

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1975

1974 £		1975 £
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
28,085	Balance at 1st January 1975	26,036
<u>1,951</u>	Net Profit in year to date	<u>10,574</u>
30,036		36,610
<u>4,000</u>	Less Sums withdrawn	<u>4,000</u>
<u>£26,036</u>		<u>£32,610</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
3,115	Furniture, Fittings and Equipment at cost	3,115
<u>1,293</u>	Less Depreciation	<u>1,475</u>
1,822		1,640
17,525	Stock at lower of cost or market value	19,860
7,239	Debtors	10,721
46	Cash in hand	25
2,885	Balance at Bank—current account	9,577
<u>5,000</u>	Balance at Bank—deposit account	<u>7,000</u>
34,517		47,183
<u>8,481</u>	Less Creditors	<u>16,213</u>
<u>£26,036</u>		<u>£32,610</u>

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1975

60,526	Sales	100,724
(59,967)	Stock and Purchases	89,276
<u>18,649</u>	Less Closing stock	<u>20,985</u>
19,208	Gross Trading Profit	32,433
(11,422)	Less Salaries and Wages	13,909
(2,374)	Carriage and Postage	4,725
(203)	Depreciation	183
<u>(3,733)</u>	Other expenses, including rent, advertising, audit etc.	<u>3,407</u>
1,476		10,209
<u>475</u>	Interest received	<u>365</u>
<u>£1,951</u>	Net Profit	<u>£10,574</u>

L. PALMER, Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Accounts for the year to the 31st December 1975

We have examined the balance sheets of the foregoing funds of the United Reformed Church together with the notes thereon, set out on pages 37 to 52.

As explained in note 1, certain assets, the final amount of which has yet to be determined, will pass to the Non-Uniting Churches.

Subject to this reservation in our opinion such balance sheets are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of these funds and are in accordance with the information and explanations given to us and with the books of account.

186 City Road,
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May 1976

ROBSON RHODES
Chartered Accountants

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**LEGACIES RECEIVED—YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 1975**

1. CENTRAL ACTIVITIES Page 38

The late K. I. Davies	229
„ G. M. Gerrard	3,453
„ J. J. Ritchie	186
„ A. Niven White	919
„ Miss E. Champ	100
„ A. M. Beer	16,000
„ Miss A. M. Mannering	53
„ G. H. Wills	200
„ A. D. Ball	4,146
„ E. Mitchell	3
„ Miss A. M. Wills	12
„ H. Morgan Ford	48
„ C. M. Fox	987
„ F. G. Chisholm	100
„ J. G. Payton*	5,000

*Donation in place of legacy.

£31,436

2. OVERSEAS MISSION Page 39

Gift Miss McLeod	<u>£1,288</u>
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3. CHURCH EXTENSION Page 39

The late L. M. Lea	<u>£250</u>
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4. WOMENS MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

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The late Helen Macgregor	100
„ M. W. D. Paton	3,000
	<u>£3,100</u>

5. MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY Page 38

The late Ernest Wilson	32,935
„ F. J. Bendle	375
	<u>£33,310</u>

6. RETIRED MINISTERS' AID Page 42

The late Mrs. D. B. Cochrane	1,000
„ J. Robinson Dixon	500
	<u>£1,500</u>

7. WIDOWS' SUPPLEMENTARY FUND Page 42

The late Mrs. D. B. Cochrane	<u>£1,000</u>
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**8. MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS
PENSION FUND** Page 44

The late F. J. Bendle	375
„ A. J. Brand	459
„ A. G. Cudlipp	60
	<u>£894</u>

9. PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

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The late J. L. Morgan	567
„ A. G. Almond	1,000
„ H. J. Wainwright	31
„ D. S. Twigg*	1,800
	<u>£3,398</u>

10. PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND Page 43

The late J. L. Morgan	566
„ D. S. Twigg*	1,800
„ Miss E. L. R. Forscutt	150
„ Mrs J. C. Andrews	500
	<u>£3,016</u>

11. CHURCH AID FUND Page 47

The late Arthur Faulkner	<u>£86</u>
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12. FEN PLACE Page 51

The late Mrs J. C. Andrews	500
„ Rev. D. W. Langridge	250
„ Miss K. Berryman	444
	<u>£1,194</u>

TOTAL LEGACIES

£80,472

*Investment held for some time brought to account.

URC ACCOUNTS 1975

PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET 1976—PROPOSED BUDGET 1977

						<i>Actual 1975</i>	<i>Budget 1975</i>	<i>Original Budget 1976</i>	<i>Revised Budget 1976</i>	<i>Budget 1977</i>
DEPARTMENTS	Assembly and Central Services ... ..	...	...	...	...	
	General Secretary, Staff and Expenses	...	...	...	...	16,725	17,419	20,902	17,910	20,500
	Assembly Costs	...	...	...	...	11,157	11,000	13,000	13,000	15,000
	Moderators	...	...	...	...	37,886	34,799	42,360	49,016	56,000
	Professional Fees	...	...	...	...	17,566	10,000	11,400	12,000	13,000
	Grants	...	...	...	...	11,026	94,360	7,000	8,000	11,500
	Church Life Department	...	...	...	...	
	General	...	...	...	...	24,454	} 45,212	54,911	33,258	37,500
	Deaconess	...	...	...	...	9,703				
	Youth	11,545					45,702	10,468	12,000
	World Church & Mission Department	...	...	...	...	
	General	...	...	...	...	7,536	12,524	15,036	11,250	12,700
	Church & Society Department	...	...	...	...	
	General	...	...	...	...	6,789	7,364	8,908	8,908	9,500
	Finance and Administration Department	...	...	...	...	
	General	...	...	...	...	35,442	} 54,288	65,314	45,000	51,000
	Publications and Publicity	...	...	...	...	10,633				
	Information Service	1,412					12,045	19,216	21,800
	General Office Costs	...	...	...	...	29,037	17,600	21,200	31,534	37,600
	Less Maintenance of the Ministry Contribution to Ministerial Staff Salaries	...	...	...	...	230,911	217,206	261,031	272,776	310,400
		...	...	...	...					47,000
		...	...	...	...					263,400
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS		...	...	...	...	
	Overseas Missions	...	...	...	...	284,000	284,000	300,000	300,000	330,000
	(Special Contributions)	...	...	...	...	(9,687)	—	—	(5,000)	(5,000)
	Church Extension	...	...	...	...	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,500
	Westminster College	...	...	...	...	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	—
	Training Fund	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	20,000
	Maintenance of the Ministry	...	...	...	...	77,125	77,125	92,550	92,550	—
	Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund	...	...	...	...	17,334	18,000	20,000	20,000	—
	Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows' Supplementary Fund	...	...	...	...	9,000	9,000	10,000	6,000	6,000
	Welfare and Emergencies	...	...	...	...	10,000	400,772	10,000	13,000	11,000
		...	...	...	...	—	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
CONTINGENCIES		...	...	...	...	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		...	...	...	...	631,683	638,331	731,581	732,326	641,900
UNIFIED APPEAL		...	...	...	...	586,440	575,350	661,950	661,426	600,000
Other Income		...	...	...	...	46,191	65,000	65,000	40,000	40,000
		632,631	640,350	726,950	701,426	640,000
	Surplus	948	2,019			
	Deficit			4,631	30,900	1,900

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