

**The
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
1983**

**23rd-27th May
PARISH CHURCH — ST. PETER'S,
THE DOME,
Brighton**

**RECORD
OF ASSEMBLY**

The United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom
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The RECORD OF ASSEMBLY records many decisions which it is important that the Councils of the Church should note (*) and where appropriate take action (X). This check list may help those responsible to see that they are considered. Most of the resolutions are based on REPORTS TO ASSEMBLY, to which reference should also be made.

	REPORTS page	RECORD page	LOCAL CHURCHES	DISTRICTS	PROVINCES
Theological student reps to Assembly		14		X	X
Ministry to Children	35	15		X	X
Christian Education of new members	35	35 15	X		
Day of Prayer for vocation to ministry	36	17	X		
Nuclear Weapons	74	19	*	*	*
Peace Education	69	20	X		
Guidelines on Dialogue with other Faiths	60	21	X	X	X
Visible Unity	66	21	X	X	
Joint Methodist/ URC Areas	67	23		*	*
Evangelism	61	23	X		
Rural Churches	15, 61	25		*	*
Unemployment	71	26			
Poverty in the UK	74	27	X		
Unified Appeal	76	28	*	*	*
Long Range Policy Group	37	35	X	X	X
URC and the Media	95	35	X		X
Churchmanship in United Churches		36		X	X

RECORD OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in the United Kingdom
1983

FIRST SESSION

At Brighton and within the Parish Church of St Peter on Monday, the twenty-third day of May 1983 at 3 o'clock.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Members of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, being met together for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion at the time and place duly appointed, the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow who, being assisted by her Chaplain, the Revd George Williams, and the Revds Boris Anderson, Cyril Franks, Jessie Halfpenny and Bernard Thorogood, 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 last Assembly.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1982

Frank Kenneth BALCHIN	George Alexander JOHNSON
James BAYNHAM	Ernest Edward JOHNSTON
William Guy BIGNELL	Thomas Herbert JONES
Wesley James BLAKEMORE	George Boyd LEEMING
Jack BURGESS	Maurice Henry LUMLEY
Harry Francis Lovell COCKS	Andrew Neill MACKEAN
Kenneth CRANSTON	Clifford Harry MACQUIRE
Eirwyn DANIEL	Alexander Richard MEAD
Alwyn DAVIES	Arthur Dean MORGAN
Lily DAWS	Philip Stuart NICHOLSON
Geoffrey DUCKWORTH	Jack Edward NOCKELS
William Everett EVANS	Leonard Hulme OLDFIELD
Leonard Albert FLEMING	Walter Marks RENDALL
Hugh GIBSON	John ROGERS
Frederick GILLSON	Erik Reginald ROUTLEY
Hubert Cook GRIFFITHS	Janis SAPIETS
Alfred John HAILE	William Arthur Kent SMITH
Thomas Price HAINES	Charles SMITH-DRAPER
Alfred Henry HEAD	Norman Kyte SOAR
Emrys John HUGHES	Reginald Humphrey WILLIAMS
Henry Leonard HURST	John Richardson WILSON
Taliesin Hopkin JAMES	James Lewis WRAY

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1982

Frances May BOWERS	Joyce Gertrude LOVELL
Kathleen Estelle DOWN	Bessie MELVILLE
Kathleen Mary FOORD	Joan SHAW
Dorothy Evaleen GALBRAITH	Bernard THOMAS
Trevor Evans HUGHES	Jane Somerville TURNER
May Winifred LING	Mary Dorothy Louisa WICKINGS

The Session was then suspended.

INDUCTION OF MODERATOR

The resumed session in the Parish Church was opened by Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, and on her motion, the Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker, MA., Moderator-Elect, was called to the Chair and inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

The Moderator signed the Assembly Bible.

The thanks of the Church were expressed by the Moderator to Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow. The Moderator then 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 Revd A.J.G. Walker
Clerk:	The Revd Bernard G. Thorogood
Assistant Clerk	Mr Bernard Stonehouse
Moderator-elect (1984-85)	The Revd Dr Philip Morgan
Deputy General Secretary	The Revd Boris Anderson

Provincial Moderators:	I	Revd J. Howard Williams
	II	Revd A.G. Burnham
	III	Revd J.W.P. Williamson
	IV	Revd A.J.G. Walker
	V	Revd J.F. Slow
	VI	Revd Dr F.H. Kaan
	VII	Revd C.G. Evans
	VIII	Revd M.F. Hubbard
	IX	Revd P.S. Chesney
	X	Revd M.J. Davies
	XI	Revd C.C. Franks
	XII	Revd Dr J.I. Morgans

Department Chairmen:	Church Life:	Revd R.F. Taylor
	Church & Society:	Mr Raymond T. Clarke
	World Church & Mission:	Revd Principal M.H. Cressey
	Finance & Administration:	Mr F.H. Brooman

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Applications:	Revd M.B. Stolton
Business:	Mr R.A. Heritage
Nominations:	Revd N.W. Bainbridge

Church Life:

Ministerial Training: Mrs J. Boulind
Supplementary Ministries: Dr R.D. Jurd
Doctrine & Worship: Revd Dr B. Johansen
Christian Education: Revd Dr S.C. Orchard
Youth Work: Revd D. Wilson
Children's Work: Revd G. Jenkins
Ministry of Healing: Revd D. Dale
Chaplains & Students: Revd Dr L.C. Green
Christian Stewardship: Revd J.B. Simpson

World Church and Mission:

MEW at Home: Revd D. Marsden
MEW Abroad: Revd R.D.C. Cole
Mission & Other Faiths: Dr D.A. Kerr
Personnel: Mrs M. Marsden

Church and Society:

Additional representatives: Mr O. Packer
Revd A.J. Addy

Finance & Administration:

Treasurership: Mr J.A. Cumming
Maintenance of the Ministry: Mr D.C. McMurdie
Welfare & Emergencies: Revd M. Whitehorn
Church Buildings: Revd M.J. Husselbee
Retired Ministers' Housing: Mr H.E. Greening

Communication & Supplies: Revd E.A. Banyard

Deployment: Revd A.G. Burnham

Budget: Revd R.O. Latham

Synod Clerks:

I Revd Dr A.R. Ritchie; II Revd A. Harrison; III Revd R.G. Walker;
IV Revd A.J. Wells; V Mrs M. Weedon; VI Mr R.A. Heritage; VII Mr M.J.
Ballard; VIII Revd J.E. Young; IX Revd A.J. Spring; X Revd G.W. Satchell;
XI Revd J.H. Taylor; XII Revd M.D. Page.

Additional Synod representatives:

I Revds A.S. Dunstone, R.Mortimer, R.H.M. Adam
II Revds N. Charlton, R.W. Courtney, D. Jenkins
III Revd J. Oldershaw, Miss C.S. Holmes, Dr C. Baskett
IV Revds J. Durell, L.H.B. Neems, Mr J.E.M. Gilbey
V Revds W.K. Gathercole, Nellie Smith, Mr. R.T. Masser
VI Revds C.B. Nuttall, W.F.H. Thorpe, A.B. Holroyd
VII Mr C. Raggett, Mr P. Wade, Mrs M. Evans
VIII Revds A.A. Baillie, T.E. Girling
IX Revd D.M. Wales, Miss M. Cumber, Mr. L.G. Whiteman
X Revd (Mrs) J. Clarke, Mrs S. Ackroyd, Mr V. Lane
XI Revd G.E.H. Roper, Mr G.R. Ashford, Mr.H.F. Fisher
XII Revd R.F. Williams, Dr A. Jones, Miss M. Jones

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr J.C. Storer; II Mr E. Morgan; III Mr C.G. Dickie; IV Mr B.C. Stead
V Revd M. Bond; VI Mr H. Bridge; VII Mr P.A. Wade; VIII Mr P.W. Hamblin
IX Mr D.I. Main; X Mr R.S. Martin; XI ; XII Mr H.L. Morris.

Theological College representatives;

Mansfield College:	Revd J.A. Wyatt
Congregational College, Manchester:	Revd Dr R.J. McKelvey
Westminster College, Cambridge:	Revd Professor J.C. O'Neill
Memorial College, Aberystwyth:	Revd I.T. Rees

Youth representatives:

Mr G. Sweeney, Miss R. Maxey

Secretary of Council for World Mission:

Mr Barrie Scopes

Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain:

Revd S.L. Williams

Missionaries on Furlough:

Miss J. Fisher; Miss J. Flawn; Revd J. Pratt, Revd K. and Mrs Smith

Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:

Revd Dr N.Goodall, Revd Dr H. Cunliffe Jones, Mr B. J. Hartwell, Revd Dr J. Huxtable, Revd Dr J. Marsh, Revd C.A. Haig, Revd R.W. Hugh Jones, Revd C.J. Buckingham, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd R.E. Fenn, Revd G.T. Bellhouse, Revd Professor J. Eric Fenn, Revd I.R.N. Miller, Revd F.D. McConnell, Revd Professor F.G. Healey, Revd H.Burns Jamieson, Revd A.G. MacLeod, Revd A. S. Cooper, Revd N. Birnie, Revd A.L. Macarthur, Revd Dr K. Slack, Revd Dr G.B. Caird, Revd R.J. Hall, Revd J.E. Young, Rt Revd Dr Lesslie Newbiggin, Revd R.O.Latham, Revd J. Johansen-Berg, Revd Principal M.H. Cressey, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revd J. Garner, Revd E. Gray, Revd D. Black, Revd W. Georgeson, Revd R. Hallows, Revd W.G. Baker, Revd J.E. Francis, Revd W.F. Aiton, Revd J. Gray, Revd K.C. Burdett, Revd R. Murray, Revd (Mrs) W. Clarke, Revd A.L. Brown, Revd G.B. Waterton, Revd A.B. Webster, Revd Dr P.D. Arthur, Revd G. Sharpe, Dr D.M.Thompson, Revd A.V. Smith, Revd Dr P. Morgan

District representatives:

(Names appearing with an asterisk were appointed to fill District vacancies (cf. Resolution 10, p. 21, Assembly Record 1978)

Province I

- A: Revds G. Bindeman, J.A. Breslin, J.H. Couch, J. Hislop, *Mr R.G. Atkinson, *Mrs E. Levinsohn, Mrs J. Purvis, Mrs E.B. Straughan
B: Revds A.P. Dickey, J.D. Forsyth, D.R. Hannen, A.F. Jackson, S.M. Piper, J.D. Shakesby, Mr J. Adamson, Mrs M.S. Buchanan, Mr J. Forrest, Miss N. Gulliver, Mrs M. Jobson, Mr R.B. Wallace
C: Revds D. Stec, A. Summers, Pastor S. Langford, Mr L.A. Nicol
D: Revds Audrey Langdown, D. Peel, M. Smith, E. White, Mr T. Cooper, Mrs J. Coulson, Mrs L. Fawcett, Miss M. Glenn
E: Revds S.J. Martin, D. Mather, Mr A. Colquhoun, Mr D. Roberson
F: Revds G.R. Barr, Gwendoline Barr, Mrs G. Aiton, Mrs D. Black

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- A: Revds A. Greasley, T.G. Longmuir, S.M. Thornton, Mr M. Helmn, Mrs J. Turner, Mr F. Scanlon
- B: Revds G. Eatock, Jessie Halfpenny, A.A. Tomlinson, T. Wigley, Mrs M. Ayres, Mr J. Haworth, Mr D. Turner, *Mr R. Whiteley
- C: Revds R.J. Gill, B.S. Jolly, A.J. Wilkinson, Mr G. Kemp, *Mr R. Jarvis, Mr J. Sirkett
- D: Revds B. O'Neill, D.H. Swansbury, G.K. Tolley, Mr Keir, Mrs Keir, Mrs A. Kendall
- E: Revds S.Fisher, R.A.C. West, D. Whitehead, J.T. Yates, Mr W. Caffrey, Mrs Y. Oldfield, Mr H. Pearson, Mrs V.M. West
- F: Revds J.D. Clague, J. Francis, K. Harris, Stella Sivyour, C. Warner, Dr C.T. Calam, Mrs I.M. Calam, Mr N. Goodfellow, Miss J. Murray
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- A: Revds G. Farrand, P. Frampton, M. MacKenzie, Sheila Massey, Mr J. Bryan, Mrs Harris, Mr Paul Holmes, Miss M.E.P. Scott
- B: Revds M.E.W. Carrol, M.Fisher, J.R.W. Paull, Mrs S. Grimsey, Mr W. Whitlow
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- A: Revds A.J. Dawson, E. Forster, V.E. Openshaw, Mrs M.F. Baker, Miss F. Martin, Mr H.W.J. Smith
- B: Revds G. Anders, L.G. Anderson, E. Matkovich, R. Royston-Bishop, Mrs M. Anders, Mrs I. Ashbridge, Mr R. Norris, Mrs J. Norris
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- D: Revds M.Mewis, D.M.Rogers, E.M. Sambrooks, Miss C. Dalton, Mrs I. Horbury, Mrs B. Crabtree
- E: Revds Irene G. Bligh, C. Hannam, V. Newman, P. Smith, Mr F. Briggs, Mr B. Brook, Miss G. Heald, Mrs G.H. Stansfield
- F: Revds C. Bembridge, G. Courtney, W.J. Taylor, Miss M.E. Atkinson, Mrs E. Ellis, Mr R. Shaw

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- A: Revds B. Chart, J.Garrow, C. Jones, C. Sutcliffe, Miss H.Barkham, Mr A. Davis, Mrs M. Martin, Mr K. Phillips
- B: Revds N.C. Compton-Dando, W.C. Jones, M.J. Pevy, K. Southern, Miss E. Attenburrow, Mrs A. Compton-Dando, Mrs J. Pevy, Mr M. Russell
- C: Revds N.J.W. Appleton, A.J. Bradshaw, Margaret Howard, J.W. Steele, Mr D. Cann, Miss N. Clark, Mr A.J.M. Olsen, Mrs V. Stonehouse

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Mr E. Holmes, Mr K. Moyes, Mr R. Webb
- F: Revds A.W. Lyde, Beryl Lyde, Kathleen M. Payne, Mr T.J. Barber,
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- A: Revds W.H. Clement, I. Fosten, E.W.G. Smith, Dorothy Spence,
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- B: Revds R.L. Eveleigh, J.A. Pugh, R.H. Smith, P.E. Wadey, R.J. Woods,
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- A: Revds G. Ford, K.F.D. Trunks, Mrs S. Owen, Mrs G. Wellstead
- B: Revds D.A. Barber, W.J.L. Cartwright, R.H. Norman,
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- C: Revds A. Bourne, R. Fowler, Christine Fowler, Rosemary Humphrey,
Mr G. Humphrey, Mrs P. Shapland
- D: Revds O.H. Butler, J. Jolliffe, R. Wiggins, Mrs J. Baillie,
Mrs E. Butler, Mrs E.E. Ridout
- E: Revds Gillian M. Bobbett, J.R. Sparkes, J.L. Titlow, N.A. Whitaker,
Mr R.J. Coole, Mrs J. Gardiner, Mr R. Harris, Mrs E. Pearson
- F: Revds R.A.H. Bocking, R.T. Brown, C.H. Grant, J.D. Owen, K.E. Roach,
Mrs G. Dolan, Mr R. Herwig, Mr J. Lang, Mrs J. Leader, Mrs S. Roach

Province IX

- A: Revds R.O. Balmer, E.A. Cowan, D.R. Friend, J.F. Mackriell, F.A. Shield,
(Mrs) B. Williams, Mr S.E. Chamberlain, Mr R.E. Harding, Mr E.L. Horn,
Mr S.E.H. Lukey, Mr R.G. Mudd, Mr L. Shearing
- B: Revds G.E.H. Long, D. Langford, A.G. Jones, D. Lawrence, Miss M.A. Bodey,
Mr I.C. Doswell, Mr P. Marsden, Mrs V. Roberts
- C: Revds R.H. Duncan, E. Freeman, G.A.F.J. Story, G.H. Thomas,
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- D: Revds R.P. Cox, W.G. Hughes-Edwards, H. Starr, J.J. Macro,
Mrs M. Carrick-Smith, Mrs J. Dennett, Mr W.W. Thomas, Mr J.A.H. West
- E: Revds P. Grimshaw, M.R. Jackson, Constance O.M. Payne, J. Robinson,
D.F. Wilkins, Mr C. Ferguson, Mrs G. Langdon, Mr C.R. Lowden,
Miss L. Shurrock, Mrs B. South

Province X

- A: Revds P. Barraclough, G. Gibson, Kah Geh Chong, I.G.J. Kardos,
Mr W.E. Down, Mrs M. Stacy, Mr W. Smith, Miss M. Talley
- B: Revds G. Bending, A. Frost, Margaret Lawson, Mrs D. Gill,
Mr W. Simpson, Miss J. Warwick
- C: Revds Dr C. Baxter, D. Batchelor, D. Ferguson, W. Sewell,
Mrs C. Hooper, Mrs. K. Lehmann, Mr W. Letman, Mr A. Taylor
- D: Revds G. Bellamy, D.G. Cornick, D.J. Finnan, G. Hewitt, E.R. Wimpres,
Mr F.J. Bates, Mr K.N. Borrie, Mrs A. Howarth, Mrs M. Macfarland,
Mr T.J. Wright
- E: Revds C.K. Forecast, M. Hopley, P. Snell, Mrs N. Coombs,
Mrs B. Harwood, Mr B. Smith,
- F: Revds D. Ager, P. Goodlad, A.J. Knight, R. Vincent, Miss J. Hensby,
Mr B. Higginson, Mr G. Ingram, Mr E. Spooner

Province XI

- A: Revds R. Church, Janet Sowerbutts, B. Treharne, Janet Webber,
J. Wyatt, Dr S. Archer, Mr M. Dennis, Miss L. Darnell, Sir James Tait,
Mr M. Young
- B: Revds D.W. Flynn, J.E. Garside, D.J. Joseph, D.M. Owen, R.D. Robinson,
Mr R.S. Dobson, Mrs P. Pavitt, Mrs R. Pryor, Mr N.A. Taylor, Mr E. Young
- C: Revds K. Anderson, H.E. Brown, B. Carter, T.S. Colvin, H. Lanham,
Brenda Stephenson, Mr R. Blyth, Mrs E. Brown, Mr J. Gowanloch,
Miss D. Kett, Mr. S. Morling, Miss I. Oakley
- D: Revds D. Cockrell, B. Eyles, D. Morgan, K. Olson, Mrs Hood, Mr G. Ling,
Mr H. Ring, Mr J. Vinson
- E: Revds R. Davis, D. Williams, F. Webb, Mrs J. Palmer, Mrs W. Payne,
Mrs F. Webb
- F: Revds L. Auld, C. Garwood, S. Smith, K. Walters, Miss A. Enness,
Miss G. Fawcitt, Mrs S. Hearne, Mrs G.E. Montgomery
- G: Revds W.R. Batt, D.H. Bending, D.V. Godfrey, W. Purvis, Miss E.M. Davies,
Miss M.F. Smith, Mrs N.V. Welch, Miss D.K. Willmer

Province XII

- A: Revds E.C. Crewes, B.Jones, A. Seager, K. Watson, Mr J.G. Ellis,
Mr R.G. Hughes, Mrs B. Jones, Mr F.S.V. Jones,
B: Revds Dr G. Harris, E.C. Powell, L.T. Walker, Mr S. Harvey,
Mrs J. Smith-Draper, Mrs B. Walker
C: Revds N. George, T.L. Jones, P. Mark, J.R. Plowman, P.L. Trow,
Mr R.E. Evans, Mr M. Garrow, Mrs J. Jones, Mr R.H. Smith, Miss L. Tucker
D: Revds H.J. Lewis, I.T. Rees, Mr A. Balch, Dr N. Thomas
E: Revds E. Jones, T. Owen, D. Morgan, Mrs M. Lane, Mrs H. Morris,
Mrs H.G. Walters
F: Revds H.St J. Gray, R. Helmn, R.W. Kidd, Mrs A. Gray, Mrs M. Kidd,
Mr J.B. Watkins

LOYAL ADDRESS

The retiring Moderator moved the adoption of a Loyal Address to the Throne which was agreed.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom, being met in Brighton, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty.

The members of our Church have shared in the pleasure of the nation on the occasion of the birth of a son to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

With other Christians we rejoiced in the visit to England, Scotland and Wales of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, and give thanks for his love of peace and the brotherhood of all peoples. We shall continue to pray and to work for the unity of the Church after the failure of the Covenanting Proposals placed before four Protestant Churches in this country.

We pray that justice and peace will motivate the minds and actions of men and nations, and that causes of conflict may be settled by negotiation. We ask God's blessing on all who were wounded in the Falklands fighting and that He will sustain the families of all those who were killed.

May God continue to guide you and your family in your manifold responsibilities, and to sustain you with His love and care in their fulfilment.

We are
Your faithful and loyal subjects,

ALASDAIR J.G. WALKER Moderator
BERNARD G. THOROGOOD Clerk

The Assembly joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES The Assembly received the following Delegates and Representatives from other Churches:

The Church of Scotland: The Very Revd Andrew B. Doig, DD.,BD, STM.
Miss Susan Cowell

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland: The Very Revd Dr John Girvan, BA.
The Revd James McAdam
Mr William Duff

The Presbyterian Church of Wales: The Revd E. Francon Davies, BA

The Congregational Union of Scotland: Mrs Joyce Gray

The Union of Welsh Independents: The Revd Dr J. Glyndwr Harris

The Congregational Federation: Dr Bill Ashley Smith

L'Eglise Reformee d'Alsace et de Lorraine: Madame Maia Henry

Evangelische Kirche der Union (East Synod): Pfarrer Ernst Franke
Pfarrer Gottfried Hoefert
Pfarrer Harald Neumann
Frau Irene Scherz

Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz: Dekan Klaus Bohm
Pfarrer Ernest Dawe

Tavola Valdese: Pastor Alberto Taccia

The Remonstrant Brotherhood: The Revd Berend Koek

The Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches: The Revd Dr Bernard Reymond

Local Guests

Methodist Church: The Revd Colin G. Rowe, London South West District Chairman

Baptist Union: The Revd John R. Glover, President, Sussex Baptist Association

Roman Catholic Church: Monsignor Arthur Iggleden

Church of England: The Rt Revd Eric Kemp, Bishop of Chichester

The Moderator expressed to them the welcome of the Assembly and the Rt Revd Eric Kemp, the Very Revd Andrew B. Doig and Madame Maia Henry responded.

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers the Golden Jubilee or Diamond Jubilee of whose ordination falls within 1983.

60 years

William Thomas Morris CLEWES
Gerald Norman FISHER
William Phillip HANCOCK
Harry RUSSELL
Leslie James THOMPSON

50 years

John BAKER
Denis BROWN
Clifford John BUCKINGHAM
Joshua DAVIES
Edwin Kenneth FOX
William Zachariah GIBB
James Howard HANDLEY
John Newton HOLDER
Percival HUMAN
Charles McCURDY
George Henry MEDHURST
Benjamin Howard SACKETT
Cecil Edward SEAGER
Wilfred Graeme WALTON
Harry WIGHTMAN
John WILDING

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

The General Secretary addressed the Assembly on the theme of "The Agenda before Us"

The session was closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

Assembly reconvened on the 24th May at the Dome, where all subsequent sessions were held, the Right Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker, MA, presiding. Opening worship each morning was conducted by the Chaplain, the Revd Roy Lowes, and bible study on Colossians Chapters 1 and 2 was led by the Revd Dr Boris Anderson. Others, including FURY members, Revd James Ryan and Mrs Sheila Tull led devotions at the commencement of afternoon and evening sessions.

Provincial Moderators, and the Synod Clerk of Yorkshire Province, announced the following names of those newly ordained into the ministry. Those present were received by the Moderator in the name of the Assembly.

Christopher Charles BAILLIE
Margaret Olwen (Wendy) BERRIDGE
Geoffrey BENDING
Irene Guendolen Blich
James RYAN
Lilian BLYTHIN
Michael Thomas BOND
Elizabeth R. BROWN
Robert Turnbull BROWN
Mary Elizabeth Williamson
(Lysbeth) CARROL
Wilfred Edgar DIGGINS
William Herbert ELLIOTT
Ronald James EWART
Kim FABRICIUS
Mark Jeremy FISHER
Lindsay HASSALL

Joan JOHANSEN-BERG
Brian Stephen JOLLY
Kenneth Frank James KNIGHT
Harold George (Harry) LANHAM
Beryl LYDE
Michael John MARSHALL
Elizabeth Jane MORTIMER
James RYAN
Ian SELLERS
John Clive SUTCLIFFE
Harold Edward WARD
Kevin WATSON
Hazel M. WHITEHEAD
Norman Arthur WHITAKER
Alan Frederick Edward WISE

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr R.A. Heritage, Chairman, introduced the report of the Business Committee and on his motion the report was received for debate.

The Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly approves the revised Standing Orders as printed and resolves to conduct its business in accordance therewith.

This resolution was carried.

The Assembly agreed to the order of business proposed.

The Chairman further moved that Standing Order 1 (i) (ii) and (iii) be suspended for the duration of the debate on Nuclear Weapons Policy.

This resolution was carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, Chairman, introduced the report of the Executive Committee, and upon her motion the report was received for debate.

The Chairman further proposed that:

1. The Assembly authorises the Constitution Review Group to refer its report and proposals, according to 9.5.xi, not later than 30 September 1983 so that they may be presented to the General Assembly in 1984.

The resolution was carried.

2. The Assembly reappoints the Reverend Charles Cyril Franks as Moderator of the Southern Province for four years from 1.9.1983.

3. The Assembly reappoints the Reverend Peter Sutherland Chesney as Moderator of the Wessex Province for five years from 1.9.1983.

These were approved unanimously with acclamation.

4. The Assembly continues the service of the Deployment Committee until the Assembly of 1984.

This resolution was carried.

5. Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee
The Assembly establishes the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 11 of this report.

This resolution was carried.

6. The Assembly agrees to amend the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration by the following addition to Section 3:

Ministers to whom remuneration for specific periods has been authorised by the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee.

This resolution was carried.

This concluded the business of the Executive Committee.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Revd Michael Stolton, Chairman, introduced the report of the Applications Committee, and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

Comment was made on an aspect of the report not covered by resolutions.

The Chairman further proposed that:

1. The Assembly warmly receives the local churches known as

Sinfin Moor (East Midlands Province)
St Andrew's Community Church, Dronfield (East Midlands Province)
St Mark's Coulby Newham (Northern Province)
Cottingley, Leeds (Yorkshire Province)
Mosborough, Sheffield (Yorkshire Province)

as local churches of the United Reformed Church.

This was unanimously approved with acclamation.

2. The Assembly agrees that the local churches known as
Tollesbury (Eastern Province)
Brimington (East Midlands Province)
Heaton Mersey (North Western Province)

be permitted to secede from the URC.

This resolution was agreed.

3. Mutual Eligibility

The Assembly approves the following statement regarding Mutual Eligibility with the Church of Scotland.

- i. The current agreement on the Mutual Eligibility of ministers be discontinued at a date to be agreed with The Church of Scotland.
- ii. Ministers serving in either church at that date who have entered their service under Mutual Eligibility will be enabled to return with the freedom at present available, and if they have pension rights which have not been transferred, those rights will be preserved as though Mutual Eligibility were in force.
- iii. Both churches agree to apply the procedure for Applications of Ministers which does not necessitate individual action by a General Assembly; in the URC the procedures set by the Assembly for ministers from churches in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches; in the Church of Scotland, Section 11d of its Regulations for admission would apply.
- iv. In future cases of transfer of ministers, individual pension resources will be transferable to the church in which the minister is serving.

This resolution was carried.

This concluded the business of the Applications Committee.

The Moderator then received representatives of churches newly received into the United Reformed Church since the last General Assembly.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Revd N.W. Bainbridge, Chairman, introduced the report of the Nominations Committee, and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

The Chairman further proposed:

1. The Assembly appoints Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow as Chairman of the World Church and Mission Department.
2. The Assembly appoints the Revd Donald W. Elliott as Secretary of the World Church and Mission Department for a period of seven years with effect from 1st September 1983.
3. The Assembly appoints the Revd Roger Tomes as Chairman of the Mission and Other Faiths Committee and the Revd A.T. Greenslade as Chairman of the Children's Work Committee.
4. The Assembly extends for one year the appointments of the Revd David Marsden as Chairman of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee and the Revd Edmund Banyard as Chairman of the Communication and Supplies Committee.

These resolutions were carried. This concluded the business of the Nominations Committee.

DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Revd G.H. Roper, Secretary, introduced the report of the Deployment Committee and on his proposal the report was received for debate.

A correction to the Report was noted, namely the substitution of '72' for '70' as Northern Province quota for end of 1983 and '885' for '883' as the total of that column.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

The Revd Janet Webber moved on behalf of Southern Province, and it was seconded by the Revd B.D. Treharne:

The Assembly refers to Synods and District Councils the proposal to amend the structure of the URC 9(5)(d) (Manual page 27) to read:

A staff representative and a student representative from each of such recognised theological colleges as the General Assembly shall from time to time determine.

On the motion of The Revd Dr K. Slack, the movers of the resolution, with the consent of the Assembly, agreed to the addition to the resolution of the words:

"being members of the United Reformed Church"

after the second word "representative".

On the suggestion of the Revd Principal Martin Cressey the movers of the motions accepted, with the consent of Assembly, the addition of the resolution of the words:

"and the Ministerial Training Committee" after "District Councils" in line 1.

The resolution, as altered by consent, was approved.

CONSULTATION PROCEDURE - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of the Northern Province, the Revd Malcolm Smith proposed and the Rev David Peel seconded:-

The Assembly notes its resolutions of 1978 as follows:

1. The Assembly instructs its Departmental Central Committees to ensure that all major matters under consideration are drawn to the attention of Synod representatives, and that appropriate papers are made available to them, so that through their representatives Synods and their committees may become aware of questions currently before the Church.

2. The Assembly instructs its officers to keep under review the timetable of Assembly Departmental meetings, Synod meetings and the date of General Assembly in order to provide opportunity for a reasonable flow of information and discussion

and expresses its dissatisfaction at the operation of these procedures particularly in relation to the Ministerial Training Review Report: no papers relative to their implementation having been produced to Synods and their committees for their consideration before further decision in Assembly.'

It was proposed and seconded that the question under consideration be not put. The proposition was lost.

The resolution was carried.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

The Revd Richard Taylor, Department Chairman, introduced the report of the Church Life Department, and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

Comments and questions on items in the report not covered by resolutions then followed.

Mrs Sandra Ackroyd (Youth Leadership Training Officer) and Ms Susan Burrell (Church Related Community Worker) were received by the Moderator.

The Department Chairman moved

1. Ministry to Children

The Assembly urges local churches to review their ministry to children in the light of the findings of the Children's Committee Children and Worship Project and to make such changes in their pattern of worship, education and the training of leaders which would seem likely to enable them to minister more effectively.

This was agreed.

2. Christian education of new members

The Assembly asks local churches to review the provisions they make for the continuing Christian education of new members, commends the use of the course 'On the Way' for new members, and encourages elders and experienced members to participate in such education along with those recently received into membership.

The Assembly consented, at the request of the Department, to the alteration of resolution 2 by the substitution of the words "notes the publication" for the words "commends the use". The resolution as altered was agreed.

On the occasion of the Centenary of the Boys' Brigade the Moderator received, to the acclamation of the Assembly, the President, the Rt Hon the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K.T., who at the Moderator's invitation addressed the Assembly.

The Moderator expressed thanks to the Brighton and Hove Battalion of the Boys' Brigade for the display prior to the Session.

The Chairman of the Church Life Department moved:

3. The Boys' Brigade

The Assembly congratulates the Boys' Brigade upon reaching its Centenary and acknowledges the importance the Boys' Brigade organisation has played in the development and nurture of many boys and men in the Christian faith.

This was approved with acclamation.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

4. Uniformed Organisations

The Assembly requests all churches with Uniformed Organisations to examine the relationship between the organisation and the Church and look for greater opportunities to enhance the quality of Christian influence and involvement.

This was unanimously approved.

5. Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry

The Assembly welcomes the publication of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry; encourages Provinces, Districts and local churches to study the text and consider its implications; and requests each Synod to set up a panel to monitor discussions and forward a Provincial response to the Doctrine and Worship Committee by 30 November 1983; and further requests that wherever possible, debate should take place within an ecumenical context.

The Revd B. Treharne moved and Mr M. Young seconded the following amendment:

The Assembly welcomes the publication of Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry; encourages Provinces, Districts and local churches to study, consider its implications, and offer their responses to the Doctrine and Worship Committee by 31 December 1983; and further requests that, wherever possible, debate should take place within an ecumenical context.

The amendment was lost.

Dr Lesslie Newbigin proposed and the Revd J. Breslin seconded an amendment to substitute '1984' for '1983'.

The amendment was carried and became part of the substantive resolution which was then adopted.

The Department Chairman further proposed

6. In-Service Training for Ministers

The Assembly notes that the co-ordination of the In-Service Training Programme for ministers is to be undertaken by the staff in Church House, and expresses its thanks to the Revd Dr Stephen Mayor for his valuable work since 1975 as National Co-ordinator.

7. Day of Prayer for Vocation to the Ministry

The Assembly encourages all churches to set aside Sunday 20th November 1983 or a neighbouring Sunday, as a Day of Prayer for Vocation to the Ministry, and where possible to invite a theological student to lead worship.

These resolutions were approved.

It was further proposed:

8. Welsh Theological Colleges

The Assembly resolves that:

- (a) the present recognition accorded to Memorial College, Aberystwyth and Bala-Bangor College as institutions within which ministers for the URC may be trained be continued;
- (b) when it becomes clear that a student for the ministry or a minister who has never served in a pastorate in Wales is likely to receive and accept a call to such a pastorate the help of either Memorial College or Bala-Bangor (through a term of study or a special course) should be one of the resources made available by appropriate financing for preparatory study;
- (c) the teaching staff of the Welsh Colleges continue to receive invitations to joint meetings of the staffs of the other recognised colleges;
- (d) the councils and local churches of the Welsh Synod be asked to consider ways whereby close links of informed fellowship can be built between the URC and the Welsh Colleges;
- (e) the academic staffs of the recognised English Colleges consider the possibility of a term's exchange between one of their members and one of the staff from the Welsh colleges;
- (f) it nominates two persons for election to serve as their representatives upon the College Committee of Bala-Bangor, and two persons for election to serve upon the Executive Committee of the Memorial College, Aberystwyth.

The Revd Dr K. Slack moved and the Revd E. Smart seconded an amendment:

that there be added to section (a)

"for 3 years, and requests the Ministerial Training Committee to present a further report on these Colleges to the Assembly of 1986."

With the consent of the Assembly the Department accepted the amendment which became part of the resolution.

Assembly approved the resolution, voting section by section.

The Department Chairman proposed:

9. The Assembly records its thanks for the service rendered to the Church by the Revd Glyn Jenkins as Chairman of the Children's Work Committee.

This was agreed with acclamation.

TRAINING POLICY - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of Yorkshire Province the Revd R. Royston Bishop proposed, seconded by the Revd Adrian Wells:

The Assembly asks the Church Life Department, in implementing the report "Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Ministry"

- (a) to relate the issues it contains to the training needs of the whole membership of the Church.
- (b) to arrange for an appropriate study and report back.

The resolution was carried.

This concluded the business of the Church Life Department.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

It was agreed that the time taken for presentation of the proposal, under Standing Order 4(a) be extended to 15 minutes.

On behalf of Southern Province and Wales Province the Revd T.S. Colvin moved and the Revd Dr John I. Morgans seconded:

The General Assembly affirms its abhorrence of war and its commitment to peacemaking as a Christian vocation central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. In particular, the General Assembly calls upon all local churches and members:

- (a) to oppose the use of nuclear power for warlike purposes
- (b) to work for the removal of nuclear weapons from British territory and to oppose the deployment of Cruise missiles in the U.K.
- (c) to press for an end to the manufacture and purchase of nuclear armaments by the U.K. Government, and the cancellation of the proposed Trident D5 submarine programme.
- (d) to work for an early end to the international arms race by multilateral disarmament, and as a step towards this for the U.K. to give up immediately its own existing nuclear armaments.
- (e) to strengthen our Christian commitment to peace -
 - i. by deepening our understanding of it
 - ii. by encouraging and participating in initiatives for peace at all levels

- iii. by supporting the work of the United Nations, particularly through local United Nations Association branches
- iv. and to support all peacemaking by constant prayer for peace.

During the course of debate, Pfarrer Harald Neumann spoke by permission of the Assembly.

It was moved and seconded that the question be now put. This was agreed.

Tellers were called.

The resolution was carried, there being 381 votes cast in favour and 180 against.

The Chairman of the Church and Society Department proposed the following Departmental resolution:

The Assembly welcomes the publication of The Church and the Bomb and its discussion by the Anglican General Synod and urges study and discussion throughout the URC of the issues raised in it.

This was agreed.

The Revd J. Johansen-Berg proposed and the Revd M.F. Hubbard seconded the following motion:

- (a) The Assembly agrees that the Nuclear Weapons Policy resolution adopted on the 25 May 1983 be sent to H.M. Government.
- (b) The Assembly further requests H.M. Government to urge all other nuclear weapons States to freeze all research into and development, production, acquisition, testing and employment of all nuclear weapons and to use the period of the freeze to work for substantial reductions in nuclear weapons and their eventual elimination by all States as first steps towards more general disarmament within an internationally agreed concept of common security.

A motion that the question be now put, was not accepted by the Moderator.

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed and Mrs Jeanne Jones seconded an amendment that the word "Policy" be omitted from section (a). This was accepted by the proposers with the consent of Assembly.

The revised resolution, namely:

- (a) The Assembly agrees that the Nuclear Weapons resolution adopted on the 25 May 1983 be sent to H.M. Government.

was then put to the Assembly and carried.

Section (b) of the resolution was then put to the Assembly and carried.

The Revd Peter Hartley proposed and it was seconded by the Revd Malcolm Smith:

The Assembly urges H.M. Government to seek Godly ways of preserving a permanent peace.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman moved the following Departmental resolution:

Peace Education

The Assembly instructs the Church and Society Department to co-operate with sister Churches in Britain and throughout the world in a global fellowship committed to prayer, education and action for peace and calls upon local churches to explore and initiate programmes of peace education for their own members and for the communities they serve.

The Revd J. Johansen-Berg proposed and the Revd Dr F Kaan seconded the following amendment to insert after the words "and action for peace", "and to this end instructs the Department to set up a United Reformed Church Peace Group."

The Department Chairman indicated the willingness of the Department to accept the amendment and the Assembly agreed.

The resolution in its amended form was carried.

The Moderator expressed the congratulations of the Assembly to Church President Heinrich Kron of the Church of the Palatinate on his 60th birthday, and also greeted Mr Shamba Menenga, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Community of the Church of Christ in Zaire, 1978-1982.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

The Revd Principal Martin Cressey, Chairman, introduced the report of the World Church and Mission Department, and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

During the course of the introduction of the report, Dekan Klaus Böhm¹ of the Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz addressed the Assembly. In addition, Rabbi Dr Norman Solomon, Dr E. Freedman and the Revd Peter Chave engaged with Mrs Helen Lidgett in an informal conversation about the consultations resulting in the production of the study handbook "Christians and Jews in Britain". The Moderator, in welcoming the visitors, thanked them warmly for their contributions to the production of the handbook.

The following written questions had been submitted to the Department by the Revd J.H. Taylor:

Why is it that the Department, despite its interest in Eastern Europe, appears to neglect the plight of prisoners of conscience? Does this truly reflect the feeling of people in our churches where constant prayers for the sufferers and their families and friends are made to our Father?

and were replied to by the Department Chairman.

Comments and questions on items in the report not covered by resolutions then followed.

It was noted that there should be inserted in the final line of page 65 of the Reports to Assembly, after the word "mission", the words "to describe its priorities in mission"

The Department Chairman then proposed:

Guidelines on Dialogue

1. The Assembly adopts as its own the Guidelines on Dialogue with People of Other Faiths formulated by the British Council of Churches. It urges Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to accept them as normative in all relations with people of other faiths, and to work to discover ways in which to express them in practice.

Council for Covenanting

2. The Assembly concurs in the recommendation of the Council for Covenanting that, its work having been concluded, the Council be dissolved; with appreciation to its officers for their steadfast leadership.'
3. The Assembly agrees with the recommendation of the Council for Covenanting that any residual funds in its account be transferred to BCC for further work on church unity.
4. The Assembly agrees that the resolution approved by the 1982 Assembly to accept the Covenant Proposals (Reports, p.52, No.7) will not be presented for ratification.

Visible Unity

5. The Assembly invites individuals and groups in the URC to share their vision and understanding of "the visible unity of the whole church" in Church Meetings and District Councils for transmission to the MEW Home Committee.

These resolutions were carried.

Mutual acceptance of members

6. The Assembly, recognising that the aim of the Covenant Proposals to secure the mutual acceptance of members was widely welcomed
 - (a) believes that such acceptance is a powerful sign of visible unity.
 - (b) re-affirms the welcome which is offered in the URC to the Lord's Table and
 - (c) requests the BCC to consider whether there are further steps in implementation of mutual acceptance now possible.

On behalf of East Midlands Province the Revd Michael Pevy proposed and the Revd K. Southern seconded the following amendment to part C.

Assembly instructs the World Church and Mission Department, through its Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee, to engage in talks with all churches willing to do so with a view to establishing mutual recognition of members of good standing.

The movers of the resolution, with the consent of the Assembly, accepted the addition of the words "under the auspices of the British Council of Churches" after the word "engage".

The amendment was carried.

The amended resolution was then agreed.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

Voting members of Church Councils from other Denominations

7. The Assembly, encouraging the further involvement of representatives of other churches in the councils of the URC, instructs the Constitutional Review Group to prepare for the Assembly such amendments to the Structure of the URC as would enable us to receive as voting members of Assembly, Synods and District Councils representatives of other British churches.

Areas of Ecumenical Co-operation

8. The Assembly ratifies the following amendments to the Structure of the URC, approved by the 1982 Assembly under Clause 9/5/xi:

Paragraph 8(2) (Manual p.21 lines 1 and 2) After the words "and Provinces into Districts" the addition of the words "or Areas of Ecumenical Co-operation".

Paragraph 8(3)b (Manual p.21 line 8) Add the words to the end of the sentence before the full stop "and of each Area of Ecumenical Co-operation to be known as an Area Meeting".

Paragraph 9(3) (Manual p.23) The addition of the following sentence before the list of functions. "The URC membership of the Area Meeting in each Area of Ecumenical Co-operation (hereinafter referred to as the United Reformed Church Committee) shall consist of the Provincial Moderator, all ministers and deaconesses engaged directly in the service of the URC within the Area, representatives of local churches within the Area, and such other persons as determined by the constitution of each Area Meeting as approved by resolution of the Provincial Synod".

At the bottom of page 24 of the Manual, after the list of functions of District Councils, the following sentences be added:

"(i) to (xix) above describes also the function of Area Meetings, always understanding that such functions as relate solely to the work of the URC may be discharged by the United Reformed Church Committee of each Area Meeting. In this statement of the Structure of the United Reformed Church wherever the words District Council occur they shall be read as meaning Area Meeting in respect of those places where an Area Meeting has been duly established."

9. The Assembly welcomes the step being taken in Wiltshire to create joint Methodist/URC areas, sends greetings to the new Area Meetings, and suggests to District Councils and Synods that this development may indicate a way forward in joint decision-making.

Local Covenants between denominations

10. The Assembly, noting that some local covenants involving the URC have been approved, welcomes the development of such inter-church commitment to consultation, united prayer and joint planning whether at a local church or District level.

Representation on LEPs

11. The Assembly instructs the Constitutional Review Group to prepare for the Assembly any amendments to the Structure of the URC that are needed to ensure that Local Ecumenical Projects which are listed as URC local churches may be represented in the councils of the URC by people, who are in membership of the LEP, from other denominational backgrounds.

British Council of Churches

12. The Assembly

- (a) affirms the support of the URC for BCC as the main ecumenical agency in these islands for the development of common witness and unity,
(b) accepts that increases in financial support may need to be above the rate of general inflation if the activity of the Council is to be developed

- and (c) encourages discussion about the future shape of the Council so that the Roman Catholic Church may feel able to take a full part in this commitment to work together.

These resolutions were agreed.

It was further proposed:

Evangelism

13. The Assembly

- (a) calls the URC to an emphasis on evangelism in 1984,
(b) asks each local church to develop, ecumenically if possible, and with prayer, such methods as seem right to the fellowship,
(c) instructs the WCM Dept. to co-operate with other departments in preparing suitable supporting materials,

- and (d) suggests that the Assembly in 1984 makes a feature of this subject.

The following amendment was proposed by the Revd Robert Duncan, seconded by the Revd Charles Martin that:

section (a) be omitted
there be inserted in section (b) after the words "such methods" the words "of evangelism"
in section (d) there be omitted "in 1984".

The amendment was not carried.

A further amendment was proposed by the Revd K. Anderson, seconded by Mr Walter Smith as follows:

that there be added to section (b) "and where applicable carefully to consider participation in the nationwide and city-wide missions to be conducted by Dr Billy Graham and Dr Luis Palau"

The Revd Dr K. Slack moved, and it was seconded, that the question under consideration be not put. This was agreed.

A further amendment was proposed by the Revd Norman George, seconded by the Revd P. Frampton, as follows:

to delete from 12 (b) the words "to the fellowship" and replace them by the words "to the will of God".

The amendment was not carried.

A further amendment was proposed by the Revd J. Johansen-Berg, seconded by the Revd Julian Macro as follows:

to omit from 12 (a) "in 1984"
to insert in 12 (b) the words "to the Holy Spirit" before the words "and to the fellowship"

The Revd. T Russell proposed, and it was seconded and approved, that the question be now put.

The amendment was carried.

The amended resolution, as follows, was approved unanimously.

The Assembly

- (a) calls the URC to an emphasis on evangelism
- (b) asks each local church to develop, ecumenically if possible, and with prayer, such methods as seem right to the Holy Spirit and to the fellowship
- (c) instructs the WCM Department to co-operate with other Departments in preparing suitable supporting materials

and (d) suggests that Assembly in 1984 makes a feature of this subject.

RURAL CHURCHES - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of East Midlands Province the Revd John Steele proposed, and it seconded, that:

- Assembly, mindful of the need to strengthen the witness of rural churches
- (a) instructs the World Church and Mission Department, through its Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee, to set up a Support Group for its Rural Consultant
 - (b) requests Provinces and Districts, when making assessments and quotas, to keep in mind the additional financial burdens of isolated rural churches and communities
 - (c) requests District Councils having rural churches within their bounds to
 - i. appoint someone to act as a link between the Rural Consultant and such churches
 - ii. ensure that the interests of such churches are properly represented within its Pastoral or equivalent Committee
 - iii. take seriously the ecumenical dimension in the deployment of ministers in rural churches.
 - (d) instructs the Church Life Department, through its Ministerial Training Committee, to institute induction training for those contemplating for the first time ministry in rural churches.'

The resolution was carried.

THANKS

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed, and the Revd David Marsden seconded:

The Assembly expresses its indebtedness to the Revd Principal Martin Cressey and to the Revd Boris Anderson, the Chairman and Secretary of the World Church and Mission Department, who now retire from office. The Assembly acknowledges the wisdom and energy with which they have led the URC contribution to world mission and ecumenism. At the end of long and distinguished service in Church House, the Assembly offers its good wishes to Boris and Clare Anderson on their retirement.

This was carried amid a standing ovation of the Assembly.

During the course of the presentation of the Department's business, the Assembly further thanked the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee and its Chairman for the courteous and careful manner in which they dealt with the Covenant debate.

COMMISSIONING

The Moderator commissioned the Revd Donald W. Elliott to the office of Secretary of the World Church and Mission Department and recommissioned the Revd Charles Cyril Franks as Moderator of the Southern Province and the Revd Peter Sutherland Chesney as Moderator of the Wessex Province.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Mr Raymond T. Clarke, Chairman, introduced the report of the Church and Society Department and upon his motion the report was received for debate. Comments were made and questions asked on items in the report not covered by resolutions.

Resolutions concerning Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament, presented by this Department, are included under this topic heading earlier in this Record.

The Chairman of the Department proposed:

1. Unemployment

The Assembly urges all churches to engage in pastoral, practical and prophetic action to meet the crisis of unemployment and to provide opportunities for their members to examine their own assumptions and prejudices about work and its place in God's purpose for humanity.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

On behalf of Wessex Province the Revd Derek Wales proposed and the Revd Alan Jones seconded:

In view of the unemployment situation in the country, and bearing in mind the inadequacy of part-time and voluntary schemes to counter the problems faced by young people, Assembly urges the Government to introduce, as soon as possible, measures providing for earlier retirement of men and women.

The Revd N. Charlton moved an amendment which was seconded, namely:

to add to the final sentence the words "which would include adequate financial provision."

The amendment was, with the consent of the Assembly, accepted by the proposers.

The amended resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department the Revd John Reardon proposed:

2. UNCTAD

The Assembly urges Her Majesty's Government to enter into the negotiations at the Sixth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with some positive proposals to break the deadlock in North-South relations.

This was carried.

3. Development Education

The Assembly urges Her Majesty's Government to reintroduce a development education fund to encourage national organisations and community groups to promote deeper awareness of world development issues and of the role Britain should play in the search for a more just world.

This was carried.

The Department Chairman further moved:

4. Retail Trading Hours

'The Assembly urges Her Majesty's Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry to take evidence from a wide range of opinion about laws governing the present restrictions on the hours of retail trading and to make careful proposals for future change.'

This was carried.

The Chairman proposed:

5. Poverty in the UK

'The Assembly calls on the churches to promote or support local initiatives to meet the needs of the poorest most vulnerable sections of the community and to challenge local and national governments to give a higher priority to the elimination of poverty.'

The following amendment was proposed by the Revd B O'Neill and the Revd Graham Cook seconded, that after the word "community" there be inserted: "to support the work of Church Action on Poverty".

The amendment was accepted by the Department, with the consent of the Assembly, and became part of the substantive proposition.

A further amendment was proposed by Mr G.R. Ashford, seconded by the Revd J.H. Taylor, that there be added to the resolution: "and also higher priority to the compassionate protection from the adverse effects of current economic conditions of those who are most vulnerable and least able to help themselves".

This was accepted by the Department, with the consent of the Assembly, and became a further part of the substantive proposition, which was then adopted.

Madame Maia Henry asked whether details of the resolution on Nuclear Weapons Policy would be forwarded to other Churches. The Clerk replied that it would be released to the Ecumenical Press Service and the Reformed Press Service.

The Revd G. Roper proposed, and Assembly agreed, that a copy of the resolution be sent to sister Churches in nuclear weapons states.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mr F. H. Brooman, Chairman, introduced the report of the Finance and Administration Department. The following corrections to the report were noted: Page 81, para.52, for "those" read "some". Page 91, Appendix 6, line 4, for "1982" read "1983".

It was also noted by Assembly that the action regarding Barclays Bank and Rio Tinto Zinc had now been taken.

Upon the Chairman's motion the report was received for debate.

The Chairman further proposed:

1. Accounts

Assembly adopts the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1982.

2. Unified Appeal

Assembly notes the satisfactory result of the Unified Appeal for 1982 and thanks all those who have contributed in money, advocacy and administration.

These resolutions were carried.

Mr D.C. McMurdie, Chairman of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, proposed:

3. Basic Stipend

Assembly resolves that from 1 July 1983 the whole-time ministerial basic stipend shall be increased by 7 1/2% to a sum of £4,730 per annum.

The Revd R. Hambly proposed, and the Revd D. Cave seconded the following amendment:

Assembly resolves that from 1st July 1983 the whole time ministerial basic stipend shall be increased by 5% to a sum of £4,620 per annum and that the Department finds ways by which the saving thus made in the Maintenance of the Ministry budget be employed to assist other areas of ministry, service and evangelism.

The Moderator ruled that because of technical difficulties raised by the second part of the amendment, he would request the Assembly first to express its mind on the amendment as far as "£4,620 per annum".

The first part of the amendment was lost.

The second part of the amendment was withdrawn.

The resolution as originally proposed was carried.

Mr McMurdie further moved:

4. Maintenance of the Ministry Report

Assembly gives approval to the Maintenance of the Ministry budget for 1984, noting that it allows for an increase of 5% in ministers' stipends payable from 1 July 1984.

5. Plan for Partnership

Assembly approves the deletion of Paragraph 6 of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration and its replacement by the following from 1 June 1983 excepting that for ministers entering 'upon final retirement' (6.1.1.), and incurring cost of removal 'on final retirement from a pastoral charge or from a full-time appointment of the United Reformed Church' (6.3.) the new entitlements shall be effective as from 1 January 1983.

6. Assembly approves the deletion of Paragraph 6 of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration and its replacement by the following from 1 June 1983 excepting that for ministers entering 'upon final retirement' (6.1.1), and incurring cost of removal 'on final retirement from a pastoral charge or from a full-time appointment of the United Reformed Church' (6.3) the new entitlements shall be effective as from 1 January 1983.

6. Miscellaneous Allowances for Ministers

The PLAN provides for other financial entitlements as follows:-

6.1. Resettlement Grant

6.1.1 Every stipendiary minister, whether whole-time or part-time shall be entitled to a Resettlement Grant upon settling into his/her first pastorate and each subsequent pastorate or into a full time appointment of the United Reformed Church and upon final retirement always provided that the settlement involves a change in his place of residence and such grant shall not be payable more than once in every three years. Where the pastorate is part-time the grant shall be pro-rata according to the proportion of whole-time basic stipend in respect of the pastorate to be served. Where a minister's years of service up to normal pension age have not all been whole-time the proportion of the Resettlement Grant on retirement shall be determined by the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee.

6.1.2 The Resettlement Grant shall be 12 1/2% (Twelve and a half per cent) of the current whole-time basic stipend or such other amount as the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, shall from time to time determine.

6.1.3 In the case of a minister who dies before retirement (no matter whether he/she has already passed retirement age or not) his/her spouse shall be entitled upon first changing her/his place of residence to the equivalent of the Resettlement Grant that would have been payable to the minister had he/she retired and moved at the date of his/her death.

6.2 Ordination Loan

An interest free loan, as a help towards the furnishing of a manse, is available to ordinands for the whole-time stipendiary ministry: this loan shall be up to 20% of the current whole-time basic stipend repayable over a period of not more than five years or such other amount and period as the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, shall from time to time determine.

6.3.1 Retirement Removal Grant

The full cost of removal, within the United Kingdom, shall be paid once only to a minister on final retirement from a pastoral charge

or from full-time appointment of the United Reformed Church (or to the spouse of a minister who dies before retirement) provided that at least two tenders have been obtained and normally the lowest figure claimed and that in any event the grant payable shall not exceed 10% (ten per cent) of the current whole-time basic stipend or such other amount as the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, shall from time to time determine.

- 6.3.2 Notwithstanding what is written above in paras 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 in a case of husband and wife being ministers their combined entitlements shall not exceed that of one whole-time minister.

6.4 Discretionary Power

In a situation other than those covered above the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee shall have discretionary power to pay in whole or in part, a Resettlement Grant, Ordination Loan and Retirement Removal Grant.

- 6.5 The above Resettlement Grant, Ordination Loan and Retirement Removal Grant shall be payable no matter whether or not the 'manse' or retirement dwelling is Church owned.

- 6.6 Grants and loans expressed as a percentage of the basic stipend shall be rounded to the nearest £10 above.'

7. Assembly approves the deletion of all the wording in para 3 of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration after the end of line 3.2 and its replacement by the following wording:-

Ministers to be included:-

3.3 Recognised Ministers of the United Reformed Church serving whole-time a single church pastorate or a joint or a group pastorate, or holding a special appointment with a Province.

3.4 Recognised ministers of the United Reformed Church holding whole-time chaplaincies (to such number as shall be determined from time to time by the General Assembly) in the appointment of whom the United Reformed Church has agreed and whose remuneration is derived in whole or in part from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the United Reformed Church.

3.5 Recognised ministers of the United Reformed Church serving as Provincial Moderators or holding stipendiary appointments in the central offices of the Church; and those ministers inducted to teaching posts at Westminster College.

3.6 Recognised ministers of the United Reformed Church holding appointments in ecumenical situations approved by the Committee.

3.7 Such ministers of other denominations working in ecumenical situations or otherwise serving the United Reformed Church, as the General Assembly shall, from time to time determine.

Whole-time Ministers NOT to be included

3.8 Ministers ordained under Assembly Resolution (A.R.) who have not completed such further training as is specified by the Ministerial Training Committee; and Local Pastors.

Part-time Ministers to be included:-

3.9 Ministers (or retired Ministers), Ministers (A.R.) and Local Pastors who are not in full time other remunerated employment.

Part time Ministers NOT normally to be included

3.10 Ministers, Ministers (A.R.) and Local Pastors who are already in, or enter into, full time remunerated employment.

Ministers NOT to be included:-

3.11 Auxiliary Ministers

Students to be included:-

3.12 Students for the URC ministry giving ministry with District Council approval in vacation periods to URC pastorates which are in pastoral vacancy.

3.13 Students in special situations. Where an ordained minister is undergoing further training required by the Ministerial Training Committee and has pastoral oversight of a local church the minister may be paid such stipend and allowances as may be agreed by a group consisting of representatives of the local church, the Provincial Moderator, the District Council, the Ministerial Training Committee, the College where the minister is studying and the central MoM Committee, who shall agree from which sources the money shall be paid.

Special Cases to be included:-

3.14 Ministers to whom remuneration for specific periods has been authorised by the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee.

3.15 Such other special cases as are accepted by the central Maintenance of the Ministry Committee.

These resolutions were carried.

Mr McMurdie further moved:

8. Part-time Ministries

Assembly agrees that all part-time ministerial appointments shall be for stated periods and thus subject to regular review by a District Council, the recommended period being for not more than five years for those under normal retirement age, and in accordance with Assembly resolutions for those age 64 and over.

The Revd Dr K. Slack moved and the Revd Ronald Bocking seconded that the resolution be referred back for further consideration.

This was carried.

It was then proposed:

9. Assembly agrees that all existing part-time appointments will be reviewed by District Councils in order that they may be brought into line with the approved revised wording of paragraph 3 of the PLAN by 30th June 1986.
10. Assembly approves that paragraph 4.1.1 (second sentence) shall be amended to read:

In the case of "part-time" pastorates the proportion of whole time basic stipend which is appropriate, having regard to the work involved, shall be determined by the Provincial MoM Committee upon the recommendation of the District Council, subject to the approval of the central MoM Committee.

11. Payments to Students

Assembly approves an increase in the maximum weekly payment to students (referred to in para 3.12. of the PLAN) from £30 to £32 or such figure as shall be determined by the MoM Committee from time to time.

These resolutions were carried.

Mr Herbert Fisher, Chairman of the Pensions Sub-Committee proposed:

12. Pension Fund Rules

Assembly approves the following changes to the Rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund:

Rule 13 c.

Delete 'full-time'

Rule 14 a.

In line 2 before 'service' insert 'full-time' and add new paragraph at end:

"If a minister serving a local church is inducted to or reduces his commitment to that of part-time service whilst under pension age his entry to the Fund or his continuing contributory membership of the Fund shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Limited membership may be allowed under this discretion and in such cases contributions due and the benefits available in respect of the period of limited membership shall be based upon the proportion of basic stipend being paid for the part-time service and not on the full basic stipend. The Committee may however having regard to the length of any previous full-time service, to the age and health of the minister, to the fraction of basic stipend being paid and to the purpose and pensionability of any other employment allow full membership of the Pension Fund in appropriate cases contributions then being payable on full basic stipend."

Rule 15

Add new paragraph

- c. Where limited membership only has been granted under Rule 14 a. the percentages quoted in paragraphs a. and b. of this Rule shall apply to the proportion of basic stipend being paid.

Rule 18

Add at end

The pension will be proportionately reduced in respect of any year of limited membership granted under Rule 14 a.

Rule 20

Add new paragraph

- c. If a member at the time of ill-health retirement is a limited member under Rule 14 a. any uncompleted years under paragraph b. above shall be reduced to the proportion that the number of pensionable years under Rule 18 bears to the number of years membership of the Fund.

Rule 22

At end of paragraph a. add

save that in the case of a limited member who has at no time during membership of the fund been paid the full basic stipend, the lump sum shall equal only a proportion of one year's basic stipend at the date of death. In such a case the proportion shall be equal to the greatest proportion of basic stipend which has in any year been paid to him during membership of the fund.

At end of paragraph b. add

In the case of a member who is at the time of his death a limited member under Rule 14 a the pension to which the member would have been entitled had he survived to the normal pension age shall be calculated by assuming the same average proportion for each future year as the entitlement in years at date of death bears to the number of years membership of the Fund.

Rule 25

Add at end

Pensions granted under Rule 29 in course of payment shall be increased on each occasion when the basic stipend is increased by a percentage equal to the increase then made in the basic stipend.'

This was agreed, the voting being taken in sections.

The Clerk, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked the staff of the Department for their additional work during the past year, when computerisation was taking place.

This concluded the business of the Finance and Administration Department.

MODERATORS' REPORT

The report of the Provincial Moderators for 1983 was presented by the Revd Cyril Franks, and the Assembly received the report for debate.

Considerable discussion ensued.

It was agreed that the text of the verbal presentation of the report be made available to the Editor of 'Reform'.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Revd Dr Robert Latham, Chairman, introduced the report of the Budget Committee and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

The Chairman further proposed:

Assembly approves the budget for 1984 which provides for an expenditure of £1,260,000.'

The resolution was carried.

The Revd M.J. Davies proposed and the Revd C. Warner seconded:

Assembly requests the Budget Committee to consult with the Church Life Department and formulate recommendations with regard to ways in which resources might be provided for the financing of Church Related Community Workers and other such paid ministries as cannot be funded from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, to work in areas of special need amongst the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the community.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business of the Budget Committee.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR OF ASSEMBLY FOR 1984/5

The result of the ballot for Moderator of the General Assembly of 1984 was declared by Mrs E.M. Wakefield on behalf of the Tellers. 531 ballot papers had been returned, of which 18 were invalid, and the Revd Philip Morgan, B.A., D.D. was declared to be elected.

The Moderator received the Moderator-elect amid the acclaim of the Assembly and Dr Morgan responded.

GOOD WISHES

The Moderator expressed to The Revd Dr Kenneth Slack the good wishes of the Assembly for the remainder of his term as Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

The Moderator offered in the name of the Assembly to send greetings to past Moderators unable to be present at Assembly.

GREETINGS

A letter of greeting had been received from the Revd Professor R.A. Busch of the Uniting Church in Australia.

LONG RANGE POLICY GROUP

Mr Malcolm L. Johnson, Chairman, presented the report of the Long Range Policy Group, and on the proposition of the Revd Graham Cook the report was received for debate.

The Revd Graham Cook further proposed:

The Assembly commends the Report to all the councils of the URC for discussion and action.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Revd Graham Cook proposed:

The Assembly agrees to establish a permanent small national group to stimulate, support and comment on the forward planning of the church at all levels; and instructs the Executive Committee to bring detailed terms of reference and constitution to the next Assembly.

The Revd Principal Martin Cressey moved and it was seconded

that "The Assembly agrees to establish" be deleted and "The Assembly agrees to consider the establishment of" be substituted, and insert "proposed" before "terms of reference".

The amendment was carried and became part of the substantive proposition which was then adopted.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The Revd Edmund Banyard, Chairman, introduced the report of the Communication and Supplies Committee and upon his motion the report was received for debate. Some discussion ensued on matters in the report not covered by resolutions.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

1. URC and the Media

The Assembly requests the respective Committees, Departments, Provinces and churches to note the issues raised by the Consultation on the URC and the Media as set out in 7(i) to 7(vi) and actively to seek ways to implement them.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd Peter Chesney proposed and the Revd Colin Evans seconded the following motion:

Religious Broadcasting

Assembly urges C.R.A.C. (Central Religious Advisory Committee) to oppose the intention of the ITV companies to abandon the early Sunday evening for religious broadcasting in favour of a much later hour, asking that such programmes be presented not later than 10.30 p.m. and that budgets for high standards of production be ensured.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd Dr John I. Morgans proposed and Mr Nigel Goodfellow seconded the following motion:

Prayer Handbook

The Assembly requests the Departments of the Church, in consultation with C.W.M., to consider the production of an annual Prayer Handbook which would help initiate and implement some of the recommendations of Preparing the Way.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

2. Expression of Thanks

The Assembly places on record its indebtedness to Mr Percy Bush for his work as Secretary for Communication and Supplies (formerly Publications and Publicity). It would particularly emphasise his consistent work to improve the preparation and distribution of the Church's publications. The Assembly wishes him well in his retirement.

The resolution was approved amid the acclaim of the Assembly.

This concluded the business of the Communication and Supplies Committee.

CHURCHMANSHIP IN UNITED CHURCHES - PROVINCIAL SYNOD RESOLUTION

The Revd Michael Davies proposed, and the Revd G.W. Satchell seconded, the following proposition:

Assembly, believing that Church Meeting and Eldership as defined in the Basis of Union are distinctive elements in the United Reformed Church's contribution to the whole Church, asks Provinces and Districts to endeavour to ensure that these elements are included and safeguarded in all united Churches in which the United Reformed Church is involved, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The resolution was carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

The Revd N.W. Bainbridge, Chairman, presented the second report of the Nominations Committee. He moved:

'The Assembly appoints committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1983-1984 as set out in the Appendix to the report.'

such list being amended slightly in ways which would taken up in final printing.

The resolution was carried.

This concluded the work of the Committee. The list is set out in the appendix to this Record.

THANKS

The Revd John Simpson expressed the thanks of the Assembly to those who had contributed to its smooth running and proposed:

'This Assembly thanks all those whose hard work and gracious co-operation have enabled the meeting to be held in Brighton, and have contributed to the smooth running of its business and the fellowship of the Church.'

The Assembly warmly endorsed the resolution with acclamation.

CLOSURE

The Clerk presented the Minutes of the morning session, as completed, and declared that the Assembly under the gracious providence of God had now completed the business properly brought before it and stood adjourned, to be reconvened at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 30th April 1984 or at such other place and time as may be duly determined.

The Moderator led a final act of worship and dismissed the Assembly with the benediction.

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

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

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

Chairman: The Revd R.F. Taylor - 1986
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I Revd A. Forsyth	VII Revd G.R. Muttram	
II Revd R.W. Courtney	VIII Revd Gillian Bobbett	
III Mrs P. Toobe	IX Revd F.G. Wilson Dennett	
IV Revd H. Neems	X Revd D. Turner	
V Revd C.J. Baker	XI Revd M. Rees	
VI Revd K. Wilkinson	XII Mrs N. Morgans	

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department, the Revd C.C. Franks and Mrs B. Brettell (1 vacancy).

Members under 25: Mr G. Sweeney, Miss V. Ross

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Chairman: Mrs Joan Boulind - 1988
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Dr C. Binfield	Revd J. Francis	Revd Janet Sowerbutts
Revd J.C. Brock	Mrs Jennifer Jones	Mrs Margaret Stokes
Mr R.S. Buzzing	Revd Dr J. Morgans	Revd S. Wilton
Revd A.S. Dunstone	Revd R.K. Scopes	

together with the Principals of the recognised Colleges in Abersytwyth, Bangor, Cambridge, Manchester and Oxford

Panel for Assessment Conferences

Revs B. Baker, T.C. Cheesbrough, D. Clark, Mrs R. Clarke, Mr R.T. Clarke, Revs G.J. Cook, R.W. Courtney, F.G. Wilson Dennett, A.S. Dunstone, Dr K.B. Everard, Revs J. Francis, A. Frost, W.K. Gathercole, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revs A.G. Green, Dr. L.C. Green, Jessie Halfpenny, Mrs Gwen Hall, Mr Alan Hart, Revs H.G. Hayes, K. Hendry, Mrs M. Herbert, Revs D.H. Hilton, R.W.H. Jones, Mrs E. Jupp, Revs R.O. Latham, W.N. Leak, R.H. Lewis, W.W. Mahood, D. McIlhagga, Barbara Meachin, Mr R. Norris, Revd F.R. Nunn, Mrs B. Onions, Revs Dr S.C. Orchard, D.A. Pitkeathly, Professor R. Schwarzenberger, Revd R.K. Scopes, Mr A. Senior, Mrs E.M. Steel, Revs D.G. Stewart, R.E. Taylor, R.F. Taylor, Mr D. Thacker, Revs I.L. Thomas, E.W. Todd, B.D. Treharne, R.J. Way,

CHILDREN'S WORK

Chairman: The Revd A.T. Greenslade - 1989
Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Miss Lesley Beale	Revd Margaret Howard	Revd A. Satchwell
Revd B.A. Holroyd	Mrs Mavis Mee	Mrs Rosemary Scarrow
Revd Dr J. Hull	Mrs Jean Palmer	Revd Pamela Ward

MINISTRY OF HEALING

Chairman: Revd D. Dale - 1984
Secretary: Secretary for Stewardship and Supplementary Ministries

Miss Ruth Archer	Revd P.McIntosh	Mrs G. Swain
Dr Anne Galer	Revd P. Page	Mrs C. Colville-Thomas
Revd D.M. Main	Revd M. Playdon	Dr E. Welford
	Revd D.A. Pratt	

CHAPLAINS AND STUDENTS

Chairman: Revd Dr L.C. Green - 1984
Secretary: Revd P. Peirce - 1988

Miss S. Abbott	Dr J. Dixon	Revd T.C. Micklem
Miss B. Davies	Miss A. Garside	Revd A.G. Thomas
Miss A. Davis	Revd Dr C. Gunton	Revd W. Workman
Dr J. Derry	Revd J.C.Neary	

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Chairman: Revd J.B. Simpson - 1984
Secretary: Secretary for Stewardship and Supplementary Ministries

Provincial representatives

I	Revd Dr A. Fraser	VII	Revd C. Wilton
II	Revd J.T. Yates	VIII	
III	Mr D. Faragher	IX	Revd M. Westerman
IV	Mr W. Clarke	X	Mr W.B. Johnson
V	Revd K.L. Lee	XI	Revd R. Clark
VI	Revd E. Carless	XII	Revd P. Scotland

together with the Honorary Treasurer, a Provincial Moderator (Revd C.G. Evans) and the Revd J. Garrow.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow - 1989
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I		VII	Revd K. Spence
II	Mr T.B. Chirnside	VIII	Revd T. Girling
III	Mrs Mary Hambly	IX	Revd D. Wales
IV	Revd A.C. Gardiner	X	Revd J.M. Parry
V	Revd Nellie Smith	XI	Revd J.G. Weller
VI	Mrs Nancy McOnie	XII	Mrs E.M. Steel

together with the Chairmen of Committees within the Department and the Revds G.E. Beck, Dr S.K. Coe, T.C. Cheesbrough, Dr F.H. Kaan and Mr J.E.M. Gilbey.

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Chairman: Revd D.Marsden - 1984
Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd R. Andrews	Mrs Hilda Gordon	Revd N.L. Shepherd
Revd N.J.W. Appleton	Dr Caroline Jones	Revd J. Slow
Mrs Sheila Brain	Revd M. Mackenzie	1 vacancy
Revd H. Gordon	Revd D. Powis	

URC/Methodist Liaison Committee

Revds G.E. Beck, C.C. Franks, J. Hollyman, D. Marsden, D.R. Peel,
B.G. Thorogood, A.J.G. Walker.

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD COMMITTEE

Chairman: Revd R.D.C. Cole - 1985
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd E.S. Allen	Revd J. Humphreys	Mrs Doreen Rogers
Mrs Daphne Beale	Revd I.G.J. Kardos	Revd G. Sharpe
Revd R.A.H. Bocking	Revd A. Lock	Mr S. Smith
Revd K.G. Chong	Mrs N. Matanle	

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman: Revd F.R. Tomes - 1989
Secretary: Revd I.L. Thomas - 1985

Miss K.S. Christian	Mrs Christine Harries	Revd R.H. Lewis
Dr G.D. Chryssides	Dr D.A. Kerr	Consultant
Miss Gill Cressey	Revd J.M. Parry	(1 vacancy)
Mrs Shirley Firth		

PERSONNEL

Chairman: Mrs Mary Marsden - 1988
Secretary: The Personnel Secretary

Miss Ruth Archer	Mrs Janet Hargis	Mr T. Poh
Revd Stella Beare	Mr R.A. Heritage	Revd S. Wilton
Revd Dr. J. Bradshaw	Mr S. Knight	
Revd A.S. Dunstone	Revd. D. Morgan	

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mr R.T. Clarke - 1985
 Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd A.W. Summers	VII	Mr C. George
II	Revd A.J. Addy	VIII	Mrs Mary Ede
III	Revd R. Andrews	IX	Revd A.G. Jones
IV	Revd J. Durell	X	Revd C.K. Forecast
V	Revd F.T. Snape	XI	Revd T.S. Colvin
VI	Mr Eric Blakemore	XII	Revd D. Bale

together with Mr J.S. Barlow, Mrs Jean Silvan Evans, Revds P. Fuller, M.F. Hubbard, Dr S.C. Orchard, Mr H.O. Packer, Mrs M. Jepson, Mrs Fiona Woods.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mr F.H. Brooman - 1986
 Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd Dr A.R. Ritchie	VII	Mr J. Henderson
II	Mr E. Morgan	VIII	Mr P. Hamblin
III	Mr C. Dickie	IX	Mr D.I. Main
IV	Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	X	Mr R.S. Martin
V	Revd M. Bond	XI	Mr E.J. Ford
VI	Revd M.J. Husselbee	XII	Mr H. Morris

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department, Mr H.F. Fisher and the Revd J.D. Waller.

TREASURERSHIP

Chairman: Mr J.A. Cumming - 1987
 Secretary: The Chief Accountant

Mr J. Bryan	Mr T.W. Macdonald	Mr A.J.M. Olsen
Mr D.J. Clague	Mr R.S. Martin	3 vacancies
Mrs Gwen Hall	Mr H. Oldham	
Mr G. Hearne		

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Chairman: Mr D.C. McMurdie - 1987
 Secretary: Revd G.E. Hooper - 1984

Provincial representatives

I	Mr K.R. Hounsome	VII	Mr P.A. Wade
II	Mr E. Morgan	VIII	Mr K.L.G. Hales
III	Revd W. Wright	IX	Mr L. Whiteman
IV	Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	X	Mr V.F. Lane
V	Revd A.D. Stephen	XI	Mr D. Buckland
VI	Mr R. Webb	XII	Mr G.J. Gregory

together with a Provincial Moderator (the Revd M.J. Davies), the Chairman of the Pensions Sub-committee (Mr H.F. Fisher), the Revds Geoffrey Smith and W.J. Taylor, (1 vacancy).

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman: Revd M.D. Whitehorn - 1988

Secretary: The General Secretary

Mrs Jeanne Armour
Mrs Barbara Brettell

Mrs A. Selwyn Roberts
Revd M.B. Stolton (1 vacancy)

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Chairman: Revd M.J. Husselbee - 1986

Secretary: Mr D.F. Banwell - 1984

Mr E. Checkland
Mr G.R. Goodchild
Revd M.F. Hubbard
Mr G.S. Nicholls

Mr R. Pedlar
Revd Dr A.R. Ritchie
Mr B. Smith
(1 vacancy)

Mr M. Foster Taylor
(Property consultant)
Revd A.D. Trinder
Mr C. Webb

OTHER COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

Chairman: The Moderator of the General Assembly

Four representatives of each Synod, including the Moderators, together with ex officio members as follows:

The Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Legal Adviser, the Chairmen and Secretaries of the four Departments, the Chairmen of the Business, Applications, Nominations, Stewardship, Deployment, Budget and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Secretary of the Nominations and Business Committees.

Budget

Chairman: Revd R.O. Latham - 1984

Secretary: The Chief Accountant

The Chairman or Secretary of the Church Life, World Church and Mission and Church and Society Departments, the Chairman or Secretary of the Maintenance of

the Ministry and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Chairman of the Treasurership Committee, the Honorary Treasurer, the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary, one Provincial Moderator (the Revd P.S. Chesney), and four persons appointed by the Executive Committee (currently the Revds R. Banham, Barbara Gates, G. Rodham, and Mr H.F. Fisher.)

BUSINESS

Chairman: Mr R.A. Heritage - 1988
Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Chairman of the four Departments and one representative from each Synod.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman: Revd N.W. Bainbridge - 1985
Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

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

APPLICATIONS

Chairman: Revd M.B. Stolton - 1988
Secretary: The General Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Legal Adviser, the Secretary of the Church Life Department and the Chairman of the Applications Committee of each Province (or his/her deputy)

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES

Chairman: Revd E.A. Banyard - 1984
Secretary: Secretary for Communication and Supplies

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Mr K. Davies	Mr P.W. Giddy	Revd E.P. Schofield
Mr N. Davis	Revd Dorothy Havergal-Shaw	Revd J.H. Taylor
Mrs Margaret Evans	Mrs J. Loveitt	

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Mrs Dawn Diggle - 1984
Mr A. Scholey and Revd J. Ticehurst - 1985
Revd E.S. Allen - 1986
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Chairman: Revd A.G. Burnham - 1984
Secretary: Revd G.H. Roper - 1984

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Revd C.C. Franks	Mrs Sylvia Owen	Revd G.B. Waterton

International Affairs: Mr S. Brown, Mr H.E. Hiley, Revd J.P. Reardon
Christian Aid: Revd B. Anderson, A.G. MacLeod, Mr C. Driver

Scottish Churches' Council:

Revd R.J. Bade, Mr W.A. Kenny

Free Church Federal Council

The representatives to the British Council of Churches (except the Revd G. Bobbett), together with Mrs J. Armour, Mrs J.T. Morgan, the Revds R.H. Norman, D.E. Marsden, L.A. Stringer, B. Rawling

Chaplaincy Board: Revds P.W. Beaman, R. Royston-Bishop

Education Committee: Revds A.D. Lewis, Margaret Taylor, Miss R. Davis
(Mrs Mary Ede, Revd. J.P. Reardon also serve)

Funerals, Cremations and Crematoria: Revds R.L. Richards, P.W. Beaman

Joint Education Policy Committee: Mrs Mary Ede

Multi-Lateral Conversations in Scotland

Revd D. Powis, Mr R. Murray, Revd R. McMurray Adam

2. OTHER COMMITTEES AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund: Revds K. French, R.L. Richards, Mr L. Macro
(Honorary Treasurer), Revd G. Satchell

Bible Reading Fellowship: Revd M.D. Whitehorn

Christian Education Movement: Revd Margaret Taylor

Church Hymnary Trust: Revd H.S. Ross, Revd R.H. McMurray Adam

Churches' Advisory Committee on Local Broadcasting: Revd D.J. Netherwood
Churches' Council on Alcohol and Drugs: Dr D. Acres, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revds
Dr T. E. Grant, Dr A. Latham, Revds J.P. Reardon, M.D. Whitehorn

Churches' Main Committee: Mr N.A. Pooler, Mr M. Foster Taylor, Mr C.M. Frank

Churches' Advisory Panel of the Boys' Brigade: Revd Margaret Taylor

Churches' Council for Health and Healing: Revds D. Dale, C.K. Meachin

Congregational Fund Board: Revds R. Calder, A.G. Knight, R.O. Latham,
D.A. Smith, B.G. Thorogood,

Council of URC Boys' Brigade Companies: Revds J.M. Rees and P. Quilter

Guides' Religious Advisory Panel: The Revd Gillian Bobbett

International Consultation on English Texts: Revd D. McIlhagga

Joint Committee on New English Bible: Revd Professor J.C. O'Neill (alternate:
Revd R.K. Scopes)

Joint Liturgical Group: Revds D. McIlhagga and Dr C. Thompson

National Christian Education Council: Revds C.K. Forecast, Margaret Taylor

National Council of Voluntary Organisations: Revd J.P. Reardon

Scottish World Day of Prayer: Miss J. Tinto

Scout and Guide Fellowship (URC): Revd P. Quilter

Society for the Ministry of Women in the Church: Revd Janet Sowerbutts

Union of Welsh Independents Council: Revd J.H. Lewis

United Navy, Army and Air Force Board: Revds E.P. Schofield, J. Paull, D.
Friend, B.G. Thorogood (1 vacancy)

United Reformed Church History Society: Mrs K. Davies, Revds P.C. Jupp,
Dr D.M. Thompson, Mrs S.M. Tull

Wharton Trust: Revd C.K. Forecast (1 vacancy)

Widows' Fund of the Three Denominations: Revds K. French, L.A. Stringer,
Mr L. Macro, Revd G.W. Satchell

Women's Day of Prayer: Mrs Joyce Smith

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Aberystwyth (Memorial College): Mrs J.T. Morgan, Revd Dr G.Harris
Bala-Bangor: (1 vacancy)
Bishops Stortford College: Mr D.A. Lundie
Cambridge Federation of Theological Colleges: Revd M.G. Dunford
Catherham School, Board of Governors: Revds T. Perry, C.C. Franks
Cheshunt Foundation: Revd M.G. Dunford, Mr S.H. Burns
Congregational College, Manchester: Revds M.G. Dunford, W.N. Leak
Eltham College/Walthamstow Hall: Miss S. Rudofsky
Homerton College Trustees: Mrs J. Boulind, Revds Principal M.H. Cressey, R.E. Taylor, Mrs G. Hall, Mr J. Hall, Miss A. Phillips, Dr D. Thompson, Dr R. Watson
Mansfield College, Oxford: Revds M.G. Dunford, J.P. Lee-Woolf, D.S. Goodall, P.C. Jupp, Dr F.H. Kaan, Mr P. Spicer.
Milton Mount Foundation, Governors: Revd D.G. Evans, Mrs Gwen Hall, Miss Ruth Thompson, Revd R.E. Taylor, Revd A. Lewis
Queen's College, Birmingham: Revd M.G. Dunford
St Andrew's Hall, Selly Oak: Revd C.K. Meachin, Mrs Mary Marsden, Miss C. Parker, Miss S. Rudofsky
Silcoates School, Governor: Dr C. Binfield
Springhill College Endowment (Mansfield College): Mr F.H. Bennett, Revd W.W. Biggs, Sir Kenneth Corley, Mr R.A. Heritage, Revds M.F. Hubbard, R.W.H. Jones.
Taunton School: Revd M.F. Hubbard
Tettenhall College, Governors: Mr F.H. Bennett, Revd J.C. Campbell, Mr R.J. Whild,
Wentworth Milton Mount, Governor: Revd P.S. Chesney
Westhill College of Education Council: Mr J. Payne (Governor and Trustee), (1 vacancy)

4. COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION

Revd B. Anderson (to September 1983) Revd D. Elliott (from September 1983)
Revd Dr F.H.Kaan Mrs M. Arthur
Miss R. Archer

5. MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

Mr F.H. Brooman	Revd A.L. Macarthur	Mr Arthur Smith
Revd M.J. Davies	Mr R.S. Martin	Revd D.L. Skidmore
Mr K.M. Kirby	Mr L.R. Palmer	Revd J.H. Taylor
Mr F.A.W. Lodde	Revd G.W. Satchell	

6. NEW COLLEGE LONDON FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Mr J.C. Smethers	Revd R.O. Latham	Revd J.H. Taylor
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APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

WCC Assembly 1983: Revd B.G. Thorogood
 Mr Raymond Clarke
 Mrs Norah Morgans
 Miss Sally Francis (nominated by WCC)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We confirm on behalf of the Treasurership Committee our approval of the financial statements as set out on pages 49-70.

F H Brooman
Treasurer

J A Cumming
Chairman

6th April 1983

We confirm on behalf of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited our approval of the financial statement as set out on page 71.

C M Frank
Director

R S Carruthers
Secretary

6th April 1983

REPORT OF AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the financial statements on pages 49 to 71 in accordance with approved auditing standards.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value in the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 70. As explained in accounting policy 3(i) on page 49, no provision for depreciation is made on freehold or leasehold buildings. This does not accord with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 12.

Except for this departure from Standard Accounting Practice, in our opinion these financial statements give, under the modified historical cost convention, a true and fair view of the state of the funds at 31st December 1982, and of the income and expenditure and the source and application of current assets for the year ended on that date.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the URC Ministers Pension Fund on page 70 together with Note 11 on Page 64 based on accounting policy 5 on page 49 show a true and fair view of the net resources available for benefits at 31st December 1982 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

The financial statements of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited on page 71 are an extract from the full accounts of this society. The report on the full accounts confirms that they show a true and fair view of the state of affairs and income and expenditure of this society and complies with the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 and the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

186 City Road
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ROBSON RHODES
Chartered Accountants

6th April 1983

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Contributions to Unified Appeal and Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.

Contributions are brought into account on a receipts basis, with the inclusion of receipts in the early part of 1983 relating to 1982. However, following the introduction of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration on 1st January 1981, where a Province has remitted more than the agreed contribution by 31 December 1982, the excess is being carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1983.

2. Legacies are credited on a receipts basis to the fund designated by the donor or to the General Fund if no fund is designated.

3. Depreciation.

(i) Property

No provision for depreciation is made on freehold or leasehold buildings. The Treasurership Committee considers that the requirements of the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 12 that freehold and leasehold buildings should be depreciated is not appropriate for the Church. Had depreciation been provided it would have amounted to £15,000 in 1982 (£57,000 cumulative since 1.1.79.). Buildings shown in Note 4 at £930,000 are insured for £3.26 million.

(ii) Cars, furniture and equipment

Depreciation is provided on cars, furniture and equipment so as to write off the relevant assets over their expected useful lives at the following rates per annum:-

Cars	33% on written down value
(Any profit on sale of cars is added to the depreciation provision for the replacement vehicle)	
Major Equipment	20% on cost
(printing machine and computer)	
Other furniture and equipment	15% on written down value

4. Investments

With the exception of investments held for the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund, investments are stated at cost. No account is taken of the excess of unrealised gains over unrealised losses in specific investments, having regard to the long term purpose of the investment funds.

Units held by investing funds in the Common Investment Fund and the Investment Pool are stated at the cost of the units to the investing funds, based on quarterly market valuation of the underlying listed investments at the time of purchase.

Income from investments has been included to the extent that it was received during the year.

5. URC Ministers Pension Fund

The accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund deal with the resources at the disposal of the trustees and short-term liabilities. Long-term liabilities for pensions and other benefits, which are expected

to arise in the future, are not reflected in the accounts. The long-term financial position of the fund is dealt with in the actuarial report (see Note 11 to the accounts).

6. Stock

Stock consists of books and materials purchased for resale in the Distribution and Supplies Section (formerly Tavistock Bookshop). The stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

7. Westminster College

The buildings and contents of Westminster College are not included in the Central Funds balance sheet since the College was originally a gift to the Church, the value of which cannot readily be ascertained. The College buildings are insured for £2.3 million.

CENTRAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1982

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1982		1981	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Capital Funds	1		1,858,080		1,855,174
Unexpended Income Funds	2		<u>3,677,517</u>		<u>3,200,727</u>
Total	3		<u>£5,535,597</u>		<u>£5,055,901</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	4	1,011,783		952,948	
Cars, furniture & equipment	4		<u>76,852</u>		<u>53,123</u>
			1,088,635		1,006,071
Investments	5		3,411,190		3,230,860
Loans and Advances	6		630,771		413,703
Current Assets					
Stock			45,522		33,700
Debtors			363,690		401,290
Cash	7		<u>507,052</u>		<u>412,393</u>
			<u>916,264</u>		<u>847,383</u>
Less Creditors			(407,887)		(385,834)
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund			<u>(103,376)</u>		<u>(56,282)</u>
Net Current Assets			405,001		405,267
			<u>£5,535,597</u>		<u>£5,055,901</u>

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL FUNDS

Movement in Capital Funds for the year ended 31st December 1982

	Balance 31/12/81 £	Movement in 1982 £	Balance 31/12/82 £
General Fund	309,876		309,876
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	288,381		288,381
Ministerial Training Fund	45,416		45,416
Church Buildings Fund	183,786		183,786
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	354,668		354,668
Welfare Fund	25,485		25,485
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	38,325		
Transfer from Westminster College Fund		313	38,638
World Church and Mission Funds	55,818		55,818
Westminster College Funds	168,967		
Reclassification of Fund		14,926	183,893
Other Funds	384,452		
Donations		6,067	
Provision for Apportionment		(18,400)	372,119
	<u>£1,855,174</u>		<u>£1,858,080</u>

NOTE 2 - UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS

	Schedule	Balance 31/12/81 £	Balance 31/12/82 £
General Fund	1	868,496	980,736
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	2	682,435	755,530
Ministerial Training Fund	3	261,568	381,306
Church Buildings Fund	4	458,548	455,078
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	5	114,031	130,626
Welfare Fund	6	36,845	47,465
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	7	115,398	118,552
World Church and Mission Funds	8	170,673	173,099
Funds relating to Westminster College	9	57,390	47,574
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	10	-	108,750
Other Funds	11	435,343	478,801
		<u>£3,200,727</u>	<u>£3,677,517</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1982

	Total	Property	Cars, Furniture & Equipment	Investments	Loans	Current Assets
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,290,612	522,057	68,225	435,319	73,000	192,011
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	1,043,911			998,443	27,855	17,613
Ministerial Training Fund	426,722			420,464		6,258
Church Buildings Fund	638,864	15,438		241,424	377,166	4,836
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	485,294	407,780			77,000	514
Welfare Fund	72,950			62,524		10,426
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	157,190			155,643		1,547
World Church & Mission Funds	228,917	273		228,053		591
Westminster College Funds	231,467			222,378		9,089
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	108,750				74,750	34,000
Other Funds	850,920	66,235	8,627	646,942	1,000	128,116
	<u>£5,535,597</u>	<u>1,011,783</u>	<u>76,852</u>	<u>3,411,190</u>	<u>630,771</u>	<u>405,001</u>

SCHEDULE 1

GENERAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Proceeds of Unified Appeal		987,162		875,650
Other Income				
Dividends on investments	46,901		42,769	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	100,515		94,205	
URC Insurance Co Ltd	12,882		10,156	
Sundry Income	<u>1,871</u>		<u>1,716</u>	
		162,169		148,846
Total Income		<u>1,149,331</u>		<u>1,024,496</u>
EXPENDITURE				
DEPARTMENTAL COSTS				
	Costs	Income	Net	
	£	£	£	
Central Secretariat	33,953	-	33,953	27,928
General Church costs	17,117	-	17,117	16,040
Assembly	19,490	-	19,490	21,404
Grants	23,308	-	23,308	17,636
Moderators	149,025	-	149,025	121,967
Church Life	106,876	-	106,876	95,476
World Church & Mission	185,759	17,000	168,759	168,997
Church & Society	28,648	-	28,648	21,073
Finance & Administration	103,404	7,482	95,922	87,854
Professional Fees	23,852	-	23,852	17,605
Communications & Supplies	80,027	58,949	21,078	30,281
Information Service	2,494	112	2,382	2,156
Central Office costs	95,408	93	95,315	82,669
	<u>£869,361</u>	<u>83,636</u>	<u>785,725</u>	<u>711,086</u>
Maintenance of Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial staff salaries			100,286 <u>685,439</u>	90,213 <u>620,873</u>
COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION		315,618		301,033
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund		55,000		46,000
Retired Ministers Aid Fund		4,000		5,000
Welfare Fund		<u>14,500</u>		<u>12,000</u>
Total Expenditure			<u>1,074,557</u>	<u>984,906</u>
Net surplus in year			74,774	39,590
Balance of Churches of Christ funds transferred to URC			-	8,294
Profit on sale of properties			-	30,800
Transfer of Balance of R & J Booth Annuity Fund			2,188	-
Legacies			<u>35,278</u>	<u>68,527</u>
			<u>112,240</u>	<u>147,211</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982			<u>868,496</u>	<u>721,285</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982			<u>£980,736</u>	<u>£868,496</u>

SCHEDULE 2

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Contributions from local churches	5,016,551		4,438,456	
Donations and Dividends	<u>109,103</u>		<u>95,170</u>	
		5,125,654		4,533,626
EXPENDITURE				
Stipends paid to ministers				
Full time	3,448,997		2,999,738	
Part time	252,170		195,699	
Children's allowances	85,885		92,928	
Employer's contribution to Pension Fund and National Insurance	635,602		552,982	
Grants and other costs	119,769		80,060	
Budgeted allocation to Ministers Pension Fund	<u>394,000</u>		<u>306,000</u>	
		<u>4,936,423</u>		<u>4,227,407</u>
		189,231		306,219
Further allocation to the Ministers' Pension Fund		<u>125,000</u>		<u>230,000</u>
Net Surplus in the year		64,231		76,219
Profit on sale of investments		-		7,094
Receipts relating to earlier years		209		15,371
Legacies		<u>8,655</u>		-
		<u>73,095</u>		<u>98,684</u>
Sums set aside:				
General Reserve	30,000		20,000	
Stipend Payments Reserve	<u>25,000</u>		<u>65,000</u>	
		55,000		85,000
		<u>18,095</u>		<u>13,684</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		<u>37,435</u>		<u>23,751</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£55,530</u>		<u>£37,435</u>
Fund Balances at 31st December 1982				
General Unexpended Income Account		55,530		37,435
General Reserve		250,000		220,000
Stipend Payments Reserve		<u>450,000</u>		<u>425,000</u>
		<u>£755,530</u>		<u>£682,435</u>

SCHEDULE 3

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Dividends	32,928		15,070	
Donation from Memorial Hall Trust	-		20,000	
Allocation from				
New College, London, Trust	81,814		81,814	
Other Donations	5,636		9,186	
Allocation from General Fund	55,000		46,000	
	<u>175,378</u>		<u>172,070</u>	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	33,502		21,707	
General Fund	13,922		6,909	
	<u>47,424</u>		<u>28,616</u>	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	32,011		39,564	
Congregational College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	43,582		37,282	
	<u>123,017</u>		<u>105,462</u>	
Cost of Training for the				
Auxiliary Ministry				
	5,642		5,839	
Other Grants				
	<u>8,795</u>		<u>7,760</u>	
		<u>137,454</u>		<u>119,061</u>
Net Surplus in year		37,924		53,009
New College, London, Trust				
Income relating to prior years				
		81,814		81,814
Churches of Christ Training Fund				
		-		41,379
Legacy				
		-		190
		<u>119,738</u>		<u>176,392</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		<u>261,568</u>		<u>85,176</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£381,306</u>		<u>£261,568</u>

SCHEDULE 3a

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Operating Statement for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Students' Fees	47,500		42,324	
Conference Fees	10,693		12,329	
Federation Fees	<u>4,281</u>		<u>4,733</u>	
		62,474		59,386
Net Flat Rents	2,861		3,185	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>2,607</u>		<u>2,786</u>	
		5,468		5,971
Endowment Income	10,789		10,318	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>3,500</u>		<u>3,350</u>	
		14,289		13,668
Total Income		<u>£82,231</u>		<u>£79,025</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Professors' stipends	31,079		24,954	
Professors' accommodation costs	5,823		6,035	
Chair Endowments	(6,134)		(5,923)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>(23,465)</u>		<u>(17,909)</u>	
		7,303		7,157
Staff Salaries	34,915		30,329	
Household Expenses	15,464		13,930	
Rates, light, heat and insurance	23,288		21,961	
Maintenance	<u>10,775</u>		<u>9,382</u>	
		84,442		75,602
University Fees	942		311	
Board of Studies	125		125	
Library	<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>	
		1,267		636
Office costs	2,450		1,852	
Sundry expenses	<u>691</u>		<u>687</u>	
		3,141		2,539
Total Expenditure		<u>£96,153</u>		<u>£85,934</u>
Net Deficit in year funded by allocation from Ministerial Training Fund		<u>£13,922</u>		<u>£6,909</u>

* In addition to this grant, the Cheshunt Foundation support the College by maintaining one Professor, contributing to office costs, and by giving Bursaries to students.

SCHEDULE 4

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982	1981
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	1,326	1,894
Dividends and Interest	57,822	58,236
Income from King Street, Luton, Trust	8,783	4,428
Income from Ground Rents	<u>10,292</u>	<u>12,775</u>
	78,223	77,333
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>126,072</u>	<u>96,837</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund	(47,849)	(19,504)
Profit on sale of Investments	44,379	9,388
Legacies	-	190
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982	<u>458,548</u>	<u>468,474</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982	<u>£455,078</u>	<u>£458,548</u>

SCHEDULE 5

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Property Management				
Rents Received	5,237		5,342	
Less Property Costs	<u>4,378</u>		<u>4,566</u>	
Net excess of rents over property costs		859		776
Donations		29		14
Dividends and Interest		<u>3,752</u>		<u>4,029</u>
Net Increase in Fund		4,640		4,819
Profit on sale of property		6,007		-
Legacies		5,948		47,737
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		<u>114,031</u>		<u>61,475</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£130,626</u>		<u>£114,031</u>

SCHEDULE 6

WELFARE FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations		941		1,413
Dividends and Interest		6,879		6,303
Allocation from Unified Appeal		<u>14,500</u>		<u>12,000</u>
		22,320		19,716
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>27,190</u>		<u>22,299</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund		(4,870)		(2,583)
Legacies		15,490		250
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		<u>36,845</u>		<u>39,178</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£47,465</u>		<u>£36,845</u>

SCHEDULE 7

RETIRED MINISTERS AID FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

INCOME				
Investment Income		18,128		17,659
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		1,300		1,300
Allocation from the Unified Appeal		4,000		5,000
Donations Received		<u>82</u>		<u>-</u>
		23,510		23,959
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		4,805		3,878
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund		<u>18,500</u>		<u>20,000</u>
		<u>23,305</u>		<u>23,878</u>
Net increase in fund		205		81
Legacies		2,949		690
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		<u>115,398</u>		<u>114,627</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£118,552</u>		<u>£115,398</u>

SCHEDULE 8

FUNDS HELD FOR THE WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION COMMITTEE

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1982

GENERAL FUND	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations	1,164		1,009	
Dividends and Interest	23,469		20,227	
		24,633		21,236
EXPENDITURE				
Less Allocation to General Fund	17,000		17,000	
Grants	18,591		16,168	
		35,591		33,168
Net (Decrease) in Fund		(10,958)		(11,932)
Profit on sale of Investments		1,656		-
Legacies		8,318		5,610
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982		150,820		157,142
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		149,836		150,820
OTHER FUNDS				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	3,432		3,101	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants	22		-	
Net Increase in Funds	3,410		3,101	
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982	19,853		16,752	
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		23,263		19,853
		<u>£173,099</u>		<u>£170,673</u>

SCHEDULE 9

FUNDS RELATING TO WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grant- Dunn Trust	1,300		1,300	
Other receipts	2,282		1,814	
Dividends and Interest	26,850		24,021	
		30,432		27,135
EXPENDITURE				
Bursary Fund Grants	36,926		24,984	
Less Ministerial Training Fund Grant	33,502		21,707	
	3,424		3,277	
Chair Endowments	6,134		5,923	
General Endowments	10,789		10,318	
Other Grants	4,662		1,026	
Transfer to Capital of				
Retired Minister's Aid fund	313		193	
Adjustments	-		3,002	
		25,322		23,739
Net Increase in Funds		5,110		3,396
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982	57,390		53,994	
Reclassification of fund as Capital fund	(14,926)		-	
		42,464		53,994
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£47,574</u>		<u>£57,390</u>

SCHEDULE 10

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982 £	1981 £
INCOME		
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	108,750	20,000
EXPENDITURE		
Grant to Ministerial Training Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982	<u>£108,750</u>	<u>-</u>

See Note 10 on Page 63

SCHEDULE 11

OTHER FUNDS

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and Interest	94,938		33,561	
Donations and Other Receipts	5,988		1,494	
Transfer from Central Income & Expenditure Account	<u>-</u>		<u>2,200</u>	
		100,926		37,255
Grants	90,131		25,986	
Transfer to other Funds	-		21,670	
Capital of Booth Annuity Transferred	<u>2,648</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>92,779</u>		<u>47,656</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Funds		8,147		(10,401)
Profit on sale of investments		3,960		72
Legacies		31,351		-
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982	258,388		268,717	
Reclassification of 'Special Funds'	<u>176,955</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>435,343</u>		<u>268,717</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982		<u>£478,801</u>		<u>£258,388</u>

NOTE Because of the reclassification of Special Funds as at 1st January 1982, the 1981 figures do not relate to the same funds as the 1982 figures. See also Note 9 on Page 63.

NOTES 4, 5 - FIXED ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS

4. Fixed Assets

(i) Property (at cost or original valuation)

	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1/1/82	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 31/12/82
Freehold Property:				
Church House	69,307	1,975		71,282
Houses	703,229	66,110	(10,500)	758,839
Leasehold Property:				
Long	89,838			89,838
Short	10,150			10,150
	<u>872,524</u>	<u>68,085</u>	<u>(10,500)</u>	<u>930,109</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	15,439	1,250		16,689
Shop Property	64,985			64,985
	<u>£952,948</u>	<u>69,335</u>	<u>(10,500)</u>	<u>1,011,783</u>

(ii) Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Cost

Motor Cars	72,046	20,138	(17,274)	74,910
Furniture and Equipment	40,900	9,275	-	50,175
Computer Equipment	-	20,330	-	20,330
	<u>112,946</u>	<u>49,743</u>	<u>(17,274)</u>	<u>145,415</u>

Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Depreciation

		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	35,660	15,081	(11,598)	39,143
Furniture and Equipment	24,163	3,902	-	28,065
Computer Equipment	-	1,355	-	1,355
	<u>59,823</u>	<u>20,338</u>	<u>(11,598)</u>	<u>68,563</u>

Net Book Value £53,123 £76,852

5. Investments

	Cost	1982 Market Value	Cost	1981 Market Value
	£	£	£	£
Units in Common Investment Fund	1,801,747	2,454,339	1,614,281	1,824,688
Units in Investment Pool	1,496,158	2,105,706	1,478,640	1,759,743
Other Listed Investments	79,586	107,571	104,223	111,580
	<u>3,377,491</u>	<u>£4,667,616</u>	<u>3,197,144</u>	<u>£3,696,011</u>
Unlisted Investment at cost	33,699		33,716	
	<u>£3,411,190</u>		<u>£3,230,860</u>	

NOTES 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - LOANS AND ADVANCES, CASH AT BANK, ASSETS HELD IN TRUST, SPECIAL FUNDS, MEMORIAL HALL TRUST FUND

6. Loans and Advances

	1982 £	1981 £
To the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited		
from General Funds	63,000	20,000
from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	77,000	39,000
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants	74,750	-
from Other Funds	1,000	-
	<u>215,750</u>	<u>59,000</u>
To Churches	387,166	325,956
To Ministers	27,855	28,747
	<u>£630,771</u>	<u>£413,703</u>

7. Cash at Bank

Cash on call and short term deposit	2,122,513	1,612,881
Cash at bank and in hand	134,562	97,908
	<u>2,257,075</u>	<u>1,710,789</u>
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Funds shown on pages 66 to 71	419,689	496,141
	<u>1,837,386</u>	<u>1,214,648</u>
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Provinces and Congregations	1,330,334	802,255
	<u>£507,052</u>	<u>£412,393</u>

8. Assets held in trust for other bodies

At 31st December 1982 the United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	£	£
Investments (at cost or valuation)		2,619,899
Money specifically invested externally at short notice		435,454
Loans		46,896
Cash on deposit	1,314,291	
Other cash	<u>16,043</u>	<u>1,330,334</u>
		<u>£4,432,583</u>

These assets are the property of and held to the order of the Provinces and Congregations concerned.

9. Special Funds

In the Accounts for 1981 certain funds were designated as special funds. Investigations during the year have now identified these as capital or unexpended income funds and the funds are so shown in the accounts. The comparative figure on the balance sheet at 31st December 1981 has been amended to take account of the reclassification of these funds, as follows:-

Capital Funds	£274,134
Unexpended Income Funds	£176,955
	<u>£451,089</u>

10. Memorial Hall Trust Grants

The Trustees of the Congregational Memorial Hall Trust during the year have made grants amounting to £108,750 to be used, subject to the approval of the Trustees by the United Reformed Church. £34,000 of this sum has been set aside as a grant towards the 1983 costs of the Ministerial Training Fund, and the balance has been lent free of interest to the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited.

NOTES 11, 12, 13, 14 - PENSION FUND, CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY, COMMITMENTS, STIPEND SUPPLEMENTS

11. United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund

A valuation of the Pension Fund was carried out by the Actuaries to the Church as at 31st December 1981. On the assumption that payments of £394,000 in 1982 and £426,000 per annum from 1983 to 1995 are made from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund (that Committee is resolved to make these payments) and payments of £15,000 per annum to 1995 are made from the Retired Ministers Aid Fund, the Actuaries have reported that there is an actuarial deficit of £21,000 which is considered to be negligible. The contributing members of the fund are not contracted out of the State Pension Scheme. The trust deed of the fund is being finalised. The accounts of this fund are shown on page 70.

12. Congregational Ministers Friendly Society

As forecast in the Accounts for 1981, the trustees of the Congregational Ministers Friendly Society, having received approval from more than 90% of the members and the Registrar of Friendly Societies, repaid the capital of the Society to the members in August 1982.

	£
At 31st December 1981, the Society's cash in hand, and invested short-term was	135,472
Interest to the date of distribution amounted to	12,901
A grant was paid from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund (shown in the account of that fund under 'Grants and Other Costs')	259
	148,632
Less expense of dissolution charged	100
Balance distributed to members	£148,532

13. Commitments

Outstanding commitments under contracts for housing property purchase not completed at 31st December 1982 were:-

	1982	1981
	£	£
Central Funds	450	Nil
URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd	Nil	Nil

No further approval for the purchase of property has been given by the Church but the Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of property to the value of £67,000 (1981 £102,000). These acquisitions will be funded from the unexpended income of the Church or from the proceeds of properties currently unoccupied and for sale. From its General Fund the Church has agreed to lend to the Housing Society any shortfall.

The Church Buildings Committee have authorised loans amounting to £110,000 and grants amounting to £54,000 which have not been paid at 31st December 1982.

14. Stipend Supplement

In addition to the basic stipend, the Church pays as agents for local congregations and other bodies supplements and housing allowances etc. totalling £220,000. No part of this expenditure falls upon central funds.

CENTRAL FUNDS

Source and Application of Current Assets - Year ended 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
Source of Current Assets	£	£	£	£
Total Funds at 31st December 1982		5,535,597		5,055,901
Total Funds at 1st January 1982		<u>5,055,901</u>		<u>4,164,341</u>
Increase in Funds as detailed in Notes 1 and 2		479,696		891,560
Adjustment for items not involving movement in Current Assets				
Property and Investments received in kind	5,460		429,496	
Profit on sale of assets	55,996		30,800	
Interest added to Loan and Investment Accounts	16,278		15,426	
Depreciation	<u>(20,338)</u>		<u>(17,363)</u>	
		<u>57,396</u>		<u>458,359</u>
		422,300		433,201
Increase in Current Assets arising from				
Sale of property	16,507		83,758	
Sale of investments	155,926		135,299	
Sale of cars	5,676		4,400	
Loans and Advances repaid	<u>101,212</u>		<u>62,465</u>	
		<u>279,321</u>		<u>285,922</u>
		701,621		719,123
Decrease in Current Assets arising from				
Purchase of property	68,085		51,625	
Purchase of investments	281,534		356,986	
Purchase of cars, furniture etc.	49,743		22,314	
Loans and Advances made	<u>302,525</u>		<u>152,557</u>	
		<u>701,887</u>		<u>583,482</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Current Assets		<u>£(266)</u>		<u>£135,641</u>
Movement in Current Assets				
Increase/(Decrease) in Stock	11,822		(2,780)	
(Decrease)/Increase in Debtors	(37,600)		126,491	
Increase in Cash	94,659		48,937	
(Increase)/Decrease in Creditors	(22,053)		19,275	
(Increase) in Advance receipts	<u>(47,094)</u>		<u>(56,282)</u>	
		<u>£(266)</u>		<u>£135,641</u>

PASTORS SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		291,478		291,478
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1982	146,734		102,463	
Legacies received	5,495		28,500	
Net surplus in year	<u>25,555</u>		<u>15,771</u>	
At 31st December 1982		<u>177,784</u>		<u>146,734</u>
		<u>£469,262</u>		<u>£438,212</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£710,341</u>	459,247	<u>£531,109</u>	418,187
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>10,015</u>		<u>20,025</u>
		<u>£469,262</u>		<u>£438,212</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

INCOME				
Investment Income	54,189		45,251	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	5,503		5,195	
Sundry Income	<u>137</u>		<u>326</u>	
		59,829		50,772
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>34,274</u>		<u>35,001</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£25,555</u>		<u>£15,771</u>

PASTORS WIDOWS FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		158,302		158,302
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1982	122,219		87,158	
Legacies received	5,595		25,662	
Net surplus in year	<u>16,972</u>		<u>9,399</u>	
At 31st December 1982		144,786		122,219
		<u>£303,088</u>		<u>£280,521</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£455,111</u>	296,167	<u>£337,436</u>	266,573
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		6,921		13,948
		<u>£303,088</u>		<u>£280,521</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

INCOME				
Investment Income	34,679		28,108	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	5,503		5,195	
Sundry Income	<u>428</u>		<u>173</u>	
		40,610		33,476
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>23,638</u>		<u>24,077</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£16,972</u>		<u>£9,399</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
Investments	<u>£4,555,732</u>	6,140,683	<u>£3,644,620</u>	4,260,973
Cash and Short Term Deposits		161,716		64,021
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>184,117</u>		<u>397,876</u>
		<u>£6,486,516</u>		<u>£4,722,870</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

INCOME

Investment Income	425,764	303,388
Donations	968	737
Donation from Thames North Province	-	25,000
Contributions from ministers and central funds	383,295	333,950
Transfer values received	12,994	15,547
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry fund toward the Actuarial Deficit	394,000	306,000
Allocation from the Retired Minister's Aid fund	<u>18,500</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	1,235,521	1,004,622

EXPENDITURE

Pensions Paid	473,602	394,683
Death Benefits	33,720	46,910
Commutation Payments	-	5,380
Contributions repaid to members on withdrawal	1,616	1,446
Transfer Values paid	<u>11,524</u>	<u>5,789</u>
	520,462	454,208
Management expenses	<u>620</u>	<u>574</u>
	521,082	454,782

INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR

714,439 549,840

Special Allocation from Maintenance of Ministry Fund	125,000	230,000
Realised (Loss)/Profit on Sale of Investments	(44,891)	64,023
Legacies Received	500	727
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	<u>795,048</u>	<u>844,590</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1982	4,103,403	3,258,813
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1982	<u>4,898,451</u>	<u>4,103,403</u>
Unrealised Surplus of Market Value of Investments over Cost	1,584,951	616,353
Endowment Fund	<u>3,114</u>	<u>3,114</u>
	<u>£6,486,516</u>	<u>£4,722,870</u>

Accounting policy 5 on page 49 and note 11 on page 64 form an integral part of
the accounts of this fund.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RETIRED MINISTERS
HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Property at cost or valuation		1,347,552		1,060,548
CURRENT ASSETS				
Net balance with the United Reformed Church	12,243		5,605	
Less Sundry creditors	<u>11,407</u>	836	<u>1,743</u>	3,862
		<u>£1,348,388</u>		<u>£1,064,410</u>
FINANCED BY				
Housing Property Finance				
Property Equity Account	1,129,802		999,548	
Loans from United Reformed Church	215,750		59,000	
Other Loans	<u>2,000</u>		<u>2,000</u>	
		1,347,552		1,060,548
Share Capital	20		17	
Reserves	<u>816</u>		<u>3,845</u>	
		836		3,862
		<u>£1,348,388</u>		<u>£1,064,410</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1982

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT				
Rents receivable		21,123		17,471
Less Property costs	22,038		8,142	
Administrative costs	<u>1,033</u>		<u>1,060</u>	
		<u>23,071</u>		<u>9,202</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u>£(1,948)</u>		<u>8,269</u>

FUNDING OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED STATEMENT

Total cost of houses purchased in year		283,108		220,816
Transfer of property from Southern Province		21,279		-
Property Bequest		<u>22,000</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>£326,387</u>		<u>£220,816</u>
Proceeds of houses sold	48,271		144,165	
Legacies	55,191		21,104	
Donations	65,094		50,370	
Sum drawn from Reserves	<u>1,081</u>		<u>5,177</u>	
	169,637		220,816	
Amount met from increased borrowing	<u>156,750</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>£326,387</u>		<u>£220,816</u>

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

	Property Equity	Capital Reserve	Revenue Reserve	Total Reserves
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1st January 1982	999,548	8	3,837	3,845
Profit on Properties sold	8,888			
Legacies	55,191			
Donations	65,094			
Drawn from Reserves	1,081		(1,081)	(1,081)
(Deficit) on Property Management Account			<u>(1,948)</u>	<u>(1,948)</u>
Balance at 31st December 1982	<u>£1,129,802</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>816</u>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1982 £1000	Budget 1982 £1000	Budget 1983 £1000	Budget 1984 £1000
INCOME - Unified Appeal	987	1,018	1,100	1,157
Other income	162	96	100	103
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,149</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,260</u>
EXPENDITURE - Departmental Costs				
Central Secretariat	34	35	37	41
General Church costs	17	23	30	28
Assembly	19	19	22	23
Grants	23	22	27	31
Moderators	149	143	155	165
Church Life	107	114	137	152
World Church and Mission	169	173	201	196
Church and Society	29	30	31	34
Finance and Administration	96	107	109	111
Professional Fees	24	26	28	25
Communication and Supplies	21	34	39	40
Information Service	2	4	4	4
Central Office costs	95	94	112	107
	<u>785</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>957</u>
Less Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	100	101	106	109
	<u>685</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>848</u>
Council for World Mission	315	317	328	364
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund	55	55	26	27
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	4	4	4	4
Welfare Fund	15	15	16	17
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,260</u>
Net Surplus in year	75	-	-	-

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1982 £1000	Budget 1982 £1000	Budget 1983 £1000	Budget 1984 £1000
INCOME				
Contributions from Churches	5,017	5,047	5,367	5,590
Dividends and donations	109	50	90	118
	<u>5,126</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>5,457</u>	<u>5,708</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	3,701	3,739	4,056	4,259
Children's allowances	86	105	83	68
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Superannuation Schemes	636	659	731	744
	<u>4,423</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>4,870</u>	<u>5,071</u>
Grants and other costs	120	200	161	211
Grants to Ministers' Superannuation Fund	394	394	426	426
Special Allocation	125	-	-	-
	<u>5,062</u>	<u>5,097</u>	<u>5,457</u>	<u>5,708</u>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	64	-	-	-

LEGACIES

General Fund			Other Funds		
The Late	W.E.Attwell	4,239	The Late	J.L.Joyce	30,101
	Mrs G. R.Field	100		S. M.Walford	1,250
	M. E. M. Frood	2,569			<u>£31,351</u>
	Rev. M. O. Janes	100	United Reformed Church		
	C. Roberts	600	Ministers Pension Fund		
	D. E. Smith	4,986	The Late	J.Y.Feggetter	£500
	Mrs H. Tucker	20,512	Pastors Superannuation Fund		
A.E.Elkington Memorial Fund		2,172	The Late	Mrs D.S.Law	1,782
		<u>£35,278</u>		S. M. Walford	3,713
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund					<u>£5,495</u>
The Late	Miss E. M. Kimberly*	£8,655	Pastors Widows Fund		
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund			The Late	Miss L.A.Galley	100
The Late	F.T.Hayward*	£5,948		Mrs D. S. Law	1,782
Welfare Fund				S. M. Walford	3,713
The Late	Mrs G. K. Woods*	£15,490			<u>£5,595</u>
Retired Ministers Aid Fund			United Reformed Church		
The Late	Miss A. M. Marjoribanks	£2,949	Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd		
World Church & Mission Fund			The Late	Mrs E. S. Ewart	20,000
The Late	Miss G.H.J.Burt	500		Miss F. M. Scott	13,191
	Mrs E.S.Ewart	1,000			33,191
	M.E.M.Frood	2,569		Miss H. K. Leith	
	Miss A. M. Marjoribanks	2,949		House valued at	22,000
	Miss J. A. Paul	1,000			<u>£55,191</u>
	Miss M. Thompson	300			
		<u>£8,318</u>	<u>Total Legacies</u>		<u>£174,770</u>

*Sums shown after payment of amounts due to Non Uniting Churches

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