

**The
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
1984**

**30th April — 4th May
THE CITY HALL
NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD
Newcastle-upon-Tyne**

**RECORD
OF ASSEMBLY**

**The United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom
86 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RT**

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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
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Local Government	10	12	X	X	X
Family Fortnight	10	12	X		
One Per Cent Appeal	10	12	X		
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terms of reference	23	14	*	*	*
Amendment of Structure	23-25	14-16	*	*	*
Departmental Structure	18-20	17	*	*	*
Windermere Project		18	*	*	*
1983 Contributions	34	19	*	*	*
Ministerial Stipends	34	19	*	*	*
Plan for Partnership	34	20	*	*	*
Children and Young People in Worship	81	22	X	X	X
Community of Women and Men	81	22	X	X	X
CRUSE	81	23	X		
Lay Preaching Fees	81	24	*	*	*
Lay Preachers' Register	77	24	*	*	
International					
Youth Year	82	24	X	X	X
"Touch and Go"	82	25	X		
Sharing Personnel	91	26	X	X	X
Radio, TV and Video	103	28			X

Record of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in the United Kingdom

1984

FIRST SESSION

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne and within the City Hall, Northumberland Road on Monday 30th April 1984 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, the Right Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker who, being assisted by his Chaplain, the Revd Roy Lowes, and the Revd Bernard G. 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 Assembly 1983

Albert John ANSLEY	Ernest ASQUITH
Roy BACKHOUSE	John BAKER
David Moncrieff BALSILLIE	Arthur Lawson BROWN
John BROWN	George BUCHANAN
Douglas Henry BURTON	Arthur Ernest DALTON
Mrs Joyce ELMS	Gerald Norman FISHER
George Alfred FORECAST	Charles Henry GOODALL
Wilfred Edward HART	Norman HAWORTH
Walter William HENDRY	Hugh Bernard HUTCHINSON
Henry Enoch KINGSTON	Arnold Paton LANSDOWN
John Henry LATHAM	James Frederick LONDON
Fred MARES	Arthur Best MORLEY
Philip NASH	Thomas Alwyn NICHOLSON
Sargeant Albert. PULLEN	Bryn Austin REES
Gareth Johns REES	Hubert Stanley ROSS
Basil Hudson SIMS	Leslie THOMAS
Frank THOMPSON	Gordon Watson TROWELL
Percy Victor WICKENDEN	Herbert George WILLIS
Percy William WISEMAN	

Missionaries who have died since Assembly 1983

S. Gladys BAND (nee CULLEN)	Frank A. BROWN
Cecil George CUTTING	Noah EVANS
Bessie FRASER	Dorothy HUTCHINSON
Olive MORTON	Ethel A. MUMMERY
Honor Olive NEWELL	Isabella M. ROSS
Beatrice TAYLOR	Percy WALLBRIDGE
Jessie WHITESIDE (formerly GORING, nee SIMMONITE)	Jessie Tulloch (Detty) WILLIAMSON
Harold Raymond WORTH	

The Session was then suspended, and the Assembly resumed at 6.30 p.m.

INDUCTION OF MODERATOR

The resumed session was opened by the Right Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker, and on his motion, the Revd Philip Morgan, BA., DD., 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 the Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker. 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 Right Dr Philip Morgan
Clerk:	The Revd Bernard G. Thorogood
Assistant Clerk	Mr Bernard Stonehouse
Moderator-elect (1984-85)	The Revd David H. Dale
Deputy General Secretary	The Revd John Reardon

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 R.T. Clarke
World Church & Mission:	Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow
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
Budget:	Revd Dr R.O. Latham
Communication & Supplies:	Revd E.A. Banyard
Deployment:	Revd A.G. Burnham
Assembly Pastoral Reference:	Revd A.L. Macarthur

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 A.T. Greenslade
Ministry of Healing:	Revd D.H. 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:	Revd F.R. Tomes
Personnel:	Mrs M. Marsden

Church and Society:

Additional representatives:	Mr C. George
	Revd A. Summers

Finance & Administration:

Treasurership:	Mr J.A. Cumming
Maintenance of the Ministry:	
Welfare & Emergencies:	Revd M. D. Whitehorn
Church Buildings:	Revd M.J. Husselbee
Retired Ministers' Housing:	Revd D.L. Skidmore

Synod Clerks:

I Revd Dr A.R. Ritchie; II Revd A. Harrison; III Revd N.W. Bainbridge;
IV Revd A.J. Wells; V Mrs M. Weedon; VI Revd M.J. Husselbee;
VII Revd J.B. Simpson; 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 M. Hanson, R.J. Mortimer, F.J. Nelson
II Revds N. Charlton, R.W. Courtney, D. Jenkins
III Revds Barbara Gates, G. Walker, A. Wise
IV Revd J. Durell, Mr J.E.M. Gilbey, Revd G. Rodham
V Revds W.K. Gathercole, Nellie Smith, Mrs V. Stonehouse
VI Revds A.B. Holroyd, C.B. Nuttall, W.F.H. Thorpe
VII Mrs M. Evans, Mr C.A. Raggett, Mr P.A. Wade
VIII Revds Gillian Bobbett, T.E. Girling, B.W. Kirk
IX Mr I. Andrews, Mrs J. Chesney, Mrs J. Dennett
X Miss A. Jiggins, Mr P.R. Smith, Mr L.W. Tatton
XI Mrs S. Hearne, Revds D.A. Pratt, B.D.B. Stuart
XII Mr J. Bafico, Dr A. Jones, Revd R.F. Williams

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr J. Forrest; 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 Mr E.J. Ford; XII Mr H.L. Morris.

Theological College representatives;

Mansfield College:	Revd J.C. Brock
Northern College, Manchester:	Revd Dr R.J. McKelvey
Westminster College, Cambridge:	Revd Dr S.H. Mayor
Memorial College, Aberystwyth:	Revd I.T. Rees

Youth representatives:

Mr Craig Bowman, Mr Mike Garrow

Secretary of Council for World Mission:

Mr Barrie Scopes

Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain:

Revd F.A. Beattie

Missionaries on Furlough:

Miss Peggy Payne, Revd Robin Sleigh

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. Penn, 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 R.J. Hall, Revd J.E. Young, Rt Revd Dr Lesslie Newbiggin, Revd Dr 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 H.W. Georgeson, Revd R. Hallows, Revd Dr W.G. Baker, Revd J.E. Francis, Revd W.F. Aiton, Revd J. Gray, Revd K.C. Burdett, Revd R. Murray, Revd (Mrs) W. Clark, Revd G.B. Waterton, Revd A.B. Webster, Dr P.D. Arthur, Revd G. Sharpe, Dr D.M. Thompson, Revd A.V. Smith, Revd Dr P. Morgan, Revd A.J.G. Walker

District Council representatives:

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

Province I

A: Revds R. Bell, D. Brown, R. Parker, J. Rutherford, Miss C. Catton, Mr G. Elliott, Miss D. Kailofer, Mrs E. Straughan
B: Revds D.D. Arthur, J.M. Bell, S.J. Brock, T.E. Grant, D.R. Hannen, C.A. Hobson, Mr W. Ellerby, Mrs M.L. Franks, Mr F.J. McCree, Mr N. Patterson, Mrs I. Stuart, Mr S.W. Telfer
C: Revds D. Welbrock, E. Young, Mr C. Hall, Mr L.A. Nicol
D: Revds G. Allan, R.H. Lewis, P.I. Poulter, Miss M. Glenn, Mr K.C. Kennedy, Mrs F.M. Stevens
E: Revds D. Jacques, D. Mather, *Mr K.R. Hounsome,* Mr R. Ovens
F: Revd D. Powis, Mr W. Short

Province II

A: Revds A. Greasley, D.J. Netherwood, S.M. Thornton, Mr M. Helmn, Miss C. Leckie, Mr H.V. Rawlins
B: Revds G. Eatock, Jessie Halfpenny, A.M.L. Hutcheson, A.A. Tomlinson, Mr H. Ashurst, Mrs H. Ashurst, Dr B.N. Clark, Dr Ruth Cowhig*
C: Revds J.D. Farquhar, R.J. Gill, C.J. Weddle, Mr G. Kemp, Mr J. Sirkett, Mr N.H. Oldham*
D: Revds T.D. MacMeekin, D. Megson, L. Pugh, Mr J. Cunliffe, Mr R. Egerely, Mrs J. MacMeekin
E: Revds J.B. Hawksworth, B.F. Jones, P.S. Rand, R.A.C. West, Mr N. Oldfield, Mrs Y. Oldfield, Mrs S. Rand, Mr I. Royle
F: Revds B.A. Baker, K. Harris, Ruth Mealand, Stella Sivyour, C. Warner, Dr C.T. Calam, Mrs I.M. Calam, Mr R. Goddard, Mr P. Woods, Mr D. Phillip*
G: Revds G. Carling, G.M. Taylor, M.D. Whitehorn, Miss R. Burnham, Mr M. Hazell, Ms C.A. Morgan

Province III

A: Revds J. Evans, Sheila Massey, J. Oldershaw, M. Shapland, Miss C. Iveson, Miss M.E.P. Scott, Mrs P. Senior, Mrs K. Stocks
B: Revds R. Andrews, F.D. Edwards, J.R.W. Paull, Dr I. Collinson, Mrs F. Hurst, Mr S. Webb
C: Revds P.W. Beaman, P.J. Brain, D.H. Swansbury, Mrs R.W. Farnworth, Mr J.E. Williams, Miss J. Woods
D: Revd D. Bremner, R. Gates, A. Gaunt, D. Holley, Mr P. Caddick, Miss N. Kelly, Mrs G. Ross, Mrs L. Thompson
E: Revds D. Bedford, A. Huyton, P. Smith, Mr A. Bibby, Mr A. Gillooley, Mr W.G. Mackay

Province IV

- A: Revds J.H. Fraser, J.S. Henderson, Miss D. Morrell, Mr B. Smith
B: Revds G. Anders, L.G. Anderson, Elizabeth J. Nash, T. Oakley,
Mr R. Ashmore, Mr D. Hawksworth, Mrs B. Hayes, Mr J.B. Swift
C: Revds R.R. Bance, G.J. Cook, R. Hine, S.O. Jones, Mr A. Allison,
Mr W.G. Bramley, Mrs B. Casey, Mr A.S. Raven
D: Revds B.A. Hunt, D.M. Rogers, Brenda Willis, Mr P. Clarkson, Mr A. Evans,
Mr A.B. Peel
E: Revds D. Atkinson, Irene G. Bligh, P.R. Smith, Mr B. Brook,
Miss M.M. Hirst, Mrs G.H. Stansfield
F: Revds J. Jenkinson, B. Sheppard, W.J. Taylor, Miss M.E. Atkinson,
Mrs L. Browning,

Province V

- A: Revds June Davis, C. Jones, Margaret Laurie, J.Lloyd-Williams, Mr A. Bond,
Mr A. Davis, Mr W. Eaton, Mr N. Redhead
B: Revds N.C. Compton-Dando, W.C. Jones, M.J. Pevy
Miss E. Attenburrow, Miss A.B. Cowdell, Mrs J. Pevy, Miss J. Wileman
C: Revds S.A. Bidmead, C.H. Coupland, K.P.Swaine, Mr D. Cann,
Mrs B. Gathercole, Mr A.G. Gray
D: Revds K. Lee, Elizabeth Welch, S. Whiffen, M. Williams, Miss R. Hardy,
Mr T. Hunter, Mr L. Kay, Mr D. Weedon, Mrs E.C. Jones*
E: Revds C.J. Baker, A.R. Lee, G. Smith, Miss Alison Farr,
Miss A. Riddoch, Mr P. White

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- A: Revds W. Boyd, E. Carless, A. Green, W.D. Williams,
Mr N. Ellis, Mrs N.MacOnie, Mr E. Richards
B: Revds M.J. Cruchley, P. Cullum, A. Kenworthy, Miss Y. Brookes,
Mrs J. Cullum, Mr R. Webb.
C: Revds H. Dixon, V.N.J. Lewis, J. Marsh, Mr W. Chivers,
Mr A. Gould, Mr P.Turner
D: Revds G. Spicer, E. Symmons, R. Young, Mrs E.G. Cottle,
Mrs J. Mansbridge, Mr A.E. McCulloch
E: Revds P. Loveitt, J. Moss, D. Pitkeathly, A. Willcocks, Dr I. Frew,
Mr E. Holmes, Mrs R. Page, Miss R. Roberts
F: Revds Lesley Beale, W.W. Mahood, J.C. Neary, Mr T.J. Barber,
Mr R.J. Grant, Miss B. Lea

Province VII

- A: Revds W.H. Clement, B. Griffiths, P. McKay, Dorothy Spence,
Mr G. Clarke, Miss S. Gibbons, Mr W. Martin, Mr P.Robson
B: Revds R.L. Eveleigh, J.A. Pugh, R. Royston-Bishop, R.H.Smith, R.J. Woods,
Mr J. Eveleigh, Mr W.R. King, Mrs E.W. Matthew, Mr G.R. Matthew,
Mrs E.J.H. Smith
C: Revds J. Farmer, F. Hutchinson, T. Ruffell, D. Tapley, Mrs H. Crysell,
Miss H. Gandy, Mrs J. Hutchinson, Mr G. Rider
D: Revds D. Greengrass, J. Hickmore, A. Young, Mr M. Deeming, Mrs
D. Gilbert, Mr K. Root
E: Revds P. Heckels, D. McIlhagga, B.T. Sturtridge, D. Wales,
Dr Pamela Cressey, Mr D. Davies, Mrs A. Reisner, Mr B. Stocker

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- A: Revds A.T.J. Baker, Margaret Nuttall, Mr F. Massey, Mrs J. Rowe,
B: Revds G.E.F. Bowerman, P. Killick, R.H. Norman, Mr H. Capener,
Miss B. Tomlin, Mr J. Whiter

- C: Revds M. Ambler, K. Havers, K. Hibberd, Mrs E. Beglin,
Mr F.J. Brumwell, Miss Campbell
- D: Revds J.H.M. Jolliffe, J.R. Shad, J.G. Stephenson, Mrs D.E. Jolliffe,
Miss I. Reeves, Mrs M. Shad
- E: Revds Stella Beare, R.J. Ellis, S.E. Thorpe, Mrs B. Brettell,
Mr R.J. Coole, Mrs J. Stolton
- F: Revds D.A. Barber, R.G. Diffey, A.W.J. Jeffreys, A.S.J. Phippen,
M. Wear, Mr W.J.F. Bowerman, Mr M. Dymot, Miss M. Harris,
Mrs P.E.P. Sessions, Miss L. Thomas
- G: Revd K.H. Bell, Mr C.Trigger
- H: Revd J. Beard, Miss D. James
- J: Revd N.L. Shepherd

Province IX

- A: Revds R.O. Balmer, D.P. Churchward, L.J. Garland, Jean Jamieson, A.C.
Mellor, T.A. Shepherd, Mr S.E. Chamberlain, Mr R.E. Harding, Mr R.G. Mudd,
Mr H.J. Ogden, Mr R.J. Potts, Mr J.N. Tucker
- B: Revds B. Coward, A.G. Jones, Ivy B. Morrill, R.W. Murray,
Mr P. Marsden, Mr S.H. Nelson, Mr.R.W. Norris, Mrs. A. Sharp
- C: Revds D.A. Cox, A. Gardiner, Eileen Seymour, G.H. Thomas, Miss M. Cumber,
Miss F. Hazlewood, Mr D.W. Mansfield, Mrs C.W. Thomas
- D: Revds F.G.W. Dennett, G.E.H. Long, H. Starr, M.G. Westerman,
Mr D. Butler, Mrs E. Down, Mrs. V. Roberts, Mr Ll Thomas.
- E: Revds Hazel Day, M.R. Jackson, Constance O.M. Payne, D.F. Wilkins,
D.T. Wolfenden, Mr J.E. Gay, Mrs G. Langdon, Mr I. Lowden, Mr R. Mead,
Dr A.H. Tomlinson

Province X

- A: Revds M.G. Dunford, Christina Flashman, Barbara Meachin, J. Miller,
Miss S. Fairbairn, Mr H. Newell, Mr D. Ramsay, Mrs M. Stacy
- B: Revds G. Barrow, A. Frost, G. Gould, Mrs L. Dover, Mr S. Fuller, Mr M. Smith
- C: Revds Dr C. Baxter, S. Larkin, Hazel Whitehead, R. Whittle, Mr M. Bending,
Mrs B. Flynn, Mrs. K. Lehmann, Mrs J.Malcolm
- D: Revds G. Bellamy, A.J. Goss, A.G. Hamilton, M. Lay, E.P. Schofield,
Mr A.M. Cameron, Mr L.E. Killick, Mrs M. Stokes, Mr S.J. Whiteman,
Mr D. Yule
- E: Revds Dr J. Campbell, C.K. Forecast, P. Snell, Mr J.T. Blowfield,
Mrs N. Coombs, Mrs B. Harwood
- F: Revds Susan Armitage, J. Edwards, D. Paterson, R.Vincent, Ms S.Burrell,
Miss J. Davies, Mr D. Matanle

Province XI

- A: Revds R. Currie, H. Kember, J. Sturney, A. Thomas, J. Wyatt,
Mr W.E.J. Miles, Mr G. Murnane, Miss H. Smith, Sir James Tait,
Mr M. Young
- B: Revds D.L. Helyar, M.T. O'Hara, I.J. Stewart, J.D.Waller, J.M. Ward,
Mr G.R. Ashford, Miss M. Hayman, Mr G. Jones, Mrs C. North, Mr K.E.G.
Paddon
- C: Revds D.J.D. Baker, P.McIntosh, A.V.J. Nash, D. Schofield, May Segain,
Pat Wardle, Mr P. Acres, Mrs M. Carter, Mr J. Gowanloch, Mr A.G. Ives, Miss
J. Martin, Miss S. Stevens
- D: Revds B. Eyles, R. Macnab, S. Sexton, N. Smith, Mrs R. Brown,
Mr B. Edwards, Mrs K. Neall, Mr H. Ring
- E: Revds D. Clarke, M. Hill, A. Lorimer, Mrs J. Bradshaw,
Mrs A. Lorimer, Mrs S. Moreton
- F: Revds D.Piggins, G. Roper, W.R. Stokes, Olive Symes, Mr D. Bartholomew,
Miss J. Howlett, Mrs S. Salmon, Mrs E. Shamis
- G: Revds G.E. Beck, D.H. Bending, R.C. Christopher, D.E. Clark, Miss E.M.
Davis, Miss M.F. Smith, Mrs N.V. Welch, Miss D.K. Willmer

Province XII

- A: Revds B.Jones, R. Jones, G. McGowan, Mrs D.M. Jenkins,
Mr R.G. Hughes, Mr F.S.V. Jones
- B: Revds Dr J. Glyndwr Harris, R. Pagan, L.T. Walker, Mr P. Jones,
Mrs M. Kennard, Mrs L.T. Walker
- C: Revds K. Graham, J.L. Humphreys, Daphne E. Jones, Patricia Parrish,
P.D. Scotland, Mrs E. Batty, Mrs J. Jones, Miss T. Jones, Mr R.H.
Smith, Miss L. Tucker
- D: Revds K. Fabricius, I. Rees, Miss P. Lewis, Mrs M. Page
- E: Revds D. Fox, E.H. Jones, D.C. Morgan, Mrs E.H. Jones, Mr H. Morris
Mrs H. Morris
- F: Revds R. Helmn, R. Kidd, C. Lloyd Jones, Mrs R. Kidd, Mr I. Parry,
Mr J.B. Watkins

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

'TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom, now meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty.

We continue to be profoundly grateful for the example of devotion to the interests and welfare of all your people shown by Your Majesty and by other members of the Royal Family. We express our thanks to you and a sense of our admiration that you are deterred neither by the threat of danger nor by the rigours of journeying from an exacting programme of visits at home and abroad. We give thanks to God that you have been maintained in safety in all your travelling, and that your visits bring such pleasure and encouragement to the people whom you meet.

As a member of the Council for World Mission, of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and of the World Council of Churches, the United Reformed Church participates in a community of faith which bridges the barriers of race and culture. We have begun to experience the enrichment of life which comes from the mutual sharing of resources of personnel and ideas as well as material things. We pray that our experience may be a stimulus for the leaders of the nations to promote that sense of interdependence which must be the foundation of world justice and world peace, for which we continue to give our effort and offer our prayers to Almighty God.

May we assure Your Majesty that our churches continually offer prayer to God that He will guide and support you and your family in the discharge of all your many responsibilities, and keep you in health and happiness.

We are
Your faithful and loyal subjects,

Philip Morgan Moderator

Bernard G. Thorogood Clerk

30 April 1984 '

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for the Queen and the nation.

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

The Church of Scotland: The Right Revd Dr J. Fraser McLuskey
Mr J. Wellwood

The Congregational Federation: Mr E.P. Wilson

The Congregational Union of Scotland: The Revd D. Morgan Phillips

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland: The Right Revd Dr T.J. Simpson
The Revd Dr W.T. McDowell
Mr T.W.S. Armstrong

The Presbyterian Church of Wales: The Revd John Pay

The United Free Church of Scotland: Mr Edward S. Nicoll

Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz: Oberkirchenrat Horst Hahn
Pfarrer Ernest Dawe

Church of North India: The Most Revd Dinesh Chandra Gorai, Moderator
Revd Hakim Banta Singh Rahi

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana: The Revd B.K. Tettey

Netherlands Reformed Church: The Revd C.B. Roos

Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea: Revd LEE Hae Dong
Revd KIM Sung Ho

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): The Revd Albert G. (Pete) Peery, Jr.

Reformed Church of Hungary: Bishop Karoly Toth
Professor Janos Pasztor
The Revd Istvan Meszaros

Visitors from the Newcastle area:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
Councillor and Mrs A.F. Stabler

Church of England: The Right Revd Alec Graham, Bishop of Newcastle

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers the Jubilee, Diamond Jubilee or Seventieth Anniversary of whose ordination falls within 1984.

<u>70 years</u>	Frederick POPE	
<u>60 years</u>	Wilfred John BREMNER Louis MARES Iorwerth PRITCHARD	
<u>50 years</u>	Edwin Cyril BLACKMAN William BRYCE David Henry FISHER Henry Burns JAMIESON John MARSH Alfred John MOORE Vincent Christie PLASKETT David Thomas SCOTLAND Victor Norman VOICE Alfred WEBB Lawrence Mark WHEELER	James BRANKIN Patrick Hugh FIGGIS Charlie HODGES Daniel Samuel JONES George Albert MOFFAT Ralph Thomas NEWMAN Kenneth Raymond SAINSBURY Stanley Arthur SMITH Geoffrey WALKER Clifford Lawrence WELCH

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, and Assembly adjourned to meet again in the City Hall at 9.30 next morning for ordinary business.

The Assembly was reconvened on Tuesday 1 May at 9.30 am in the City Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the Moderator, the Rt Revd Philip Morgan, DD, presiding. Opening worship was conducted by the Moderator's Chaplain, the Revd Dr Stephen Orchard, MA, and included a meditation on the Word led by the Moderator.

During worship, Provincial Moderators and the Revd Donald Elliott announced the following names of those newly ordained into the ministry and newly appointed missionaries. Those present were received by the Moderator in the name of the Assembly and he commended them to God in prayer.

Martin AMBLER	Alfred Thomas Josiah BAKER
Hazel Patricia BARKHAM	Lesley Anne BEALE
David Robert BEDFORD	David BENDING
John Miller CAMPBELL	Lesley Margaret CHARLTON
Hilary Jane COLLINSON	Ann Maureen COLE
Christina Margaret FLASHMAN	David FOX
Andrew FRANCIS	Henry Derek GARDINER
James Gerald GASCOIGNE	Nigel Mark GOODFELLOW
James Windsor GOULD	Janet Dukes HARGIS
Michael John HENSMAN	Frank Ronald HALL
David Anthony HERBERT	Brenda Lilian HILL
Derek Munro HOPKINS	Thomas IRVINE
Rhona Mitchell JONES	Mary Jean (Molly) KENYON
Patrick Edmund James McMANUS	Sheila Ruth MAXEY

Ruth Angela MEALAND
Peter Clive NOBLE
Alan PICKLES
Michael Clifford RYMAN
Henry Walter John (Harry) SMITH
Annemarie (Anne) STERN
Clive Robert THOMSON
Albert WATSON
Alan WILLIAMSON

Derek James MORRILL
Doreen Jeanne (Jeanne) PELLIS
Victor George RIDGEWELL
Geoffrey Howard SHARP
Edward William SYMONS
Patrick Hugh TAYLOR
Patricia WARDLE
Anthony Kevin WATERS
Christopher WOOD

Newly appointed Missionaries

Michael Hall
Marilyn Auld
Keith and Gillian Peace-Brown

The Assembly noted that the Revd and Mrs N.Kemp and the Revd and Mrs P. Floe were already serving overseas.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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

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

The order of business proposed was agreed.

This concluded the business of the Committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

The Chairman further moved:

The Assembly appoints the following to serve for six years, until the Assembly of 1990, with the exceptions mentioned:

(a) Chairmen

Ministry of Healing Committee: The Revd D.A. Pratt
Chaplains and Students Committee: Mrs Sally Abbott
Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee: The Revd J.F. Slow
Communication and Supplies Committee: The Revd D.J. Netherwood
Budget Committee: The Revd Dr R.O. Latham (re-appointment for three years)
Editorial Board of "Reform": The Revd E.A. Banyard (for three years)

(b) Secretaries

Mission and Other Faiths Committee: Revd J.M. Parry
Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: Revd G.E. Hooper (re-appointment for four years)
Church Buildings Committee: Mr D.F. Banwell (re-appointment for one year)

Assembly noted the appointment of Tellers for the election of Assembly Moderator and also that Tellers had been appointed for Assembly voting.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

The report of the Church and Society Department was introduced by the Department Chairman, Mr Raymond T. Clarke, and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

A comment was made requesting the Department to reconsider the presentation of business with resolutions as the focus of debate and action.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

OUTREACH WITH THE POOR

The Assembly views with deep concern the growing gap between the privileged and the disadvantaged in the United Kingdom and urges the churches to give priority in their evangelistic outreach to work with the poor and disadvantaged, identifying the causes of poverty and disadvantage and seeking to eliminate them.

Mr Ian Lowden proposed and Miss Alison Jiggins seconded the following amendment:

Line 2: Delete 'urges the churches to give' and insert 'insists that churches give'

Add final sentence: Furthermore, the Assembly requires that a report be made annually by local churches, via District Councils and Synods, regarding progress made in this direction.

By the consent of the Assembly the first part of the amendment was withdrawn.

The amendment was lost, and the original unamended resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

HOUSING CRISIS

The Assembly draws the attention of the churches to the housing crisis and urges them to study needs in their areas and to take appropriate action with a view to securing a greater level of political priority for housing.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department the Revd Michael Hubbard proposed:

RURAL COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Assembly requests churches in rural areas to enter into discussion with MPs and civic leaders about the needs of their communities especially in respect of housing, employment, mobility and accessibility to public services; and to bring these needs to the notice of the wider Councils of the Church.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd Robert Andrews, on behalf of the Department, proposed:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Assembly considers that the proposals published for the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six Metropolitan Counties in England raise important issues about the scope and exercise of power in a democracy, the proper sharing of responsibility for the most disadvantaged inner city areas, the public provision for cultural institutions and activities, and the partnership in services between voluntary and statutory organisations. The Assembly invites churches, District Councils and Synods, particularly those in the areas most immediately affected, to study the proposals and to make their views known to their elected representatives in local and national government.

The Revd Keith Forecast proposed and the Revd Howard Starr seconded the following amendment:

In line 6 delete 'invites' and substitute 'urges'.

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

On behalf of the Department, Mrs Ann Sutcliffe proposed:

FAMILY LIFE

The Assembly, recognising that the churches have a contribution to make in the changing circumstances of family life, encourages them to share with other bodies in organising and promoting Family Fortnight in July 1984.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd John Reardon proposed on behalf of the Department:

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

The Assembly, conscious of the alarming signs of increasing poverty and injustice in the world, welcomes the evidence of greater support for the 1% World Development Appeal and urges the churches to continue their witness on behalf of the world's poor through their support for the Appeal and in their public education and political action.

PEACE ASSOCIATES

The Assembly welcomes the Revds. Pete and Maggie Peery as Peace Associates appointed by the Presbyterian Church in the USA to work with the United Reformed Church and with the Peace Forum of the British Council of Churches.

These resolutions were approved, the latter resolution by acclamation, and, at the invitation of the Moderator, the Revd Pete Peery addressed the Assembly.

The Department Chairman proposed:

PEACEMAKING

The Assembly urges churches to continue to study and search for appropriate ways of making peace in a nuclear age and commends in this process the resolutions of the November 1983 Assembly of the British Council of Churches.

The Revd Ralph Bell proposed the following amendment which was formally seconded:

Line 2: Delete all words after 'age' and add the following words:-
'and of fighting out by a method agreeable to the spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ such crises as cannot be deterred or reconciled away'.

The amendment was lost, and the original unamended resolution was carried.

The following question was put to the Department by Thames North Provincial Synod under Standing Order 7a.

The Thames North Provincial Synod asks the Assembly why its resolution to the 1982 Assembly on the subject of pornography has received no reply in spite of enquiries made by the Buckhurst Hill church.

The Department Chairman replied indicating the action taken by the Department, including a report written to the local church.

This concluded the business of the Department.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Revd Alasdair Walker, Chairman, introduced the report of the Executive Committee which, upon his motion, was received for debate.

The following amendment to the report was noted:

Paragraph 14, line 1, substitute 'Committee' for 'Assembly'.

The Chairman further moved that the Assembly reappoints:

- (a) the Revd. Michael Fortescue Hubbard, MA, BA, Moderator of the South Western Province for five years from 1 September 1984.
- (b) the Revd. John Ivor Morgans, BA, BD, B.Litt., Ph.D., Moderator of the Wales Province for five years from 1 September 1984.
- (c) the Revd. John Howard Williams, MA, BA, Moderator of the Northern Province for three years from 1 September 1984.
- (d) the Revd. John William Patrick Williamson, MA, STM, Moderator of the Mersey Province for three years from 1 September 1984.

All these resolutions were carried.

The Chairman further moved:

RESIDENTIAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly agrees to hold a meeting of the Assembly on a fully residential site at Caister, Norfolk from 25th to 29th April 1986, the cost to be met by the Unified Appeal with assistance from individual donations.

Tellers were called. The resolution was lost by 281 votes to 219. The Chairman then withdrew the following resolution:

The Assembly agrees to hold the 1987 meeting of Assembly in the North Western Province at Blackpool from 11 to 15 May.

and in its place proposed:

The Assembly agrees to hold the 1986 meeting of the Assembly at Blackpool from 12 to 16 May.

This was carried.

The Chairman further proposed:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Assembly agrees to amend the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee as set out in paragraph 9 of this Report.

The resolution was carried.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW GROUP

Mr Peter Bunker, Chairman, introduced the report of the Constitution Review Group. Following comments and questions, the Chairman proposed:

The Assembly receives the report of the Constitution Review Group, Appendix 1 to this Report.

The Assembly instructs the Executive Committee to discuss the implications and practice of "balance of ordained and lay" in the councils of the URC.

These resolutions were agreed.

The Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly agrees to amend the Structure of the URC as follows:-

New 9.3.g

A Minister Emeritus, who has been appointed by the District Council as an Officer of the Council, or as an Interim Moderator, for the period of the appointment shall be a full member of the District Council.

Re-number 9.3.g to 9.3.h

All Ministers Emeriti not covered by clause 9.3.g. residing in...

Re-number 9.3.h to 9.3.i

These were agreed by the requisite two-thirds majority under Clause 9.5.xi.

The Chairman further proposed:

New 9(3)j

Representatives, not exceeding the number approved by the General Assembly, of other denominations in the District as the Council may from time to time determine.

New 9(4)j

Representatives, not exceeding the number approved by the General Assembly, of other denominations in the Province as the Synod may from time to time determine.

New 9(5)1

Representatives, not exceeding the number approved by the General Assembly, of other denominations in the United Kingdom as the Assembly on the advice of the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

These resolutions were agreed by the requisite two-thirds majority under 9.5.xi.

The Chairman further proposed:

New 9.4.g

A Minister Emeritus who has been appointed by the Synod as an officer of the Synod for the period of the appointment shall be a full member of the Synod.

Re-number 9.4.g to 9.4.h

"All Ministers Emeriti not covered by clause 9.4.g residing in...."

Re-number 9.4.h to 9.4.i

These resolutions were approved by the requisite two-thirds majority under clause 9.5.xi.

The Chairman further proposed:

9.5.xi to read as follows:

To alter, add to, modify or supersede the Basis, Structure and, any other form or expression of the polity and doctrinal formulations of the URC.

New Section 10 of the Structure to be inserted as follows:

- 10(1) No exercise by the General Assembly of the function of constitutional amendment contained in 9.5.xi shall have effect unless the following procedure has been followed:
- 10(1)a The proposal for the amendment shall be made in accordance with the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 10(1)b The General Assembly shall vote on a motion to approve the proposal which shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting to pass.
- 10(1)c The General Assembly shall, if such motion to approve the proposal is passed, refer the proposal to Provincial Synods and may, if it deems appropriate refer the proposal also to District Councils and in exceptional cases also to local churches.
- 10(1)d The General Assembly shall in making any such reference set a final date for responses to be made, which shall normally be at an appropriate time before the next annual Assembly.
- 10(1)e If by such date notice has been received by the General Secretary from more than one third of Provincial Synods (or, if it has been so referred, more than one third of District Councils or more than one third of local churches) that a motion 'that the proposal be not proceeded with' has been passed by a majority of

- 10(1)f If by such date such notice has not been received, the General Assembly shall at its next meeting vote on a motion to agree the amendment which shall require a simple majority of the members present and voting to pass.
- 10(1)g If such a motion is passed by such a majority the amendment shall have effect.
- 10(2) In the case of motions which would have the effect of terminating the separate existence of the URC, or of a Province within it, by union with other churches, the voting process to be used shall be not less stringent than in 10(1) and that process shall be determined by a single vote of the General Assembly which shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting to pass.

Sections 10 and 11 of the Structure to be renumbered 11 and 12.

These were approved by the requisite two-thirds majority under clause 9.5.xi.

The Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly instructs Provincial Synods to proceed to the nomination of persons for Moderator of General Assembly according to Part III,3, (3) of Rules of Procedure (Manual, p.68) only after inviting suggestions from local churches and District Councils.

The Assembly amends Regulation 8 (Manual, p.69) to read as follows:

8. The General Assembly shall vote to elect the Moderator of the Assembly by secret ballot as an item of business following prayer on either the second or third day of the meeting of the Assembly. The ballot boxes shall be delivered to the Tellers by whom alone they shall be opened. They shall report the result of the ballot to the Assembly at its final session.

The Assembly agrees to amend Standing Orders, Section 2 as follows:-

Proposals for amendments to the Basis and Structure of the URC, which may be made by the Executive Committee or a Department or Committee of the General Assembly or a Provincial Synod, shall be in the hands of the General Secretary not later than 12 weeks before the opening of the Assembly.

The General Secretary, in addition to the normal advice to members of the Assembly, shall, as quickly as possible, inform all Synod Clerks of the proposed amendment.

These resolutions were agreed.

The Revd Dr Lesslie Newbigin expressed concern that there was insufficient opportunity for debate on the constitutional resolutions contained in Appendix 4 to the Executive Committee report, and approved by Assembly. He expressed considerable reservation about the possibility of the Church being unable to move because of a veto by a third of the congregations or District Councils. The Moderator ruled that the vote on the proposals having been taken, the debate could not be re-opened, but that there would be opportunity for a further debate when the proposals come to the 1985 Assembly for ratification.

The Chairman further proposed:

FORWARD POLICY GROUP

The Assembly agrees to form a Forward Policy Group with a constitution and Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 3 to this Report, to commence work in September 1984.

The resolution was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE

On behalf of the Executive Committee Miss Dorothy Biggs proposed that the report on Departmental Structure be received for debate.

The Revd Charles Brock proposed and the Revd Donald McIlhagga seconded the following resolution:

The Assembly refers Appendix 2, Resolution 11, back to the Executive Committee for re-consideration.

The motion was withdrawn with consent of the Assembly.

The Chairman proposed:

Assembly approves the proposals for Departmental Structure set out in Appendix 2, with implementation at 1 September 1984.

The Revd Elizabeth Nash proposed and the Revd Peter Chesney seconded the following amendment:

After '1 September 1984' add:
'and asks the Ministries Department to consider replacing the Chaplains and Students Committee with a committee dealing with "specialist" ministries.

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

The Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly requests the two new departments to report to the next Assembly through the Executive Committee, on whether their committee structure enables them to fulfil the remit given to them.

The resolution was carried.

The Chairman further proposed:

Assembly discharges the Deployment Committee and the Stewardship Committee on 31 August 1984, with appreciation for all their service to the church.

Assembly discharges the Church Life Departmental Committee on 31 August 1984, recognising the many gifts that have been shared and the generous service given.

Both resolutions were carried amid the acclaim of the Assembly.

This concluded consideration of the business of the Committee.

SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of the Southern Province Mr Maurice Young proposed and it was seconded:

ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

Assembly amends the Structure of the URC, 9(5)d to read:

A staff representative and a student representative, being members of the United Reformed Church, from each of such recognised theological colleges as the General Assembly shall from time to time determine.

The resolution was carried by the required majority.

PROVINCIAL MODERATORS' REPORT

The Revd Michael F. Hubbard presented the report of the Provincial Moderators, and on his motion the Assembly received the report for debate.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

On behalf of North Western Province the Revd Robert Courtney proposed and the Revd Arnold Harrison seconded:

WINDERMERE PROJECT

- i The Assembly, noting the preliminary work done by the North Western Province and consultations held with Assembly Departments, supports the establishment of a residential lay training centre at Windermere to serve the whole United Reformed Church.
- ii The Assembly instructs the Church Life/Faith and Life Department to co-operate with the other departments and with the North Western Province in
 - (a) constituting forthwith a Policy and Planning Committee for this venture;
 - (b) preparing the terms of reference for a local management committee.
- iii The Assembly will receive from the Faith and Life Department annual progress and financial reports.
- iv The Assembly authorises the Policy and Planning Committee to proceed to the early appointment of a minister as Director to be appointed by the Executive Committee, and any stipend to be paid from the Maintenance of the Ministry fund. The appointment to be initially for three years, subject to confirmation of this period of service by Assembly 1985.

Assembly voted separately on paragraph (i). This paragraph of the resolution was approved.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to para.(iv) that the word 'minister' be substituted by 'person'. The amendment was lost. Assembly then approved paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv).

On behalf of East Midlands Province, the Revd Elizabeth Welch proposed and the Revd John Slow seconded:

MILTON KEYNES

The Assembly, aware of the opportunities of mission offered by the new city of Milton Keynes, and acknowledging the ministry and finance already provided from District, Province and national resources, together with our ecumenical partners, recognises Milton Keynes as a special church situation, and accepts the need for national financial support which will come before a later Assembly for detailed consideration.

The resolution was carried.

RE-COMMISSIONING OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

The Moderator re-commissioned the Revd Michael F. Hubbard as Moderator of the South Western Province; the Revd Dr John I Morgans as Moderator of the Wales Province; and the Revd John W.P. Williamson as Moderator of the Mersey Province. (The Revd J.H. Williams was unable to be present.)

The re-commissioning was followed by the acclamation of the Assembly.

THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mr F.H. Brooman, the Honorary Treasurer, introduced the report of the Finance Department and upon his motion it was received for debate.

A comment was made and question put on items not covered by resolutions.

The Honorary Treasurer further proposed:

ACCOUNTS

Assembly adopts the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1983.

1983 CONTRIBUTIONS

Assembly notes the contributions made to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and the Unified Appeal for 1983 and thanks all those who have provided money, advocacy and administration.

These resolutions were agreed.

The Honorary Treasurer further proposed:

MINISTERIAL STIPEND

Assembly resolves that from 1 July 1984 the whole time ministerial basic stipend shall be increased by approximately 6 per cent to £5,016 per annum.

The Moderator did not accept a proposal that the resolution be not put.

The resolution was carried.

The Treasurer further proposed:

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY BUDGET

Assembly gives approval to the Maintenance of the Ministry Budget for 1985, noting that it allows for an increase of 5 per cent in ministers' stipends payable from 1 July 1985.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of Eastern Province the Revd John B. Simpson proposed and Mr Philip Wade seconded:

ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE ON STIPENDS

The Assembly, aware that the Maintenance of the Ministry committee conducts a very thorough consultation on the question of stipend levels,

- a) requests the committee to include in its report to Assembly an account of the principles followed in the consultation and a record of the level of stipend which it has agreed for the year,
- b) authorises the Central Committee of the Finance and Administration Department as its meeting following the Assembly to amend if necessary the level of stipend in the light of any Assembly debate.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd George Hooper proposed:

PLAN FOR PARTNERSHIP

Assembly adopts the 1984 edition of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration, as printed in the Reports to Assembly 1984 as the method of financing and administering the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund with effect from the date of the passing of this resolution.

The Revd Peter Brain proposed and the Revd Graham Cook seconded the following amendment:

Add to paragraph 5.13 of the Plan this phrase:

'.... including any properly trained and duly commissioned Church Related Community Worker called to fill one of the thirty "special ministries".'

The Revd Richard Taylor gave notice of a motion to be put if the amendment were lost.

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed, and it was seconded, that the question be not put. This was carried.

The Revd Richard Taylor proposed, and the Revd Graham Cook seconded:

CHURCH RELATED COMMUNITY WORKERS

The Ministries Department (if established) is required to continue discussion with Provinces and the Finance and Administration Department about the employment by the URC of CRCWs in "special ministry" posts and thus about the use of M of M funds for such service, and to report to Assembly 1985.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd John Miller proposed the following amendment which did not find a seconder:

Line 2 of the Department's resolution:

Insert a comma after '1984', delete all words thereafter down to 'Fund'.

The original unamended resolution was then carried.

The Revd Michael Hubbard proposed and the Revd A.G. Burnham seconded the following resolution:

HEATING AND LIGHTING ALLOWANCES

Assembly, noting that heating and lighting allowances were introduced during a pay freeze period, and that such allowances do create problems in ecumenical situations, make the use of ministers in new or missionary situations more difficult, reduce the pensions payable to ministers and tend to cause difficulties in local pastorates, requests the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to examine such allowances and to bring to the Assembly its opinion as to whether such allowances should remain a permanent part of ministerial remuneration or whether they should be replaced by an increase in stipend.

The resolution was carried.

The Revd David Skidmore, on behalf of the Department, proposed:

RETIRED MINISTERS' HOUSING

Assembly notes the decision of the Retired Ministers' Housing Committee not to implement a policy of fair rents. Assembly endorses the Committee's present policy of setting rents for its properties from time to time at levels which ensure that rental income on all its properties meets the total cost of maintenance, repairs, insurance and administration, the deficit or surplus in any one year being carried forward to the following year.

The resolution was carried.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

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

A correction was made to the Report on Doctrine and Worship, page 59, paragraph 44, to add the words 'and confirmation' following 'certificate of baptism'.

Comments and questions then followed on aspects of the report not covered by resolutions.

The Department Chairman proposed:

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

The Assembly notes the publication of the leaflets "How can a child choose Faith" and encourages local churches to give careful consideration to the ways in which children and adults can best be nurtured in the Christian faith.

This resolution was approved.

On behalf of Wessex Province, Mr J. Gay proposed and it was seconded:

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN WORSHIP

Believing that children and young people are a natural, God-given blessing to the Christian Church, and that the riches they possess should be fully expressed in the life and worship of the church, Assembly urges all churches

- a) to provide opportunity and training for children and young people to be actively involved in the planning and conducting of regular worship
- b) to set aside at least one Sunday a year (such as the last Sunday of February), for services in which young people play a major part in the preparation and leadership of the worship.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

STEWARDSHIP PROMOTERS

The Assembly urges every local church, or group of churches, to consider appointing Christian Stewardship promoters, whose main task will be to ensure that the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship are actively pursued in each congregation and asks the appropriate committee to consider provision of necessary support material, encouragement and training for stewardship promoters.

The resolution was carried.

He further proposed:

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN

The Assembly receives the report of the working party on the Community of Women and Men in the URC, and requests Synods, Districts and local churches to give consideration to the issues raised.

The Assembly requests Synods, District Councils and local churches to develop ways of enabling women to use their gifts in the service of the Church and asks Synods to inform the Nominations Committee of progress by January 1987.

The Assembly asks the Nominations Committee to review the membership of Assembly Departments and Committees in the light of note 6(a) in the URC Manual (p. 79) and to report to the Assembly in 1985 on the steps to be taken to achieve a minimum of one quarter men and one quarter women on every committee by June 1987.

These resolutions were carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly asks Departments and Committees to take steps to ensure that all future publications use inclusive language.

On a point of order the Moderator ruled that 'inclusive language' excluded the deity.

Tellers were called. The resolution was carried by 226 votes to 205 with 23 abstentions.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly expresses its ecumenical solidarity by:-

- (i) urging members to support movements for the ordination of women
- (ii) requesting those responsible for staffing in Local Ecumenical Projects to consider the appointment of women ministers where they are at present unprepared to do so, and
- (iii) recognising the contribution of feminist theology.

Assembly agreed to vote separately upon each sub-section. Sub-sections (i) and (ii) were carried. Tellers were called for the vote on sub-section (iii). This sub-section was carried by 212 votes to 165.

Mrs Joan Boulind proposed and the Revd Michael Dunford seconded the following additional Department resolution:

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE STAFF

The Assembly

- (a) resolves that the Revd Stephen H. Mayor, MA, BD, PhD, be appointed to the Nivison Chair of Church History at Westminster College, Cambridge as from 1 September 1985,
- (b) instructs the Cambridge District Council to arrange in consultation with the Senatus for the induction of Dr Mayor to the post, and
- (c) asks the Ministerial Training Committee to make arrangements to fill the impending vacancy in Pastoral Studies at Westminster College and to bring a name to the General Assembly in 1985.

The resolution was carried. Dr Mayor was later received by the Moderator.

The Department Chairman proposed the following resolution:

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

The Assembly adopts the proposals for Initial Training in Pastoral Responsibility and Post Ordination Support contained in paragraphs 73-86 of the Report of the Ministerial Training Committee which will take effect from the autumn of 1985.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman proposed:

CRUSE

The Assembly notes the Silver Jubilee Year of CRUSE (The National Organisation for the Widowed and their Children, founded in 1959) and commends CRUSE Week 6 - 13 October 1984 when churches are invited to take bereavement as the theme for one of the services on Sunday October 7 1984.

This resolution was carried.

The Revd Dr K. Slack proposed and it was seconded and carried by the requisite majority that Standing Order 3e(iv) be suspended for the purpose of considering the next resolution.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

PREACHING FEES

The Assembly agrees that:-

- (a) Payments by the MoM Fund to a local church shall not normally include the reimbursement of preaching fees, but in those cases where the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration (reviewed 1984) provides for Preaching Fees to be reimbursed, appropriate travelling expenses shall continue to be reimbursed by the MoM Fund.
- (b) Reimbursement for Preaching Fees (together with appropriate travelling expenses) will be paid in the case of:-
 - (i) bona fide students for the ministry of the URC;
 - (ii) retired ministers of the URC;
 - (iii) exceptional situations established by the local church and the District Council in consultation with the MoM committee.
- (c) The Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration be amended accordingly, taking effect from 1 July 1985.

Tellers were called. The resolution was carried by 191 votes to 188.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

LAY PREACHERS' REGISTER

The Assembly resolves to admit to the Register of Nationally Accredited Lay Preachers those who:-

- (a) are members of the United Reformed Church;
- (b) have been commended by their Church Meeting to their District Council;
- (c) have been accredited as lay preachers by their District Council; and
- (d) have completed the course of studies leading to the award of the Lay Preachers Certificate of the United Reformed Church to the satisfaction of the Tutors/Assessors appointed, or possess other equivalent qualifications.

(This supersedes Resolution 7, page 16 Record of Assembly 1979).

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, Miss Ruth Hardy proposed:

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

The Assembly encourages Provinces, Districts and local churches to become involved in International Youth Year 1985 and asks the Youth Committee to provide national support.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, Mr Gareth Jones proposed:

FURY PROJECT

The Assembly, encouraged by the success of "IMAGE", the FURY WORSHIP PROJECT in 1983, calls on all local churches to participate in the follow-up project "TOUCH AND GO".

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Assembly expresses thanks to the Revd David Dale, Chairman of Ministry of Healing Committee, the Revd Dr Leslie Green, Chairman of Chaplains and Students Committee, and the Revd John Simpson, Chairman of Christian Stewardship Committee, as their terms of office come to an end; and to retiring members of the various committees in the Department.

The resolution was carried amid the acclaim of the Assembly.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The Revd David Marsden, Chairman, introduced the report of the Inter-Departmental Working Party on Evangelism, which introduction was supplemented by three examples of evangelistic outreach.

The Chairman proposed:

EVANGELISM

The Assembly encourages the Working Party on Evangelism to continue its work on the basis set out in the Report.

The resolution was carried.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

The Moderator received the Most Revd Dinesh Chandra Gorai, Moderator of the Church of North India, amid the acclamation of the Assembly. He also received Mr S. Ofosuhene (Presbyterian Church of Ghana), the Revd R. Tiewsoh (Presbyterian Church of North India), the Revd Lee Hae Dong and the Revd Kim Sung Ho (Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea) amid the Assembly's acclamation.

The Department Secretary, the Revd Donald Elliott, spoke generally about the work of the Department.

The Department Chairman, Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, introduced the report of the Department.

The Revd Dr Fred Kaan shared impressions of the Vancouver Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The Departmental Chairman moved that the report be received for debate, and this was agreed.

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

The Revd Derek Cole then proposed on behalf of the Department.

TAIWAN

The Assembly expresses its sense of unity with the Revd Dr C.M. Kao, still in prison, and Mrs Kao, its thankfulness for their ministry in difficult circumstances, and its fellowship with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan in its life and mission.

After a period of silence, the resolution was carried by acclamation.

Miss Alison Pagan introduced, and the Departmental Chairman proposed:

CHINA

The Assembly, hearing reports of the BCC visit to the Church in China, is filled with gratitude to God for the life of the Church and its witness, seeks to learn from its experience, and is committed to the growth of ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

The resolution was carried.

Mrs Mary Marsden, on behalf of the Department, proposed the following resolution, being assisted in its presentation by Bishop Gorai, the Revd Peter Loveitt, the Revd Gillian Bobbett and the Revd Ernest Dawe.

SHARING PERSONNEL WITH OTHER CHURCHES

The Assembly gives thanks to God for the increasing international sharing in personnel in which the United Reformed Church takes part;

offers prayer for missionaries both received in this country and sent overseas through the Council for World Mission and other related Churches;

urges local churches and Districts whenever vacancies occur or Special Ministries are sought, to consider the opportunities of receiving ministers from other countries through URC links with European, United States and CWM member Churches.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd Derek Cole proposed:

SOUTH AFRICA

The Assembly expresses thankfulness to God that the Assemblies of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa and the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa have voted in favour of a union of the two Churches, and looks forward to the completion of the negotiations.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, Mrs Helen Lidgett introduced the following resolution which was moved by the Department Chairman:

VISIT BY SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN

The Assembly welcomes the prospect of receiving six women from the Churches of South Africa as guests of the United Reformed Church over Christmas 1984.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further moved:

PRAYER HANDBOOK

The Assembly, recognising the value in the past of the CWM Prayer Handbook, recommends that from 1986 the URC prepares an annual prayer handbook and invites the other English-speaking Churches of the European Region of CWM to co-operate.

The Revd Ronald Williams proposed and the Revd Dr John Morgans seconded the following amendment:

that the words 'English-speaking' be deleted from the resolution:

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

Dr Ruth Cowhig proposed the following amendment which was seconded, namely:

that the words 'in English' be inserted after the word 'handbook'.

The amendment was carried and became a further part of the substantive proposition, and the resolution, so amended, was carried.

The Assembly, recognising the value in the past of the CWM Prayer Handbook, recommends that from 1986 the URC prepares an annual prayer handbook in English and invites the other Churches of the European Region of CWM to co-operate.

The Revd Peter Loveitt proposed and the Revd John Johansen-Berg seconded the following resolution:

URBAN CONSULTANTS

The Assembly requests Synods to appoint urban consultants as resource persons, encouragers and promoters of mission with the urban poor and disadvantaged.

The resolution was carried.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Assembly records with deep appreciation the services of the Revd David E. Marsden as Chairman of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee from 1977 to 1984, noting his committed and eirenic leadership in ecumenical affairs, especially during the Covenant for Unity debate.

The resolution was carried amid the acclaim of the Assembly, and the Revd David Marsden responded.

The Department Chairman further proposed:

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Assembly thanks God for the work of the Revd Iorwerth L. Thomas as Secretary of the Mission and Other Faiths Committee from 1979 to 1984 and wishes him well in retirement.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Revd A.G. Burnham, Chairman, introduced the report of the Committee, and it was noted that in paragraph 16(i) the final word should read 'numbers'.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:

The Assembly receives the final report of the Deployment Committee and thanks all those who have served on it, particularly the present secretary, the Revd G.H. Roper.

The resolution was carried amid acclamation.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman, the Revd Edmund Banyard, introduced the report of this Department and at his request the Moderator received the Secretary, Miss Alma Wade. Upon the Chairman's motion the report was received for debate.

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

The Chairman then proposed:

YEAR BOOK

The Assembly welcomes the new developments of the Year Book.

ANNUAL PUBLICATION

The Assembly encourages the Communication and Supplies Department to continue publication of a book annually.

RADIO, TELEVISION AND VIDEO

The Assembly appreciates the efforts made by Provinces and Districts to increase their involvement in and to provide training for local radio, television and video, and wishes particularly to encourage those who have not yet taken action on last year's resolution.

These resolutions were approved.

Mr Norman Hart, on behalf of the Committee, then proposed:

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Assembly expresses its gratitude for the serene, energetic and informed leadership given to the Communication and Supplies Committee and its predecessor the Publications and Publicity Committee from 1977 to 1984 by the Revd Edmund Banyard, and for his willing use of his own gifts of communication in the Church's service.

The resolution was carried amid the acclaim of the Assembly.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

The Chairman then proposed:

PAINSCASTLE

The Assembly agrees that Painscastle Church, Wales Province, be permitted to secede.

The resolution was carried.

The Chairman further proposed:

BELVEDERE AND ERITH

The Assembly declines to permit the secession of Belvedere and Erith Church, Southern Province.

The Moderator called on the minister of the Belvedere-Erith Church to address the Assembly, and comments were made on behalf of the District Council and the Synod of the Southern Province.

The resolution was lost.

The Revd John Taylor, Synod Clerk, moved on behalf of Southern Province, and it was seconded:

The Assembly consents, though with regret, to the application of Belvedere-Erith Church to secede from the United Reformed Church, such secession to follow the settlement of the future of the fund held by the Province known as the Erith Trust.

The resolution was carried.

The Chairman further proposed:

RECEPTION OF CHURCHES

The Assembly warmly receives on 3rd May 1984 the local churches known as

Radstock Church, Lower Early, Reading	(Wessex Province)
Bowthorpe, Norwich	(Eastern Province)
Kings Hedges, Cambridge	(Eastern Province)
East Hill, Wandsworth	(Southern Province)
Perton, Wolverhampton	(West Midlands Province)

as local churches of the United Reformed Church.

This was carried nem.con. amid the acclaim of the Assembly.

The Chairman further proposed:

SIDEMOOR INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

The Assembly

- (a) welcomes the application of Sidemoor Independent Methodist Church;
- (b) resolves in principle that if satisfactory legal arrangements with regard to trusts can be made, the church will thereafter be received as a local church of the URC;
- (c) empowers the Executive Committee, if that Committee is satisfied that satisfactory legal arrangements have been made, to receive the church.

The resolution was also carried with acclamation.

The Moderator received representatives of the newly received churches.

He also received a member of the Sidemoor Independent Methodist Church.

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Chairman, the Revd A.L. Macarthur, moved:

The Assembly receives the report.

This resolution was carried.

ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY MODERATOR, 1985/86

The result of the ballot for Moderator of the General Assembly of 1985 was declared by Mrs Marion Weedon on behalf of the Tellers. 499 ballot papers had been returned and the Revd David H. Dale, BA, BD, MA, was declared to be elected.

The Moderator received the Moderator-elect amid the acclaim of the Assembly, and the Revd David Dale responded. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

It was noted that sub-paragraph 3(e) of the report should be deleted, and that in paragraph 4, line 3, the figure should be altered to £1,280,000.

Questions and comments then followed on aspects of the report not covered by resolutions.

The Chairman then proposed:

The Assembly approves the Budget for 1985 which provides for an expenditure of £1,425,000.

The Revd Peter Brain and the Revd Graham Cook had given notice of an amendment:

On the proposals of the Budget Committee (3.a) amend £20,000 to £30,000 for support of Church Related Community Workers.

On the advice of the Clerk, the Moderator ruled the amendment out of order under Standing Order 3.e.ii.

The Revd Peter Brain then proposed and the Revd Graham Cook seconded the following amendment:

'and requests the Budget Committee to consider transferring item (e) (£10,000 for a residential Assembly) to item (a) "for the support of Church Relations Community Workers.

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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Consideration of the report of this Committee was resumed and the Revd Nelson Bainbridge, Chairman, proposed:

The Assembly appoints the following Chairmen:

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| (a) Ministries Department: | The Revd A.G. Burnham | (1990) |
| (b) Faith and Life Department: | The Revd Richard Taylor | (1986) |
| (c) Forward Policy Group: | Professor R.W. Steel | (1987) |

The resolution was carried.

The Chairman further proposed:

The Assembly appoints committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1984-1985 as set out in the Appendix to the Report, as amended by the supplementary list, subject to slight amendments to be taken up in final printing.

APPEAL BY RAMSEY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Ramsey United Reformed Church, Isle of Man, having petitioned to secede from the United Reformed Church, and the Synod of the Mersey Province having determined that on the grounds submitted to it there was no case for secession, the local church through its Elders' Meeting has appealed to the General Assembly against the decision.

The Moderator outlined the procedure recommended by the Business Committee. Mr N.H. Oldham and Mr M.Helmn raised a point of procedure by proposing:

'All members of Assembly entitled to vote on the Appeal of Ramsey URC to secede'.

After advice by the Clerk and Mr N. Pooler, Legal Adviser, with regard to Clause 7(iv) of the rules of procedure on appeals, the Moderator ruled that

after the presentation of their respective cases, those representing the Ramsey Church and those members of Assembly who were members of the Mersey Synod when the decision was taken, should withdraw.

A point of order raised by the Revd J.W.P. Williamson was not accepted by the Moderator on the grounds that the matter should have been raised on the Business Committee report.

The Assembly was addressed by the Revd E.M. White, Mr J.Q. Cannell and Mr J.B. Kermode on behalf of the Ramsey United Reformed Church.

The Assembly was addressed by the Revd W.E. Peters on behalf of the Mersey Synod. Members of Assembly then put questions to the parties.

The Legal Adviser of the United Reformed Church, Mr Norman Pooler, then gave advice to the Assembly on legal matters raised in the submissions.

The representatives of the Ramsey Church and those members of Assembly who were members of the Mersey Synod at the time of its decision then left the Assembly.

The Revd Alasdair J.G. Walker proposed:

The Assembly disallows the Appeal.

After debate, tellers were called. The resolution was carried, there being 360 votes in favour and 11 against, and 7 abstentions.

The parties having returned, the Moderator intimated the result of the vote and asked if the parties acquiesced. On behalf of the Ramsey Church, its minister stated that a report would be made to the Kirk Session which would then respond. On behalf of the Synod it was indicated that it accepted the authority of the General Assembly.

The Clerk then proposed:

The Assembly does not agree to the secession of the Ramsey, Isle of Man church, this decision to be conveyed by the Moderator and General Secretary to the Ramsey church; and requests the Mersey Synod and the Liverpool District Council to offer every opportunity for fellowship and the building of relationships, so that the members of the church at Ramsey may experience the care of the whole church.

This resolution was carried.

THANKS

The Revd Alan L. Willcocks expressed the thanks of the Assembly to those who had contributed to its smooth running.

He then proposed:

The Assembly gives thanks to our friends in the city and churches of Newcastle, and particularly to the Local Arrangements Committee of the Northern Province, for the great amount of careful planning and generous work which have contributed to the life of the Assembly. We have been enriched by the hospitality, and we offer our warm good wishes to all our hosts.

The Assembly warmly endorsed the resolution with acclamation.

CLOSURE

On Friday 4 May at 12.35 pm the Clerk presented the Minutes of the morning session, and declared that the Assembly having completed the business properly before it, stands adjourned and will meet again at Crowstone, Westcliff-on-Sea in the Eastern Province on 29 April 1985 or such other time and place as may be duly appointed.

The Moderator's Chaplain led a final act of worship, and the Moderator dismissed the Assembly with the Benediction.

During the Assembly the Chaplain was assisted in the conduct of worship by Dr Ruth Cowhig, Mr Craig Bowman and the Revd David Helyar.

On Wednesday evening 2 May the Assembly held a public event in the City Hall entitled "Celebrate Good News". The Moderator presided and introduced those who gave personal witness: The Revd Lee Hae Dong, the Revd Hakim Banta Singh Rahi, Miss Marlene Brown, Mr Eric Edgar and Mr Colin Marsh. Music, song, drama and other leadership was provided by local church members.

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

NOTES: 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.

Members appointed after Assembly 1983 are denoted by an asterisk *

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

Chairman: The Revd R.F. Taylor - 1986

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd P. Poulter*	VII	Revd G.R. Muttram
II	Revd R.W. Courtney	VIII	Revd Gillian Bobbett
III	Revd Barbara Gates*	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, Mrs B. Brettell and Mr M. Johnson*

Members under 25: Mr C. Bowman, Mr G. Sweeney

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 Aberswyth, Bangor, Cambridge, Manchester and Oxford and one auxiliary ministry student (Mrs Sheelah Stevens)* and one stipendiary ministry student (Mr P. Breeze*).

Panel for Assessment Conferences (subject to revision July 1984)

Revds B. Baker, T.C. Cheesbrough, D. Clark, Mrs R. Clarke, Mr R.T. Clarke, Revds G.J. Cook, R.W. Courtney, F.G. Wilson Dennett, A.S. Dunstone, Dr K.B. Everard, Revds J. Francis, A. Frost, W.K. Gathercole, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revds A.G. Green, Dr. L.C. Green, Jessie Halfpenny, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd R.J. Hall, Mr Alan Hart, Revds H.G. Hayes, K. Hendry, Mrs M. Herbert, Revds D.H. Hilton, R.W.H. Jones, Mrs E. Jupp, Revds R.O. Latham, W.N. Leak, R.H. Lewis, W.W. Mahood, D. McIlhagga, Barbara Meachin, Dr L. Newbigin, Mr R. Norris,

Revd F.R. Nunn, Mrs B. Onions, Revds Dr S.C. Orchard, D.A. Pitkeathly, Professor R. Schwarzenberger, Revd R.K. Scopes, Mr A. Senior, Mrs E.M. Steel, Revds D.G. Stewart, R.E. Taylor, R.F. Taylor, Mr D. Thacker, Revds I.L. Thomas, E.W. Todd, B.D. Treharne, R.J. Way, Miss J. Welford, Revds G. Williams, C. Wilton, together with the General Secretary, the Provincial Moderators and the staffs of the recognised Colleges, members of the Auxiliary Ministry Board of Studies and the Chairman and Secretary of the Ministerial Training Committee.

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

Chairman: Mrs Joan Boulind
 Secretary: Secretary of Ministerial Training Committee

Principal, Westminster College (1 vacancy)	Professor John Ferguson Dr D.A. Sykes	Revd J.E. Young
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SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Chairman: Dr R.D. Jurd - 1985
 Secretary: Secretary for Stewardship & Supplementary Ministries

Revd Lillian Blythin	Dr R.J.M. Evans	Revd J.R. Sparkes
Miss B.A. Bodey	Mr L.S. Kay	Revd R.G. Walker
Mr R.E. Evans	Mrs Sylvia Owen	Miss Mary Williams*

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Chairman: Revd Dr. B. Johanson - 1986
 Secretary: Revd Dr C.P. Thompson - 1987

Revd J.C. Brock	Revd Dr A.H.B. Logan*	Revd Brenda Stephenson
Revd Principal M.H.Cressey*	Revd Kate McIlhagga	Dr D.M. Thompson
Mr P. Cutts	Revd J. MacKelvie	Dr A.K. Waters
Revd A. Gaunt	Professor G.N. Stanton*	Revd J.W.P. Williamson
		Revd Justine Wyatt*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman: Revd Dr S.C. Orchard - 1987
 Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Mr A. Haywood	Revd S.O.Jones*	Miss C. Parker
Mr M. Harrison*	Revd W.W. Mahood	Revd May Segain
Mrs J. Jones	Mrs E. Jurd*	Revd E. McDonald
Revd T. Glanville Jones		

YOUTH WORK

Chairman: The Revd D. Wilson - 1986
 Secretary: The Youth Secretary

Revd B. Acty	Mrs C. Oldershaw	Revd J. Steele*
Revd B. Alderson	Miss A. Pagan	Mr J. Willis
Mr H.J. Lowry	Miss A. Pagan	Revd D.J. Williams
Mrs M. Nineham*	Revd G.J. Spicer	

YOUTH WORK (continued)

Members under 25:

Mr C. Bowman	Mr F. Martin	Mr D. Ritchie
Mr T. Chisholm	Miss J. Orchard	Miss G. Ross
Miss H. Davies	Miss R. Pitter	Mr S. Satchwell
Mr M. Garrow	Miss L. Rees	Mr H. Taylor
Mr J. Slow		

CHILDREN'S WORK

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

Revd Lesley Beale	Revd Margaret Howard	Revd A. Satchwell
Revd B.A. Holroyd	Mrs Mavis Mee	Revd J. Robinson*
Revd Dr J. Hull	Mrs Jean Palmer	Mrs S. Jones (subject to consent)

MINISTRY OF HEALING

Chairman: Revd D.A. Pratt* - 1990
Secretary: Secretary for Stewardship and Supplementary
Ministries

Miss Ruth Archer	Revd P. McIntosh	Revd M. Playdon
Dr Anne Galer	Revd J.C. Neary*	Mrs G. Swain
Dr Joan Holliday*	Revd P. Page	Mrs C. Colville-Thomas
Revd A.R. Lee*		

CHAPLAINS AND STUDENTS

Chairman: Mrs Sally Abbott* - 1990
Secretary: Revd P. Peirce - 1988

Miss B. Davies	Revd Dr C. Gunton	Miss J. Rogers*
Miss A. Davis	Mr M. Jones*)	Revd A.G. Thomas
Dr J. Derry	Revd T.C. Micklem	Revd W. Workman
Dr J. Dixon	Revd J.C. Neary	(1 vacancy)

NOTE: The concerns of the former Christian Stewardship Committee will be part of the work of the Christian Education Committee. It is recommended that two additional members be appointed to that Committee.

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	Miss M. Cumber*
IV	Revd G.J. Cook*	X	Revd J.M. Parry
V	Revd Nellie Smith	XI	Revsd G.E. Roper
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 J.S. Slow - 1990
Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd R. Andrews	Revd H. Gordon	Revd D. Powis
Mrs Sheila Brain	Revd F. Hall*	Revd N.L. Shepherd
Mrs Betty Fisher*	Dr Caroline Jones	2 vacancies
	Revd M. Mackenzie	

URC/Methodist Liaison Committee

Revds G.E. Beck, C.C. Franks, Mr P.W. Hamblin, Revds J. Hollyman, D. Marsden, D.R. Peel, B.G. Thorogood.

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	Revd M. Smith*
Revd K.G. Chong	Mrs N. Matanle	Mr S. Smith

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman: Revd F.R. Tomes - 1989
Secretary: Revd J.M. Parry* - 1990

Miss K.S. Christian	Mrs C. Harries	Revd R.H. Lewis:-
Dr G.D. Chryssides	Dr D.A. Kerr	Consultant
Miss Gill Cressey	Revd R. Mortimer*	Revd M. Williams*

PERSONNEL

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

Miss Ruth Archer	Revd Janet Hargis	Mr T. Poh
Revd Dr J. Bradshaw*	Mr R.A. Heritage	Principal of St Andrew's Hall*
Revd Dr J. Bradshaw*	Revd Moira Kerr*	Revd S. Wilton
Mr A. Cruchley*	(2 vacancies)	

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	Revd B.W. Kirk*
III	Revd R. Andrews	IX	Revd A.G. Jones
IV	Revd J. Durell	X	Revd D. Batchelor*
V	Revd P.Fuller*	XI	Revd T.S. Colvin
VI	Mr Eric Blakemore	XII	Revd D. Bale

together with Mrs Jean Silvan Evans, Dr Mary Ede (subject to consent), Revds M.F. Hubbard, Elizabeth J. Nash*, Dr S.C. Orchard, Mrs M. Jepson, Mrs Fiona Woods (1 vacancy)

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

Revd D.J. Clague	Mr R.T. Masser*	Mr A.J.M. Olsen
Mr D. Davies*	Mr R.S. Martin	Mr R. Thomson*
Mrs Gwen Hall	Miss S. Mounter*	Revd R.J. Wiggins*
Mr G. Hearne	Mr H. Oldham	

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Chairman: Vacant
Secretary: Revd G.E. Hooper - 1988

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), Mrs J. Cullum*, the Revds Geoffrey Smith and W.J. Taylor

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman: Revd M.D. Whitehorn - 1988
Secretary: The General Secretary

Mrs Jeanne Armour	Mrs A. Selwyn Roberts	
Mrs Barbara Brettell	Revd M.B. Stolton	Revd R. Marchbank*

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Chairman: Revd M.J. Husselbee - 1986
Secretary: Mr D.F. Banwell - 1985

Mr E. Checkland	Mr R. Pedlar	
Mr G.R. Goodchild	Mr B. Smith	Mr C. Webb
Revd M.F. Hubbard	Mr M. Foster Taylor:	(3 vacancies)
Revd J. Macro*	Property consultant)	

RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING

Chairman: Revd D.L. Skidmore*
Secretary: Mr R.S. Carruthers

Mr F.H. Bennett	Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	Mr G. Parkinson
Mr F.H. Brooman	Mr W. Hammond	Mrs J. Parkinson*
Mr M. Foster Taylor	Revd M.F. Hubbard	Revd J. White
Mr C.M. Frank	Mr F.A.W. Lodde	Mr G. Yuille*

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, Budget and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Secretary of the Nominations and Business Committees.

Budget

Chairman: Revd Dr R.O. Latham - 1987
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 A.J.G. Walker), and four persons appointed by the Executive Committee (currently the Revds R. Banham, Barbara Gates, R.O. Balmer (subject to consent) (1 vacancy)

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 Ministerial Training Committee and the Chairman of the Applications Committee of each Province (or his/her deputy)

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES

Chairman: Revd D.J. Netherwood* - 1990
Secretary: Secretary for Communication and Supplies

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We confirm on behalf of the Treasurership Committee our approval of the financial statements as set out on pages 47-68.

F H Brooman
Treasurer

J A Cumming
Chairman

23rd March 1984

We confirm on behalf of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited our approval of the financial statements as set out on page 69.

C M Frank
Director

R S Carruthers
Secretary

23rd March 1984

REPORT OF AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the financial statements on pages 47 to 69 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 68. As explained in accounting policy 3(i) on page 47, 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 1983, 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 United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 68 together with Note 9 on Page 62 based on accounting policy 5 on page 47 show a true and fair view of the net resources available for benefits at 31st December 1983 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 69 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 at 31st December 1983 and the income and expenditure of this society for the year ended on that date and complies with the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 and the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

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ROBSON RHODES
Chartered Accountants

23rd March 1984

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 1984 relating to 1983. 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 1983, the excess is being carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1984.

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 requirement of the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 12 that freehold and leasehold buildings should be depreciated is not appropriate for the Church. Had depreciation been provided it would have amounted to £16,000 in 1983 (£68,000 cumulative since 1.1.79.). Buildings shown in Note 4 at £1,033,000 are insured for £3.44 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. United Reformed Church 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 9 to the accounts).

6. Stock

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

7. Westminster College

With the exception of certain building improvements capitalised in 1983, 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 £2.5 million.

CENTRAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1983

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1983		1982	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Capital Funds	1		1,859,058		1,858,080
Unexpended Income Funds	2		<u>4,226,053</u>		<u>3,677,517</u>
Total	3		<u>£6,085,111</u>		<u>£5,535,597</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Fixed Assets					
Property	4	1,114,523		1,011,783	
Cars, furniture & equipment	4	<u>96,764</u>		<u>76,852</u>	
			1,211,287		1,088,635
Investments	5		3,421,485		3,411,190
Loans and Advances	6		1,119,004		630,771
Current Assets					
Stock		33,000		45,522	
Debtors		434,964		363,690	
Cash	7	<u>526,266</u>		<u>507,052</u>	
			994,230		916,264
<u>Less</u> Creditors		(492,822)		(407,887)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(168,073)</u>		<u>(103,376)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>333,335</u>		<u>405,001</u>
			<u>£6,085,111</u>		<u>£5,535,597</u>

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL FUNDS

Movement in Capital Funds for the year ended 31st December 1983

	Balance 31/12/82 £	Movement in 1983 £	Balance 31/12/83 £
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	38,638		
Transfer from Westminster College Funds		1,143	39,781
World Church and Mission Funds	55,818		55,313
Westminster College Funds	183,893		183,893
Other Funds	372,119		
Expenditure in accordance with the trusts		(165)	371,954
	<u>£1,858,080</u>		<u>£1,859,058</u>

NOTE 2 - UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS

	Schedule	Balance 31/12/82 £	Balance 31/12/83 £
General Fund	1	980,736	1,147,136
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	2	755,530	801,542
Ministerial Training Fund	3	381,306	469,744
Church Buildings Fund	4	455,078	517,186
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	5	130,626	164,272
Welfare Fund	6	47,465	44,444
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	7	118,552	120,683
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	8	108,750	223,500
World Church and Mission Funds	9	173,099	163,460
Funds relating to Westminster College	10	47,574	74,489
Other Funds	11	478,801	499,597
		<u>£3,677,517</u>	<u>£4,226,053</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1983

	Total	Property	Cars, Furniture & Equipment	Investments	Loans	Current Assets
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,457,012	633,826	89,481	435,319	85,000	204,856
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	1,089,923			1,047,969	38,594	3,360
Ministerial Training Fund	515,160			473,258		41,902
Church Buildings Fund	700,972	15,438		67,893	616,645	996
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	518,940	368,530			150,000	410
Welfare Fund	69,929			63,991		5,938
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	160,464			154,260		6,204
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	223,500				223,500	-
World Church & Mission Funds	219,278	273		195,897		23,108
Westminster College Funds	258,382	30,221		213,725		14,436
Other Funds	871,551	66,235	7,283	769,173	5,265	32,125
	<u>£6,085,111</u>	<u>1,114,523</u>	<u>96,764</u>	<u>3,421,485</u>	<u>1,119,004</u>	<u>333,335</u>

SCHEDULE 1

GENERAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Proceeds of Unified Appeal		1,077,026		987,162
Other Income				
Dividends on investments	49,642		46,901	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	91,481		100,515	
URC Insurance Co Ltd	10,734		12,882	
Sundry Income	<u>1,960</u>		<u>1,871</u>	
		153,817		162,169
Total Income		<u>1,230,843</u>		<u>1,149,331</u>
EXPENDITURE				
DEPARTMENTAL COSTS				
	Costs	Income	Net	
	£	£	£	
Central Secretariat	37,928	-	37,928	33,953
General Church costs	34,110	-	34,110	17,117
Assembly	23,998	-	23,998	19,490
Grants	28,771	-	28,771	23,308
Moderators	154,051	-	154,051	149,025
Church Life	121,110	-	121,110	106,876
World Church & Mission	208,660	17,000	191,660	168,759
Church & Society	29,688	-	29,688	28,648
Finance & Administration	116,775	8,316	108,459	95,922
Professional Fees	22,215	-	22,215	23,852
Communications & Supplies	94,638	44,324	50,314	21,078
Information Service	2,341		2,341	2,382
Central Office costs	106,064	109	105,955	95,315
	<u>£980,349</u>	<u>69,749</u>	<u>910,600</u>	<u>785,725</u>
Maintenance of Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial staff salaries			104,847 <u>805,753</u>	100,286 <u>685,439</u>
COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION			326,985	315,618
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund		26,000		55,000
Retired Ministers Aid Fund		4,000		4,000
Welfare Fund		<u>15,500</u>		<u>14,500</u>
Total Expenditure			<u>1,178,238</u>	<u>1,074,557</u>
Net surplus in year			52,605	74,774
Profit on sale of properties			79,760	-
Transfer of Balance of				
R & J Booth Annuity Fund			-	2,188
Legacies			34,035	35,278
			<u>166,400</u>	<u>112,240</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983			<u>980,736</u>	<u>868,496</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983			<u>£1,147,136</u>	<u>£980,736</u>

SCHEDULE 2

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Contributions from local churches	5,353,613		5,016,551	
Donations and Dividends	<u>113,428</u>		<u>109,103</u>	
		5,467,041		5,125,654
EXPENDITURE				
Stipends paid to ministers				
Full time	3,702,454		3,448,997	
Part time	291,007		252,170	
Children's allowances	76,349		85,885	
Employer's contribution to Pension				
Fund and National Insurance	696,960		635,602	
Grants and other costs	169,312		119,769	
Budgeted allocation to Ministers				
Pension Fund	<u>426,000</u>		<u>394,000</u>	
		5,362,082		4,936,423
		104,959		189,231
Further allocation to the				
Ministers' Pension Fund		<u>70,000</u>		<u>125,000</u>
Net Surplus in the year		34,959		64,231
Profit on sale of investments		-		-
Receipts relating to earlier years		-		209
Balance of the Jane Bettison Fund		740		-
Legacies		<u>10,313</u>		<u>8,655</u>
		46,012		73,095
Sums set aside:				
General Reserve	10,000		30,000	
Stipend Payments Reserve	<u>20,000</u>		<u>25,000</u>	
		30,000		55,000
		16,012		18,095
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>55,530</u>		<u>37,435</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£71,542</u>		<u>£55,530</u>
Fund Balances at 31st December 1983				
General Unexpended Income Account		71,542		55,530
General Reserve		260,000		250,000
Stipend Payments Reserve		<u>470,000</u>		<u>450,000</u>
		<u>£801,542</u>		<u>£755,530</u>

SCHEDULE 3

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Dividends	43,745		32,928	
Grant from Memorial Hall Trust				
Grant Account	34,000		-	
Allocation from				
New College, London, Trust	125,994		81,814	
Other Donations	3,485		5,636	
Allocation from General Fund	<u>26,000</u>		<u>55,000</u>	
		233,224		175,378
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	31,275		33,502	
General Fund	<u>20,703</u>		<u>13,922</u>	
	51,978		47,424	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	36,269		32,011	
Congregational College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	38,844		43,582	
Other Colleges	<u>2,317</u>		<u>-</u>	
	129,408		123,017	
Cost of Training for the				
Auxiliary Ministry	6,515		5,642	
Other Grants	<u>8,863</u>		<u>8,795</u>	
		<u>144,786</u>		<u>137,454</u>
Net Surplus in year		88,438		37,924
New College, London, Trust				
Income relating to prior years		-		81,814
		88,438		119,738
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>381,306</u>		<u>261,568</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£469,744</u>		<u>£381,306</u>

SCHEDULE 3a

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Operating Statement for
the year ended 31st December 1983

INCOME	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
Students' Fees	47,462		47,500	
Conference Fees	10,141		10,693	
Federation Fees	<u>4,338</u>		<u>4,281</u>	
		61,941		62,474
Net Flat Rents	2,731		2,861	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>2,123</u>		<u>2,607</u>	
		4,854		5,468
Endowment Income	11,596		10,789	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>2,500</u>		<u>3,500</u>	
Total Income		<u>14,096</u>		<u>14,289</u>
		<u>£80,891</u>		<u>£82,231</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Professors' stipends	30,176		31,079	
Professors' accommodation costs	5,242		5,823	
Chair Endowments	(6,300)		(6,134)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>(22,058)</u>		<u>(23,465)</u>	
		7,060		7,303
Staff Salaries	34,318		34,915	
Household Expenses	14,883		15,464	
Rates, light, heat and insurance	25,030		23,288	
Maintenance	<u>14,487</u>		<u>10,775</u>	
		88,718		84,442
University & Federation Fees, Pastoral Studies	1,456		942	
Board of Studies	90		125	
Library	<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>	
		1,746		1,267
Office costs	2,935		2,450	
Sundry expenses	<u>1,135</u>		<u>691</u>	
		4,070		3,141
Total Expenditure		<u>£101,594</u>		<u>£96,153</u>
Net Deficit in year funded by allocation from Ministerial Training Fund		<u>£20,703</u>		<u>£13,922</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 1983

	1983	1982
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	1,300	1,326
Dividends and Interest	48,683	57,822
Income from King Street, Luton, Trust	-	8,783
Income from Ground Rents	<u>17,296</u>	<u>10,292</u>
	67,279	78,223
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>113,613</u>	<u>126,072</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund	(46,334)	(47,849)
Profit on sale of Investments	108,442	44,379
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	<u>455,078</u>	<u>458,548</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983	<u>£517,186</u>	<u>£455,078</u>

SCHEDULE 5

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Property Management				
Rents Received	5,743		5,237	
Less Property Costs	<u>8,563</u>		<u>4,378</u>	
Net (deficit)/excess of rents over property costs		(2,820)		859
Donations		14		29
Dividends and Interest		<u>3,953</u>		<u>3,752</u>
Net Increase in Fund		1,147		4,640
Profit on sale of property		27,631		6,007
Legacies		4,868		5,948
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>130,626</u>		<u>114,031</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£164,272</u>		<u>£130,626</u>

SCHEDULE 6

WELFARE FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations		932		941
Dividends and Interest		7,357		6,879
Allocation from General Fund		<u>15,500</u>		<u>14,500</u>
		23,789		22,320
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>27,310</u>		<u>27,190</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund		(3,521)		(4,870)
Legacies		500		15,490
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>47,465</u>		<u>36,845</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£44,444</u>		<u>£47,465</u>

SCHEDULE 7

RETIRED MINISTERS AID FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

INCOME				
Investment Income		18,287		18,128
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		1,300		1,300
Allocation from the General Fund		4,000		4,000
Donations Received		<u>35</u>		<u>82</u>
		23,622		23,510
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		4,688		4,805
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund		<u>18,000</u>		<u>18,500</u>
		<u>22,688</u>		<u>23,305</u>
Net Increase in fund		934		205
Legacies		2,500		2,949
Loss on Sale of Investment		(1,303)		-
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>118,552</u>		<u>115,398</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£120,683</u>		<u>£118,552</u>

SCHEDULE 8

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS

Income and Expenditure account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982
	£		£
INCOME			
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	168,750		108,750
EXPENDITURE			
Grant to Ministerial Training Fund	34,000	-	
Grant to Westminster College	10,000	-	
Grants to five Schools	<u>10,000</u>	-	
	54,000		-
	<u>114,750</u>		<u>108,750</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	108,750		-
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983	<u>£223,500</u>		<u>£108,750</u>

SCHEDULE 9

FUNDS HELD FOR THE WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION COMMITTEE

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Donations	8		1,164	
Dividends and Interest	23,916		23,469	
	-----	23,924	-----	24,633
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Less</u> Allocation to General Fund	17,000		17,000	
Grants	<u>21,500</u>		<u>18,591</u>	
		<u>38,500</u>		<u>35,591</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund		(14,576)		(10,958)
Profit on sale of Investments		-		1,656
Legacies		1,512		8,318
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983		<u>149,836</u>		<u>150,820</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>136,772</u>		<u>149,836</u>
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	3,425		3,432	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants	-		22	
Net Increase in Funds	<u>3,425</u>		<u>3,410</u>	
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	<u>23,263</u>		<u>19,853</u>	
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>26,688</u>		<u>23,263</u>
		<u>£163,460</u>		<u>£173,099</u>

FUNDS RELATING TO WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Income and Expenditure Accounts for
the year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grant- Sir William Dunn Trust		1,300	1,300	
Grant- Memorial Hall Trust				
Grants Account	10,000		-	
Other receipts	-		2,282	
Dividends and Interest	<u>29,431</u>		<u>26,850</u>	
		40,731		30,432
EXPENDITURE				
Bursary Fund Grants	34,817		36,926	
Less Ministerial Training Fund Grant	<u>31,275</u>		<u>33,502</u>	
	3,542		3,424	
Chair Endowments	6,300		6,134	
General Endowments	11,596		10,789	
Other Grants	10,271		4,662	
Transfer to Capital of				
Retired Minister's Aid fund	1,143		313	
Fixed asset adjustment	<u>(8,923)</u>		-	
		23,929	-	25,322
Net Increase in Funds		<u>16,802</u>		<u>5,110</u>
Profit on Sale of Investments		9,613		-
Legacy		500		-
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	47,574		57,390	
Reclassification of fund				
as Capital fund	-		<u>(14,926)</u>	
		<u>47,574</u>		<u>42,464</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£74,489</u>		<u>£47,574</u>

SCHEDULE 11

OTHER FUNDS

Income and Expenditure account for the
year ended 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and Interest	90,170		94,938	
Donations and Other Receipts	3,142		5,988	
Transfer from Capital account to meet				
shortfall in unexpended income	<u>165</u>		-	
		93,477		100,926
Grants	80,162		90,131	
Capital of Booth Annuity transferred	-		<u>2,648</u>	
		<u>80,162</u>		<u>92,779</u>
Net Increase in Funds		13,315		8,147
Profit on sale of investments		3,275		3,960
Legacies		4,206		31,351
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	478,801		258,388	
Reclassification of 'Special Funds'	-		<u>176,955</u>	
		<u>478,801</u>		<u>435,343</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983		<u>£499,597</u>		<u>£478,801</u>

NOTES 4, 5 - FIXED ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS

4. Fixed Assets

(i) Property (at cost or original valuation)

	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1/1/83	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 31/12/83
Freehold Property:				
Church House	71,282	3,394		74,676
Houses	758,839	196,084	(75,737)	879,186
Additions at Westminster College		30,221		30,221
Leasehold Property:				
Long	89,838	*(38,972)	(12,250)	38,616
Short	10,150			10,150
	<u>930,109</u>	<u>190,727</u>	<u>(87,987)</u>	<u>1,032,849</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	16,689			16,689
Shop Property	64,985			64,985
	<u>£1,011,783</u>	<u>190,727</u>	<u>(87,987)</u>	<u>1,114,523</u>

*Purchase of Freehold included in additions of £196,084

(ii) Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Cost

Motor Cars	74,910	42,336	(28,173)	89,073
Furniture and Equipment	50,175	8,154	-	58,329
Computer Equipment	20,330	4,875	-	25,205
	<u>145,415</u>	<u>55,365</u>	<u>(28,173)</u>	<u>172,607</u>

Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Depreciation

		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	39,143	16,106	(18,316)	36,933
Furniture and Equipment	28,065	4,962	-	33,027
Computer Equipment	1,355	4,528	-	5,883
	<u>68,563</u>	<u>25,596</u>	<u>(18,316)</u>	<u>75,843</u>

Net Book Value

£76,852 £96,764

5. Investments

	Cost	1983 Market Value	Cost	1982 Market Value
	£	£	£	£
Units in Common Investment Fund	1,800,056	2,779,495	1,801,747	2,454,339
Units in Investment Pool	1,509,042	2,398,895	1,496,158	2,105,706
Other Listed Investments	78,688	139,879	79,586	107,571
	<u>3,387,786</u>	<u>£5,318,269</u>	<u>3,377,491</u>	<u>£4,667,616</u>
Unlisted Investment at cost	33,699		33,699	
	<u>£3,421,485</u>		<u>£3,411,190</u>	

NOTES 6, 7, 8, - LOANS AND ADVANCES, CASH AT BANK, ASSETS HELD IN TRUST,

6. Loans and Advances

	1983	1982
	£	£
To the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited		
from General Funds	75,000	63,000
from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	150,000	77,000
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants	223,500	74,750
from Other Funds	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	449,500	215,750
To Churches	630,910	387,166
To Ministers	<u>38,594</u>	<u>27,855</u>
	<u>£1,119,004</u>	<u>£630,771</u>

7. Cash at Bank

Cash on call and short term deposit	2,173,081	2,122,513
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>63,069</u>	<u>134,562</u>
	2,236,150	2,257,075
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Funds shown on pages 64 to 69	<u>282,527</u>	<u>419,689</u>
	1,953,623	1,837,386
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>1,427,357</u>	<u>1,330,334</u>
	<u>£526,266</u>	<u>£507,052</u>

8. Assets held in trust for other bodies

At 31st December 1983 the United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	£	£
Investments (at cost or valuation)		2,890,963
Money specifically invested externally at short notice		364,105
Loans		37,856
Cash on deposit	1,319,356	
Other cash	<u>108,001</u>	<u>1,427,357</u>
		<u>£4,720,281</u>

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

9. 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 £426,000 per annum 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 68.

10. Commitments

There were no outstanding commitments under contracts for housing property purchase not completed at 31st December 1983.(1982 £450). Approval for the investment of £35,000 (1982 Nil) in freehold property has been given by the Church Buildings Committee, and the Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of property to the value of £150,000 (1982 £67,000). 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 £98,000 and grants amounting to £8,000 which have not been paid at 31st December 1983.

11. 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 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
Source of Current Assets				
Total Funds at 31st December 1983		6,085,111		5,535,597
Total Funds at 1st January 1983		<u>5,535,597</u>		<u>5,055,901</u>
Increase in Funds as detailed in Notes 1 and 2		549,514		479,696
Adjustment for items not involving movement in Current Assets				
Property and Investments received in kind		-		5,460
Profit on sale of assets	227,419			55,996
Interest added to Loan and Investment Accounts	30,787			16,278
Depreciation	<u>(25,596)</u>			<u>(20,338)</u>
		232,610		57,396
		<u>316,904</u>		<u>422,300</u>
Increase in Current Assets arising from				
Sale of property	195,378			16,507
Sale of investments	318,964			155,926
Sale of cars	9,857			5,676
Loans and Advances repaid	<u>170,050</u>			<u>101,212</u>
		694,249		279,321
		<u>1,011,153</u>		<u>701,621</u>
Decrease in Current Assets arising from				
Purchase of property	190,727			68,085
Purchase of investments	209,231			281,534
Purchase of cars, furniture etc.	55,365			49,743
Loans and Advances made	<u>627,496</u>			<u>302,525</u>
		1,082,819		701,887
Net (Decrease) in Current Assets		<u>£(71,666)</u>		<u>£(266)</u>
Movement in Current Assets				
Increase/(Decrease) in Stock	(12,522)			11,822
(Decrease)/Increase in Debtors	71,274			(37,600)
Increase in Cash	19,214			94,659
(Increase) in Creditors	(84,935)			(22,053)
(Increase) in Advance receipts	<u>(64,697)</u>			<u>(47,094)</u>
		<u>£(71,666)</u>		<u>£(266)</u>

COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1983	1983		1982	
	Units	£	Units	£
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January 1983	2,565,812	2,869,994	2,389,941	2,626,787
Units issued in year	77,992	137,467	237,712	351,701
Units cancelled in year	(69,499)	(116,379)	(61,841)	(94,160)
Profit/(Loss) on sale of investments		144,238		(14,334)
At 31st December 1983	<u>2,574,305</u>	<u>3,035,320</u>	<u>2,565,812</u>	<u>2,869,994</u>

Special Reserve Fund

At 1st January 1983	17,012	16,999
Underwriting Commission	-	13
At 31st December 1983	<u>17,012</u>	<u>17,012</u>
	<u>£3,052,332</u>	<u>£2,887,006</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at cost	<u>£4,526,000</u>	2,923,376	<u>£3,831,349</u>	2,686,125
Cash and Short Term Deposits		10,398		53,414
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		118,558		147,467
		<u>£3,052,332</u>		<u>£2,887,006</u>

Based on the underlying market value of investments and uninvested cash, the value of each unit in issue was

£1.80823 £1.57152

Distributions in respect of all investment income in the year were made as follows:-

	Rate per Unit	£	Rate per Unit	£
3 months ended 31st March	£0.024030	61,657	£0.022251	53,179
30th June	£0.038350	96,550	£0.038291	94,573
30th September	£0.027212	68,118	£0.025350	62,698
31st December	£0.034043	86,429	£0.035385	87,536
Total income distributed	<u>£0.123635</u>	<u>£312,754</u>	<u>£0.121277</u>	<u>£297,986</u>

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1983	1983		1982	
	Units	£	Units	£
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January 1983	1,467,315	1,972,468	1,370,652	1,830,556
Units issued in year	97,787	194,384	132,974	222,789
Units cancelled in year	(118,133)	(235,195)	(36,311)	(63,362)
Profit/(Loss) on sale of investments		80,215		(17,515)
At 31st December 1983	<u>1,446,969</u>	<u>2,011,872</u>	<u>1,467,315</u>	<u>1,972,468</u>

Special Reserve Fund

At 1st January 1983	589		564	
Underwriting Commission	-		25	
At 31st December 1983		589		589
		<u>£2,012,461</u>		<u>£1,973,057</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Investments at cost	Market Value		Market Value	
	<u>£2,934,738</u>	1,913,024	<u>£2,436,069</u>	1,795,982
Cash and Short Term Deposits		106,320		118,149
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		(6,883)		58,926
		<u>£2,012,461</u>		<u>£1,973,057</u>

Based on the underlying market value of investments and uninvested cash, the value of each unit in issue was

£2.09692 £1.78090

Distributions in respect of all investment income in the year were made as follows:-

	Rate per Unit	£	Rate per Unit	£
3 months ended 31st March	£0.036729	54,306	£0.028828	39,513
30th June	£0.032377	47,083	£0.035550	50,908
30th September	£0.036494	52,085	£0.037357	53,532
31st December	£0.035823	51,891	£0.034981	50,161
Total income distributed	<u>£0.141423</u>	<u>£205,365</u>	<u>£0.136716</u>	<u>£194,114</u>

PASTORS SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		291,478		291,478
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1983	177,784		146,734	
Legacies received	16,906		5,495	
Net surplus in year	<u>19,207</u>		<u>25,555</u>	
At 31st December 1983		<u>213,897</u>		<u>177,784</u>
		<u>£505,375</u>		<u>£469,262</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£849,611</u>	490,311	<u>£710,341</u>	459,247
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>15,064</u>		<u>10,015</u>
		<u>£505,375</u>		<u>£469,262</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

INCOME			
Investment Income	57,161		54,189
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	5,748		5,503
Sundry Income	<u>127</u>		<u>137</u>
		63,036	59,829
EXPENDITURE			
Grants Paid		<u>43,829</u>	<u>34,274</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£19,207</u>	<u>£25,555</u>

PASTORS WIDOWS FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		158,302		158,302
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1983	144,786		122,219	
Legacies received	16,903		5,595	
Net surplus in year	<u>14,311</u>		<u>16,972</u>	
At 31st December 1982		176,000		144,786
		<u>£334,302</u>		<u>£303,088</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£551,599</u>	322,916	<u>£455,111</u>	296,167
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>11,386</u>		<u>6,921</u>
		<u>£334,302</u>		<u>£303,088</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

INCOME				
Investment Income	36,910		34,679	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	5,748		5,503	
Sundry Income	<u>51</u>		<u>428</u>	
		42,709		40,610
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>28,398</u>		<u>23,638</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£14,311</u>		<u>£16,972</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£	£	£	£
Investments	<u>£5,572,141</u>	8,038,285	<u>£4,555,732</u>	6,140,683
Cash and Short Term Deposits		192,559		161,716
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>105,159</u>		<u>184,117</u>
		<u>£8,336,003</u>		<u>£6,486,516</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1983

INCOME

Investment Income	476,241	425,764
Donations	788	968
Underwriting Commission	2,056	-
Contributions from ministers and central funds	421,500	383,295
Transfer values received	22,319	12,994
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry fund towards the actuarial deficit	426,000	394,000
Allocation from the Retired Minister's Aid fund	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,500</u>
	1,366,904	1,235,521

EXPENDITURE

Pensions Paid	538,670	473,602
Death Benefits	26,095	33,720
Contributions repaid to members on withdrawal	1,199	1,616
Transfer Values paid	<u>9,251</u>	<u>11,524</u>
	575,215	520,462
Management expenses	<u>6,220</u>	<u>620</u>
	<u>581,435</u>	<u>521,082</u>

INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	785,469	714,439
Special Allocation from Maintenance of Ministry Fund	70,000	125,000
Realised Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Investments	108,048	(44,891)
Legacies Received	<u>4,776</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	968,293	795,048
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1983	<u>4,898,451</u>	<u>4,103,403</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1983	5,866,744	4,898,451
Unrealised Surplus of Market Value of Investments over Cost	2,466,145	1,584,951
Endowment Fund	<u>3,114</u>	<u>3,114</u>
	<u>£8,336,003</u>	<u>£6,486,516</u>

Accounting policy 5 on page 47 and note 9 on page 62 form an integral part of the accounts of this fund.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1983

	1983		1982	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Property at cost or valuation		1,850,148		1,347,552
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash funds held by the United Reformed Church	39,244		12,243	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Southern Province	11,676		6,407	
Sundry Creditors	-		5,000	
	<u>11,676</u>		<u>11,407</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		27,568		836
		<u>£1,877,716</u>		<u>£1,348,388</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Housing Property Finance				
Property Equity Account	1,376,148		1,129,802	
Loans from the United Reformed Church	449,500		215,750	
Other Loans	<u>24,500</u>		<u>2,000</u>	
		1,850,148		1,347,552
Reserves				
Property Management Account	27,110		-	
General Revenue Account	427		808	
Capital Reserve	8		8	
	<u>27,545</u>		<u>816</u>	
Share Capital	<u>23</u>		<u>20</u>	
		27,568		836
		<u>£1,877,716</u>		<u>£1,348,388</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1983

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

	£	£	£	£
PROPERTY REVENUE				
Rents receivable		27,797		21,123
Less: Property Costs	32,573		22,038	
Administrative Costs	<u>1,114</u>		<u>1,033</u>	
		33,687		23,071
		(5,890)		(1,948)
Transfer from General Revenue Account		<u>33,000</u>		-
		<u>£27,110</u>		<u>£(1,948)</u>

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Donations	59,845		65,094	
Legacies	157,796		55,191	
Profit on Properties Sold	62,992		8,888	
Special Rent	<u>268</u>		-	
		280,901		129,173
Less Interest on Borrowing		<u>1,936</u>		-
		278,965		129,173
Balance at January 1st 1983		808		3,837
		<u>279,773</u>		<u>133,010</u>
Transfer to Property Equity Account	246,346		130,254	
Transfer to Property Management Account	<u>33,000</u>		<u>1,948</u>	
		279,346		132,202
Balance at 31st December 1983		<u>£427</u>		<u>£808</u>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1983 £1000	Budget 1983 £1000	Budget 1984 £1000	Budget 1985 £1000
INCOME - Unified Appeal	1,077	1,100	1,157	1,290
Other income	154	100	103	145
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,231</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,435</u>
EXPENDITURE - Departmental Costs				
Central Secretariat	38	37	41	45
General Church costs	34	30	28	39
Assembly	24	22	23	37
Grants	29	27	31	35
Moderators	154	155	165	178
Church Life	121	137	152	205
World Church and Mission	192	201	209	232
Church and Society	30	31	34	37
Finance and Administration	109	109	111	125
Professional Fees	22	28	25	24
Communication and Supplies	50	39	40	52
Information Service	2	4	4	4
Central Office costs	106	112	107	115
	<u>911</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>1,128</u>
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	105	106	109	116
	<u>806</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>1,012</u>
Council for World Mission	327	328	351	369
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund	26	26	27	32
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	4	4	4	4
Welfare Fund	15	16	17	18
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,435</u>
Net Surplus in year	53	-	-	-

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1983 £1000	Budget 1983 £1000	Budget 1984 £1000	Budget 1985 £1000
INCOME				
Contributions from Churches	5,354	5,367	5,590	5,795
Dividends and donations	113	90	118	130
	<u>5,467</u>	<u>5,457</u>	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,925</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	3,993	4,056	4,259	4,443
Children's allowances	76	83	68	60
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	697	731	744	791
	<u>4,766</u>	<u>4,870</u>	<u>5,071</u>	<u>5,294</u>
Grants and other costs	170	161	211	205
Grants to Ministers' Pension Fund	496	426	426	426
	<u>5,432</u>	<u>5,457</u>	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,925</u>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	35	-	-	-

LEGACIES

General Fund			Other Funds		
The Late	Ms J H Barclay	1,000	The Late	Dr J L Joyce	<u>£4,206</u>
	Mr J D Hamilton	25,729		Westminster College	
	Miss M C Hay	500		The Late Miss M J M Patterson	<u>£500</u>
	Mrs M N Keay	500		United Reformed Church	
	Mr J Sharman	161		Ministers Pension Fund	
	Miss H H Shaw	100		The Late S Bestwick	4,276
	Miss J M Stenhouse	100		H C Griffiths	<u>500</u>
	Ms A F Wilson	5,452			<u>£4,776</u>
	C Roberts				
	Charitable Trust	493			
		<u>£34,035</u>			
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund			Pastors Superannuation Fund		
The Late	Mr T Hughes*	5,445	The Late	Prof H H Scullard	3,875
	Mr P Long	4,868		S M Walford	<u>13,031</u>
		<u>£10,313</u>			<u>£16,906</u>
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund			Pastors Widows Fund		
The Late	Mr P Long	<u>£4,868</u>	The Late	Prof H H Scullard	3,875
				S M Walford	<u>13,028</u>
					<u>£16,903</u>
Welfare Fund			United Reformed Church		
The Late	Miss E W Sheavyn	<u>£500</u>		Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd	
			The Late	Mr B Attridge	6,613
				Mrs L M Bouts	1,000
				Mrs G E Challis	23,066
				Mr C W Church	34,167
				Miss F M Dean	500
				Miss K Duckney	250
				Marks	393
				Mrs E B McNeill	5,132
				Ms M O Monk	25,100
				Miss M D Scott	75
				Mrs K Taylor	<u>5,000</u>
					101,296
				Mrs M A Pepperdine	
				House valued at	48,500
				Miss A Ralph	
				House valued at	<u>8,000</u>
					<u>£157,796</u>
			Total Legacies		
			<u>£254,815</u>		

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

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