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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1985

April 29 ~ May 3
CROWSTONE
ST GEORGE'S URC

ASSEMBLY RECORD

RECORD OF ASSEMBLY 1985

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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.

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Minutes of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in the United Kingdom
1985

FIRST SESSION

At Westcliff-on-Sea and within Crowstone St George's United Reformed Church, King's Road, on Monday 29th April 1985 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 Dr Philip Morgan who, being assisted by his Chaplain, the Revd Dr Stephen Orchard, 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, deaconess and missionaries of the United Reformed Church who had died since last Assembly.

Ministers who have died since Assembly 1984

Edward Norman BARROW	Joseph BATH
Albert Frederick BAYLY	Geoffrey Turner BELLHOUSE
Harold Augustus BENNETT	Stanley Edward BOORMAN
Howard Hawley BRYANT	William Page BURGESS
William Edwin BYWATER	Norman CASTLES
Peter Sutherland CHESNEY	William Thomas Morris CLEWES
Samuel Ernest COPP	David Thomas DAVIES
Patrick Hugh FIGGIS	Norman GOODALL
William Philip HANCOCK	Jack Herbert HOADLEY
Robert Andrew HOPLEY	Lewis Rhys HOWELLS
Francis Geoffrey JAY	Frank Leonard JENNINGS
Leslie Thornes JOHNSON	Daniel Samuel JONES
Daphne JONES	Thomas Glyndwr JONES
Robert KIDD	Stanley LEWIS
David LINNING	Alan Gordon MacLEOD
Louis MARES	Alfred John MOORE
Ralph Thomas NEWMAN	Thomas Percival PAYNE
William Arthur RODGERS	Thomas Henry STANLEY
Alexander Dick STEPHEN	John TAYLOR
Ellis TOMLINSON	Leonard Thomas TOWERS
Nowell Ashton TURNER-SMITH	Harold Edwin Treece WALKER
Evan Meirion WILLIAMS	Ambrose William WRIGHT
John Edwin Cranfield WRIGHT	Catherine EGDELL (Deaconess)

Missionaries who have died since Assembly 1984

Lester William BOLTON	Donald Brian CATER
Percy CHATTERTON	Dora Grace CLARK
Ethel HODGE (nee Thompson)	Charlotte Daisy HUNTLEY
Wenona Wilson JETT	Marjorie LANDBOROUGH
Marjorie LEGASSICK	Freda Millicent YATES

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 Philip Morgan, BA, DD, and on his motion, the Revd David H. Dale, BA, BD, 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 Dr Philip Morgan.

The Moderator then addressed the Assembly.

LOYAL ADDRESS

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

THE LOYAL ADDRESS

'TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom now meeting in Westcliff-on-Sea sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty.

In a world so much given to conflict and partisan interest we are grateful for the unremitting service you give to all members of our community and Commonwealth of Nations. We are thankful for the lively personal interest you take in the well-being of all your people and for your obvious concern to be informed of all matters both great and small which affect them.

As a Church which is privileged to know the unity of three formerly separated traditions, we have a particular commitment to seek those ways in church and state and between nations which lead to the ending of division and the growth of reconciliation.

We have been glad to have had opportunity to be involved in measures to end industrial conflict, to alleviate the sufferings of Africa, to promote peace between nations and to increase understanding between those of different races and faiths and cultures.

It is the prayer of our churches that God may continue to sustain and protect you and the members of your family in all your demanding duties and responsibilities, and by His grace enable you to find both satisfaction and joy in their exercise.

We are

Your faithful and loyal subjects,

Moderator

Clerk

29 April 1985'

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

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

From the local churches:

Revd John Gore, Chairman of Southend-on-Sea District Council of Churches and Rural Dean of Southend-on-Sea.
Monsignor Daniel Shanahan, Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church, Leigh-on-Sea
Revd Christopher Sly, Vicar of St Saviour's Parish Church, Westcliff-on-Sea

From sister Churches in these islands:

Revd Dr Gunars Ansons, Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Rt Revd Dr Howard Cromie, Moderator, Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Revd Harold Graham, Chaplain to the Moderator, Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Mr J.F. Rowan, JP, Elder, Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Revd Ieuan Davies, Union of Welsh Independents
Mr John Wilcox, The Congregational Federation
Revd Charles Innes, Congregational Union of Scotland
Rt Revd John Paterson, Moderator, The Church of Scotland
Mr Alexander McLaren, Session Clerk, The Church of Scotland

From associated Churches in Europe and in other parts of the world:

Revd S.K. Asamoah, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana
Revd Charles Bayer, Disciples of Christ (USA)
Pastor Salvatore Briante, Waldensian Church
Pastor Ernest Dawe, Evangelical Protestant Church of the Pfalz
Dr E. Evans-Anfom, Presbyterian Church of Ghana
Dr P.N. Holtrop, Reformed Church of the Netherlands
Revd Dr Ferenc Kenez, Reformed Church in Hungary
Dr Joachim Kreiter, Evangelical Protestant Church of the Pfalz
Revd Dr Alan Maker, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa
Pastor Jean-Pierre Monsarrat, President, Reformed Church of France
Revd Maggie Peery, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Revd Su Su-Jen, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
Revd Bogdan Tranda, Evangelical Reformed Church of Poland

The Moderator expressed to them the welcome of the Assembly and The Revd John Gore, the Revd Charles Innes and Pastor Jean-Pierre Monsarrat responded.

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 David H. Dale
Clerk:	The Revd Bernard G. Thorogood
Assistant Clerk:	Mr Bernard Stonehouse
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
 X Revd M.J. Davies
 XI Revd C.C. Franks
 XII Revd Dr J.I. Morgans

Department Conveners:

Faith and Life: Revd R.F. Taylor
 Ministries: Revd A.G. Burnham
 Church & Society: Mr R.T. Clarke
 World Church & Mission: Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow
 Finance & Administration: Mr F.H. Brooman

Conveners 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 D.J. Netherwood
 Assembly Pastoral Reference
 Committee: Revd A.L. Macarthur

Ministerial Training:

Supplementary Ministries: Mrs J. Boulind
 Chaplains & Students: Dr R.D. Jurd
 Mrs Sally Abbott

Faith and Life:

Doctrine & Worship: Revd Dr C. Gunton
 Christian Education and
 Stewardship: Revd Dr S.C. Orchard
 Youth Work: Revd D. Wilson
 Children's Work:
 Ministry of Healing: Revd D.A. Pratt

World Church and Mission:

MEW at Home: Revd J.F. Slow
 MEW Abroad: Revd R.D.C. Cole
 Mission & Other Faiths: Revd Dr F.R. Tomes
 Personnel: Mrs M. Marsden

Church and Society:

Additional representatives: Dr Mary Ede
 The Revd Elizabeth Nash

Finance & Administration:

Treasurership: Mr J.A. Cumming
 Maintenance of the Ministry: Revd J.D. Waller
 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 Jessie Halfpenny; III Revd N.W. Bainbridge; IV Mr D. Thacker; V Mrs M. Weedon; VI Revd M.J. Husselbee; VII Revd J.B. Simpson; VIII Revd J.E. Young; IX Revd G.H. Thomas; X Revd G.W. Satchell; XI Revd J.H. Taylor; XII Revd P.D. Scotland.

Additional Synod representatives:

I Revds R. Mortimer, A. Summers, Mr G. Trenholm
II Revds D.J. Clague, D. Jenkins, S.M. Thornton
III Revd M. MacKenzie, Mrs V. Barthram, Mrs M. Hambly
IV Mr J.E.M. Gilbey, Mrs J. J. Throssell, Revd S.O. Jones
V Revd Nellie Smith, Miss N.A. Fenney, Mrs V. Stonehouse
VI Revd Christine Craven, Mr D. Griffiths, Mr R.N. Webb
VII Mr C. Raggett, Mr P.A. Wade
VIII Revds Gillian Bobbett, B. Kirk, P. Killick
IX Mrs Janet Chesney, Revds J.J. Macro, Eileen Seymour
X Revd K. French, Mr M. Bending, Mrs J. Jenkins
XI Revds R. Church, G.E.H. Roper, Mrs N. Welch
XII Revd M.D. Page, Mrs J. Jones, Miss L. Tucker

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr J. Forrest; II Mr E. Morgan; III Mr R.F. Dixon; IV Mr D. Lethem;
V Revd M. Bond; VI Mr H. Bridge; VII Mr V. Hughff; 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 A.D. Tucker, Mr T. Hinks
Northern College, Manchester: Revd Dr R.J. McKelvey, Mr M.J. Whiffen
Westminster College, Cambridge: Revd Dr R. Buick Knox, Mr A. Bulley
Memorial College, Aberystwyth:

Youth representatives: Mr H. Taylor, Miss D. Allen

Council for World Mission: Miss Y. Rabemila

Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain: Revd H. Maclagan

Missionary on Furlough: Miss Elizabeth Brown

Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:

Revd Dr H. Cunliffe Jones, Mr B. J. Hartwell, Revd Dr J. Huxtable, Revd Dr J. Marsh, Revd C.A. Haig, Revd R.W. Hugh Jones, Revd C.J. Buckingham, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd R.E. Fenn, Revd Professor J. Eric Fenn, Revd I.R.N. Miller, Revd F.D. McConnell, Revd Professor F.G. Healey, Revd H. Burns Jamieson, 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 Newbigin, 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 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 representatives:

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

Province I

- A: Revds G. Bindeman, J. Breslin, Hazel Catton, H. Cross, Mrs. E.L. Ross, Mrs E. Straughan, Mrs M. Kirkman*, Mr J.C. Storer
- B: Revds B. Acty, A.S. Dunstone, W. Ellerby, M.G. Hanson, D.R. Hannen, F.J. Nelson, Mr J. Gifford, Mrs M. Hobley, Mrs T. MacLaughlin, Mrs R. Redford, Mr W.B. Robertson, Mrs D. Southern
- C: Revds R.A. Goddard, R.J. Newell, Mrs M. Dixon, Mrs M.G. Swan
- D: Revds C.C. Baillie, A. Fraser, M. Smith, Mrs M. Calderwood, Mr W. Hyslop, Mrs R. Jackson
- E: Revds C. Hannam, D. Mather, Mr R. Kerr, Mr W. Tate
- F: Revd L.E. Kirkman, Mr P. Connolly, Mrs L.E. Kirkman

Province II

- A: Revds G.R. Chapman, A. Hodgson, J.D. Owen, Mr M. Helmn, Miss C. Leckie, Mr H.V. Rawlins
- B: Revds R.W. Carruthers, G. Eatock, W. Ford, A. Greasley, Mrs S. Fielding, Mr and Mrs R. Holt, Mr M. Turner
- C: Revds J.D. Farquhar, R.J. Gill, G. Sirkett, Mrs N. Helmn*, Mr G. Kemp, Mr G. Wilkinson
- D: Revds J.A. Hollyman, D.D. Robertson, G.K. Tolley, Mr R. Edgerley, Mr R. Jarvis, Mrs T.D. MacMeekin
- E: Revds E. Fallows, R. Parker, D.M. Taylor, R.A.C. West, Mr C. Barlow, Mrs A. Davey, Miss A. Laidman, Mrs Y. Oldfield
- F: Revds B.A. Baker, R.A. Mealand, M.C. Playdon, J.D. Westhead, A. Wright, Mr J.B. Coleman, Dr G. Jessup, Mr I. Lloyd, Miss J. Murray, Mr C.L. Richens
- G: Revds H.M. Addy, G. Carling, G.M. Taylor, Miss H.M. Anderson, Miss S. Low, Mrs M. Menzies

Province III

- A: Revds A.W. Duncan, D.M. Spence, H.L. Swindells, A.F.E. Wise, Mrs K. Eaglesfield, Mrs J. Kuypers, Miss M.E.P. Scott, Mr M. Southwood
- B: Revds S. Jackson, J.R.W. Paull, D.G. Rees, Mrs D.G. Rees, Mrs O. Trish
- C: Revds P.W. Beaman, Ruth Farnworth, A. Francis, Mrs S. Brain, Mr I. Maclean, Miss J. Woods
- D: Revds J. Chisholm, D. Goodall, J. Martin, M. Ryland-Jones, Mrs E. Brown, Mrs J.J. Heaney, Mr R. Nicholson, Miss I. Rowland-Jones
- E: Revds G.A. Nunn, J. Hardaker, Mr A. Bibby, Mr E. Westwell

Province IV

- A: Revds P. Griffiths, V.E. Openshaw, A.J. Wells, Miss W. Darcy, Mr J. Roberts
- B: Revds Elizabeth Caswell, I. Hamilton, Molly Kenyon, T. Oakley, Mr D. Hawksworth, Mr K. Parker, Mrs V. Rodgers
- C: Revds J.W. Belderson, C. Richards, G. Rodham, R.J. Way, Mr W.D. Kirk, Mr J.B. Rawnslley, Mrs Maisie Stevens, Mr J. Turner
- D: Revds A.F.T. Evans, D. Miller, D.M. Rogers, Mrs E.D. Rogers, Miss H. Willis, Mrs I. Wilson
- E: Revds D. Atkinson, D. Hudston, P. Smith, Mrs J.E.M. Gilbey, Mrs K. Hepworth, Miss M.M. Hirst
- F: Revds C. Bembridge, G. Courtney, W.J. Taylor, Miss M.E. Atkinson, Mrs J. Hamilton Smith, Mr J. Willis

Province V

- A: Revds B. Chart, Margaret Laurie, F. Snape, C. Sutcliffe, Mr K. Allison,
Mrs M. Martin, Mr M.G. Maskery, Miss K. Noon
B: Revds D.H. Cummins, W.C. Jones, M.J. Pevy, C.V. Skinner,
Miss A.B. Cowdell, Mrs G. Cummins, Mrs J. Pevy
C: Revds P.E. Fuller, N. George, J.W. Steele, Mr M. Harrison,
Mr R.L. Russell
D: Revds W. Diggins, B. Shirley, Elizabeth Welch, S. Whiffen,
Mr M.Coe, Mrs M. Culver, Mr C. Macaulay, Mr D. Weedon
E: Revds C.J. Baker, A.R. Lee, A.C. White, Mrs F. Barrow,
Miss A. Farr, Mrs A. Fox

Province VI

- A: Revds E. Carless, R. Parker, W.F.H. Thorpe, W.D. Williams
Mr A. Baker, Mr T.M. Davies, Mr Holroyde, Mr and Mrs S. Skellern
B: Revds P.R. Bending, M.J. Cruchley, K. Wilkinson, Miss Y. Brookes,
Miss O. Evans, Mrs E. Hill
C: Revds R.K. Hall, D.E. Marsden, Dr R.F.C. Snuggs, Mr E. Blakemore,
Mr C. Hadley, Miss E.H. Vickerton
D: Revds B. Dawson, L. Jameson, Susan Nuttall, Mrs M. Dawson,
Mrs T. Hardie, Mr A.E. McCulloch
E: Revds Dr J. Bradshaw, D. Pitkeathly, Pamela Ward, A. Willcocks, Mrs J.
Jackson, Mr S. Loveitt, Mrs R. Page, Miss M. Roberts
F: Revds Lesley Beale, W.W. Mahood, J.C. Neary, W. Snade, Mr T.J. Barber,
Mr P. Lambden

Province VII

- A: Revds W.H. Clement, I. Fosten, G.R. Muttram, L. Oliver
Mr J. Derry, Mr P. Mobbs, Mrs M. Muttram, Mr E. Wright*
B: Revds D. Jeanne Pells, J.A. Pugh, B.G. Prior, R. Royston-Bishop,
Margaret W. Taylor, Mr A.C. Hicks, Dr R.D. Jurd,
Mr G.R. Matthew, Mrs J. Royston-Bishop
C: Revds L.N. Flint, P.L. Flint, D. Tapley, Jean S. Wilkinson,
Miss N.E. Cole, Mr G. Broad, Mr D. Osborne, Miss C. Sayles
D: Revds Sheila Maxey, K. Trice, C. Wilton, Mr G. Riebold,
Mrs E. Wakefield, Mr K. Woods
E: Revds J.R. Bentlyff, G.P. Breeze, D.R. Bunney, W. Ward Murray,
Mr D. Davies, Mr B.W. Knight, Mr V. Simpson, Mrs J.D. Townsend

Province VIII

- A: Revds Margaret Nuttall, K.F.D. Trunks, Mr R. Crookall, Mr. B. Jones
B: Revds G.E.F. Bowerman, R. Richards, A. Taggart, Mr T.E.C. Bush,
Mrs Timson, Miss J. Whitfield
C: Revds R.D. Humphrey, J.D. Pickering, Mr G.C. Humphrey, Mr L. Phillips,
Mr J. Woolley, Mrs M. Woolley
D: Revds C.R. Bruford, J. McMinn, Brenda Stephenson, Mr M. Johnson,
Mr T. Peregrine*, Miss I. Reeves
E: Revds R.J. Ellis, S.E. Thorpe, J.L. Titlow, Mr D. Austin,
Mr K. Powell, Mr L. Wilson
F: Revds R. Bocking, R. Diffey, B. Grimsey, W. Minnis, K. Roach
Mrs A. Burton, Mrs H.S. Clare, Mrs E. Cottrell, Miss J. Pugh, Mrs S. Roach
G: Revd J.B. Wilmot, Mr C.Trigger
H: Revd J. Sparkes, Mr S. Bell
J: Revd E.H. Hurst

Province IX

- A: Revds R.O. Balmer, Dr. R. Duce, Daphne Hull, C.W. Lucraft, J.MacKelvie, Betty F. Williams, Mr R.F. Damer, Mr R.E. Harding, Mr R. Hunter, Mr R.G. Mudd, Mr E.S. Piper, Mrs I. Taylor
- B: Revds J.C. Cohen, Ivy B. Morrill, R.W. Murray, Margery Woodland, Mrs E. Derbyshire, Mrs C. Hardwick, Mrs A. Sharp, Mr D.M. Smith
- C: Revds R.H. Duncan, M.O. Edwards, D.P.C. Geddes, G.A.F.J. Story, Miss F. Claxton, Mr F. Cochrane, Mr D.W. Mansfield, Mr G. Noble
- D: Revds K.F. Davies, N.A. Edsall, W.G. Hughes-Edwards, E.G. Williams, Mr D. Butler, Mr G. McCallum, Mr D.J. Taylor, Mrs M. West
- E: Revds Hazel Day, M.R. Jackson, A. Porter, D.F. Wilkins, D.T. Woffenden, Mr J.E. Gay, Mrs G. Langdon, Dr A.H. Tomlinson, Mr M.Wardle, Dr E. Welford

Province X

- A: Revds T. Poh, D. Russell, D. Viles, P. Whittle, Dr Palmer Clarke, Mrs M. Stacy, Miss D.J. Biggs*
- B: Revds R.L. Eveleigh, J. Parry, E.J. Ward, Miss N. Jones, Mr A. Simpson, Mr W. Palmer
- C: Revds D. Gill, K. Marsh, E.H. Thomas, T. Watson, Miss M. Devereux Mrs B. Flynn, Mr C. Marsh
- D: Revds Elizabeth Brown, G. Hewitt, C.L. Taylor, D.W. Turner, M. Wilson, Mr G. Bird, Mr D. Horrex, Miss N. Lowen, Mr J. Mackerness, Mr H. Sporle
- E: Revds A.J. Beeson, J.M. Campbell, C.K. Forecast, Mr J.T. Blowfield, Mrs N. Coombs, Mr W. Johnson
- F: Revds D. Bradburn, Jeanie Clarke, I. Duncan, P. Newell, Mr B. Budge, Mrs W. Cooper, Mrs N. Matanle, Mr S. Thomas

Province XI

- A: Revds A. Butler, Ann Cole, J.M. Rees, B. Warren, Miss J. Read, Miss M. Short, Mr R. Stevens, Miss E. Stone
- B: Revds J.P. Caton, A.G. Green, Daphne Lloyd, K.O. Lynch, K.J.E. Pryor, Mrs E. Clare, Mr J. Edmunds, Mr R. Fisher, Mrs J. Jennings, Mrs A. Morgan
- C: Revds K. Chippindale, M.T. Hazell, R. Pitt, D.N. Richmond, D. Schofield, Miss K. Salvage, Mr W. Don, Capt. E. Gregson, Mr T.M. Murray, Mrs M. Richmond, Mrs I. Riden
- D: Revds P. Hammond, D. Morgan, K. McNicol, R. Tucker, Mr B. Edwards, Mr P. Morsley, Mr H. Ring, Mrs R. Thomas
- E: Revds R. Parkington, I. Stewart, R. Wood, Miss J. Corbey, Mrs J. Elphick, Mrs V.J. Hughes
- F: Revds C. Garwood, R.E.G. Norris, A. Owens, R. Talmey, Mr H. Fisher, Mrs S. Hearne, Mr W.R. Matheson, Mrs J. Piper
- G: Revds D.E. Clark, V.N.J. Lowis, Dr D.J. Morrill, Miss E.M. Davis, Mrs A. Pleasance, Mr I.F. Sinclair, Miss D. Stone, Miss D.K. Willmer

Province XII

- A: Revds P.H. Taylor, D. Thomas-Jones, K. Watson, Miss R.M. Cook, Mrs N. Hughes, Mrs D.M. Jenkins
- B: Revds Dr J. Glyndwr Harris, R. Pagan, A. Trinder, Mr L. Johnson, Mr R. Jones, Mrs M. Kennard
- C: Revds T.L. Jones, Nanette L. Head, P.R. Mark, Patricia Parrish, J.R. Plowman, Mrs E. Batty, Mr R. Evans, Mr M. Garrow, Mr R.H. Smith, Miss E. Stark
- D: Revds I.T. Rees, Margery Rowlands, Mrs M. Page, Mrs E. Steel

E: Revds D. Fox, E.H. Jones, Mr S. Court, Mrs E.H. Jones,
Mr G.B. Williams

F: Revds R.W. Kidd, P. Noble, W.E.C. Sewell, Mrs M. Kidd, Mr A. Mills

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers the Golden Jubilee or Diamond Jubilee of whose ordination falls within 1985.

60 years

Rowland HILL
Arthur Noel MAYSON
John Seldon WHALE

William KARLE
Joseph Wilfred THOMPSON
Hezekiah Owen WILLIAMS

50 years

John Norman BEARD
Thomas Cecil CHESTNUTT
Philip DOLPHIN
Idris EVANS
Alfred GREEN
Clifford HOLGATE
Ian Ralph Matheson LATTO
William MARSHALL-JONES
Eileen Katherine ORCHARD
Frank Leonard WALLACE
Hector David WOODHOUSE

Bernard Alfred BURKE
William CULLEN
Ernest James EDWARDS
Jonathan Pearce EVANS
John Edward GREGORY
Thomas Ernest Reginald LANGRIDGE
John Kenneth MAIN
Henry James MURPHY
William Charles Edward SIMPSON
Clifford WHITWORTH

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.

The Assembly was reconvened on Tuesday 30th April at 9.30 a.m. in Crowstone St George's United Reformed Church, the Moderator, the Rt Revd David H. Dale MA, BD, presiding. Opening worship was conducted by the Moderator's Chaplain, the Revd Peter C. Jupp, MA, BD, and included a meditation on the Word led by the Revd Professor R. Buick Knox.

Provincial Moderators and the Synod Clerks of Mersey Province and Wessex Province announced the following names of those newly ordained into the ministry.

Hazel Margaret Mary Addy	William Frederick Austin
Robert Andrew Barthram	Frederick Bates
Robert James Bushby	Beryl Audrey Chatfield
Stanley William Crane	Paul Bruce Dean
Joan Duncan	William Ellerby
Christopher James Ford	Edmund Fallows
Leslie John Forrest	Ruth Workman Farnworth
Robert Albert William Goddard	Robert Good
John Ashley Hardaker	Martin Thomas Hazell
Bernard Grimsey	George Trevor Holborn
Alex John Jacob	Alan Johnston
Robert Vaughan Jones	Pamela C. Lewis
Robert Maitland	Hazel Evelyn Martell
Catherine Middleton	Glyn Millington
Jennifer Millington	James Edward <u>Wilson</u> Morris
David E. Murphy	Roger James Newell
David Pennells	Mary Eleanor Piggott
David Charles Phillips	Robert A. Pitt
Timothy Poi-Peck Poh	Martyn Poole
Timothy John Roffe	Basil Rogers
John William Rooke	Marjorie Rowlands
Timothy William Royds	Robert George Shallcross
Jacqueline Skibniewski-Woods	Alan E. Taylor
Nigel Philip Uden	David James Williams
Anna Barbara Mary Williams	Edward Glyn Williams
Margery Woodland	Philip James Woods
Stuart Albert Yeates	

The Revd Donald Elliott and Dr Richard Jurd announced the following names of those newly appointed as missionaries or as Church Related Community Workers.

Mrs Daphne Beale	Revd John and Mrs Mary Burgess
Miss Alison Gibbs	Ms Maggie Hindley
Miss Judith Rogers	

Those present were received by the Moderator, in the name of the Assembly, who addressed them and commended them to God in prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Mr R.A. Heritage, Convener, presented the verbal report of the Business Committee. The order of business proposed was agreed.

This concluded the report of the Business Committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Revd Nelson Bainbridge, Convener, introduced the report of the Nominations Committee and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

The Convener further moved:

The Assembly appoints officers of Committees as set out in Paragraph 4 of the Report. (See Appendix to this Record)

Assistant Clerk of Assembly

The Assembly appoints Mrs Janny Macdonald to serve as Assistant Clerk of the Assembly until the Assembly of 1988.

These were both agreed.

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

MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Revd A.G. Burnham, Convener, introduced the Report of the Ministries Department and upon his motion the Report was received for debate.

The following amendments to the Report were noted.

Para.7. By transfer from other Churches. Delete the names:

Revd Ronald Brierley
Revd Cynthia Livingstone
Revd Janet Weller
Revd Roy Wheatcroft

Para. 18, line 3: Delete 'James'

Para. 66. Northern Province:	Ron Forster - delete 'Northern', substitute Westminster Delete J. Meek
North Western Province:	Add J. Meek (Northern)
Mersey Province:	Delete Terry Hinks
East Midlands Province:	Add Terry Hinks (Mansfield) and Jean Wileman (Queens)
Southern Province	For David, read Dave Munster Marie Roe - delete Westminster and substitute Mansfield.

The Convener's expression of good wishes to Professor R. Buick Knox upon his retirement as Nivison Professor of Church History, Westminster College, was acclaimed by the Assembly.

Comments and questions then followed on items in the Report not covered by the Assembly.

The Convener's thanks to Dr Richard Jurd for his work as Convener of the Supplementary Ministries Committee was received with acclamation.

The Convener further proposed:

Recruitment to the Ministry

The Assembly, noting with pleasure the increase in recruitment for the Ministry resulting from the Vocations Sunday in November 1983, and from the recruitment programme in general, urges local churches to present the challenge of the Ministry regularly to members, and calls upon the URC to observe Sunday 17 November 1985 as Vocations Sunday.

This was approved.

Mrs Joan Boulind, Convener, Ministerial Training Committee, proposed:

Westminster College Staff Appointment

The Assembly

(a) resolves that the Revd Janet Sowerbutts be appointed to the Cheshunt Chair in Pastoral Studies at Westminster College, Cambridge, as from 1 September 1985 for a period of five years, renewable for a further two years, and

(b) instructs the Cambridge District Council to arrange, in consultation with the Senatus, for the necessary induction to take place.

The resolution was carried. The Moderator received the Revd Janet Sowerbutts amid the applause of the Assembly.

This concluded the business of the Department.

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Revd A.L. Macarthur, Convener, introduced the Report of the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee, and upon his motion the Assembly received the Report.

The Convener further proposed:

Authorisation for Pastoral Committee Expenditure

The Assembly notes the difficulty encountered by its Pastoral Reference Committee in respect of the periods for which it may authorise special payments from Assembly Funds, and agreed to the limited extension of these powers asked for in the report.

This was approved.

WRITTEN QUESTION

The following written question had been submitted by the Southern Province under the provision of Standing Order 7(a):

Can the General Secretary assure us that the Executive has been delegated sufficient power to appoint a Provincial Moderator between Assemblies should there ever be an urgent need to do so, due, for example, to the death or resignation of a Moderator soon after an Assembly?

The General Secretary replied that if the necessary procedures have been followed and a name has been brought forward in the period immediately after an Assembly, say between May and September, then the Executive could act on behalf of the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Revd Dr Philip Morgan, Convener, introduced the Report of the Executive Committee, and upon his proposal the Report of the Executive Committee and the Supplementary Report were received for debate.

Questions were asked on items in the Report not covered by resolutions. The Assembly requested the Executive to reconsider the possibility of a residential Assembly and also the time and place of Assemblies.

Dr Morgan further moved:

Assembly ratifies the decision of the 1984 Assembly to amend the Structure of the URC, 9(5)d to read:

Theological College Representation at Assembly

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.

Assembly future meetings

The Assembly agrees to meet at Blackpool from 6 to 9 May 1986 and at Cardiff from 11 to 15 May 1987, subject to any variation approved by the Executive Committee.

These resolutions were carried.

Dr Morgan expressed the thanks of the Assembly to the Revd Colin Evans and the Revd Dr Fred Kaan, and this was endorsed by the applause of the Assembly.

He further proposed:

Provincial Moderators

The Assembly re-appoints the Revd Michael John Davies, FCIS, Moderator of the Thames North Province for a period of five years from 1 September 1985.

The Assembly appoints the Revd Wilfred Kievill Gathercole, MA, BD, Moderator of the Eastern Province for a period of seven years from 1 September 1985.

The Assembly appoints the Revd John Donald Waller, MA, BA, FCA, Moderator of the West Midlands Province for a period of seven years from 1 September 1985.

The Assembly appoints the Revd Nelson William Bainbridge, MA, Moderator of the Wessex Province for a period of seven years from 1 September 1985.

These resolutions were each approved.

Dr Morgan further moved:

The Assembly receives the Report on Church House for debate and in doing do thanked all who worked in Church House.

He further proposed:

Local Churches received into URC

The Assembly receives and welcomes the churches known as:
Toothill, Swindon
Watling Valley, Milton Keynes
Stantonbury, Milton Keynes
as local churches within the URC.

The Assembly receives the Southgate church, Bury St Edmunds, as a local church of the United Reformed Church.

These resolutions were each approved.

The Moderator received, in the name of the Assembly, representatives present of those churches.

APPLICATIONS TO SECEDE

(A) St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Bournemouth, having petitioned the General Assembly to be allowed to secede from the United Reformed Church, papers had been distributed to members of Assembly containing the petition, the action taken by the Dorset District Council, the report of the Wessex Commission and the Synod's recommendation to the General Assembly.

Dr Morgan moved the following resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee:

The Assembly, having considered the request of the St Andrew's, Bournemouth church to secede from the United Reformed Church, and the advice of the District Council, Synod and national Executive Committee, does not agree to secession.

During the course of debate the Minister of the church, the Revd Keith R. Brymer, and Mr R. Alletson, Church Secretary, spoke on behalf of the local church.

The Assembly then voted by ballot.

(B) Trinity United Reformed Church, Slough, having petitioned the General Assembly to be allowed to secede from the United Reformed Church, papers had been distributed to members of Assembly containing the petition, the action taken by the West District Council, the report of the Thames North Synod's Commission, and the Synod's recommendation to General Assembly.

Dr Morgan moved the following resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee:

The Assembly, having considered the request of the Trinity Church, Slough, to secede from the United Reformed Church, and the advice of the District Council, Synod and national Executive Committee, does not agree to secession.

During the course of debate, the Minister of the Church, the Revd J.V. Ross, and Mr David Mills, Elder, spoke on behalf of the local church.

The Assembly then voted by ballot.

(C) Wells-next-the-Sea United Reformed Church, having requested to be allowed to secede from the United Reformed Church, papers had been distributed to members of Assembly containing letters from the Church Secretary, the report of District Council officers, the report to the Eastern Synod, the Synod's recommendation to Assembly and the report of the Assembly Executive's Commission.

Dr Morgan moved the following resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee.

The Assembly, having considered the request of the Wells-next-the-Sea church to secede from the United Reformed Church, and the advice of the District Council, Synod and national Executive Committee, agrees to secession.

The Assembly voted by ballot.

The Moderator announced the voting as follows:

St Andrew's, Bournemouth	For the resolution	423 votes
	Against	80 votes
	Abstentions	4
Trinity, Slough	For the resolution	441 votes
	Against	106 votes
	Spoilt or abstentions	6
Wells-next-the-Sea	For the resolution	330 votes
	Against	184 votes
	Abstentions	4
	Spoilt	1

Dr Morgan then moved:

The Assembly appoints a commission of Assembly to include two members of the Wessex Synod to meet both the minister, elders and congregation of St Andrew's, Bournemouth, and also the Dorset District Council, to seek the resolution of issues which gave rise to the plea for secession.

The resolution was carried. He further moved:

The Assembly appoints a commission to include a person from the Synod and a person from the District Council to meet the minister, elders and congregation of Trinity Church, Slough, to express the fellowship of the Church following the Assembly decision, and to seek resolution of issues that gave rise to the secession proposal.

The resolution was carried.

The Clerk reported on correspondence with the Church of Scotland about our relationships in England and indicated that a report would be made when the appropriate Department have discussed this matter.

The Clerk proposed on behalf of the Executive Committee:

Ministries Department Committees

The Assembly approves the plan for Committees within the Ministries Department.

The Assembly requests the Ministries Department to review the Committee structure within three years and report to the Executive Committee.

These resolutions were carried.

MODERATORS' REPORT

The Revd Dr John Morgans introduced the Report of the Provincial Moderators and upon his motion the report was received for debate.

SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of East Midlands Province the Revd Elizabeth Welch proposed and the Revd Christopher White seconded:

Milton Keynes

The Assembly, having in 1984 recognised Milton Keynes as a special church situation (with regard to the scale of the project, the wholly ecumenical commitment and the dearth of local inherited resources) now resolves

- (a) to support and to recommend to the churches the financial appeal, and
- (b) to agree the date for the launch of the appeal as January 1986.

The resolution to the end of sub-paragraph (a) was carried. The Revd Ray Balmer moved the following amendment which was seconded:

Add to sub-paragraph (b) "the appeal to end on 31st December 1986".

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

COMMISSIONING OF PROVINCIAL MODERATORS

The Moderator recommissioned the Revd Michael John Davies as Moderator of the Thames North Province; and commissioned:

The Revd Wilfred Kievill Gathercole as Moderator of the Eastern Province, the Revd John Donald Waller as Moderator of the West Midlands Province, and the Revd Nelson William Bainbridge as Moderator of the Wessex Province.

He then commended them to God in prayer.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, Convener, introduced the Report of the World Church and Mission Department, and upon her motion the Report was received for debate.

The Revd John Slow, Convener, NEW at Home Committee, proposed:

Inter-Church Programme

The Assembly confirms URC participation in the inter-church programme on the nature and purpose of the Church, encourages our members to share in it at all levels of church life, wherever possible through ecumenical groups, and notes that Lent 86 will provide widespread opportunity for study and prayer together.

The resolution was agreed,.

Mrs Helen Lidgett interviewed the Revd M.J. Kenyon on the Consulation on City Ministry and Mission.

The Revd John Slow further moved the following resolutions, subject to the ratification by Assembly of that section of the amendment of the structures of the United Reformed Church concerning representatives from other Churches:-

Voting Representatives from other Churches

The Assembly agrees that the maximum number of representatives of other Churches who may be invited to become voting members of URC councils be as follows:

District Council	4
Provincial Synod	8
General Assembly	12

The Assembly authorises the World Church and Mission Department to issue invitations to other Churches as set out in Appendix A, and to vary that list in the event of Churches declining the invitation and to secure a measure of rotation in future years.

These resolutions were carried subject as aforesaid.

Mr Slow further moved:

Relationships in Scotland

The Assembly endorses the statement on the mutual recognition of members and ministers prepared by the Reformed Churches in Scotland.

The Revd J.A. Breslin moved the following amendment which was seconded:

delete: 'the Reformed'

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

On behalf of the Province of Wales the Revd W. Sewell proposed and the Revd Peter Mark seconded:

Legal Provisions for LEP's

This Assembly welcomes the desire of some local ecumenical projects to go beyond a sharing of church buildings to create a local church as fully

united as possible; acknowledges that some provisions of the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969 inhibit such unity and asks the World Church and Mission Department to make vigorous representation in the appropriate ecumenical quarters, so that proposals might be laid before Parliament to amend the Act and broaden its scope.

On behalf of the World Church and Mission Department the Revd John Slow moved the following amendment which was seconded:

delete all words following 'Department' and substitute:
'to continue to seek any possible way to give legal standing to such local initiatives approved by Provincial Synods'.

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

The Revd Donald Elliott spoke to the Missionary and Ecumenical World Abroad Committee Report and at his request the Moderator received the Revd Walter Persson, General Secretary and President of the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden, who at the Moderator's invitation addressed the Assembly.

The Revd K. Chippindale spoke of the experience of receiving one of the six South African women who visited the United Reformed Church for a four week period.

The Revd Yvette Rabemila, Personnel Secretary of the Council for World Mission, spoke of the continuing need for missionaries within the partner Churches and for exchanging personnel.

The Revd Elizabeth Welch spoke of receiving on placement two of the participants in the CWM Training in Mission Programme.

On behalf of the Department, Mrs Mary Marsden, Convener of the Personnel Committee, proposed:

Recruitment for service overseas

The Assembly notes with pleasure the appointment of several URC ministers and lay people recently to positions with Churches overseas, and requests local churches to make better known the staffing needs of our partner Churches as advertised in CWM's 'NewShare' and from time to time in 'Reform'.

South African Visitors

The Assembly rejoices in the visit made to the URC by six women from three sister Churches in South Africa, thanks those in South Africa who made the arrangements there and those who welcomed them into homes and congregations here.

Personal Exchange

The Assembly encourages local churches, Provinces, and especially Districts, to create opportunities for personal exchange within the ecumenical fellowship, drawing on suggestions contained in the new World Church and Mission Handbook.

The resolutions were each approved.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd Derek Cole, Convener of the MEW Abroad Committee, proposed:

Ecumenical Sharing of Resources

The Assembly endorses the principle of the WCC Ecumenical Sharing of Resources programme, and charges the World Church and Mission Department with working out, with the Council for World Mission and others, how local ideas and experience in mission and spirituality can be so shared by partner Churches across the world that all may give and all receive.

The resolution was approved.

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed and the Revd John Reardon seconded:

South Africa

The Assembly sends Christian greetings to the South African Council of Churches, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of South Africa, the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa and the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, expressing unity in prayer and commitment with all who struggle for a just society in South Africa.

The resolution was unanimously agreed.

The Departmental Convener, Mrs R.E. Goodfellow, proposed:

Appreciation

The Assembly records its appreciation for the convenership of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee by the Revd Derek Cole from 1979 to 1985 in helping the United Reformed Church deepen its commitment to world-wide outreach and fellowship.

The resolution was approved.

The Revd K. Chippindale proposed and the Revd D.E. Clark seconded:

Unification Church

This Assembly instructs the Mission and Other Faiths Committee to have no further contact with the Unification Church, but commends individual members of the Unification Church to the prayers of local churches.

After debate, the Revd J.W.P. Williamson proposed, and it was seconded, that the question under consideration be not put.

The motion was carried.

The Revd J.C. Neary proposed and the Revd W.W. Mahood seconded:

This Assembly declares its support and care for families that have been divided by the Unification Church.

This was approved.

They further proposed:

This Assembly instructs the Mission and Other Faiths Committee to ensure that in any further dealings with the Unification Church the URC is not seen as giving support and credence to it.

The resolution was carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Treasurer, Mr F.H. Brooman, presented the Report of the Finance and Administration Department, and upon his proposal the Report was received for debate.

Mr Herbert Fisher, Convener of the Pensions Sub-Committee, reported briefly on the Actuary's Report on the Pension Fund which had recently been received.

The Convener of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee undertook to look into the matter of reimbursement of preaching fees and report to the 1986 General Assembly.

The Treasurer proposed:

Accounts

The Assembly adopts the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1984

and Mr Robin Gray of Messrs Robson Rhodes, Chartered Accountants, read the Auditors' Report.

The resolution was approved.

The Treasurer further proposed:

Appreciation for Contributions

The Assembly notes the contributions made for 1984 to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and the Unified Appeal and thanks all those who have provided money, advocacy and administration.

The resolution was approved.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd John Waller, Convener, Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, proposed:

Maintenance of the Ministry Budget

Assembly approves the Maintenance of the Ministry Budget for 1986, noting that it allows for an increase of 5% in ministers' stipends payable from 1 July 1986.

The resolution was approved.

On behalf of the Department, Mr Herbert Fisher, Convener, Pensions Sub-Committee, proposed:

Pension Fund Rules

The Assembly approves the following additional wording to Rule 10 of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund:

'Following such advice and such authority during any period in which the Committee makes special annual contributions to meet a deficiency disclosed by actuarial valuation a participating body shall also make special annual contributions at such rate and for such a period as the Actuary shall deem to be appropriate to the membership of that particular body.'

The resolution was approved.

The Revd M. Husselbee, Convener, Church Buildings Committee, proposed on behalf of the Department:

Church Buildings Committee

The Assembly approves the terms of reference of the Church Buildings Committee as set out in paragraph 29 of the Department's Report.

The resolution was approved.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EVANGELISM WORKING PARTY

The Revd David Marsden, Convener, introduced the Report of the Inter-Departmental Evangelism Working Party and upon his motion the Report was received for debate.

The introduction included contributions from three members of Provincial Evangelism Teams.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The Revd David Netherwood, Convener, introduced the Report of the Communication and Supplies Committee and upon his motion the Report was received for debate.

He further moved:

URC Logo

The Assembly welcomes the development of the URC logotype.

Video

Believing Video to be a more useful medium for educational purposes than film or slides, Assembly encourages Communication and Supplies to purchase video programmes for loan to churches and to give as much help as possible to churches introducing the medium.

These resolutions were approved.

The Revd Richard F. Taylor, Convener, introduced the Report of the Faith and Life Department and upon his motion it was received for debate.

The Moderator received, in the name of the Assembly, Miss Janet Turner, Mr John Quilter and Mr Roger Tolman, Youth Leadership Training Officers.

The Departmental Convener further proposed:

Prayer Handbook

Assembly encourages local churches and members to use the prayer handbook 'The Word and the World'.

The resolution was approved.

On behalf of the Department the Revd Dr Stephen Orchard proposed:

Elders' Training

Assembly, recognising the valuable contribution made by elders to the life and work of the United Reformed Church,

- (a) asks Provinces and Districts to review their arrangements for training elders,
- (b) urges those given responsibility for this training to cooperate with the Christian Education and Stewardship Committee to develop effective resources and structures for the training of elders,
- (c) encourages all elders and prospective elders to take advantage of opportunities for appropriate training.

The resolution was approved. The Departmental Convener further proposed:

Children's Work

Assembly, realising the importance of the Christian nurture of children and young people, and recognising the need for understanding, knowledge and skill on the part of those with particular responsibility for this nurture,

- (a) encourages all those who work with children in the church to take advantage of opportunities for training,
- (b) asks local churches to give their support to those receiving training by paying their expenses and by releasing them from other responsibilities where appropriate,
- (c) urges District Children's Work Committees, or their equivalent, to develop appropriate training opportunities, and in particular to make arrangements for groups to study the Equipped to Teach course, and to cooperate with the Assembly Children's Work Committee in finding and training suitable tutors.

The resolution was approved.

The Assembly agreed to send a message of greeting to the Revd A. Greenslade, Convener, Children's Work Committee.

On behalf of the Department, Dr David Thompson proposed:

Ministers and Membership Rolls

Assembly, taking note of the fact that ministers inducted to URC pastorates are on the one hand under the oversight not of the local church but of the District Council and that on the other hand they are in full fellowship with the local church(es) to which they minister,

directs that the names of such ministers be recorded on the roll of members of the church(es) to which they minister.

Where the pastorate includes more than one local church each with its own roll, the name of the minister(s) shall appear on one such roll to be reckoned for statistical purposes, and on the other rolls the name shall appear with the note - "The Revd A.N. is a member in full fellowship of this church but for statistical purposes only his/her membership is reckoned at the "x" United Reformed Church in this pastorate."

The Revd Michael Jackson proposed the following amendment which was seconded:

1st paragraph, 4th line, delete the word 'directs' and substitute 'suggests'

The amendment was lost.

The Revd Dr K. Slack proposed the following amendment which was seconded:

1st paragraph, 4th line, delete the word 'directs' and substitute 'affirms' and insert 'should' before 'be'.

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

Dr David Thompson then moved on behalf of the Department:

Hymn Book

Since stocks of Congregational Praise will shortly be exhausted, Assembly instructs the Doctrine and Worship committee to bring proposals for a new main hymn book to Assembly in 1986.

The resolution was carried.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd Alasdair Pratt proposed:

Mental Handicap

Assembly draws to the attention of local churches Government policy of relocating in the community people with a mental handicap. Assembly calls on churches to be aware of the implications of this policy and to respond positively by seeking to overcome deeply felt fears, and by urging the relevant authorities to provide adequate resources to enable the policy to be effective.

After debate the Revd Keith Forecast proposed, and it was seconded, that the question be now put. The proposal was carried.

The resolution was then approved.

The Revd Dr Robert Latham then proposed on behalf of the Department:

Windermere

- (a) Assembly, noting the progress of the Windermere Appeal, authorises the Policy and Planning Committee to proceed with the alteration and adaptation of the building and the development of the centre.
- (b) Assembly resolves that the appointment of the Revd Graham Cook as Director of the Windermere Centre shall be for 5 years from February 1st 1985.

Mr J.E.M. Gilbey proposed and the Revd W.J. Taylor seconded the following amendment:

Delete sub-paragraph (a) and substitute:

Assembly, noting the information received concerning the Windermere Appeal, delegates power to the Executive Committee, once it is satisfied that the financial arrangements are adequately worked out, to authorise the Policy and Planning Committee to proceed with the alteration and adaptation of the building and development of the Centre.

Tellers were called.

The amendment was lost: 199 votes in favour and 250 against.

The resolution was then approved, the Assembly voting separately on sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

At the invitation of the Moderator, the Revd Graham Cook addressed the Assembly.

The Departmental Convener further proposed:

Appreciation

Assembly expresses thanks to the Revd Brian Johanson for his service as chairman of the Doctrine and Worship Committee.

This was carried with acclamation.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Mr Raymond Clarke, Convener, presented the report of the Church and Society Department and upon his proposal the Report was received for debate.

In the presentation of the Report he was assisted by the Revd Elizabeth Nash, the Revd Glyn Eatock, the Revd Michael Hubbard, Dr Mary Ede and the Revd M.J. Kenyon. During the course of debate, the Assembly agreed to request the Departmental Secretary to make enquiries regarding the arrest and trial of two Congregational Deacons in Sofia, Bulgaria.

On behalf of the Department, the Revd John Reardon, Departmental Secretary, proposed:

Nuclear Freeze

The Assembly, recalling its resolution of 1983 supporting a nuclear freeze, urges the churches to study proposals for an international nuclear freeze and to present these proposals for endorsement by their members between 24 October 1985 and Ash Wednesday, 12 February 1986.

The resolution was carried.

Appreciation

The Moderator moved that the Assembly record its deep gratitude to Mr Raymond Clarke for his valuable service, which had now come to an end, as Convener of the Department. This was agreed to the applause of the Assembly.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

On behalf of the Yorkshire Province, the Revd G. Rodham proposed and Mr J.E.M. Gilbey seconded:

Budget Committee Membership

The Assembly agrees that the Assembly Budget Committee shall include a representative appointed by each Province.

The Revd Dr R.O. Latham proposed the following amendment, which was seconded:

Delete all words after 'include'; insert '4 representatives being Provincial Treasurers'

The amendment was lost.

The original unamended resolution was then carried.

On behalf of Wessex Province, the Revd George Thomas proposed and the Revd Julian Macro seconded:

Practice of Baptism

The Assembly instructs the Doctrine and Worship Committee to undertake a survey, for report to the General Assembly and possible Assembly action, of the practice within the URC since 1981 in carrying out the provisions of section 14 of the Basis of Union concerning baptism and

that this be done by inviting local churches to share with the Committee their experience -

(a) in the honouring of convictions held on the forms of baptism

(b) in pastorally reconciling personal conflict of conscience concerning persons baptised as infants who ask to receive the sacrament as believers because they have become convinced 'that baptism can only be appropriately administered to a believer'.

The Revd Richard Taylor proposed the following amendment and it was seconded:

Line 1: Delete 'a survey' and substitute 'an enquiry'

This was approved and became part of the substantive proposition which was then agreed by the Assembly.

Report of the Anglican-Reformed International Commission 1984

The Revd Brenda Stephenson proposed and the Revd Principal Martin Cressey seconded a Private Members' Motion:

The Assembly welcomes the publication of 'God's Reign and Our Unity', the report of the Anglican-Reformed International Commission 1984; commends it for the widest possible discussion in the Church, wherever possible jointly with Anglicans, drawing attention particularly to the questions on pp 83-86 of the report; and invites the Doctrine and Worship Committee to prepare a response for consideration at the General Assembly of 1986.

The resolution was carried.

'BAPTISM, EUCHARIST AND MINISTRY'

Dr David Thompson, on behalf of the Doctrine and Worship Committee, introduced the proposed response of the United Reformed Church to the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Paper III, and proposed:

The Assembly adopts the Response to 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry' prepared by the Doctrine and Worship Committee and authorises the Clerk to submit it to the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches as the official response of the United Reformed Church.

The Revd John Johansen-Berg proposed and the Revd Malcolm Hanson seconded the following amendment:

Page 93, clause 9(d): Delete the final sentence.

Tellers were called.

The amendment was lost by 255 votes to 176.

The Revd John Johansen-Berg further proposed and the Revd Malcolm Hanson seconded, that the following words be added to clause 9(d):

'We believe that the pattern of ministry today should be determined by the missionary task of the Church. The commission of our Lord and the consequent enabling gifts of the Spirit produce a manifold ministry which is apostolic.'

The amendment was accepted by the Convener and approved by the Assembly.

A further amendment was proposed by the Revd Julian Macro, and it was seconded, that in paragraph 9(d) line 4, the words 'whether or' be inserted after 'on'.

The amendment was approved.

Paragraph 9(d) as amended then stood as follows:

(d) The nature of episcopacy and apostolic succession. We welcome the recognition that Churches which have not retained the historic episcopate

have preserved continuity in apostolic faith, worship and mission, particularly in ordination (M37). We believe that further work needs to be done on whether or how the sign of episcopal succession can be recovered (M38) in a way which does not in fact throw the existing continuity with apostolic faith, worship and mission into question. We believe that the pattern of ministry today should be determined by the missionary task of the Church. The commission of our Lord and the consequent enabling gifts of the Spirit produce a manifold ministry which is apostolic.

The Clerk proposed:

The Assembly receives the Response to 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry' prepared by the Doctrine and Worship Committee, adopts it as amended, and authorises the Clerk to submit it to the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches as the official response of the United Reformed Church.

The resolution was approved.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR OF ASSEMBLY FOR 1986/87

The result of the ballot for Moderator of the General Assembly of 1986 was declared by the Revd David Hannen on behalf of the Tellers. 372 ballot papers had been returned and Mr Raymond Arthur Heritage was declared to be elected.

The Moderator received the Moderator-elect amid the acclaim of the Assembly, and Mr Heritage responded. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Assembly resumed consideration of the Executive Committee Report.

Constitution Review Group

The Clerk explained the procedure in connection with the Constitution Review Group proposals.

On behalf of the Executive Committee the Revd Dr Philip Morgan proposed:

The Assembly ratifies the following amendments to the Structures of the URC:

Concerning District Councils and Synods

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

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

This was approved. He further proposed:

Concerning Representatives from other Churches

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)i

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.

After Mr Peter Bunker, Convener of the Constitutional Review Group, had responded to a question, the resolution was approved.

Dr Morgan further proposed:

Concerning Constitutional Change

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 members present and voting at a duly convened meeting of such body, then the Assembly in its concern for the unity of the church shall not proceed to ratify the proposal.

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.

Mr Peter Bunker responded to the debate.

The resolution was carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Revd Dr Robert Latham presented the Report of the Budget Committee, and upon his proposal the Report was received for debate.

The following corrections to the Report were noted:

paragraph 3, last line: for £61,000 read £6,000
paragraph 2, line 4: for £42,000 read £45,000

He further proposed:

The Assembly approves the Budget for 1986 which provides for an expenditure of £1,516,000.

This was carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Revd Nelson Bainbridge, Convener, presented the second report of the Nominations Committee, and proposed:

The Assembly appoints the following Commissions:-

- (a) St Andrew's, Bournemouth / Dorset District Council:
The Moderator, the General Secretary, Revd A.J.G. Walker, Mrs M. Marsden, Revd G.H. Thomas, Mr Leslie Whiteman
- (b) Trinity, Slough:
The Moderator, the General Secretary, Revd J.D. Waller, Revd J. Halfpenny, Mr A. Robb, Mr A. Logan
- (c) Induction of Provincial Moderators:
 - West Midlands: Revd J.D. Waller - 14 September at Carrs Lane,
Birmingham -
The General Secretary, Mr Raymond Clarke, Mrs Ruth Clarke
 - Eastern: Revd W.K. Gathercole, 14 September at Chelmsford.
The Moderator, Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, Revd John Slow.
 - Wessex: The Revd Nelson Bainbridge, 28 September at Basingstoke.
The Moderator, Revd Cyril Franks, Mr Ray Heritage.

The Assembly appoints the following Conveners for the new Committees in the Ministries Department:

Vocations Committee: Revd Michael Stolton (to 1988)
Training Committee: Mrs Joan Boulind (to 1988)
Support Committee: Revd Peter Brain (to 1991)

Delegate to the Church of Scotland Assembly 1985: Mrs Jeanne Jones, in place of Miss D.J. Biggs

The Assembly appoints committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1985-1986 as set out in the Appendix to the Report, as amended in the second Nominations Committee Report.

The proposals were approved.

Mr Howard Taylor proposed and Mr Graham Wilkinson seconded a Private Members' Motion:

FURY Ginger Group

Recognising that evangelism is an important part of the life and development of the United Reformed Church, in which young people have a role to play, the Assembly welcomes the initiative of the Ginger Group project which is designed to develop the talents and potential of young people, and to enhance the spiritual life and ministry of the whole Church.

The resolution was approved.

Mr Michael Wardle proposed and Mr Robert Nicholson seconded a Private Members' Motion:

Young People in the Church

This Assembly recognises and acknowledges the ministry and value of young people in the life of witness of the Church and within society, and recommends to local churches that they:

- (a) take action to enable young people to participate fully in the life of the church;
- (b) develop closer pastoral relationships with their young people, recognising their special needs and gifts;
- (c) work with their young people to explore the nature of society and develop their true role within it;
- (d) begin to break down communication barriers by initiating dialogue between their young people and the other members of the church.

It was proposed that the motion now be put. The motion was lost.

After further debate, the resolution was approved.

THANKS

The Revd Malcolm Smith expressed the thanks of the Assembly to all those who had contributed to its smooth running, and to those who enhanced its life.

CLOSURE

The Clerk presented the Minutes of the morning session, and declared that having completed the business properly brought before it, the Assembly stood adjourned and will meet again at Blackpool on 6 May 1986 or such other place and date as may be duly appointed.

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

'TOUCH AND GO'

On Wednesday 1st May in the evening the Assembly held a public event entitled 'Touch and Go'. Members of FURY reminded us of the needs of the world and led concluding prayers. The Moderator spoke with Cheryl Bradshaw, Ron Forster and the Revd Maggie Peery about their sense of call, and was similarly questioned by the Revd Edmund Banyard. The Revd Myra Blyth addressed the gathering on Call and Response. A choir of young people from the URC Southend District, conducted by Gerald Bates, led in hymns and songs, and the band of the 1st Southend Girls' Brigade Company also took part.

BIBLE STUDY

Each morning the Assembly was led by the Revd Professor R. Buick Knox in studies on the themes 'God, Father Almighty', 'Jesus Christ our Lord', 'The Holy Spirit' and 'The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church'.

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 Conveners 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 1984 are denoted by an asterisk *

MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Convener: The Revd A.G. Burnham - 1990

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary (Revd M.G. Dunford)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd Dr J. Rutherford*	VII	Revd G.R. Muttram
II	Revd F.A. Noden*	VIII	Revd K. Hibberd*
III	Revd Barbara Gates	IX	Revd F.G. Wilson Dennett
IV	Revd S.O. Jones*	X	Revd H. Starkey*
V	Mrs V. Stonehouse*	XI	
VI	Revd W.W. Mahood*	XII	Revd Mary Evans*

together with the Conveners of the Committees within the Department, Mr E. Chilton*, Mrs E. Jupp*, Revd G.E. Roper*, Mr D. Thacker*, Revd Elizabeth Welch*

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Convener: Mrs Joan Boulind - 1988

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd J.C. Brock
Revd R.K. Scopes
(6 vacancies)

Revd J. Francis
Mrs Margaret Stokes

Revd Dr J.I. Morgans

together with the Principals of the recognised Colleges in Abersytwyth, Bangor, Cambridge, Manchester and Oxford and one auxiliary ministry student (Mr Philip Stewart) and one stipendiary ministry student (Mr P. Breeze).

Panel for Assessment Conferences

Miss R. Archer*, Revds B. Baker, C.J. Baker*, Mr J.S. Benbow*, Revds Elizabeth Caswell*, T.C. Cheesbrough, Mrs R. Clarke, Mr R.T. Clarke, Revds G.J. Cook, R.W. Courtney, F.G. Wilson Dennett, A.S. Dunstone, Revds Mary Evans*, J. Francis, A. Frost, Dr Anne Galer*, Revd W.K. Gathercole, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revds A.G. Green, Dr L.C. Green, Jessie Halfpenny, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd R.J. Hall, Mr M. Hammond*, Mr M. Harrison*, Mr A. Hart, Revds H.G. Hayes, Mrs M. Herbert, Revds D.H. Hilton, R.W.H. Jones, Mrs E. Jupp, Miss M. Kennish*, Revds R.O. Latham, W.N. Leak, R.H. Lewis, W.W. Mahood, Mrs J.W. Macdonald*, Revd D. McIlhagga, Mrs B. Martin*, Revds W.R. Marchbank*, Barbara Meachin, Mr R. Norris, Revd F.R. Nunn, Mrs B. Onions, Revds Dr S.C. Orchard, D.A. Pitkeathly, Professor R. Schwarzenberger, Mr A. Senior, Mrs E.M. Steel, Dr Ann Stevenson,

Revd D.G. Stewart, Mr B. Stonehouse*, Revd R.F. Taylor, Mr D. Thacker, Revd I.L. Thomas, Mr A.W. Thompson*, Revds E.W. Todd, B.D. Treharne, Miss L. Tucker*, Revds R.J. Way, Elizabeth Welch*, Miss J. Welford, Revd 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 Convener and Secretary of the Ministerial Training Committee.

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

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

Principal, Westminster College Professor John Ferguson
Miss Ann Phillips* Dr D.A. Sykes Revd J.E. Young

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Convener: Mrs Sylvia Owen -
Secretary: Secretary for Supplementary Ministries
and In-Service Training

Revd Lilian Blythin	Mr R.E. Evans	Dr R.J.M. Evans
Mr L.S. Kay	Revd J.R. Sparkes	Revd R.G. Walker
Miss Mary Williams	(2 vacancies)	

CHAPLAINS AND STUDENTS

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

Miss B. Davies	Dr J. Derry	Dr J. Dixon
Mr M. Jones	Revd J.C. Neary	Miss J. Rogers
Revd A.G. Thomas	Revd W. Workman	(4 vacancies)

APPLICATIONS

Convener: Revd M.B. Stolton - 1988
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Legal Adviser, the Secretary of the Ministerial Training Committee and the Convener of the Applications Committee of each Province (or his/her deputy)

FAITH AND LIFE DEPARTMENT

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

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd Peter Poulter*	VII	Revd D. McIlhagga*
II	Revd S.M. Thornton*	VIII	Revd Gillian Bobbett
III	Revd Ruth Farnworth*	IX	Revd Mark Westerman
IV	Revd L.H.B. Neems	X	Revd David Turner
V	Revd C. Baker	XI	Revd Michael Rees
VI	Revd K.A. Wilkinson	XII	Mrs Norah Morgans

together with the Convener of the Committees within the Department, The Revd G.E.F. Bowerman*, Mrs Barbara Brettell*, Mrs Ruth Clarke*, Revd John Simpson* Mr B. Worrall*

Members under 25: Mr Craig Bowman, Mr Howard Taylor*

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Convener: Revd Dr. C.E. Gunton - 1991
Secretary: Revd Dr C.P. Thompson - 1987

Revd J.C. Brock	Mr P. Cutts	Revd Principal M.H.Cressey
Revd K.C.Fabricius*	Revd Dr A.H.B. Logan	Revd J. MacKelvie
Revd Kate McIlhagga	Revd Sheila Massey*	Mrs Sheila Scarr*
Revd Brenda Stephenson	Professor G.N. Stanton	Dr D.M. Thompson
Revd Justine Wyatt		

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and STEWARDSHIP

Convener: Revd Dr S.C. Orchard - 1987
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mr M. Harrison	Revd T. Glanville Jones	Revd S.O.Jones
Mrs E. Jurd	Revd W.W. Mahood	Revd E. McDonald
Revd May Segain	Mrs J. Tomlin*	Revd J.T. Yates*
Mrs L. Wilson*		

YOUTH WORK

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

Revd B. Acty	Mr H.J. Lowry	Revd D. Taylor
Revd B. Alderson	Mrs M. Nineham	Revd D.J. Williams
Revd Jean Holdsworth*	Miss B. Prettie*	Mr J. Willis
	Revd J. Steele	(1 vacancy)

Members under 25:

Mr T. Chisholm	Miss S. Wareham*	Miss G. Ross
Miss H. Heron*	Miss J. Orchard	Mr C. Satchwell
Miss H. Davies	Miss R. Pitter	Mr J. Slow
Miss F. Martin	Miss L. Rees	Mr H. Taylor
	Mr D. Rainford*	

CHILDREN'S WORK

Convener:
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mrs Pat Evans*	Revd Margaret Howard	Revd Dr J. Hull
Mrs Sheila Jones	Mrs Sheila Price*	Revd J. Robinson
Mr B. Russell*	Revd A. Satchwell	Mrs H. Snashall*

MINISTRY OF HEALING

Convener: Revd D.A. Pratt - 1990
Secretary: Revd C.K. Meachin

Dr D.I. Acres*	Revd Dr C.B. Baxter*	Dr H. Eastwood*
Dr I.D.O. Frew*	Dr Anne Galer	Dr Joan Holliday
Revd A.R. Lee	Revd J.C. Neary	Revd P. Page
Revd M. Playdon	Mrs C. Colville-Thomas	

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

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

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd R.J. Mortimer*	VII	Revd K. Spence
II	Mr T.B. Chirnside	VIII	Revd P. Killick
III	Mrs Mary Hambly	IX	Miss M. Cumber
IV	Revd D. Miller	X	Revd G. Bending
V	Revd Nellie Smith	XI	Revd G.E. Roper
VI	Mrs Nancy McOnie	XII	Revd D.C. Morgan*

together with the Convener of Committees within the Department and the Revds T.C. Cheesbrough, Revd R. Hewitt*, Mrs Norah Morgans*, Mr D.W. Parry* and Mr C. Wright*

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Convener: Revd J.F. Slow - 1990
Secretary: The General Secretary

Mrs Sheila Brain	Mr R.J. Coole*	Mrs Betty Fisher
Revd F. Hall	Dr Caroline Jones	Revd M. Mackenzie
Revd Dr D. Peel*	Revd D. Powis	Revd W.E.C. Sewell*
Mr P.A. Wade*		

URC/Methodist Liaison Committee

Revds G.E. Beck, C.C. Franks, Mr P.W. Hamblin, Revds J. Hollyman, D.E. Marsden, N.L. Shepherd*, B.G. Thorogood

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD COMMITTEE

Convener: Revd D.M. Wales - 1991
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd R.A.H. Bocking	Revd K.G. Chong	Mrs E. Cottle*
Revd Dr. F.H. Kaan (subject to consent)		Revd I.G.J. Kardos
Revd A. Lock	Mrs N. Matanle	Mrs D. Rogers
Revd G. Sharpe	Revd M. Smith	Mr S. Smith

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

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

Miss K.S. Christian
Dr G.D. Chryssides
Miss Gill Cressey
Mrs Shirley Firth

Mrs C. Harries
Dr D.A. Kerr
Revd R.J. Mortimer
Revd R.H. Lewis:-
Consultant
Revd M. Williams

PERSONNEL

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

Miss Ruth Archer
Mr R.A. Heritage
Revd S. Wilton
(2 vacancies)

Revd Dr J. Bradshaw
Revd Moira Kerr
Mr C.P.W. Wright*
Revd Janet Hargis
Miss J. Phillips*
Principal of St
Andrew's Hall

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

Convener: Dr Mary Ede - 1991
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

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| I | Revd A.W. Summers | VII | Mr C. George |
| II | Revd G. Eatock* | VIII | Revd B.W. Kirk |
| III | Revd M. MacKenzie* | IX | Revd B. Coward* |
| IV | Revd J. Durell | X | Revd D. Batchelor |
| V | Revd P.Fuller | XI | Revd D.V. Clarke |
| VI | Mr D. Barton* | XII | Revd D. Bale |

together with Revds M.F. Hubbard, Molly J. Kenyon*, Elizabeth J. Nash, Elisabeth Neale*, Dr S.C. Orchard, Mrs M. Jepson, Mr D. Jones* Mrs Fiona Woods

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

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| 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 Conveners of the Committees within the Department, Miss R.M. Cook*, Mr H.F.Fisher, Mrs C.S. Marshall*, Revd W. Wright*

TREASURERSHIP

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

Revd D.J. Clague	Mr R.T. Masser	Mr H. Oldham
Mr D. Davies	Mr R.S. Martin	Mr R. Thomson
Mrs Gwen Hall	Miss S. Mounter	Revd R.J. Wiggins
(2 vacancies)		

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Convener: The Revd J.D. Waller* - 1990
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 Mr A.J. Bryan*	IX Mr L. Whiteman
IV Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	X Mr V.F. Lane
V Revd G. Smith*	XI Mr D. Buckland
VI Mr R. Webb	XII Revd M.D. Page*

together with a Provincial Moderator (the Revd M.J. Davies), the Convener of the Pensions Sub-committee (Mr H.F. Fisher), Mrs J. Cullum, the Revd W.J. Taylor (1 vacancy)

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

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

Mrs Jeanne Armour	Revd R. Marchbank
Mrs Barbara Brettell	Revd Nanette Head*
Revd R.J. Hall*	

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Convener: Revd M.J. Husselbee - 1986
Secretary: Mr T.T.W. Peregrine - 1991*

Mr R. Honey*	Mr G.R. Goodchild	Revd J. Macro
Mr R. Pedlar	Mr M. Foster Taylor -	Property Consultant
Mr B. Smith	(5 vacancies)	

RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING

Convener: Revd D.L. Skidmore
Secretary: Mr R.S. Carruthers

Mr F.H. Bennett	Mr F.H. Brooman	Mr M. Foster Taylor
Mr C.M. Frank	Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	Revd M.F. Hubbard
Revd F.L. Hill	Mr F.A.W. Lodde	Mr G. Parkinson
Mrs J. Parkinson	Mr G. Yuille	(1 vacancy)

OTHER COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

Convener: 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 Conveners and Secretaries of the five Departments, the Conveners of the Business, Applications, Nominations, Budget and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Secretary of the Nominations and Business Committees.

Budget

Convener: Revd Dr R.O. Latham - 1987
Secretary: The Chief Accountant

The Convener or Secretary of the Ministries, Faith and Life, World Church and Mission and Church and Society Departments, the Convener or Secretary of the Maintenance of the Ministry and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Convener of the Treasurership Committee, the Honorary Treasurer, the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary, one Provincial Moderator (the Revd A.J.G. Walker), and one representative appointed by each Province.

BUSINESS

Convener: Revd A.J. Wells - 1991
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 Conveners of the five Departments and one representative from each Synod.

NOMINATIONS

Convener: Revd C.B. Nuttall - 1991
Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

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

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES

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

Mrs P. Bond
Mr R.J. Grant
Mr R.S. Martin

Mrs J. Silvan Evans*
Miss B.E. How
Revd J.H. Taylor

Revd A.R. Forsyth
Revd J. Jenkins*
(3 vacancies)

Advisory Board of REFORM

Revd E.A. Banyard (Convener - 1987)
Revd E.S. Allen and Miss Barbara E. How - 1986
Mrs Dawn Diggle and Mr J. Williams - 1987
FURY representative: Mr David Ritchie
Revd G.J. Cook*, Mrs K. Lehnert*, Revd Maggie Peery*

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE

Convener: Revd A.L. Macarthur - 1986
Secretary: The General Secretary

Mrs Benita Kyle
Revd Jessie Halfpenny

Revd Dr J.I. Morgans
Dr Paul Rogers

The Honorary Treasurer

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TRUST

Convener: Mr A.J. Cumming
Secretary: Revd B.G. Thorogood
Assistant Secretaries: Mr F.A.W. Lodde, Mr I.G. Neilson

Mr F.H. Brooman	Mrs Gwen Hall	Mr H. Oldham
Mr J. Bryan	Mr K.M. Kirby	Mr A.J.M. Olsen
Revd D.J. Clague	Revd V.N.J. Lewis	Mr R. Thomson
Mr D. Davies	Mr T.W. Macdonald	Revd J. White
Mr C.M. Frank	Mr R.V. MacFadyen	Revd R.J. Wiggins
Mr G. Hearne	Mr R.S. Martin	

FORWARD POLICY GROUP*

Convener: Professor Robert W. Steel - 1990

Revd Elizabeth Caswell	Revd Arnold Harrison
Mrs M. Carrick Smith	Professor Malcolm Johnson
Mr Stephen Brown	Mr Ian Maxwell

GROUP ON LEADERSHIP IN THE URC*

Convener: Revd Principal M.H. Cressey

Mr A.J. Cumming	Mrs M. Weedon
Revd R.J. Hall	Miss Janet Turner
Revd Dr. D. Owen	Mrs Jill Jenkins

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ON OTHER BODIES

1. CHURCH BODIES

British Council of Churches

Mrs Kate Breeze, Revds Dr J.I. Morgans, J.P. Reardon, Brenda Stephenson,
Dr D.M. Thompson, Revd B.G. Thorogood and Mrs Mary Marsden (through WCM Dept)
British Churches Housing Trust: Mr M. Foster Taylor, Mr C. Bacon
Consultative Committee for Local Ecumenical Projects in England: Revd M.F.
Hubbard, Revd B.G. Thorogood

Churches' Consortium on Industrial Mission: Revds J.P. Reardon, Elizabeth Nash

Committee for Relations with People of Other Faiths: Revd D.W. Elliott
Consultative Group on Ministry among Children: Revds A. Greenslade, Margaret
Taylor
Women's Inter-Church Consultative Committee: Mrs S.M. Tull
Youth Unit Reference Group: Revd P. Quilter
Standing Committee on Theological Education: Revd M. Dunford
Team Ministry Conference: Revd G.K. Tolley
Standing Conference for Unity in Prayer: Revd C. Brock
Working Party on Collaborative Styles of Ministry: Mrs B. Brettell,
Revd Elizabeth Nash

(Appointed by the British Council of Churches - Triennium 1984-1987)

Divisional Boards:

Conference for World Mission: Revd D.W. Elliott, Mrs Helen Lidgett
Ecumenical Affairs: Revd Principal M.H. Cressey
Community Affairs: Dr C. Binfield, Revd J.P. Reardon, Mrs Fiona Woods
International Affairs: Revds J. Johansen-Berg, J.P. Reardon
Christian Aid: Mrs Patricia Napier, Miss S. Rudofsky

Scottish Churches' Council: Revd R.J. Bade, Mr W.A. Kenny

Free Church Federal Council:

The representatives to the British Council of Churches together with Mrs J. Armour, Mrs J.T. Morgan, the Revds R.H. Norman, L.A. Stringer, B. Rawling

Chaplaincy Board: Revds P.W. Beaman, R. Royston-Bishop, A. B. Holroyd
Education Committee: Revds A.D. Lewis, Margaret Taylor, Miss R. Davis
(Dr Mary Ede, Revd. J.P. Reardon also serve)
Funerals, Cremations and Crematoria: Revds R.L. Richards
Joint Education Policy Committee: Dr Mary Ede
Women's Council: Revd May Segain*

Multi-Lateral Conversations in Scotland:

Revds D. Powis, R. Murray, R. McMurray Adam

2. OTHER COMMITTEES AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund: Revds K. French, R.L. Richards,
Mr L. Macro (Honorary Treasurer), Revd G. Satchell
Bible Reading Fellowship: (1 vacancy)
Christian Education Movement Council: Revd Margaret Taylor
Church Hymnary Trust: Mr G.R. Barr, Revd R.H. McMurray Adam
Churches' Advisory Committee for Local Broadcasting: Revd D.J. Netherwood
Churches' Council on Alcohol and Drugs: Dr D. Acres, Mrs R. Goodfellow, Revds
Dr T. E. Grant, Dr A. Latham, Revds J.P. Reardon, M.D. Whitehorn
Churches' Main Committee: Mr N.A. Pooler, Mr M. Foster Taylor, Mr C.M. Frank
Churches' Advisory Panel of the Boys' Brigade: Revd Margaret Taylor
Churches' Council for Health and Healing: Revds D. Dale, D.A. Pratt, Dr Ann
Galer
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Taylor, Mrs R.E. Taylor
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Federation of Education Training Institutions Council: Revd M.G. Dunford
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Mr F.A.W. Lodde
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Mr R.S. Martin
Revd G.W. Satchell

Mr Arthur Smith
Revd D.L. Skidmore
Revd J.H. Taylor
Revd J. White

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Mr J.C. Smethers

Revd Dr R.O. Latham

Revd J.A. Pugh*

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1984

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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 45-60 and 62-66.

F H Brooman
Treasurer

R S Martin
Acting Chairman

20th March 1985

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 61.

C M Frank
Director

R S Carruthers
Secretary

20th March 1985

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the financial statements on pages 45 to 66 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 Common Investment Fund on page 62, the Investment Pool on page 63 and the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 66. As explained in accounting policy 3(i) on page 45, 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 1984, and of the income and expenditure and the source and application of current assets for the year ended on that date.

The financial statements of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 66 are an extract from the full accounts of this fund. The report on the full accounts confirms that they show a true and fair view of the net resources available for benefits at 31st December 1984 and of the total increase in resources in the year ended on that date.

The financial statements of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited on page 61 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 1984 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

20th March 1985

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 1985 relating to 1984. 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 1984, the excess is being carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1985.

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 £17,000 in 1984 (£83,000 cumulative since 1.1.79.). Properties shown in Note 4 at £1.05 million are insured for £3.52 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 (purchased before 1.1.84.)	33% on written down value
(Any profit on sale of cars is added to the depreciation provision for the replacement vehicle)	
Cars (purchased after 31.12.83.)	30% on cost
Major Equipment	20% on cost
(printing machine and computer)	
Other furniture and equipment	15% on written down value

4. Investments

Investments held for the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund, the Common Investment Fund, and the Investment Pool, are stated at market value.

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

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.

6. Stock

Stock consists of books and materials purchased for resale in the Communication 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 £2.75 million.

CENTRAL FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1984

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1984		1983	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Capital Funds	1		1,891,324		1,859,058
Unexpended Income Funds	2		<u>4,575,850</u>		<u>4,226,053</u>
Total	3		<u>£6,467,174</u>		<u>£6,085,111</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	4	1,132,350		1,114,523	
Cars, furniture & equipment	4	<u>113,841</u>		<u>96,764</u>	
			1,246,191		1,211,287
Investments	5		3,552,497		3,421,485
Loans and Advances	6		1,221,657		1,119,004
Current Assets					
Stock		33,400		33,000	
Debtors		401,743		434,964	
Cash	7	<u>681,732</u>		<u>526,266</u>	
		1,116,875		994,230	
<u>Less</u> Creditors		(488,626)		(492,822)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(181,420)</u>		<u>(168,073)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>446,829</u>		<u>333,335</u>
			<u>£6,467,174</u>		<u>£6,085,111</u>

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL FUNDS

Movement in Capital Funds for the year ended 31st December 1984

	Balance 31/12/84 £	Movement in 1984 £	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	39,781		39,781
World Church and Mission Funds	55,818		55,818
Westminster College Funds	183,893		183,893
Other Funds			371,954
Profit on Property Sales		34,458	
Money received on Trust		7,236	
Expenditure in accordance with the trusts	404,220	(9,428)	
	<u>£1,891,324</u>		<u>£1,859,058</u>

NOTE 2 - UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS

	Page	Balance 31/12/84 £	Balance 31/12/83 £
General Fund	52	1,234,109	1,147,136
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	53	805,066	801,542
Ministerial Training Fund	54	511,427	469,744
Church Buildings Fund	56	571,922	517,186
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	56	171,148	164,272
Welfare Fund	57	41,563	44,444
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	57	120,741	120,683
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	58	336,000	223,500
World Church and Mission Funds	58	173,435	163,460
Westminster College Funds	59	85,661	74,489
Other Funds	59	524,778	499,597
		<u>£4,575,850</u>	<u>£4,226,053</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1984

	Total	Property	Cars, Furniture & Equipment	Investments	Loans	Current Assets
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,543,985	612,437	94,326	503,827	147,000	186,395
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	1,093,447			1,048,347	43,475	1,625
Ministerial Training Fund	556,843			473,258		83,585
Church Buildings Fund	755,708	48,030		67,893	540,338	99,447
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	525,816	378,394			147,000	422
Welfare Fund	67,048			63,991		3,057
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	160,522			154,261		6,261
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	336,000				336,000	-
World Church & Mission Funds	229,253	273		235,621		(6,641)
Westminster College Funds	269,554	30,221		216,435		22,898
Other Funds	928,998	62,995	19,515	788,864	7,844	49,780
	<u>£6,467,174</u>	<u>1,132,350</u>	<u>113,841</u>	<u>3,552,497</u>	<u>1,221,657</u>	<u>446,829</u>
Note		4(i)	4(ii)	5	6	

NOTE 4 - FIXED ASSETS

(i) Property (at cost or original valuation)

	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1/1/84	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 31/12/84
Freehold Property:				
Church House	74,676			74,676
Houses	879,186	42,456	(21,582)	900,060
Additions at Westminster College	30,221			30,221
Leasehold Property:				
Long	38,616	193		38,809
Short	10,150			10,150
	<u>1,032,849</u>	<u>42,649</u>	<u>(21,582)</u>	<u>1,053,916</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	16,689			16,689
Shop Property	64,985		(3,240)	61,745
	<u>£1,114,523</u>	<u>42,649</u>	<u>(24,822)</u>	<u>1,132,350</u>

(ii) Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Cost

Motor Cars	89,073	53,793	(35,402)	107,464
Furniture and Equipment	58,329	4,559	-	62,888
Computer Equipment	25,205	1,215	-	26,420
	<u>172,607</u>	<u>59,567</u>	<u>(35,402)</u>	<u>196,772</u>

Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Depreciation

		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	36,933	22,513	(26,325)	33,121
Furniture and Equipment	33,027	5,718	-	38,745
Computer Equipment	5,883	5,182	-	11,065
	<u>75,843</u>	<u>33,413</u>	<u>(26,325)</u>	<u>82,931</u>

Net Book Value £96,764 £113,841

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS

	Cost	1984 Market Value	Cost	1983 Market Value
	£	£	£	£
Units in Common Investment Fund	1,799,848	2,811,133	1,800,056	2,779,495
Units in Investment Pool	1,576,663	3,041,557	1,509,042	2,398,895
Other Listed Investments	79,198	154,407	78,688	139,879
	<u>3,455,709</u>	<u>£6,007,097</u>	<u>3,387,786</u>	<u>£5,318,269</u>
Unlisted Investment at cost	96,788		33,699	
	<u>£3,552,497</u>		<u>£3,421,485</u>	

NOTE 6 - LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1984	1983
	£	£
To the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited		
from General Funds	147,000	75,000
from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	147,000	150,000
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants	336,000	223,500
from Other Funds	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	631,000	449,500
To Churches mainly from Church Buildings Fund	547,182	630,910
To Ministers from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	43,475	38,594
	<u>£1,221,657</u>	<u>£1,119,004</u>

Loans are interest free except that interest is charged at 1% below the Midland Bank base rate on the General Fund Loan to the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society, and generally at 7% per annum on loans from the Church Buildings Fund.

NOTE 7 - CASH AT BANK

Cash on call and short term deposit	2,276,655	2,173,081
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>4,407</u>	<u>63,069</u>
	2,281,062	2,236,150
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Funds shown on pages 61 to 66	<u>241,593</u>	<u>282,527</u>
	2,039,469	1,953,623
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>1,357,737</u>	<u>1,427,357</u>
	<u>£681,732</u>	<u>£526,266</u>

NOTE 8 - ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER BODIES

At 31st December 1984 the United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	£	£
Investments (at cost or valuation)		3,283,573
Money specifically invested externally at short notice		375,000
Loans		43,027
Cash on deposit	1,307,937	
Other cash	<u>49,800</u>	<u>1,357,737</u>
		<u>£5,059,337</u>

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

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS

There were no outstanding commitments under contracts for housing property purchase not completed at 31st December 1984. (1983 Nil). Approval for the investment of £119,000 (1983 £35,000) in freehold property has been given, and the Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of property to the value of £226,000 (1983 £150,000). 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 has authorised loans amounting to £20,700 and grants amounting to £5,000 which were not paid at 31st December 1984.

CENTRAL FUNDS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 1984

GENERAL FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Proceeds of Unified Appeal		1,141,690		1,077,026
Other Income				
Dividends on Investments	54,889		49,642	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	99,730		91,481	
URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	12,084		10,734	
Sundry Income	<u>2,088</u>		<u>1,960</u>	
		168,791		153,817
Total Income		<u>1,310,481</u>		<u>1,230,843</u>
EXPENDITURE				
DEPARTMENTAL COSTS				
	Costs	Income	Net	Net
	£	£	£	£
Central Secretariat	42,789	-	42,789	37,928
General Church costs	41,044	-	41,044	34,110
Assembly	27,066	-	27,066	23,998
Grants	32,595	-	32,595	28,771
Moderators	163,018	-	163,018	154,051
Ministries	64,753	-	64,753	63,076
Faith & Life	94,543	-	94,543	58,034
World Church & Mission	230,828	18,600	212,228	191,660
Church & Society	35,838	-	35,838	29,688
Finance & Administration	125,692	9,465	116,227	108,459
Professional Fees	22,384	-	22,384	22,215
Communications & Supplies	99,774	54,752	45,022	50,314
Information Service	4,361	-	4,361	2,341
Central Office costs	111,736	-	111,736	105,955
	<u>£1,096,421</u>	<u>82,817</u>	<u>1,013,604</u>	<u>910,600</u>
LESS Maintenance of Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial staff salaries			<u>110,602</u>	<u>104,847</u>
			<u>903,002</u>	<u>805,753</u>
COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION			354,579	326,985
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund			27,000	26,000
Retired Ministers Aid Fund			4,000	4,000
Welfare Fund			<u>17,000</u>	<u>15,500</u>
Total Expenditure			<u>1,305,581</u>	<u>1,178,238</u>
Net surplus in year			4,900	52,605
Profit on sale of properties			37,303	79,760
Legacies			44,770	34,035
			<u>86,973</u>	<u>166,400</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984			<u>1,147,136</u>	<u>980,736</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984			<u>£1,234,109</u>	<u>£1,147,136</u>

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

	1984		1983	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
Contributions from local churches	5,585,000		5,353,613	
Donations and Dividends	<u>123,320</u>		<u>113,428</u>	
		5,708,320		5,467,041
EXPENDITURE				
Stipends paid to ministers				
Full time	3,912,563		3,702,454	
Part time	323,355		291,007	
Children's allowances	67,900		76,349	
Employer's contribution to Pension Fund and National Insurance	742,055		696,960	
Grants and other costs	169,815		169,312	
Budgeted allocation to Ministers Pension Fund	<u>426,000</u>		<u>426,000</u>	
		<u>5,641,688</u>		<u>5,362,082</u>
Net Surplus in the year		66,632		104,959
Profit on sale of investments		26,975		-
Receipts relating to earlier years		6,107		-
Balance of the Jane Bettison Fund		-		740
Legacies		<u>3,810</u>		<u>10,313</u>
		<u>103,524</u>		<u>116,012</u>
Sums set aside:				
Further allocation to the Ministers Pension Fund	100,000		70,000	
General Reserve	7,000		10,000	
Stipend Payments Reserve	<u>30,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>	
		<u>137,000</u>		<u>100,000</u>
		(33,476)		16,012
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>71,542</u>		<u>55,530</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£38,066</u>		<u>£71,542</u>
Fund Balances at 31st December 1984				
General Unexpended Income Account		38,066		71,542
General Reserve		267,000		260,000
Stipend Payments Reserve		<u>500,000</u>		<u>470,000</u>
		<u>£805,066</u>		<u>£801,542</u>

NOTE - 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 £330,000. No part of this expenditure falls upon Central Funds.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Dividends	51,120		43,745	
Grant from Memorial Hall Trust Grant Account	-		34,000	
Allocation from New College, London, Trust	130,902		125,994	
Other Donations	5,900		3,485	
Allocation from General Fund	<u>27,000</u>		<u>26,000</u>	
		214,922		233,224
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	36,317		31,275	
General Fund (See Page 55)	<u>13,396</u>		<u>20,703</u>	
	49,713		51,978	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	44,937		36,269	
Congregational College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	49,675		38,844	
Other Colleges	<u>4,028</u>		<u>2,317</u>	
	148,353		129,408	
Cost of Training for the Auxiliary Ministry	13,561		6,515	
Other Grants	<u>11,325</u>		<u>8,863</u>	
		173,239		144,786
Net Surplus in year		41,683		88,438
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>469,744</u>		<u>381,306</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£511,427</u>		<u>£469,744</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE -GENERAL FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Students' Fees	60,869		47,462	
Conference Fees	9,957		10,141	
Federation Fees	<u>3,872</u>		<u>4,338</u>	
		74,698		61,941
Net Flat Rents	4,450		2,731	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>1,423</u>		<u>2,123</u>	
		5,873		4,854
Endowment Income	10,600		11,596	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>1,525</u>		<u>2,500</u>	
		<u>12,125</u>		<u>14,096</u>
Total Income		<u>£92,696</u>		<u>£80,891</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Professors' stipends	31,734		30,176	
Professors' accommodation costs	5,209		5,242	
Chair Endowments	(6,580)		(6,300)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>(22,994)</u>		<u>(22,058)</u>	
		7,369		7,060
Staff Salaries	34,890		34,318	
Household Expenses	15,949		14,883	
Rates, light, heat and insurance	26,627		25,030	
Maintenance	<u>14,226</u>		<u>14,487</u>	
		91,692		88,718
University & Federation Fees, Pastoral Studies	1,762		1,456	
Board of Studies	120		90	
Library	<u>200</u>		<u>200</u>	
		2,082		1,746
Office costs	4,197		2,935	
Sundry expenses	<u>752</u>		<u>1,135</u>	
		<u>4,949</u>		<u>4,070</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>£106,092</u>		<u>£101,594</u>
Net Deficit in year funded by allocation from Ministerial Training Fund		<u>£13,396</u>		<u>£20,703</u>

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

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

	1984	1983
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	2,600	1,300
Dividends and Interest	46,352	48,683
Income from Milton Keynes House	833	-
Income from Ground Rents	<u>22,863</u>	<u>17,296</u>
	72,648	67,279
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>17,912</u>	<u>113,613</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	54,736	(46,334)
Profit on sale of Investments	-	108,442
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984	<u>517,186</u>	<u>455,078</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984	<u>£571,922</u>	<u>£517,186</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Property Management				
Rents Received	6,875		5,743	
<u>Less Property Costs</u>	<u>19,314</u>		<u>8,563</u>	
Net excess of property costs over rents		(12,439)		(2,820)
Donations		-		14
Income from Harrison Longhurst Will Trusts		<u>4,492</u>		<u>3,953</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Fund		(7,947)		1,147
Profit on sale of property		-		27,631
Legacies		14,823		4,868
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>164,272</u>		<u>130,626</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£171,148</u>		<u>£164,272</u>

WELFARE FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations		2,391		932
Dividends and Interest		7,778		7,357
Allocation from General Fund		<u>17,000</u>		<u>15,500</u>
		27,169		23,789
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>30,300</u>		<u>27,310</u>
Net (Decrease) in Fund		(3,131)		(3,521)
Legacies		250		500
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>44,444</u>		<u>47,465</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£41,563</u>		<u>£44,444</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS AID FUND

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Investment Income		19,856		18,287
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		1,400		1,300
Allocation from the General Fund		4,000		4,000
Donations Received		<u>19</u>		<u>35</u>
		25,275		23,622
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		5,217		4,688
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund		<u>20,000</u>		<u>18,000</u>
		<u>25,217</u>		<u>22,688</u>
Net Increase in fund		58		934
Legacies		-		2,500
Loss on Sale of Investment		-		(1,303)
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>120,683</u>		<u>118,552</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£120,741</u>		<u>£120,683</u>

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS

	1984	1983
	£	£
INCOME		
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	122,500	168,750
EXPENDITURE		
Grant to Ministerial Training Fund	-	34,000
Grant to Westminster College	-	10,000
Grants to the five Schools	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	10,000	54,000
	<u>112,500</u>	<u>114,750</u>
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984	<u>223,500</u>	<u>108,750</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984	<u>£336,000</u>	<u>£223,500</u>

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION FUNDS

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Donations	181		8	
Dividends and Interest	<u>24,760</u>		<u>23,916</u>	
		24,941		23,924
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Less</u> Contribution to Departmental				
Expenditure	18,600		17,000	
Grants	<u>5,486</u>		<u>21,500</u>	
		<u>24,086</u>		<u>38,500</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Fund		855		(14,576)
Legacies		5,225		1,512
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>136,772</u>		<u>149,836</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>142,852</u>		<u>136,772</u>

OTHER FUNDS

INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	3,895		3,425	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants	-		-	
Net Increase in Funds	<u>3,895</u>		<u>3,425</u>	
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984	<u>26,688</u>		<u>23,263</u>	
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>30,583</u>		26,688
		<u>£173,435</u>		<u>£163,460</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FUNDS

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grant- Sir William Dunn Trust	1,400		1,300	
Grant- Memorial Hall Trust				
Grants Account	-		10,000	
Other receipts	8,613		-	
Dividends and Interest	<u>28,767</u>		<u>29,431</u>	
		38,780		40,731
EXPENDITURE				
Bursary Fund Grants	39,986		34,817	
<u>Less Ministerial Training Fund Grant</u>	<u>36,317</u>		<u>31,275</u>	
	3,669		3,542	
Chair Endowments	6,580		6,300	
General Endowments	10,600		11,596	
Other Grants	7,009		10,271	
Transfer to Capital of				
Retired Ministers Aid fund	-		1,143	
Fixed asset adjustment	<u>-</u>		<u>(8,923)</u>	
		<u>27,858</u>		<u>23,929</u>
Net Increase in Funds		10,922		16,802
Profit on Sale of Investments		-		9,613
Legacy		250		500
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>74,489</u>		<u>47,574</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£85,661</u>		<u>£74,489</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
Dividends and Interest	102,308		90,170	
Donations and Other Receipts	6,546		3,142	
Transfer from Capital account to meet shortfall in unexpended income	<u>-</u>		<u>165</u>	
		108,854		93,477
Grants		<u>86,256</u>		<u>80,162</u>
Net Increase in Funds		22,598		13,315
Profit on sale of investments		2,583		3,275
Legacies		-		4,206
Unexpended Income at 1st January 1984		<u>499,597</u>		<u>478,801</u>
Unexpended Income at 31st December 1984		<u>£524,778</u>		<u>£499,597</u>

CENTRAL FUNDS

Source and Application of Current Assets - Year ended 31st December 1984

	1984	1983
	£	£
Source of Current Assets		
Total Funds at 31st December 1984	6,467,174	6,085,111
Total Funds at 1st January 1984	<u>6,085,111</u>	<u>5,535,597</u>
Increase in Funds as detailed in Notes 1 and 2	382,063	549,514
 Adjustment for items not involving movement in Current Assets		
Profit on sale of assets	101,616	227,419
Interest added to Loan and Investment Accounts	38,137	30,787
Depreciation	<u>(33,413)</u>	<u>(25,596)</u>
	106,340	232,610
	<u>275,723</u>	<u>316,904</u>
 Increase in Current Assets arising from		
Sale of property	96,583	195,378
Sale of investments	105,946	318,964
Sale of cars	9,077	9,857
Loans and Advances repaid	<u>187,591</u>	<u>170,050</u>
	399,197	694,249
	<u>674,920</u>	<u>1,011,153</u>
 Decrease in Current Assets arising from		
Purchase of property	42,649	190,727
Purchase of investments	207,103	209,231
Purchase of cars, furniture etc.	59,567	55,365
Loans and Advances made	<u>252,107</u>	<u>627,496</u>
	561,426	1,082,819
	<u>561,426</u>	<u>1,082,819</u>
 Net Increase/(Decrease) in Current Assets	<u>£113,494</u>	<u>£(71,666)</u>
 Movement in Current Assets		
Increase/(Decrease) in Stock	400	(12,522)
(Decrease)/Increase in Debtors	(33,221)	71,274
Increase in Cash	155,466	19,214
Decrease/(Increase) in Creditors	4,196	(84,935)
(Increase) in advance receipts	<u>(13,347)</u>	<u>(64,697)</u>
	£113,494	£(71,666)
	<u>£113,494</u>	<u>£(71,666)</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RETIRED MINISTERS
HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Property at cost or valuation		2,239,199		1,850,148
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash funds held by the United Reformed Church	22,086		39,244	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Southern Province	<u>3,381</u>		<u>11,676</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,705</u>		<u>27,568</u>
		<u>£2,257,904</u>		<u>£1,877,716</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Housing Property Finance				
Property Equity Account	1,601,449		1,376,148	
Loans from the United Reformed Church (Note 6, Page 51)	631,000		449,500	
Other Loans	<u>6,750</u>		<u>24,500</u>	
		2,239,199		1,850,148
Reserves				
Property Management Account	18,127		27,110	
General Revenue Account	546		427	
Capital Reserve	<u>8</u>		<u>8</u>	
	18,681		27,545	
Share Capital	<u>24</u>		<u>23</u>	
		<u>18,705</u>		<u>27,568</u>
		<u>£2,257,904</u>		<u>£1,877,716</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1984

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

	£	£	£	£
PROPERTY REVENUE				
Rents receivable		38,526		27,797
<u>Less: Property Costs</u>	43,984		32,573	
Administrative Costs	<u>3,525</u>	<u>47,509</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>33,687</u>
		(8,983)		(5,890)
Balance at January 1st 1984		27,110		
Transfer from General Revenue Account		-		33,000
Balance at 31st December 1984		<u>£18,127</u>		<u>£27,110</u>

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Donations	83,996		59,845	
Legacies	32,211		157,796	
Profit on Properties Sold	115,346		62,992	
Special Rent	<u>2,739</u>		<u>268</u>	
		234,292		280,901
<u>Less Interest on Borrowing</u>		<u>8,872</u>		<u>1,936</u>
		225,420		278,965
Balance at January 1st 1984		<u>427</u>		<u>808</u>
		225,847		279,773
Transfer to Property Equity Account	225,301		246,346	
Transfer to Property Management Account	<u>-</u>		<u>33,000</u>	
		<u>225,301</u>		<u>279,346</u>
Balance at 31st December 1984		<u>£546</u>		<u>£427</u>

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1984	1984		1983	
	Units	£	Units	£
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January 1984	1,446,969	2,011,872	1,467,315	1,972,468
Units issued in year	229,930	511,096	97,787	194,384
Units cancelled in year	(32,219)	(74,463)	(118,133)	(235,195)
Profit on sale of investments		<u>58,956</u>		<u>80,215</u>
At 31st December 1984	<u>1,644,680</u>	2,507,461	<u>1,446,969</u>	2,011,872
Unrealised Surplus of Market Value of Investments over Cost		1,453,706		1,021,714
Special Reserve Fund				
At 1st January 1984		589		589
Underwriting Commission		<u>1172</u>		-
At 31st December 1984		<u>1761</u>		<u>589</u>
		<u>£3,962,928</u>		<u>£3,034,175</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Investments	<u>£2,336,981</u>	3,790,687	<u>£1,913,024</u>	2,934,738
Cash and Short Term Deposits		165,304		106,320
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>6,937</u>		<u>(6,883)</u>
		<u>£3,962,928</u>		<u>£3,034,175</u>

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

£2.40954 £2.09692

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	£0.036996	53,610	£0.036729	54,306
30th June	£0.035317	55,996	£0.032377	47,083
30th September	£0.038574	61,380	£0.036494	52,085
31st December	<u>£0.035621</u>	<u>58,600</u>	<u>£0.035823</u>	<u>51,891</u>
Total income distributed	<u>£0.146508</u>	<u>£229,586</u>	<u>£0.141423</u>	<u>£205,365</u>

PASTORS SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		291,478		291,478
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1984	213,897		177,784	
Legacies received	5,227		16,906	
Net surplus in year	<u>18,534</u>		<u>19,207</u>	
At 31st December 1984		<u>237,658</u>		<u>213,897</u>
		<u>£529,136</u>		<u>£505,375</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£960,833</u>	508,692	<u>£849,611</u>	490,311
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>20,444</u>		<u>15,064</u>
		<u>£529,136</u>		<u>£505,375</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1984

INCOME				
Investment Income	65,608		57,161	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	6,645		5,748	
Sundry Income	<u>324</u>		<u>127</u>	
		72,577		63,036
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>54,043</u>		<u>43,829</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£18,534</u>		<u>£19,207</u>

ASTORS WIDOWS FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		158,302		158,302
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1984	176,000		144,786	
Legacies received	6,227		16,903	
Net surplus in year	<u>12,193</u>		<u>14,311</u>	
At 31st December 1984		194,420		176,000
		<u>£352,722</u>		<u>£334,302</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>£626,305</u>	337,056	<u>£551,599</u>	322,916
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>15,666</u>		<u>11,386</u>
		<u>£352,722</u>		<u>£334,302</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1984

INCOME				
Investment Income	42,785		36,910	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	6,645		5,748	
Sundry Income	<u>367</u>		<u>51</u>	
		49,797		42,709
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>37,604</u>		<u>28,398</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>£ 12,193</u>		<u>£ 14,311</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1984

	1984		1983	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Contributions from ministers and central funds	452,493		421,500	
Transfer values received	<u>14,536</u>	467,029	<u>22,319</u>	443,819
Investment Income	<u>592,978</u>		<u>476,241</u>	
Underwriting Commission	<u>3,916</u>	596,894	<u>2,056</u>	478,297
Allocation towards the actuarial deficit	446,000		444,000	
Donations	<u>813</u>	<u>446,813</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>444,788</u>
		1,510,736		1,366,904
EXPENDITURE				
Benefits Paid	600,368		564,765	
Contributions repaid to members on withdrawal, less refunds on rejoining fund	603		1,199	
Transfer Values paid	<u>16,409</u>		<u>9,251</u>	
	<u>617,380</u>		<u>575,215</u>	
Management expenses	860		6,220	
	<u>618,240</u>		<u>581,435</u>	
NORMAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR		892,496		785,469
Special Allocation from Maintenance of Ministry Fund		100,000		70,000
Realised Profit on Sale of Investments		290,202		108,048
Unrealised Surplus on Investment Revaluation		888,690		881,194
Legacies Received		<u>115</u>		<u>4,776</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR		<u>2,171,503</u>		<u>1,849,487</u>
Balance of Resources at 1st January 1984		<u>8,336,003</u>		<u>6,486,516</u>
Balance of Resources at 31st December 1984		<u>£10,507,506</u>		<u>£8,336,003</u>
Represented by				
Investments		10,048,780		8,038,285
Net Current Assets		<u>458,726</u>		<u>297,718</u>
		<u>£10,507,506</u>		<u>£8,336,003</u>

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. A further valuation is being undertaken as at 31st December 1984. No report is yet to hand. The contributing members of the fund are not contracted out of the State Pension Scheme. The trust deed of the fund is being finalised.

Accounting policy 5 on page 46 forms an integral part of the accounts of this fund.

LEGACIES

General Fund

The Late Mrs D M Dadley	500
Mr J D Hamilton	7,150
Mr R Berriman-Smith	1,002
Miss P B Stephenson	14,026
Miss M G Coutts	1,000
Miss Annie Mills	
Will Trust*	1,792
Miss W D Peers	300
L A Quillet	
Will Trust	19,000
	<u>£44,770</u>

Westminster College

The Late Miss P Farmer	<u>£250</u>
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Pastors Superannuation Fund

The Late Prof H H Scullard	<u>£5,227</u>
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Pastors Widows Fund

The Late Prof H H Scullard	5,227
Mrs M A Lambert	1,000
	<u>£6,227</u>

Maintenance of the Ministry Fund

The Late Mr N Wooding	250
Miss P Farmer	250
Mr T Hughes*	512
Miss D M Nelson	2,798
	<u>£3,810</u>

URC Ministers Pension Fund

The Late Mr S Bestwick	<u>£115</u>
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Homes for Retired

Ministers Fund

The Late Miss K Jarvis	1,564
Mr F T Hayward*	3,924
Miss A Reddington	9,335
	<u>£14,823</u>

United Reformed Church

Retired Ministers

Housing Society Ltd

The Late Mrs M A Pepperdine	8,055
Miss I Pring	1,000
Miss M O Monk	373
Mrs G M Bullimore	50
Mrs G E E Challis	5,231
Miss K M Nichol	500
Miss K Fisher	8,502
Miss M A Jerome	8,500
	<u>£32,211</u>

Welfare Fund

The Late Miss I Pring	<u>£250</u>
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World Church and Mission Fund

The Late Mr N Wooding	250
Rev G M Wales	4,867
Miss E A Martin	100
Miss J I Ford	8
	<u>£5,225</u>

Total Legacies £112,908

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

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1984 £ 1000	Budget 1984 £ 1000	Budget 1985 £ 1000	Budget 1986 £ 1000
INCOME - Unified Appeal	1,142	1,157	1,280	1,359
Other income	168	103	145	157
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,425</u>	<u>1,516</u>
EXPENDITURE - Departmental Costs				
Central Secretariat	43	41	45	47
General Church costs	41	28	38	39
Assembly	27	23	27	28
Grants	33	31	35	40
Moderators	163	165	178	179
Ministries	65	63	89	99
Faith and Life	95	89	121	124
World Church and Mission	212	209	228	241
Church and Society	36	34	37	39
Finance and Administration	116	111	125	129
Professional Fees	22	25	24	25
Communication and Supplies	45	40	52	73
Information Service	4	4	4	5
Central Office costs	112	107	115	123
	<u>1014</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>1,191</u>
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	111	109	116	122
	<u>903</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,069</u>
Council for World Mission	354	351	369	390
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Ministerial Training Fund	27	27	32	34
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	4	4	4	4
Welfare Fund	17	17	18	19
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>1,305</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,425</u>	<u>1,516</u>
Net Surplus in year	5	-	-	-

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1984 £ 1000	Budget 1984 £ 1000	Budget 1985 £ 1000	Budget 1986 £ 1000
INCOME				
Contributions from Churches	5,585	5,590	5,795	6,000
Dividends and donations	123	118	130	150
	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>6,150</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	4,236	4,259	4,443	4,655
Children's allowances	68	68	60	53
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	742	744	791	826
	<u>5,046</u>	<u>5,071</u>	<u>5,294</u>	<u>5,534</u>
Grants and other costs	170	211	205	190
Grants to Ministers Pension Fund	526	426	426	426
	<u>5,742</u>	<u>5,708</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>6,150</u>
Surplus of Expenditure over Income	(34)	-	-	-

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