



United
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Church

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1986

May 6th ~ 9th
Opera House
Winter Gardens
BLACKPOOL

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

	REPORTS	RECORD	LOCAL	DISTRICTS	PROVINCES
	page	page	CHURCHES		
Northern Ireland	7	11	X		
South Africa	10	12	X		
Faith in the City	7	12	X	X	X
Religious Education	12	13	X	X	
Strategic Defence Initiative		14	*		
Entrance Qualification	16	14	*	*	*
CRCWs	27	14			X
Contributions, 1985	32, 37	15	*	*	*
M/M Budget	33, 37	16	*	*	*
Pension Fund Rules	37	16	*	*	*
Disciples Council	44	18	*	*	*
Freemasonry	53	19	*	*	*
Nature of the URC	48	19	X		
Leadership in URC	61	21	X	X	X
Responses		23	X	X	X
Moderators' Report	75	24	*	*	*
Evangelism	81	25			X
Milton Keynes		25	*	*	*
Pilots Jubilee	87	26	X		
Budget	101	27	*	*	*

Record of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in the United Kingdom
1986

FIRST SESSION

On Tuesday 6 May 1986, at 3.0 p.m. members of Assembly met in the Parish Church of St John, Blackpool.

Public Worship and Celebration of the Sacrament The Moderator, the Rt Revd David Dale, constituted the Assembly with prayer, the time and place having been duly appointed, and led the worship of the Assembly. He was assisted by his Chaplain, the Revd Peter Jupp, and the Revd Bernard Thorogood. This act of worship included the commemoration of the following ministers and missionaries of the United Reformed Church who had died since last Assembly.

Ministers who have died since Assembly 1985

Jesse Keith ANTROBUS	Joseph Douglas ASHLEY
Arthur William AUSTIN	William Harris BARBOUR
Walter Ronald BATT	Harold BICKLEY
Kenneth James BROCK	Reginald Thomas BROOKS
Arthur Edward BURGESS	John Laurie CAMPBELL
Leonard CLARKE-JONES	Raymond James COCKRELL
David Ellis EDWARDS	Ernest James EDWARDS
Percy Gwyn FILBY	James GARNER
Norman Mark GARNETT	Frederick Charles GLOVER
Charles Aneurin HAIG	Richard HALLOWS
William HOLLOWAY	Morgan George Clifford JENKINS
Ronald William KIDD	Howell John LEWIS
Herbert Edgar LINDSLEY	Cyril Aubrey Thomas LLOYD
Albert Alfred Frank LOCK	Cyril Ernest MARVIN
Arthur Noel MAYSON	Noel Band McCONNELL
George Henry MEDHURST	George Albert MOFFAT
Haydn Spencer MORGAN	John Brook NETTLESHIP
Clarence Edward NORWOOD	Edward Howell OWENS
Norman Bedford PACE	Ian Keith PATON
Frederick POPE	Allen PORTER
Edgar Charles POWELL	Donald Herbert REEDER
Leonard Lemuel Glynmor REES	Harri Thomas SAMUEL
Robert Hugh SMITH	Ronald William SMITH
John Henry SPIVEY	Reginald Ernest STAFF
James Williamson STEVEN	Thomas John STURTRIDGE
Norman SUGDEN	Charles Henry TEAL
James Brynwyn THOMAS	Edward Harold VEALE
William John WALKER	Leonard George WARD
Arthur WILLIAMS	James Henry WILLIAMS
Hector David WOODHOUSE	

Missionaries who have died since Assembly 1985

Dorothy Isabel ENTRICAN	Margaret Henly PATIENT (nee Bligh)
Peggy Marion PAYNE	Norman Edward PORRITT
Wilfred SCOPES	

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

INDUCTION OF MODERATOR

The resumed session in the Opera House, Winter Gardens, Blackpool was opened by the Right Revd David H. Dale, BA, BD, and on his motion Mr Raymond Arthur Heritage, 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 David H. Dale.

The Moderator then addressed the Assembly.

The Assembly joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

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 Blackpool, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty.

We live in a world which is fragmented and divided and where individuals often lack any centre or cause for hope. We continue to be grateful, therefore, for your own devotion to duty, your continuing commitment to the welfare of all your people, your example in public worship of God, for the causes you espouse and the values which you embody.

We rejoice with you in the impending marriage of Prince Andrew and we pray for him and his bride that their marriage may be a happy and blessed one.

May we assure your Majesty that our churches offer prayer to God for you and all members of your family, that He will guide and sustain you in the discharge of all your many duties and responsibilities and grant you joy in those things most dear to you.

We are

Your faithful and loyal subjects,

Moderator
Clerk

6 May 1986'

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:

The Rt Revd John Brewer (Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster)

The Rt Revd D. Stewart Cross (Bishop of Blackburn)

The Revd G.W.S. Knowles (Chairman, Preston District of the Methodist Church)

From sister Churches in these islands:

REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL CHURCHES NEWLY RECEIVED INTO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Kingston Park Local Ecumenical Project, Newcastle-on-Tyne Lord's Hill, near Southampton
Monk's Chapel, near Corsham, Wilts.
Walton Local Ecumenical Project, Milton Keynes
Wark United Methodist, near Hexham

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND VISITORS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland: Revd A. Trevor Hubbard
Church of England: The Revd Canon Peter H. Boulton
Church of Scotland: The Revd Angus Morrison, Mr William Farquhar
Congregational Federation: The Revd Kenneth Chambers, President
Congregational Union of Scotland: The Revd John Arthur, President-elect,
The Revd D. Morgan Phillips
Methodist Church: Mrs Jenny Carpenter
Moravian Church: The Revd Geoffrey Tate
Presbyterian Church in Ireland: The Rt Revd Dr Robert Dickinson, Moderator,
and Mrs Dickinson
The Revd Samuel B. Moles, Chaplain, and Mrs Moles
Mr and Mrs Eric Dickinson
Mr David Nesbitt
Presbyterian Church of Wales: The Revd David J. Goodfellow
The Revd Huw Whomsley
Union of Welsh Independents: The Revd W.J. Edwards

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

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal: The Revd Manuel de Sousa Campos
Evangelical Church of the Union (GDR): Frau Dr Gisela Stern
Presbyterian Church of Ghana: The Revd Anthony A. Beeko
Presbytery of Lanka: The Revd George Stephen
United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman: The Revd Roderick Hewitt
United Congregational Church of Southern Africa: The Revd Felix Mokobi
World Alliance of Reformed Churches: Revd Dr Alan Sell

The Moderator expressed to them the welcome of the Assembly and The Revd Trevor Hubbard, the Rt Revd D. Stewart Cross and the Revd George Stephen 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: Mr Raymond Arthur Heritage
Clerk: The Revd Bernard G. Thorogood
Assistant Clerk: Mrs Janny Macdonald
Moderator-elect (1987-88) The Revd Cyril Franks
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 J.D. Waller
 VII Revd W.K. Gathercole
 VIII Revd M.F. Hubbard
 IX Revd N.W. Bainbridge
 X Revd M.J. Davies
 XI Revd C.C. Franks
 XII Revd Dr J.I. Morgans

Department Conveners:

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

Conveners of Standing Committees:

Business: Revd A.J. Wells
 Nominations: Revd C.B. Nuttall
 Budget: Revd Dr R.O. Latham
 Communication & Supplies: Revd D.J. Netherwood
 Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee: Revd A.L. Macarthur
 Forward Policy Group: Professor R.W. Steel
 Ministries:
 Vocations: Revd M.B. Stolton
 Training: Mrs Joan Boulind
 Support: Revd P.J. Brain
 Faith and Life:
 Doctrine & Worship: Revd Dr C.E. Gunton
 Christian Education and Stewardship: Revd Dr S.C. Orchard
 Youth Work: Revd D. Wilson
 Children's Work: Revd Dr Lesley Beale
 Ministry of Healing: Revd D.A. Pratt

World Church and Mission:

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

Church and Society:

Additional representative: Revd A.W. Summers

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 B.A. Baker; III Revd W. Wright;
 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 A. Fraser, R.J. Mortimer, F.J. Nelson
- II Revds D. Jenkins, W.N. Leak, S.M. Thornton
- III Revd Eileen Sambrooks, Mr J. Bryan, Mrs M. Hambly
- IV Revd L.H.B. Neems, D. Miller, Mr J.E.M. Gilbey
- V Revd C.J. Baker, Miss N.A. Fenney, Mrs V. Stonehouse
- VI Revd Christine Craven, Mr D. Griffiths, Mr R.N. Webb
- VII Revd Sheila Maxey, Mr C. Raggett, Mr P.A. Wade
- VIII Revds K. Hibberd, P. Killick, B. Kirk,
- IX Revds F.G.W. Dennett, M.R. Jackson, Mrs E. Hare
- X Revds D. Batchelor, P.C. Jupp, A. Knight
- XI Revds P.E. McIntosh, J.M. Rees
- XII Revd W.E.C. Sewell, Mrs G. James, Mrs L. Tucker

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr J. Forrest; II Mr E. Morgan; III Mr I. Cumberbatch; IV Mr D. Lethem; V Revd M. Bond; VI Mr H. Kempton; 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 A. Gilmore.

Theological College representatives;

Mansfield College:	Revd J.C. Brock, Mr J. Rees
Northern College, Manchester:	Revd Dr R.J. McKelvey, Mr P. Jones
Westminster College, Cambridge:	Revd Principal M.H. Cressey, Miss Janet Flawn
Coleg Bala-Bangor:	Revd Dr R. Tudur Jones

Youth representatives: Miss Heather Davies, Mr David Fraser

Council for World Mission: Revd Dr Christopher Duraisingh

Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain: Revd F.A. Beattie

Missionaries on Furlough: Revds P. Floe, N. and Mrs O. Kemp, J. Pelling, J. Pratt, Miss K. Moody

Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:

Revd Dr H. Cunliffe Jones, Mr B. J. Hartwell, Revd Dr J. Huxtable, Revd Dr J. Marsh, 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 E. Gray, Revd D. Black, Revd N.W. Georgeson, 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 A.J.G. Walker, Revd Dr P. Morgan, Revd D.H. Dale

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 D.A. Brown, J.H. Couch, Hazel Martell, R. Parker, Mrs M.J. Green, Miss D. Kailofer, Mrs D. Parker, Mrs. E. Straughan
- B: Revds B.J. Cash, A.P. Dickey, D.R. Hannen, A.F. Jackson, A. Pickles, M.R. Thrower, Miss N. Gulliver, Mrs A. Kyle, Mr R. Pagan, Miss E. Pearson, Mr L. Robson, Mr. P.C. Webb
- C: Revds R.A. Burton, R. Forster, Miss H. Jackson, Mr N. Moore

D: Revds W.J. Jones, P. Poulter, J.M. Smith, Miss I. Carter, Mr B. Nicol,
Mr W.H. Wright
E: Revds M. Hopley, S.J. Martin, Mrs P. Martin
F: Revd (Mrs) C.F. Hunter, Mr J.H. Robertson

Province II

A: Revds G.R. Chapman, S. Collinson, A. Hodgson, Mr T.B. Chirnside,
Mrs D. Garner, Miss A. Stevenson
B: Revds G. Eatock, J. Hopkins, W.P. Kennerley, D. Robinson, Mr P. Colwell,
Mrs W.P. Kennerley, Mr R. Lindsay, Mrs H. Whalley
C: Revds B. Jolly, G. Sirkett, Gwen Thomas, Mrs M. Hallam, Mr G. Kemp,
Mr B.H. Moore
D: Revds J. Francis, R. Good, I.H. Wallace, Mr R. Jarvis, Mrs J. MacMeekin
Miss K. Whillas
E: Revds D.B. Brown, D.E. Haward, P.S.Rand, D. Whitehead, Mr C. Barlow,
Mrs A. Davey, Mr J. Richards, Mrs P. Richards
F: Revds H.G. Hayes, F.A. Noden, B. O'Neill, N. Uden, J.D. Westhead, Miss E.
Byrne, Dr. C.T. Calam, Mr G. Lewis, Mr N.H. Oldham, Dr. A. Taylor
G: Revds A. Gaunt, J.T. Yates, Dr M.M. Reekie, Miss I. Ross

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A: Revds P.A. Frampton, G.N. Huyton, D. Phillips, A.F.E. Wise, Mrs M.
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B: Revds F.D. Edwards, M.J. Fisher, J.R.W. Paull, Miss M. Johnston,
Mrs O. Peters, Mr G. Watts
C: Revds P.W. Beaman, A. Francis, M. Shapland, Mrs S. Brain,
Mr I. Maclean, Miss J. Woods
D: Revds M.F. Camroux, P. Gornall, R.H. Hambly, F.A. Roche, Mrs P. Harrison,
Mrs J.J. Heaney, Mr R. Nicholson, Miss G. Ross
E: Revds G.C. Male, D. Wiseman, Mr J. Dean, Miss M. Kydd

Province IV

A: Revds W.A. Burgess, J.M. Dean, J.H. Fraser, Mr P.J. Martin, Mr J. Roberts
B: Revds G.E. Caswell, P. Chave, D. Dennison, T. Oakley, Mr R.A. Millard,
Mr C.J. Perrett, Mrs V. Rodgers, Miss B. Swift
C: Revds J. Jenkins, S. Swailes, G. Tillison, Dr K. Waters, Mrs V. Jenkins,
Mr T. Mercer, Mrs M. Tordoff, Mrs A. Wigglesworth
D: Revds J. Dale, S.L. Cook, Brenda Willis, Mr A. Bell, Miss K. Dawson,
Mr A. Middlemass
E: Revds D.J. Hudston, C.J. Kenworthy, V. Newman, Mrs J.E.M. Gilbey,
Mrs K. Hepworth, Miss M.M. Hirst
F: Revds J.C. Durell, W.J. Taylor, C. Wood, Miss M.E. Atkinson,
Mrs S. Henderson, Mrs J. Nield

Province V

A: Revds P.G.B. Barker, M.T. Bond, J.K. Lloyd-Williams, J. White,
Mrs M. Martin, Mr N. Redhead, Mr L. Stone
B: Revds D.H. Cummins, D.C.M. Gardner, W.C. Jones, Nellie Smith,
Miss D.M. Clarke, Miss A.B. Cowdell, Mrs J. Hull, Mrs G.J. Jones
C: Revds N.George, Margaret Howard, D.F. Tunbridge, Mr M. Harrison,
Mrs J. Maclean, Mr I. Smith
D: Revds C.T. Husk, J.R. Parker, Elizabeth Welch, M.W. Williams,
Mr S. Edwards, Mr C. Macaulay, Mr A. Thompson, Mr D. Weedon
E: Revds N. Healey, A.R. Lee, A.C. White, Mrs D. Beale, Mrs T. Lloyd,
Miss A. Maclean

Province VI

- A: Revds Elizabeth Davies, A.J. Jacob, Dr C. Middleton, G. Preston, W.D. Williams, Mr T.M. Davies, Mrs M. Preston, Mr R. Tredes
B: Revds M.J. Cruchley, K.A. Wilkinson, J. Martin, Miss O. Evans, Mrs D.L. Ievers, Mrs A. Robinson
C: Revds H. Dixon, J. Gardiner, J. Marsh, Miss M.C. Clarke, Mr C. Reid, Mr P.H. Turner
D: Revds G. Jenkins, C. Jones, T. Morrison, Mrs T. Hardie, Mr A.E. McCulloch, Mr G. Webster
E: Revds J. Key, P. Loveitt, J. Rammell, A.L. Willcocks, Mrs W. Frew, Mrs. C. Holmes, Mrs J. Jackson, Mr S. Loveitt
F: Revds Dr Lesley A. Beale, D.E. Clarke, J.C. Neary, Mr P. Franklin, Mr P. Lambden, Mrs K. Paxton

Province VII

- A: Revds W.H. Clement, C. Davies, Eilleen Ritchie, E.W.G. Smith, Mr S. Atkin, Mr P. Mobbs, Mrs E. Jenkins, Mr A. Pipe
B: Revds D.G. Deans, D.Jeanne Pells, J.A. Pugh, R. Royston-Bishop, Mrs J. Deans, Mrs B. Gathercole, A.C. Hicks, Mrs J. Royston-Bishop
C: Revds R. Canham, M. Melvin, G.E.H. Roper, D.E. Tapley, Mr A. Bilney, Mr I. Forbes, Mr G. Rider, Mrs E. Whitten
D: Revds P.J.H. Brewer, R.D. Gillespie, H. John, Mrs A.M. Cowie, Mr L. Rand, Mr K. Root
E: Revds J.L. Armour, Kate McIlhagga, E.A. McIlwain, L.A. Stringer, Mrs J. Armour, Mrs P. Dorow, Miss T. Johnson, Mr W. McVey

Province VIII

- A: Revds R. Irving, K.F.D. Trunks, Mr S. Horton, Miss P. Turley
B: Revds G.E.F. Bowerman, M.C. Ryman, S. Whitfield, Miss K. Bully, Mr P. Ellis, Miss A. Taggart
C: Revds M. Ambler, G. McGowan, J. Woolley, Mrs R. Eden, Mrs P. Shapland, Mrs M. Woolley
D: Revds J. McMinn, D.T. Woffenden, Mr G. Farris, Mr J. Knapp, Miss I. Reeves
E: Revds H.M. Drummond, R.J. Ellis, Mr T. Brain, Mrs E.M. Selman
F: Revds A.S. Bound, R.F. Diffey, A.J. Coates, M.B. Stolton, C.R. Thomson, Dr P. Cemlyn-Jones, Mr R. Diffey, Mr M. Dymott, Mrs M. Littlewood, Mr I. McMahon
G: Mr M. Johnston, Mrs S. Macbeth
H: Revd G. Nuttall, Mrs B. Nuttall
J: Revd N.A. Whitaker, Mr I. Robinson

Province IX

- A: Revds R.O. Balmer, N.K. Fisher, F.E. Hughes, B.R.S. Pont, B. Rawling, Stella E. Sivyour, Mrs J.M. Collihole, Mrs E. Hosford, Miss M.B. Hunt, Mr S.E. H. Lukey, Mr E.S. Piper, Mr J.N. Tucker
B: Revds J.C. Cohen, R.E. Cornish, A. Thomasson, Margery Woodland, Mr S.H. Nelson, Miss S. Prosser, Dr Marion Schofield, Mr R.D.M. Smith
C: Revds D.A. Cox, Constance O.M. Davies*, G.A.F.J. Story, Mr E. Adams, Mr G. Noble, Mrs E. Story
D: Revds R.P. Cox, P.B. Dean, J.J. Macro, D.G. Wensley, Mr D. Butler, Mrs M. Carrick Smith, Mrs J. Marriage, Mr G. McCallum
E: Revds Hazel M. Day, L.H. Drayer, A.P. Peirce, D.F. Wilkins, B.A.F. Wroe, Mrs K. Green, Mrs N. Mead, Mr J.L. Pearson

Province X

- A: Revds H. Baker, V. Launder, H.R.W. Rady, R. Scopes, Mr K. Berry,
Miss J. Cunningham, Miss I. Hill, Mrs M. Stacy
- B: Revds J. Hussey, J.V. Ross, S.R.B. Smith, Miss O. Olding,
Mr B. Scott, Mr K. Skinner
- C: Revds D. Gill, H. Gordon, D. Newton, Betty Scopes, Mr C. Croll,
Miss M. Devereux, Mr D. Haggis, Mrs K. Wagner
- D: Revds D.J. Finnan, A.G. Hamilton, G. Hewitt, H. Starkey, M. Truscott,
Mrs B. Finnan, Mrs A. Haworth, Mr P. Hockaday, Mr J. Mackerness,
Mr H. Sporle
- E Revds A.J. Beeson, J.M. Campbell, H.R. Martin, Mr J.T. Blowfield,
Miss A. Jiggins, Mr W. Johnson
- F: Revds D. Ager, A. Mawson, D.E. Murphy, S. Skibniewski-Woods, Miss L.
Hands-Heathfield, Mr F. Manley, Mrs L. Murphy, Mr S. Sheerin

Province XI

- A: Revds Beryl Bennett, A.P. Butler, P.S.G. Lidgett, R. Lowes, Mr A. Bryer,
Mr C. Davis, Mr S. Jones, Lady (Margaret) Keeble
- B: Revds Lesley Charlton, A.N. Dykes, D.W. Flynn, C.E.L. Price, R.D.
Robinson, Mr D. Aldridge, Mrs M. Collis, Miss K. Coltman, Mrs B. Fletcher,
Mrs. H. Snashall
- C: Revds J.J. Horne, T.A. Ormandy, M.J. Rigney, J. Robinson, R.F.J. Wells, Mr
F. Beasor, Mrs S. Edwardes, Miss I. Oakley, Mrs C. Winter
- D: Revds D. Dunster, R.A. MacNab, D. Mather, D.J. Morgan, Mrs R. Brown,
Mr J.G. Ellis, Mr P. Morsley, Mr G.H. Ring
- E: Revds E.S. Allen*, F. Webb, D. Williams, Mr D. Chandler,
Mrs S. Chandler, Mr P. Thompson
- F: Revds L. Fidge, J.E. Mather, N. Smith, K.T. Walters, Mr W. Cobby,
Mrs S. Hearne, Mr T. Madgwick, Mrs D. Tompkins
- G: Revds K.E. Jones, V.N.J. Lowis, Dr C.P. Thompson, C. Welch,
Mr I.F. Sinclair, Miss D. Stone, Mrs N. Welch, Miss D.K. Willmer

Province XII

- A: Revds R.G. Cole, J. Huntington, A.E. Seager, Mrs D.M. Jenkins, Miss W.
Mountcastle, Mr J. Pritchard
- B: Revds Dr J.Glyndwr Harris, S. Morgan, Pat Parrish*, Mr S. Harvey,
Mr L. Johnson, Mrs C. Othen
- C: Revds K. Graham, T.L. Jones, D. Pennells, G.H. Sharp, G. Sweeney,
Mr R. Evans, Mr H.M. Neate, Mrs E. McIlveen, Mr R.H. Smith, Miss E. Stark
- D: Revds K. Fabricius, Pamela Lewis, Mrs E. Steel
- E: Revds D. Fox, E.J. John, T.H. Owen, Mrs M. Lane, Mrs V.L. Owen,
Mr G.B. Williams
- F: Revds Susan Roberts, R.F. Williams, W.E.C. Sewell, Mrs D. Griffiths,
Mr R. Gordon, Mr B. Watkins

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers whose ordination took place 50, 60 or 70 years ago.

70 years

Owen Davies JEFFRIES

60 years

Alan BALDING
William GWYNN-JONES
David Arafnah THOMAS

Ernest Shilston BOX
Frederick Herbert HAWKINS

50 years

James Cecil ARMSTRONG	Frederick Arnold ASPREY
Ralph Graham BELL	Norman BIRNIE
Frank Ross BROWN	Albert Samuel COOPER
Arthur Robert DOWN	John Paton FOX
William Henry Isaac HAIGH	Arthur Trevor Illingworth JAGGER
Denis Everard LAWSON	James Campbell MacLAUCHLAN
Archibald McLELLAN	James Herbert MANSON
John Johnston MARTIN	Sydney MYERS
James Edward Lesslie NEWBIGIN	Ronald Kenneth ORCHARD
Dewi RHYS	George Ernest SHEARER
Frank Chapman SHIELD	Theodore Percy STRACHAN
Hugh Woodruffe THEOBALD	Percy Roderick THOMAS
Ernest Denton VARLEY	

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

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

The session was closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction, and the Assembly adjourned to meet again in the Opera House, Winter Gardens, at 9.30 next morning for ordinary business.

The Assembly was reconvened on Wednesday at 9.30 am in the Opera House, the Winter Gardens, the Moderator, Mr Ray Heritage, presiding. Opening worship was conducted by the Moderator's Chaplain, the Revd Peter Loveitt; the Bible Study was led by the Revd Donald Hilton, BA.

After worship, Provincial Moderators announced the following names of those newly-ordained into the ministry, a Church Related Community Worker and missionaries. Those present were received by the Moderator and he commended them to God in prayer.

Jeffrey Armitstead	Sarah Brewerton
Colin Bones	John Stuart Brearley
David Bernard Brown	Mitchell Stewart Bunting
Robert Arthur Canham	Pat Carpenter
Pauline Jeanne Christie	Jean Ann Cook
Henry John Dickenson	Helen Drummond
Dave Francis Dunster	Catherine Mair Morda Evans
Geoffrey Finch	Greville S. Fisher
Ronald John Forster	David Hamblin
Alan A. Johnston	David Francis Jones
Denis Kirby	Griselda Ellen Louise Langdon
Sandra Kathleen Lloydlangston	John Mallas
Jennifer Elizabeth Martin	Robert Ogilvie
John Michael Piper	Michael John Vivian Powell
Lydia Eleanor Rapkin	Eilileen Ritchie
Roy Ritchie	John Joseph Roche
Marie Winifred Roe	Sheila Mary Scarr
Elizabeth Agnes Scopes	Patrice Ernestine Phyllis Sessions
Arthur Alan Smith	Noel John Stancliff
Graham J. Sweeney	Gwyneth Thomas
Phyllis Louise May Trace	Martin Truscott
John Charles Wade	Jean Wileman
John Howard Woolley	

Church Related Community Worker: Alison Maclean
Missionaries: John and Susan Gay

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Revd A.J. Wells, Convener, indicated when the Synod Resolutions would be taken, and presented the report of the Business Committee and upon his proposal the report was received.

The Convener then proposed:

The Assembly approves the 'Rules of Procedure for access to the Assembly by named parties' as set out in the report.

This was agreed.

He further moved:

The Assembly approves the amendments to the Basis and Structure of the United Reformed Church listed 1 to 18 in the Appendix, refers them to Provincial Synods and will consider them in 1987 for ratification in accordance with Section 10 of the Structure.

In proposing this Resolution he requested that comments from Synods be received by 31 December 1986 and asked the Assembly to vote on nos. 1 - 18, excepting paragraph 13. The Revd G.W. Sirkett asked that the question be not put. The Moderator ruled that the debate continue.

After further discussion, the Moderator put the request for closure of debate to Assembly and it was lost. The resolution, needing two-thirds majority, was put to the vote. Tellers were called. Mr M. Helmn announced that there were 242 votes cast for the resolution and 196 votes cast against the resolution, and the resolution was declared lost.

The Convener further moved:

The Assembly approves the amendments to the Rules of Procedure numbered 19 to 45 in the Appendix.

The Revd Julian Macro, seconded by the Revd Ray Balmer, asked that the resolution be not put. This was carried.

This concluded the report of the Business Committee.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Revd Brian Nuttall, Convener, introduced the first report of the Nominations Committee, and upon his motion the report was received. After discussion he further moved:

The Assembly appoints the Revd Terence Oakley as Departmental Secretary for Faith and Life for a period of 7 years, beginning on 1 September 1986.

This was carried.

The Assembly reappoints the Revd Paul Quilter as Secretary for Youth Work for a further period ending on 31st August 1991.

This was carried.

The Assembly appoints Conveners of Committees as follows:-

(a) to serve for six years, i.e. until Assembly 1992

Faith and Life Department: The Revd Anthony J. Coates

Youth Work Committee: The Revd Jean Holdsworth
Church Buildings Committee: The Revd Julian Macro

(b) to continue for a further three years, i.e. until Assembly 1989,

Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee: The Revd Arthur Macarthur
Windermere Centre Policy and Planning Committee: The Revd Dr Robert Latham

(c) to continue as Convener for up to a further two years, while a successor is sought:

Finance and Administration Department
(and Honorary Treasurer): Mr F.H. Brooman

This was carried.

The Assembly appoints committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1986-87, as set out in the Appendix to the Report of the Nominations Committee. (See Appendix to this Record)

This was carried.

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

This concluded the business of the Committee.

Re-appointment of Moderator of East Midlands Province

The Revd David Dale moved:

The Assembly re-appoints the Revd John Francis Slow as Moderator of the East Midlands Provincial Synod for 5 years from 1 September 1986

which was carried.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

The Convener, Dr Mary Ede, introduced the report of the Department. She was assisted by the Revds John Reardon, BA, John Durell, BD, and Mrs Ann Sutcliffe. Upon her proposal, the report was received for debate.

Comment and questions then followed on items in the report not covered by the Resolutions. Dr Mary Ede, Convener, responded. She introduced and moved:

Northern Ireland

The Assembly, recognising the complexities of the situation in Northern Ireland with its long history of violence and distrust:

- (a) welcomes the Church and Society Department's strengthening of contact with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland;
- (b) urges all church members to support initiatives that may lead to the healing of relationships between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and within Northern Ireland;
- (c) invites churches and church members to continue to pray for reconciliation leading to a just and lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Jeremy Knapp moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Tracy Johnson:

Add to part (a)..... and urges that the URC develops links with the other denominations

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

South Africa

The Revd John Reardon spoke to and moved:

(i) The Assembly, recognising the courageous witness of partner Churches and fellow Christians in South Africa against the unjust system of apartheid, and reaffirming its own policy of progressive disengagement from the economy of South Africa agreed in 1982, calls on Her Majesty's Government to impose fuller sanctions against South Africa designed to hasten the end of apartheid.

(ii) The Assembly calls on all church members to identify personally with the peaceful struggle against apartheid by refusing to buy or sell South African products.

(iii) The Assembly urges local churches to observe Monday, June 16th, the tenth anniversary of the Soweto uprising, as a day of prayer for justice in South Africa, and to support the lobby of Parliament, calling for more effective sanctions against South Africa, on Tuesday, June 17th.

An amendment to part (ii) of this resolution was proposed by Alison Figgins:

to add: "and to inform all relevant parties (e.g. M.Ps and companies) of the reasons behind any action taken."

This was seconded by Louise Hands-Heathfield.

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

A further amendment was proposed to part (i) of the resolution:

to insert 'economic' between 'fuller' and 'sanctions'.

This amendment was lost.

After discussion, the Revd John Reardon responded and the resolution was carried.

Social Security Benefits

The Revd J. Durell spoke to and moved:

The Assembly, welcoming Her Majesty's Government's declared support for the Welfare State, calls on the Government to increase the total funds made available through Social Security benefits for low-income families and the long-term unemployed, without reducing benefits to other low income groups; and recognises the implications that follow for public expenditure priorities and the level of personal taxation.

After discussion, this was carried.

Faith in the City

Dr Mary Ede, Convener, moved:

The Assembly welcomes the publication of the report of the Archbishop's Commission on Urban Priority Areas, Faith in the City, and encourages Provinces, Districts and local churches to study its recommendations and to consider appropriate action, ecumenically wherever possible.

After some discussion, this was carried.

Religious Education in Schools

She further moved:

The Assembly encourages local churches and District Councils to enter into dialogue with Local Education Authorities with a view to pressing for a clearer and more urgent commitment to supporting and extending religious education in their schools.

The following amendment was proposed by the Revd Peter Barker and seconded by the Revd M. Bond:

Add: and calls on all churches to make maximum use of opportunities in schools in their localities in the area of religious education.

This amendment was carried and became part of the substantive motion.

This was carried. This concluded the business of the Church and Society Department.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

The Revd George Thomas, on behalf of Wessex Synod, spoke to and moved:

Bed and Breakfast Rule

The Assembly urges Her Majesty's Government to rescind the regulation re-introduced on the 25th November 1985 on the 4 week bed and breakfast rule. The Assembly believes that this rule of the DHSS has increased, and will continue to increase, the number of homeless and rootless young people; and considers that the moral and social implications of this state of affairs cannot be acceptable to a Christian community

and this was seconded by the Revd Don Wilkins.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Bert Baker and seconded by the Revd John Marsh:

delete 'a Christian community' and insert 'our society'.

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

This was carried.

The Revd Alwyn Knight, on behalf of Thames North Synod, spoke to and moved:

Voluntary Organisations in Metropolitan Areas

The Assembly, noting with grave concern the problems experienced by many voluntary organisations in obtaining funds following the abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan County Councils, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take appropriate action to safeguard valuable initiatives and organisations, particularly those serving poor and other disadvantaged members of our society.

This was seconded by Mr Harry Sporle and the motion was carried.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin spoke to and proposed:

Strategic Defence Initiative

The Assembly calls on the Church and Society Department and its Peace Advisory Group to study the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) of the United States and to prepare appropriate material to help local churches, individuals and the Assembly to assess whether it is a genuine contribution towards peace or a dangerous escalation of the arms race.

This was seconded by the Revd Dr John Morgans and the Assembly approved the resolution.

The Revd J.M. Neary proposed, and it was seconded by the Revd John Marsh:

Student Vacation Benefit

The Assembly expresses its concern about the proposed changes in vacation benefits for students, and asks the Church and Society Department to press for the withdrawal of these changes.

This was carried.

MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Convener, the Revd A.G. Burnham, introduced the report of the Ministries Department. The presentation included contributions from the Revd Michael Dunford, Secretary of the Training Committee, in the absence of Mrs Joan Boulind, Convener; and the Revd Peter Brain, Convener of the Support Committee.

The Revd A.G. Burnham then proposed that the report of the Ministries Department be received for debate. This was carried. Comments and questions then followed on items in the report not covered by the Resolutions. Following questions, the Revds Michael Dunford and Peter Brain responded.

The Revd Michael Dunford spoke to and moved:

Entrance Qualifications for Ministerial Training

The Assembly adopts the revised entrance qualifications for ministerial training as set out on page 16 of the Assembly Book of Reports.

After further discussion the Moderator put the resolution to the vote and it was carried.

Church Related Community Workers

The Convener spoke to and moved that:

The Assembly notes the paragraphs relating to the development of CRCW policy, as set out on pages 27/29 of the Assembly Book of Reports, and refers them to Departments and to Provincial Synods for written comments by 30 November 1986.

The introduction included a presentation by CRCWs Daphne Beale and Alison Maclean. After discussion, the Moderator put the resolution to the vote and it was carried.

The Revd A.G. Burnham expressed appreciation of the long service rendered by the Revd Charles Meachin. He asked the Moderator to greet the Revd Charles Brock on the occasion of the centenary of the establishment of Mansfield College in Oxford.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

The Revd Dr Kenneth Slack spoke to and moved the suspension of Standing Orders in order that a Thames North Synod Resolution could be discussed by the Assembly. This was seconded by Mr David Haggis.

The Revd A.J. Wells, Convener of the Business Committee, replied and stated that this was not considered to be an urgent enough matter to suspend Standing Orders and advised Assembly to vote against. The Revd Dr K. Slack responded. The Moderator put the resolution to the vote. Tellers were called. The resolution was lost by 287 votes for and 149 against, a majority of 75% being required.

The Convener expressed his willingness to discuss the matter of pulpit supply fees with the Department.

The Revd Peter Jupp spoke to and moved a resolution from Thames North Province.

Ministerial Recruitment

The Assembly, recognising the acute shortage of ministers available to serve pastorates in the URC, and acknowledging that, even if there is a substantial increase in the number of candidates coming forward, it will be at least five years before this is reflected by an increase in ministers trained and eligible for ordination, instructs the Ministries Department to introduce an intensive shortened course for suitable, mature candidates for a limited, experimental period of not more than five years in the first instance.

This was seconded by the Revd Roger Scopes. The Revd A.G. Burnham replied and welcomed the matter having been raised, and would be prepared to discuss ways of meeting the shortage of ministers further with the Department and the Revd Peter Jupp responded.

The Moderator put the resolution to the vote and it was lost.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mr Fred Brooman, Department Convener, introduced the report of the Finance and Administration Department, and upon his proposal the Report was received.

Accounts

The Convener presented the accounts of the United Reformed Church for 1985 and moved the adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1985. The Moderator put the resolution to the vote by the Assembly and it was carried.

The Convener further proposed:

Contributions in 1985

The Assembly notes the contributions made for 1985 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 carried.

The Revd J.D. Waller, Convener of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, spoke to and moved:

Maintenance of the Ministry Budget

The Assembly approves the Maintenance of the Ministry Budget for 1987 noting that it allows for an increase of 7% in the basic stipend from 1 July 1987.

The resolution was carried.

He further moved:

Pension Fund Rules

The Assembly approves the following amendments to the rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund:-

Add at the end of Rule 15b: "with effect from 1 July 1986 this percentage shall be increased from 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ % to 8%".

Add at the end of Rule 22a: "with effect from 10 May 1986 the lump sum payable shall equal 2 years basic stipend at the date of death. Proportion of benefits in respect of limited membership shall be increased pro rata".

Add at the end of Rule 18ci: "with effect from 1 July 1986 the figure of £12.00 shall be increased to £30.00"

The resolution was carried.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

The Revd Geoffrey Satchell spoke to and proposed, on behalf of Thames North Synod, that:

Ministers in other Employment

The Assembly, whilst re-affirming the principle that ministers who are in or who enter into full-time remunerated employment should not normally be eligible for remuneration from the MoM Fund (Plan 5.8), agrees that it is not justifiable to alter terms of settlement entered into between a minister and a pastorate with the agreement of District Council prior to this rule being introduced at Assembly 1983, and accordingly revokes resolution 9 of the Finance and Administration Department passed that year.

This resolution was seconded by the Revd George Hewitt. The Revd J.D. Waller, Convener of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, advised the Assembly to resist this resolution.

After some discussion, the seconder, the Revd George Hewitt, replied.

The Moderator put the resolution to the vote of Assembly and it was lost.

The Revd Michael Davies spoke to and moved on behalf of Thames North Synod that:

Advocacy for Central Funds

The Assembly asks the Finance and Administration Department, in consultation with the other departments, to consider the form of presentation of the appeal for funds for the central activities of the Church, including the Maintenance of the Ministry, and to seek more informative and attractive ways in which the claims of mission, at home and overseas, can be communicated to members.

This resolution was seconded by Mr R. Martin. After some discussion, the proposer, the Revd Michael Davies, replied. The Moderator put the motion to Assembly and the resolution was carried.

Question from Yorkshire Synod:

Investment Policy

Synod asks the United Reformed Church Trust to report on the action taken following the Resolution of the 1982 General Assembly concerning dis-investment in companies with significant involvement in South Africa.

Mr Brooman answered that the policy adopted was being followed and that the Trust had sold its shares in Shell Transport & Trading Co.

Thanks

The Moderator thanked the Revd M. Husselbee for all the work rendered during his period of service.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, Convener of the World Church and Mission Department, introduced to the Moderator the recently returned missionaries who were present: The Revd Paul and Mrs Jean Floe from Jamaica, the Revd Norman and Mrs Olive Kemp from Samoa, and Miss Kathleen Moody, retiring after 37 years in Taiwan.

The Convener then introduced the report of the World Church and Mission Department and upon her motion the following resolution was agreed.

The Assembly receives the report of the World Church and Mission Department.

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

Mrs Mary Marsden, Convener, introduced the report of the Personnel Committee. The Moderator received and greeted Mr John and Mrs Jean Johnson who were going to work in China with the Amity Foundation.

The Revd Derek Wales introduced the Revd Dr Chun Ming Kao of Taiwan and asked the Moderator to invite him to address the Assembly. The Assembly received Dr Kao with a standing ovation. At the conclusion of Dr Kao's speech the Moderator expressed the appreciation of Assembly.

The Revd Derek Wales, Convener, presented the report of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee. The Revd John Slow, Convener, presented the report of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee.

The Assembly recorded the ministry and death of the Revd Richard Hamper, General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council.

The Revd John Williamson, Moderator of Mersey Province, spoke of the Merseyside and Region Churches' Ecumenical Assembly.

The Revd Roger Tomes, Convener, presented the report of the Mission and Other Faiths Committee.

Mrs Mary Marsden, Convener of the Personnel Committee, spoke to the resolutions proposed by the Committee. On her proposal the Moderator put the following resolution to the vote by Assembly:

Education in Mission

The Assembly, in continuing the URC commitment to world mission through the Council for World Mission, welcomes the Council's emphasis on Education in Mission and looks forward to sharing in it.

This was carried.

The Convener further proposed:

Contribution to C.W.M.

The Assembly requests the Budget Committee and the Finance and Administration Department, in consultation with others, to consider the feasibility of increasing in real terms the grant from Unified Appeal to the Council for World Mission.

After some discussion, this resolution was carried.

The Revd Derek Wales, Convener of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee, spoke to the resolutions proposed by the Committee. Comments were made and the Moderator put the following resolutions to the vote.

Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council

The Assembly resolves to seek membership of the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council in order to relate fully to the world-wide fellowship of the Churches of Christ.

China and Taiwan

The Assembly welcomes the happy development of new contact with the Church in China and at the same time re-affirms its fellowship with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan as part of the ecumenical family.

These were carried.

The Revd John Slow, Convener of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee, spoke to the resolution proposed by the Committee. The Moderator put the following resolution to the vote by Assembly.

Congregational Union of Scotland

The Assembly welcomes the action of the Executive Committee, in response to the approach from the Congregational Union of Scotland, to open negotiations with the URC with a view to union, endorses the appointment of the URC representatives, and looks forward to an interim report to be made through the World Church and Mission Department to the next Assembly.

This was carried.

The Convener further proposed:

Presbyterian Church of Wales

The Assembly welcomes progress made in Wales for local co-operation between the United Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church of Wales, notes that Guidelines for this development have been agreed by the Synod of the Wales Province, and encourages the Synod in this co-operation.

This was carried.

The Revd Roger Tomes, Convener of the Mission and Other Faiths Committee, spoke to the resolution proposed by the Committee. After discussion and the response by the Convener, the Assembly voted on the following resolution:

Freemasonry

The Assembly receives the document on Freemasonry prepared by the Mission and Other Faiths Committee, and commends it for study and reflection by masons and others alike.

This was carried.

RESOLUTION

Heather Davies, supported by several young people, members of FURY, moved:

Materials on Other Faiths

The Assembly recognises the need to prepare members and especially young people within the United Reformed Church for life and witness in a developing plural society. Assembly requests the Mission and Other Faiths Committee, in association with the Youth Committee, to continue to develop material resources for understanding other faiths and opportunities for meeting people of those faiths.

This was seconded by David Fraser. Mrs R. Goodfellow thanked the young people for their presentation, and this was supported by the Moderator.

The resolution was carried.

Mr Michael Harrison proposed and Mrs V. Stonehouse seconded:

Statement regarding the nature of URC

The Assembly commends to all local churches the World Church and Mission Department's 'Statement from the United Reformed Church on the nature and purpose of the Church in the light of its mission', and encourages members to discuss the Statement both with fellow members and with other Christians.

This was carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Revd David Dale, immediate past Moderator, introduced the report of the Executive Committee and proposed:

The Assembly receives the report of the Executive Committee for debate.

Comments and questions followed on items in the report not covered by the resolutions. The Revd David Dale responded to the questions raised and proposed:

Provincial Moderator Review Groups

The Assembly approves the paper 'Guidance for Provincial Moderator Review Groups', here printed as an Appendix to this Report.

After further comments, the Revd C. Price proposed an amendment to section 3.6 of the 'Guidance for Provincial Moderator Review Groups':

Replace 'one' by 'some' and delete from 'with' to the end.

This was duly seconded. When put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

Assembly then voted on the resolution, which was carried.

The Convener proposed:

Local Churches Received

The Assembly receives, as local churches of the United Reformed Church, the fellowships known as:

Lord's Hill	Wessex Province
Monk's Chapel	South Western Province
Kingston Park (Local Ecumenical Project)	Northern Province
Wark (United Methodist/URC)	Northern Province
Walton (Local Ecumenical Project)	East Midlands Province

The motion was carried. The Moderator received, in the name of the Assembly, representatives of the newly received churches.

The Convener further proposed:

Induction of the Revd John Proctor

The Assembly requests the Cambridge District Council, in consultation with the Principal of Westminster College and the Ministries Department, to arrange the induction of the Director of New Testament Studies, the Reverend John Proctor.

This was carried, and the Revd John Proctor was received and greeted by the Moderator.

The Convener also proposed:

Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee

The Assembly continues the work of the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee with existing terms of reference and with the present membership serving a further three years.

This was carried.

GROUP ON LEADERSHIP IN THE URC

The Revd Principal Martin H. Cressey, Convener, presented the report drawn up by the Group and explained the resolutions.

The Revd Martin Cressey proposed:

The Assembly receives the report of the group on leadership in the United Reformed Church.

This was carried.

The Convener proposed:

The Assembly commends the Report for study in the councils of the URC, in the light of section 8(3) of the Structure (Manual, p. 13).

After some statements in opposition, the Revd Peter Poulter proposed that the report be referred back to the Group for reconsideration. This was seconded by the Revd Malcolm Smith. The Revd David Dale, from the Chair, ruled that this was not in order as it negated the proposition before the Assembly. After considerable discussion, the Revd Geoffrey Tillison moved that the question be now put. This was seconded by the Revd Leslie Fidgen and it was carried. The Revd Martin Cressey replied. When put to the vote, the Assembly agreed to commend the report for study.

The Convener further proposed:

Leadership and Ministers

The Assembly invites the Faith and Life Department and the Ministries Department, in developing their departmental policies, to consider the report and particularly the section on Ministry, Ministers and Members (paras. 27 to 34).

This was carried.

He further proposed:

Leadership and Appointments

The Assembly instructs those responsible for appointments to any leadership role in the United Reformed Church to ensure that the responsibility for and the method used in making and reviewing such appointments are made clear to the church, locally, regionally or nationally, as is appropriate (para. 35).

After discussion, the Revd Harold Dixon proposed that the resolution be not put, and the Revd Geoffrey Sirkett seconded this. At the Moderator's request the Convener replied and when put to the vote the proposition "That the resolution be not put" was lost.

The Assembly voted to carry the resolution.

The Convener further proposed:

Leadership and District Councils

The Assembly encourages District Councils to review their work in the light of the suggestions and the questions in the section of the report on The District Council (paras. 36 to 44)

which was carried.

He also proposed:

Questions at Ordinations and Inductions

The Assembly requests the Doctrine and Worship Committee in revising the services of ordination and induction to include questions as suggested in the first paragraph of the section of the report on The District Council (para. 35)

which was carried after discussion.

The Convener further moved:

Provincial Synods

The Assembly re-affirms the value and importance of the Synod, of the office of Provincial Moderator and of the office of General Secretary as these are set out in the relevant section of the Manual and of the group's report (Manual, 2nd ed., pp. 18, 19, 72, 73 and report paras. 48 to 57 and 65).

The Revd Dr Kenneth Slack moved that this question be not put so as not to prejudice further discussion of the issues. This was seconded by the Revd Bert Baker and it was carried.

The Convener further moved:

Timing of Assembly

The Assembly refers to its Business Committee the suggestions concerning the month in which the Assembly should be held (paras. 63 and 64).

This was carried.

Chairing of meetings

The Assembly draws the attention of all the Councils of the URC to the discussion concerning the chairing of meetings and the particular role of the Moderator in the section of the report on The Moderator of the General Assembly (paras. 66 to 71).

This was carried.

The Convener further moved:

Chairing of General Assembly

The Assembly ratifies the practice by which the Moderator of the General Assembly may invite to take the chair of the Assembly any former Moderator of the URC Assembly, whether to enable the current Moderator to have a respite from the chairing of the meeting or to permit the current Moderator to participate in a discussion from the floor (para. 71).

This was carried.

The Convener then moved:

Representatives to General Assembly

The Assembly draws the attention of District Councils, in appointing representatives to the General Assembly, to the considerations set out in

the section of the report The General Assembly (paras. 58 to 64).

This was carried.

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

The Revd J.M. Rees proposed on behalf of the Southern Province:

Representation to General Assembly

The Assembly asks the Executive Committee to arrange for a review of representation to the General Assembly and to propose ways which might encourage greater participation from the floor at its meetings.

This was seconded by the Revd K.T. Walters.

This was carried.

The Revd G. Story proposed on behalf of the Wessex Synod:

Representation at General Assembly

The Assembly instructs the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Budget Committee, to bring to the Assembly as soon as possible proposals for such changes to the Structure of the URC as would provide for each local church to be represented at General Assembly each year.

This was seconded by Mr G. McCallum.

After considerable discussion, the Revd Dr Philip Morgan, seconded by Mrs R. Goodfellow, proposed the following amendment:

that the words 'proposals for such' be omitted and the words 'a report setting out possible' be inserted, and following the words 'each year' the words 'and the implications for the Church of such changes' be added.

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion, which was approved by the Assembly.

The Assembly instructs the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Budget Committee, to bring to the Assembly as soon as possible a report setting out possible changes to the Structure of the URC as would provide for each local church to be represented at General Assembly each year and the implications for the Church of such changes.

Mrs R. Goodfellow proposed the following resolution:

Responses to Leadership Report

The Assembly asks that comments and responses to the Report of the Group on Leadership in the URC be sent to the General Secretary by December 31, 1986 so that the Executive Committee in February 1987 may consider whether any further action be recommended to the Assembly.

This was seconded by the Revd D. Wales.

The Revd G. Tillison moved an amendment that the dates be delayed for one year. This was seconded by the Revd G. Sirkett and approved by the Assembly.

The amended resolution was approved by the Assembly.

FORWARD POLICY GROUP

Professor Robert Steel, Convener, presented the report of the Forward Policy Group and moved:

The Assembly receives the Report of the Forward Policy Group for debate. This was carried.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 1987/88

The result of the ballot for Moderator of the General Assembly of 1987 was declared by Mrs Mary Stacy on behalf of the Tellers. 497 ballot papers had been returned and the Revd C. Cyril Franks was declared elected. The Moderator received the Moderator-Elect amid the acclaim of the Assembly and the

Revd Cyril Franks responded. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

PROVINCIAL MODERATORS' REPORT

The Revd Michael Davies presented the report of the Moderators. The Assembly received the report and discussion followed on the theme of the pastoral care of ministers. The Revd M. Davies responded and expressed the hope that the report would be discussed further.

The Moderator thanked the Provincial Moderators for their care and service to the Church.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The Revd David Netherwood, Convener, introduced the report of the Communication and Supplies Committee. Mr C. Lowden was received and greeted by the Moderator.

The Convener moved:

The Assembly receives this report for debate.

Some discussion ensued on items in the report not covered by the resolutions. Responses were given by Mr Norman Hart, the Revd Bernard Thorogood and the Convener.

The Convener moved:

Annual Book

The Assembly encourages Communication and Supplies to continue to produce an annual book.

This was carried.

Media development

In order that our churches may make the best use of radio, video and television, the Assembly encourages Communication and Supplies to continue to keep in touch with current developments in these media and to give consideration to co-operation with other Churches as and when opportunities arise.

After discussion and a response by the Convener, the Assembly voted in favour of the resolution.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING PARTY ON EVANGELISM

The Revd David Marsden introduced the report of the Inter-Departmental Working Party on Evangelism and the Revd John Slow spoke in support. The Assembly agreed to receive the Report.

Comments and questions then followed on items in the report not covered by resolutions. After considerable discussion the Revd D. Marsden responded and moved:

The Assembly accepts the challenge of GROWTH FOR THEIR SAKE.

This was carried.

He further moved the following resolutions:

The Assembly invites the Moderator-elect to convene an early meeting with Conveners and Secretaries of Departments and with representatives of the Provincial Moderators and the Inter-Departmental Working Party on Evangelism to initiate the process of responding to the Report.

This was carried.

The Assembly asks the Departments to take whatever steps are necessary to formulate specific proposals in relation to agreed priorities for growth.

This was carried.

The Assembly submits the Report to Provinces for their consideration and comment.

This was carried.

The Assembly charges the Moderator-elect and the Inter-Departmental Working Party on Evangelism with receiving the responses from the Departments and Provinces by 1 January 1987 so that discussion can take place at every level of the church prior to the 1987 Assembly when a detailed programme will be considered.

After discussion, the Assembly approved the resolution.

SYNOD RESOLUTION

On behalf of East Midlands Province, the Revd E. Welch proposed:

Milton Keynes

The Assembly encourages the work of the Milton Keynes National Appeal during 1986.

This was seconded by the Revd A.C. White.

This was carried.

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Revd Arthur Macarthur moved:

The Assembly receives the report for debate.

This was carried.

FAITH AND LIFE DEPARTMENT

The Convener, The Revd Richard Taylor, introduced the report of the Faith and Life Department. He moved:

The Assembly receives the report of the Faith and Life Department for debate.

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

The Revd Dr Lesley Beale, Convener of the Children's Work Committee, spoke to the report of that Committee.

The Revd Duncan Wilson, Convener of the Youth Committee, spoke to the report of that Committee, and he responded to comments and questions.

The Revd Dr Stephen Orchard, Convener, spoke to the report of the Christian Education and Stewardship Committee, and he responded to comments and questions.

At the request of the Revd Richard Taylor, the Revd Graham Cook, Director of the Windermere Centre, was given leave to address the Assembly.

The Revd Dr R. O. Latham, Convener of the Windermere Centre National Policy and Planning Committee, responded to comments and questions.

The Revd D.A. Pratt, Convener, spoke to the report of the Health and Healing Committee, and responded to comments and questions.

The Revd Professor Colin E. Gunton, Convener, spoke to the report of the Doctrine and Worship Committee.

The Revd R. Taylor, requested the Assembly to grant leave to Mrs Alma Kendall, Convener of the Pilots Panel, to address the Assembly. She spoke to the report of the Pilots Panel and the Revd John Robinson, Master Pilot, assisted by the Revd Margaret Taylor, responded to comments and questions. He then proposed:

Pilots Jubilee

The Assembly commends the work of Pilots to all local churches and encourages members to accept the invitation to join in the Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday, 14 June 1986 at 2.30 pm in the Westminster Central Hall and so to share in the thanks which the URC and the Congregational Federation will give to God for the work of Pilots during 50 years.

This was carried.

The Revd R. Taylor invited the Revd Duncan Wilson to speak to and move the following resolution:

National Youth Training Officer

The Assembly gives approval for the creation of a National Youth Training Officer post subject to adequate extra external funding being secured.

After considerable discussion, the Assembly approved the resolution.

The Revd R. Taylor invited Dr David Thompson to speak to and move the following resolution:

Hymnbook

The Assembly resolves:

1. To authorise the production of a new hymnbook for the United Reformed Church,
2. to set up a hymnbook editorial committee immediately,
3. to place the responsibility for publishing in the hands of a major hymnbook publisher.

After debate, Dr D. Thompson responded and the Assembly carried the resolution.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Revd Dr R.O. Latham, Convener, introduced the report of the Budget Committee and moved:

The Assembly receives the Report of the Budget Committee.

This was carried.

Budget of General Fund Expenditure

The Assembly approves the Budget for 1987 which provides for an expenditure of £1,647,000.

The Convener, assisted by Mr C.M. Frank, responded to several questions and comments, and the Assembly approved the resolution.

Resolution

The Revd G. Tillison, seconded by the Revd S. Swailes, proposed:

New Projects

The Assembly requests that whenever a new national project is brought for its approval, there shall be THREE distinct resolutions for debate and decision:

- (a) The resolution concerning the principle of the Project
- (b) the resolution concerning the funding of the Project, and
- (c) the resolution approving the Project

The resolution was carried.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Convener moved that the following persons form the editorial committee in accordance with the resolution referring to a new hymnbook:

Dr David Thompson, Convener	Revd David Jenkins
Revd David Gardner)	Dr Alun Jones
Mr John Mansfield)Secretaries	Revd Dr F.H. Kaan
Mrs C. Brock	Revd Donald McIlhagga
Revd Barbara Gates	Revd Caryl Micklem
Revd Alan Gaunt	Revd Brenda Stephenson
Mr Alan Hayward	Revd Margaret T. Taylor
2 vacancies for lay members under 30.	Some names subject to consent.

This was carried.

The Convener further moved:

The Assembly appoints Mrs Elizabeth Jurd (subject to consent) to serve as Secretary of the Christian Education and Stewardship Committee with effect from 1 September 1986.

This was carried.

The Assembly appoints the Director of the Windermere Centre to serve ex officio as Secretary of the Windermere Centre National Policy and Planning Committee with effect from 1 September 1986.

This was carried.

The Assembly appoints Mrs Judy Stockings (subject to her consent) as Secretary of the Welfare and Emergencies Committee in place of the General Secretary, with effect from this Assembly.

This was carried.

The Assembly confirms the following amendments to the lists of Committees and representatives for the year 1986-87, as set out in the Appendix to the Nominations Committee. (All proposed names subject to consent). (See Appendix to this Record)

Commissioning of Assembly Officers

The Moderator commissioned the Revd Terence Oakley as Secretary of the Faith and Life Department, and in prayer commended him and also the Revd John Slow and the Revd Paul Quilter on their re-appointment as Moderator of the East Midlands Province and as Youth Secretary.

World Alliance of Reformed Churches

The Moderator invited the Revd Dr Alan Sell, Theology Department Secretary, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, to address the Assembly.

THANKS

The Moderator invited Mrs C. Winter to express the thanks of the Assembly to all who contributed to its smooth running, and to those who enhanced its life. The Assembly warmly responded.

CLOSURE

The Clerk declared that the Assembly, having completed the business properly brought before it, stands adjourned and will meet again at St David's Hall, Cardiff, on 11th May 1987 or at such other time and place as may be duly appointed.

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

Death

During the Assembly a member, Mr Peter Martin, died suddenly. The Assembly stood in prayer. At the end of the Assembly an offering was received as a gift to the family towards the expenses. The Convener of the Business Committee, the Revd Adrian Wells, left the Assembly as he was the pastor of the family.

Devotions and Bible Study

The Moderator's Chaplain led the Assembly in worship each day. The Revd Donald Hilton gave three Bible Studies in which he showed how Gospel narratives reflected debates in the early church, and these debates continue today.

Ascension Day

The special event took the form of a CELEBRATION FOR ASCENSION DAY in which, through drama, music, humour and reflection we were involved in discovering the meaning of Christ's Lordship. The evening programme contained three addresses by the Revd Dr Christopher Duraisingh, the General Secretary of the Council for World Mission. The evening was arranged by a team of writers, actors and musicians from the North Western Province under the direction of the Revd David Jenkins.

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 1985 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 D. A. Welbrock*	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	Mr Cecil Davis*
VI	Revd W.W. Mahood	XII	Revd Mary Evans

together with the Conveners of the Committees within the Department, Revd Dr C.B. Baxter*, Mr E. Chilton, Mrs E. Jupp, Mr D. Thacker, Revd Elizabeth Welch and a representative of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee, (1 vacancy)

VOCATIONS

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

Revd M.J. Davies*	Mrs Gwen Hall*	Mrs Connie Holmes*
Revd P.C. Jupp*	Revd S.O. Jones*	Revd V. Ridgewell*
Revd J.H. Williams*	(1 vacancy)	

TRAINING

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

Revd J.C. Brock	Revd K. Chippindale*	Revd Principal M.H. Cressey*
Revd Dr R. Byron Evans*	Revd D.H. Hilton*	Revd D. Jenkins*
Revd Dr J. McKelvey*	Mrs S. Owen*	Revd R.K. Scopes
Mrs S. Thompson*	(1 vacancy)	

together with one stipendiary ministry student (Mrs D. Field)

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, F.G. Wilson Dennett, A.S. Dunstone, Revds Mary Evans, J. Francis, A. Frost, Dr Anne Galer, 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, 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, Mr B. Stonehouse, Mrs G. Swain, 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 Training Committee.

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

Convener: Mrs Joan Boulind
Secretary: Secretary of Training Committee

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

SUPPORT

Convener: The Revd P.J. Brain* - 1992
Secretary: Executive Secretary, Ministries Department

Mrs Sally Abbott* Revd C.C. Franks* Revd Elizabeth J. Nash*
Mr R. Norris* Revd R. Pagan* Revd E.P. Schofield*
Mrs M. Stacy* (1 vacancy)

FAITH AND LIFE DEPARTMENT

Convener: The Revd A.J. Coates* - 1992
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd Peter Poulter	VII	Revd D. McIlhagga
II	Revd S.M. Thornton	VIII	Revd Stella Beare*
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 Eileen McIlveen*

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	Mrs Sheila Scarr	Revd Brenda Stephenson
Professor G.N. Stanton	Dr D.M. Thompson	Revd Justine Wyatt

(1 vacancy)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and STEWARDSHIP

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

Mr M. Harrison	Mrs E. Jurd	Revd P. McIntosh*
Revd W.W. Mahood	Revd May Segain	Mrs J. Tomlin
Mrs L. Wilson	Revd J.T. Yates	(3 vacancies)

YOUTH WORK

Convener: The Revd Jean Holdsworth* - 1992
Secretary: The Youth Secretary

Revd B. Acty	Mr P. Franklin*	Mr H.J. Lowry
Mrs M. Nineham	Miss J. Pearce*	Miss B. Prettie
Revd J. Steele	Revd D. Taylor	Revd D.J. Williams
Mr J. Willis	(1 vacancy)	

Members under 25:

Mr T. Chisholm	Miss H. Davies	Miss S. Holton*
Mr A. Hughes*	Miss F. Martin	Mr R. Nicholson*
Mr. D. Rainford	Mr K. Root*	Miss G. Ross
Mr C. Satchwell	Mr J. Slow	Miss S. Wareham

CHILDREN'S WORK

Convener: The Revd Dr Lesley Beale* - 1992
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

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

HEALTH AND HEALING

Convener: Revd D.A. Pratt - 1990
Secretary:

Revd Dr C.B. Baxter	Dr I.D.O. Frew	Dr Anne Galer
Dr Joan Holliday	Revd A.R. Lee	Revd J.C. Neary
Revd M. Playdon	Revd J.M. Ward*	(2 vacancies)

WINDERMERE POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Convener: Revd Dr R.O. Latham - 1989

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

From 1.9.86 - the Director ex officio

Representatives of the Ministries, World Church and Mission, Church and Society and Finance and Administration Departments, Mrs R. Clarke*, Revd Ruth Mealand*, Mr Roger Tolman*, (1 vacancy), with the Director of the Centre ex officio (until September 1986), the Convener, Faith and Life Department and a representative of Carver URC, Windermere

HYMN BOOK EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Convener: Dr D.M. Thompson*

Secretaries: Revd D.C.M. Gardner*, 1 vacancy

Revd Barbara Gates*

Revd A. Gaunt*

Mr A. Hayward*

Dr Alun Jones*

Revd David Jenkins*

Revd Dr F.H. Kaan*

Revd Brenda Stephenson* Revd Margaret T. Taylor*

(5 vacancies - replies awaited from some nominees)

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 D. Helyar*

VI Mrs Nancy McOnie

XII Revd D.C. Morgan

together with the Convener of Committees within the Department and the Revds T.C. Cheesbrough, G.C. Cook*, 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

Miss J.M. Barclay*	Revd K.G. Chong	Mrs E. Cottle
Revd N. Healey*	Revd I.G.J. Kardos	Mrs N. Matanle
Mrs D. Rogers	Revd G. Sharpe	Revd M. Smith
Miss A. Walkling*	(1 vacancy)	

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

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

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

PERSONNEL

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

Revd Dr J. Bradshaw	Revd J. Dean*	Mrs J. Floe*
Revd Janet Hargis	Mr R.A. Heritage	Revd Moira Kerr
Miss J. Phillips	Revd H. Singh Rahi*	Mrs Marion Strachan*
Mr C.P.W. Wright	Principal of St Andrew's Hall	

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

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

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Revd A.W. Summers	VII	Mrs J. Armour*
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 P. Taylor

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 - up to two further years
while a successor is sought
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial representatives

I	Mr J.C.G. Forrest*	VII	Mr J. Henderson
II	Mr E. Morgan	VIII	Mr P. Hamblin
III	Mr I. Cumberbatch*	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	Mr H.Kempton*	XII	

together with the Conveners of the Committees within the Department, Miss R.M. Cook, Mrs C.S. Marshall, Revd Dr Catherine Middleton*, Revd W. Wright

TREASURERSHIP

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

Revd D.J.Clague	Mr D. Davies	Mrs J. Gilbert*
Mrs Gwen Hall	Mr W.M. McVey*	Mr R.T. Masser
Mr R.S. Martin	Miss S. Mounter	Mr H. Oldham
Mr R. Thomson	Revd R.J. Wiggins	

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Convener: The Revd J.D. Waller - 1990
Secretary: Revd G.E. Hooper - 1988

Provincial representatives

I	Dr P.Clarke*	VII	Mr P.A. Wade
II	Mr E. Morgan	VIII	Mr M. Johnston
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 the Convener of the Pensions Sub-committee (Mr H.F. Fisher), Mrs J. Cullum, the Revds Hazel Day*, W.J. Taylor and a representative of the Ministries Department. The Rev J.D. Waller also represents the Provincial Moderators.

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Convener: Revd M.D. Whitehorn - 1988
Secretary: Mrs Judy Stockings*

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

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Convener: Revd J.J. Macro* - 1992
Secretary: Mr T.T.W. Peregrine - 1991

Mr M.J. Ballard*	Miss B.F. Davis*	Revd A.W. Duncan*
Mr G.R. Goodchild	Mr R. Honey	Revd M.F. Hubbard*
Mr G.E. Knowles*	Mr R. Pedlar	Mr C.A. Raggett*
Mr B. Smith	Mr M. Foster Taylor - Property Consultant	

RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING

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

Mr F.H. Brooman	Mr M. Foster Taylor	Mr C.M. Frank
Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	Revd F.L. Hill	Revd D.R. Hannen
Revd M.F. Hubbard	Mr G. Parkinson	Mrs J. Parkinson
Mrs Pitkeathly*	Mr J. Reason*	Mr G.E. Winter*
Mr G. Yuille		

Note: This Committee shall consist of all the members of the Committee of Management of the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited with the ex officio officers of the Department.

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	Revd C.G. Evans*	Mrs J. Silvan Evans
Revd P. Flint*	Mr R.J. Grant	Miss B.E. How
Revd J. Jenkins	Revd J.H. Taylor	(3 vacancies)

Advisory Board of REFORM

Revd E.A. Banyard (Convener - 1987)
Mr J. Williams - 1987
Revd G.J. Cook, Mrs K. Lehnert, Miss Alison Maclean* - 1988
Revds J. Ellis*, J. Filsak*, Miss Kristian Ofstad* - 1989
Youth representative: Mr Carew Satchwell

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE

Convener: Revd A.L. Macarthur - 1989
Secretary: The General Secretary

Mrs Benita Kyle	Revd Dr J.I. Morgans	The Honorary Treasurer
Revd Jessie Halfpenny	Dr Paul Rogers	

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TRUST

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

Mr F.H. Brooman	Revd D.J. Clague	Mr D. Davies
Mr C.M. Frank	Mrs Gwen Hall	Mr K.M. Kirby
Revd V.N.J. Lewis	Mr T.W. Macdonald	Mr R.V. MacFadyen
Mr W. McVey*	Mr R.S. Martin	Miss S. Mounter*
Mr H. Oldham	Mr R. Thomson	Revd R.J. Wiggins

FORWARD POLICY GROUP

Convener: Professor Robert W. Steel - 1990

Revd Elizabeth Caswell	Revd Arnold Harrison
Mrs M. Carrick Smith	Professor Malcolm Johnson
Miss Ruth Pitter*	Mr Ian Maxwell

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

Congregational Fund Board: Revds C.H. Grant, Havergal-Shaw*, D.A. Smith, J.H.
Taylor, Mrs R.E. Taylor

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

Federation of Education Training Institutions Council: Revd M.G. Dunford

Guides' Religious Advisory Panel: The Revd Gillian Bobbett

International Bible Reading Association Committee: Revd M. Taylor

International Consultation on English Texts: Revd D. McIlhagga

Joint Committee on New English Bible: Revd Professor W. Houston* (alternate:
Revd R.K. Scopes)

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

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

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

Scottish World Day of Prayer: Revd Jean Tinto

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

Scouts Religious Advisory Group: Mr D. Marshall Jones

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

Union of Welsh Independents Council: (1 vacancy)

United Navy, Army and Air Force Board: Revds D. Friend, J. Paull, E.P.
Schofield, B.G.Thorogood, Secretary Support Committee

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

Wharton Trust: Mrs B. Taylor

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

Women's World Day of Prayer: Mrs Joyce Smith

3. COLLEGE AND SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND COUNCILS

Aberystwyth (Memorial College): Revds Dr G.Harris, T. Leslie Jones

Bala-Bangor: Mr J. Rhys (1 vacancy)

Bishops Stortford College: Revd C.G. Evans

Cambridge Federation of Theological Colleges: Mrs J. Boulind, and
Secretary, Training Committee

Caterham School, Board of Governors: Revds T. Perry, C.C. Franks

Cheshunt Foundation: Mr D. Davies*, Revd M.G. Dunford

Northern College: Revds Dr D. Cornick, M.G. Dunford, D.Jenkins, W.N. Leak

Eltham College/Walthamstow Hall: Miss M. Moyce

Homerton College Trustees: Mrs J. Boulind, Revds Principal M.H. Cressey, R.E.
Taylor, Mrs G. Hall, Mr J. Hall, Miss A. Phillips, Dr D. Thompson, Dr R. Watson

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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 43-63

F H Brooman
Treasurer

C M Frank
Chief Accountant and Financial Secretary

24th March 1986

We confirm on behalf of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited our approval of the financial statements as set out on pages 64-65.

C M Frank
Director

R S Carruthers
Secretary

24th March 1986

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the financial statements on pages 43 to 65 in accordance with approved auditing standards.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value in the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 59, the Common Investment Fund on page 62, and the Investment Pool on page 63. As explained in accounting policy 3(i) on page 43, 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 1985, 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 19 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 1985 and of the total increase in resources in the year ended on that date.

The financial statements on pages 64 and 65 include an extract from the full accounts of The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited. The report on the full accounts confirms that they show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31st December 1985 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

24th March 1986

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 1986 relating to 1985. 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 1985, the excess is being carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1986.

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 £25,000 in 1985 (£97,000 cumulative since 1.1.79.). Properties shown in Note 4 at £1.53 million are insured for £4.31 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
Cars (purchased after 31.12.83.)	30% on cost
Major Equipment (printing machine and computer)	20% on cost
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 valuations 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 £2.97 million.

CENTRAL FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1985

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1985		1984	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Accounts	1		1,889		1,891
Income and Expenditure Accounts	2		<u>5,314</u>		<u>4,576</u>
Total	3		<u>7,203</u>		<u>6,467</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	4	1,611		1,132	
Cars, furniture & equipment	4	<u>103</u>		<u>114</u>	
			1,714		1,246
Investments	5		3,721		3,552
Loans and Advances	6		1,350		1,222
Current Assets					
Stock		29		33	
Debtors		355		402	
Cash	7	<u>763</u>		<u>682</u>	
			1,147		1,117
<u>Less</u> Creditors		(528)		(489)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(201)</u>		<u>(181)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>418</u>		<u>447</u>
			<u>7,203</u>		<u>6,467</u>

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Movement in Capital Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1985

	Balance 31/12/85 £'000	Movement in 1985 £'000	Balance 31/12/84 £'000
General Fund	310		310
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	288		288
Ministerial Training Fund	45		45
Church Buildings Fund	184		184
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	355		355
Welfare Fund	25		25
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	40		40
World Church and Mission Funds	56		56
Westminster College Funds	184		184
Other Funds			
Money received on trust		3	
Expenditure in accordance with the trusts	402	(5)	404
	<u>1,889</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>1,891</u>

NOTE 2 - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Page	Balance 31/12/85 £'000	Balance 31/12/84 £'000
General Fund	50	1,310	1,234
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	51	864	805
Ministerial Training Fund	52	489	511
Church Buildings Fund	54	632	572
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	54	371	171
Welfare Fund	55	40	42
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	55	163	121
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	56	449	336
World Church and Mission Funds	56	183	173
Westminster College Funds	57	83	86
Windermere Project Fund	57	160	-
Other Funds	57	570	525
		<u>5,314</u>	<u>4,576</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1985

	Total	Property	Cars, Furniture & Equipment	Investments	Loans	Current Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund	1,620	875	84	504	-	157
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	1,153			1,098	47	8
Ministerial Training Fund	534			473		61
Church Buildings Fund	816	48		122	554	92
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	726	436			290	-
Welfare Fund	65			64		1
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	202			195		7
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	449				449	-
World Church & Mission Funds	239	-		240		(1)
Westminster College Funds	267	30		226		11
Windermere Project Fund	160	160	5			(5)
Other Funds	972	62	14	799	10	87
	<u>7,203</u>	<u>1,611</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>3,721</u>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>418</u>
Note		4(i)	4(ii)	5	6	

NOTE 4 - FIXED ASSETS

(i) Property (at cost or original valuation)

	£'000 Balance at 1/1/85	£'000 Additions	£'000 Disposals	£'000 Balance at 31/12/85
Freehold Property:				
Church House	75	-	-	75
Houses	900	474	(125)	1,249
Additions at Westminster College	30	-	-	30
Leasehold Property:				
Long Leases				
Windermere Centre	-	104	-	104
Other	39	26	-	65
Short	10	-	-	10
	<u>1,054</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>1,533</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	16	-	-	16
Shop Property	62	-	-	62
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>1,611</u>

(ii) Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Cost

Motor Cars	108	34	(22)	120
Furniture and Equipment	63	5	-	68
Computer Equipment	26	-	-	26
	<u>197</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>(22)</u>	<u>214</u>

Cars, Furniture and Equipment
Depreciation

		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	33	29	(11)	51
Furniture and Equipment	39	5	-	44
Computer Equipment	11	5	-	16
	<u>83</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>111</u>

Net Book Value 114 103

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS

	1985		1984	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Units in Common Investment Fund	1,849	3,349	1,800	2,811
Units in Investment Pool	1,724	3,330	1,576	3,042
Other Listed Investments	51	96	79	154
	<u>3,624</u>	<u>6,775</u>	<u>3,455</u>	<u>6,007</u>
Unlisted Investment at cost	97		97	
	<u>3,721</u>		<u>3,552</u>	

NOTE 6 - LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
To the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited		
from General Fund	-	147
from Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	290	147
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	449	336
from Other Funds	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	740	631
To Churches mainly from Church Buildings Fund	563	547
To Ministers from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	47	44
	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,222</u>

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

NOTE 7 - CASH AT BANK

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
Cash on call and short term deposit	2,268	2,277
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>276</u>	<u>4</u>
	2,544	2,281
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Funds shown on pages 59 to 64	<u>363</u>	<u>242</u>
	2,181	2,039
<u>Less</u> Sums held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,357</u>
	<u>763</u>	<u>682</u>

NOTE 8 - ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER BODIES

At 31st December 1985 the United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	£'000	£'000
Investments (at cost or valuation)		3,555
Money specifically invested externally at short notice		375
Loans		33
Cash on deposit	1,381	
Other cash	<u>37</u>	<u>1,418</u>
		<u>5,381</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 1985, (1984 Nil). No further approval for investment in freehold property (1984 £119,000) has been given. Contracts have been placed for the investment of a further £116,000 (1984 Nil) in leasehold property, (the Windermere Centre) and commitment has been made to meet a further £18,000 (1984 Nil) to lease the former Carver manse for the Windermere project.

The Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of property to the value of £360,000 (1984 £226,000). 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 Account the Church has agreed to lend to the Housing Society any shortfall.

The Church Buildings Committee has authorised loans amounting to £148,000 which were not paid at 31st December 1985.

CENTRAL FUNDS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Unified Appeal		1,261		1,141
Other Income				
Dividends on Investments	58		55	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	91		100	
URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	19		12	
Sundry Income	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
		170		169
TOTAL INCOME		<u>1,431</u>		<u>1,310</u>
EXPENDITURE				
	Costs	Income	Net	Net
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Central Secretariat	44	-	44	43
General Church costs	43	-	43	41
Assembly	28	-	28	27
Grants	37	-	37	33
Moderators	168	-	168	163
Ministries	78	-	78	65
Faith & Life	127	-	127	95
World Church & Mission	245	19	226	212
Church & Society	38	-	38	36
Finance & Administration	131	10	121	116
Professional Fees	24	-	24	22
Communications & Supplies	96	56	40	45
Information Service	4	-	4	4
Central Office costs	<u>119</u>	-	<u>119</u>	<u>112</u>
	<u>1,182</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>1,097</u>	<u>1,014</u>
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries			<u>114</u>	<u>111</u>
			<u>983</u>	<u>903</u>
Allocations				
Council for World Mission		382		364
<u>Less</u> special contributions		<u>13</u>	369	(10)
Ministerial Training Fund			32	27
Retired Ministers Aid Fund			4	4
Welfare Fund			<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			<u>1,406</u>	<u>1,305</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR			25	5
Profit on sale of properties			55	37
Legacies			<u>10</u>	<u>45</u>
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR			<u>90</u>	<u>87</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		1,234		1,147
<u>Less</u> 1984 Legacy re-allocated		<u>14</u>	<u>1,220</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985			<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,234</u>

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Contributions from local churches	5,792		5,585	
Donations and Dividends	<u>125</u>		<u>123</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		5,917		5,708
EXPENDITURE				
Stipends paid to ministers				
Full time	4,126		3,912	
Part time	<u>329</u>		<u>323</u>	
Children's allowances	55		68	
Employer's contribution to Pension Fund and National Insurance	762		742	
Grants and other costs	<u>179</u>		<u>170</u>	
Budgeted allocation to Ministers Pension Fund	426		426	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>5,877</u>		<u>5,641</u>
NET SURPLUS IN THE YEAR		40		67
Profit on sale of investments		-		27
Receipts relating to earlier years		-		6
Legacies		<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>
		45		104
SUMS SET ASIDE:				
Further allocation to the Ministers Pension Fund	-		100	
General Reserve	-		7	
Stipend Payments Reserve	<u>-</u>		<u>30</u>	
		-		137
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR		45		(33)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985	38		71	
Adjustment relating to 1984				
Reallocation of Legacy	<u>14</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>97</u>		<u>38</u>
FUND BALANCES at 31st December 1985				
Income and Expenditure Account		97		38
General Reserve		267		267
Stipend Payments Reserve		<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>
		<u>864</u>		<u>805</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 £310,000. No part of this expenditure falls upon Central Funds.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Dividends	53		51	
Allocation from				
New College, London, Trust	131		131	
Other Donations	5		6	
Allocation from General Fund	<u>32</u>		<u>27</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		221		215
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	58		37	
General Fund (See Page 53)	<u>4</u>		<u>13</u>	
	62		50	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	57		45	
Northern College				
Bursary Fund	64		49	
Other Colleges	7		4	
Cost of Training for the				
Auxiliary Ministry	31		14	
Other Costs	<u>22</u>		<u>11</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>243</u>		<u>173</u>
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR		(22)		42
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		<u>511</u>		<u>469</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>489</u>		<u>511</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE - GENERAL FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Students' Fees	88		61	
Conference Fees	16		10	
Federation Fees	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>	
		109		75
Net Flat Rents	7		5	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
		8		6
Endowment Income	11		10	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
		<u>12</u>		<u>12</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>129</u>		<u>93</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Professors' stipends	32		32	
Professors' accommodation costs	5		5	
Chair Endowments	(7)		(7)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>(23)</u>		<u>(23)</u>	
		7		7
Staff Salaries	39		35	
Household Expenses	21		16	
Rates, light, heat and insurance	28		27	
Maintenance	<u>27</u>		<u>14</u>	
		115		92
University & Federation Fees, Pastoral Studies	4		2	
Board of Studies	-		-	
Library	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		4		2
Office costs	5		4	
Sundry expenses	<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>	
		<u>7</u>		<u>5</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>133</u>		<u>106</u>
NET DEFICIT IN YEAR funded by allocation from Ministerial Training Fund		<u>4</u>		<u>13</u>

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

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations	1		3	
Repayment of Grant	<u>7</u>	8	<u>-</u>	3
Dividends and Interest		41		46
Income from Milton Keynes House		1		1
Income from Ground Rents		18		23
Part Proceeds from Sale of Church		<u>7</u>		<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOME		75		73
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>15</u>		<u>18</u>
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR		60		55
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		<u>572</u>		<u>517</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>632</u>		<u>572</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUNDS

	1985	1984
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Property Management		
Rents Received	7	7
<u>Less Property Costs</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>
Net excess of property costs over rents	(7)	(12)
Sundry Income	1	-
Income from Harrison Longhurst Will Trusts	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Net (Decrease) in fund	(1)	(8)
Profit on sale of property	102	-
Legacies- in cash	-	15
in specie - Nidalla	99	
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR	200	<u>7</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January 1985	<u>171</u>	<u>164</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985	<u>371</u>	<u>171</u>

WELFARE FUND

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
INCOME		
Donations	2	2
Dividends and Interest	8	8
Allocation from General Fund	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
	28	27
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(4)	(3)
Legacies	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR	(2)	(3)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January 1985	<u>42</u>	<u>45</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985	<u>40</u>	<u>42</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS AID FUND

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Investment Income	22		20	
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust	2		1	
Allocation from the General Fund	4		4	
Donations Received	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		28		25
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid	6		5	
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund	<u>21</u>		<u>20</u>	
		<u>27</u>		<u>25</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR				
Legacies		1		-
Profit on Sale of Investments		<u>41</u>		<u>-</u>
NET BALANCE IN THE YEAR		42		-
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		<u>121</u>		<u>121</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>163</u>		<u>121</u>

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS FUND

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
INCOME		
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	123	123
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to the five Schools	10	10
NET SURPLUS IN THE YEAR	<u>113</u>	<u>113</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January 1985	336	223
Balance at 31st December 1985	<u>449</u>	<u>336</u>

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION FUNDS

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Donations	-		-	
Dividends and Interest	<u>26</u>		<u>25</u>	
		26		25
EXPENDITURE				
Contribution to Departmental Expenditure	19		19	
Grants	<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>	
		<u>23</u>		<u>24</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		3		1
Legacies		<u>2</u>		<u>5</u>
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR		5		6
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		143		137
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>148</u>		<u>143</u>
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>	
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	5		4	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985	<u>30</u>		<u>26</u>	
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>35</u>		<u>30</u>
		<u>183</u>		<u>173</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FUNDS

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Grant- Sir William Dunn Trust	2		1	
Other receipts	-		9	
Dividends and Interest	<u>30</u>		<u>29</u>	
		32		39
EXPENDITURE				
Bursary Account Grants	62		40	
Less Ministerial Training Account Grant	<u>58</u>		<u>36</u>	
	4		4	
Chair Endowments	7		6	
General Endowments	11		11	
Other Grants	<u>13</u>		<u>7</u>	
		35		28
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		(3)		11
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		<u>86</u>		<u>75</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>83</u>		<u>86</u>

WINDERMERE PROJECT FUND

	1985	1984
	£'000	£'000
Donations and Other Receipts	160	-
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January 1985	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985	<u>160</u>	<u>-</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	114		102	
Donations and Other Receipts	<u>10</u>		<u>7</u>	
		124		109
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>88</u>		<u>86</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR				
Profit on sale of investments		9		2
NET BALANCE FOR THE YEAR		<u>45</u>		<u>25</u>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1985		<u>525</u>		<u>500</u>
Balance at 31st December 1985		<u>570</u>		<u>525</u>

CENTRAL FUNDS

Source and Application of Current Assets - Year ended 31st December 1985

Source of Current Assets	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total Account Balances				
at 31st December 1985		7,203		6,467
at 1st January 1985		<u>6,467</u>		<u>6,085</u>
Increase in Funds as detailed in Notes 1 and 2		736		382
Adjustment for items not involving movement in Current Assets				
Profit on sale of assets	207		102	
Interest added to Loan and Investment Accounts	33		38	
Depreciation	<u>(40)</u>		<u>(34)</u>	
		<u>200</u>		<u>106</u>
		536		276
Increase in Current Assets arising from				
Sale of property	282		96	
Sale of investments	85		106	
Sale of cars	11		9	
Loans and Advances repaid	<u>341</u>		<u>188</u>	
		<u>719</u>		<u>399</u>
		1,255		675
Decrease in Current Assets arising from				
Purchase of property	604		43	
Purchase of investments	204		207	
Purchase of cars, furniture etc.	39		60	
Loans and Advances made	<u>437</u>		<u>252</u>	
		<u>1,284</u>		<u>562</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Current Assets		<u>(29)</u>		<u>113</u>
Movement in Current Assets				
(Decrease)/Increase in Stock	(4)		-	
(Decrease) in Debtors	(47)		(33)	
Increase in Cash	81		155	
(Increase)/Decrease in Creditors	(39)		4	
(Increase) in advance receipts	<u>(20)</u>		<u>(13)</u>	
		<u>(29)</u>		<u>113</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND
Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Contributions from ministers and central funds	474		452	
Transfer values received	<u>29</u>	503	<u>15</u>	467
Investment Income	696		593	
Underwriting Commission	<u>-</u>	696	<u>4</u>	597
Allocation towards the actuarial deficit	447		446	
Donations	<u>1</u>	448	<u>1</u>	447
		<u>1,647</u>		<u>1,511</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Benefits Paid	688		600	
Contributions repaid to members on withdrawal, less refunds on rejoining fund	1		1	
Transfer Values paid	<u>20</u>		<u>16</u>	
	709		617	
Management expenses	<u>7</u>		<u>1</u>	
		<u>716</u>		<u>618</u>
BALANCE OF INCOME IN YEAR		931		893
Special Allocation from Maintenance of Ministry Fund		-		100
Realised Profit on Sale of Investments		517		290
Unrealised Surplus on Investment Revaluation		440		889
Legacies Received		<u>1</u>		<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR		<u>1,889</u>		<u>2,172</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES				
at 1st January 1985		<u>10,508</u>		<u>8,336</u>
at 31st December 1985		<u>12,397</u>		<u>10,508</u>
REPRESENTED BY				
Investments		12,143		10,049
Net Current Assets		254		459
		<u>12,397</u>		<u>10,508</u>

ACTUARIAL VALUATION

A valuation of the pension fund was carried out by the actuaries to the Church as at 31st December 1984. 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 surplus of £469,000. Upon the advice of the Pensions sub-committee, proposals will be brought to Assembly in 1986 to increase the funding from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, and to improve the benefits of certain classes of pensioner.

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 44 forms an integral part of the accounts of this fund.

PASTORS SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		291		291
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1985	238		214	
Legacies received	-		5	
Net surplus in year	<u>9</u>		<u>19</u>	
At 31st December 1985		<u>247</u>		<u>238</u>
		<u>538</u>		<u>529</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>1,049</u>	513	<u>960</u>	509
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>25</u>		<u>20</u>
		<u>538</u>		<u>529</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1985

INCOME				
Investment Income	70		66	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	8		7	
Sundry Income	<u>1</u>		<u>-</u>	
		79		73
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid - Normal	58		54	
Special Holiday	<u>12</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>9</u>		<u>19</u>

PASTORS WIDOWS FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		158		158
ACCUMULATED FUND				
At 1st January 1985	195		176	
Legacies received	-		7	
Net (deficit)/surplus in year	<u>(3)</u>		<u>12</u>	
At 31st December 1985		<u>192</u>		<u>195</u>
		<u>350</u>		<u>353</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost				
Units in Common Investment Fund	<u>681</u>	337	<u>626</u>	337
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>13</u>		<u>16</u>
		<u>350</u>		<u>353</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for
the year ended 31st December 1985

INCOME				
Investment Income	46		43	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	8		7	
Sundry Income	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		54		50
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid - Normal	44		38	
Special Holiday	<u>13</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>57</u>		<u>38</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		<u>(3)</u>		<u>12</u>

COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	1000 Units	£'000	1000 Units	£'000
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January 1985	2,612	3,431	2,574	3,035
Units issued in year	76	158	65	121
Units cancelled in year	(11)	(23)	(27)	(52)
Profit on sale of investments		142		327
At 31st December 1985	<u>2,677</u>	3,708	<u>2,612</u>	3,431
Unrealised Surplus of Market Value of Investments over Cost		2,093		1,775
Special Reserve Fund				
At 1st January 1985	19		17	
Underwriting Commission	<u>-</u>		<u>2</u>	
At 31st December 1985		<u>19</u>		<u>19</u>
		<u>5,820</u>		<u>5,225</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Investments	<u>3,633</u>	5,725	<u>3,313</u>	5,088
Cash and Short Term Deposits		36		136
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		59		1
		<u>5,820</u>		<u>5,225</u>

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

£2.1742

£2.00066

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

	Rate per Unit	£'000	Rate per Unit	£'000
3 months ended 31st March	£0.029908	79	£0.030203	78
30th June	£0.041528	109	£0.038766	99
30th September	£0.036217	96	£0.032966	85
31st December	£0.035137	93	£0.034377	91
Total income distributed	<u>£0.142790</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>£0.136312</u>	<u>353</u>

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	1000 Units	£'000	1000 Units	£'000
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January 1985	1,645	2,507	1,447	2,012
Units issued in year	101	258	230	511
Units cancelled in year	(18)	(43)	(32)	(75)
Profit on sale of investments		<u>182</u>		<u>59</u>
At 31st December 1985	<u>1,728</u>	2,904	<u>1,645</u>	2,507
Unrealised Surplus of Market Value of Investments over Cost		1,806		1,454
Special Reserve Fund				
At 1st January 1985	2		1	
Underwriting Commission	<u>-</u>		<u>1</u>	
At 31st December 1985		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
		<u>4,712</u>		<u>3,963</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
	£'000	Value £'000	£'000	Value £'000
Investments	<u>2,764</u>	4,570	<u>2,337</u>	3,791
Cash and Short Term Deposits		63		165
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>79</u>		<u>7</u>
		<u>4,712</u>		<u>3,963</u>

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

£2.72654

£2.40954

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

	Rate per Unit	£'000	Rate per Unit	£'000
3 months ended 31st March	£0.033723	56	£0.036996	54
30th June	£0.040781	69	£0.035317	56
30th September	£0.041214	69	£0.038574	61
31st December	£0.036586	62	£0.035621	59
Total income distributed	<u>£0.152304</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>£0.146508</u>	<u>230</u>

Funds held for
HOUSING RETIRED MINISTERS

A consolidated account of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds
of the United Reformed Church
and the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited.

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st December 1985

	1985		1984	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property at cost or valuation		3,144		2,618
Current Assets				
Cash	113		22	
<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>3</u>	
Net Current Assets		107		19
		<u>3,251</u>		<u>2,637</u>
 FINANCED BY				
Loans		457		491
Revenue Reserves	2,439		1,791	
Capital Reserves	<u>355</u>		<u>355</u>	
		<u>2,794</u>		<u>2,146</u>
		<u>3,251</u>		<u>2,637</u>

This account is a summarised and consolidated account of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds of the United Reformed Church, with the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited. The accounts of the housing funds are shown on page 54 of this book, and the accounts of the Society are available from the Finance Department of the United Reformed Church

Funds held for
HOUSING RETIRED MINISTERS

A consolidated account of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds
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Property Management Account

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1985

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
Rents	51	45
Property costs	<u>53</u>	<u>63</u>
Net deficit from property	(2)	(18)
Administrative costs	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Net Balance for the Year	(6)	(21)
Balance at January 1st 1985	<u>6</u>	<u>27</u>
Balance at December 31st 1985	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>

General Revenue Account

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1985

	1985 £'000	1984 £'000
Donations, Dividends, and Sundry Income	43	91
Legacies, and gifts of houses	478	47
Profit on property sold	<u>147</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>668</u>	<u>253</u>
<u>Less</u> Interest on money borrowed	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>
Net Balance for the Year	654	245
Balance at January 1st 1985	<u>1,785</u>	<u>1,540</u>
Balance at December 31st 1985	<u>2,439</u>	<u>1,785</u>
 <u>TOTAL REVENUE RESERVES</u>	 <u>2,439</u>	 <u>1,791</u>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1985 £'000	Budget 1985 £'000	Budget 1986 £'000	Budget 1987 £'000
INCOME				
Unified Appeal	1,261	1,280	1,359	1,428
Other income	170	145	157	177
TOTAL INCOME	1,431	1,425	1,516	1,605
EXPENDITURE				
Central Secretariat	44	45	47	50
General Church costs	43	38	39	52
Assembly	28	27	28	32
Grants	37	35	40	45
Moderators	168	178	179	202
Ministries	78	89	99	106
Faith and Life	127	121	124	144
World Church and Mission	226	228	241	259
Church and Society	38	37	39	42
Finance and Administration	121	125	129	135
Professional Fees	24	24	25	27
Communication and Supplies	40	52	73	73
Information Service	4	4	5	5
Central Office costs	119	115	123	135
	1,097	1,118	1,191	1,307
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	114	116	122	133
	983	1,002	1,069	1,174
Allocations				
Council for World Mission	369	369	390	413
Ministerial Training Fund	32	32	34	36
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	4	4	4	4
Welfare Fund	18	18	19	20
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,406	1,425	1,516	1,647
NET BALANCE IN YEAR	25	-	-	(42)

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

	Actual 1985 £'000	Budget 1985 £'000	Budget 1986 £'000	Budget 1987 £'000
INCOME				
Contributions from Churches	5,792	5,795	6,000	6,278
Dividends and donations	125	130	150	142
TOTAL INCOME	<u>5,917</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>6,420</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	4,455	4,443	4,655	4,911
Children's allowances	55	60	53	41
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	762	791	826	794
	<u>5,272</u>	<u>5,294</u>	<u>5,534</u>	<u>5,746</u>
Grants and other costs	179	205	190	199
Grants to Ministers Pension Fund	426	426	426	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>5,877</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>6,150</u>	<u>6,445</u>
NET BALANCE IN YEAR	40	-	-	(25)

LEGACIES and GIFTS of HOUSES

	£		£
General Fund		Retired Ministers Aid Fund	
The Late Miss J H Barclay	1,351	The Late Miss A B Wilson	13
Miss M Bourne	17	Miss M F Wilson	267
Mrs H R P Doherty	2,706		<u>£280</u>
Mr A L Harrison	100	United Reformed Church Ministers	
Miss J E James	100	Pension Fund	
Rev L Mrs S Pullen	3,959	The Late Mrs F Brown	500
Mr W O Martin	50	Mr S Bestwick	43
Mrs E C Powell	<u>1,608</u>	Mrs M S Rogers	100
	9,891	Miss A B Wilson	13
Miss P B Stephenson		Miss M F Wilson	267
1984 reallocated	(14,026)		<u>£923</u>
	<u>£(4,135)</u>		
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd	
The Late Miss M Alexander	1,300	The Late Mrs M A Jerome	648
Mr T Hughes*	3,221	Mrs D B Lewis	2,215
Miss P B Stephenson	780	Miss L M Ogle	5,873
	<u>5,301</u>	Miss L Gibson	157,000
Miss P B Stephenson		Mrs D M Middleton	500
1984 reallocated	14,026	Miss K Fisher	1,000
	<u>£19,327</u>	Miss J G Eastwood	1,000
		Miss E Attenburrow	1,000
 		Miss D Groves	49,600
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund			<u>£218,836</u>
The Late Mr F J Hayward*	386	Bequests and gifts of houses	
Mrs C McLeod		2 houses from Miss O Spicer	80,000
Nidalla House sold for	<u>99,314</u>	The Late Rev F Copeland	
	<u>£99,700</u>	Simmonds	35,000
 		Mr W D Edwards	45,000
Welfare Fund			<u>£160,000</u>
The Late Mr W A Downham	<u>£2,109</u>	Total	<u>£378,836</u>
World Church & Mission Fund			
The Late Mr A L Harrison	100		
Miss M Bourne	17		
Miss C W Livingston	300		
Mr M J Hardy	1,164		
Rev G M Wales			
(Tax adj.1984)	(22)		
	<u>£1,559</u>	Total	<u>£498,599</u>

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

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