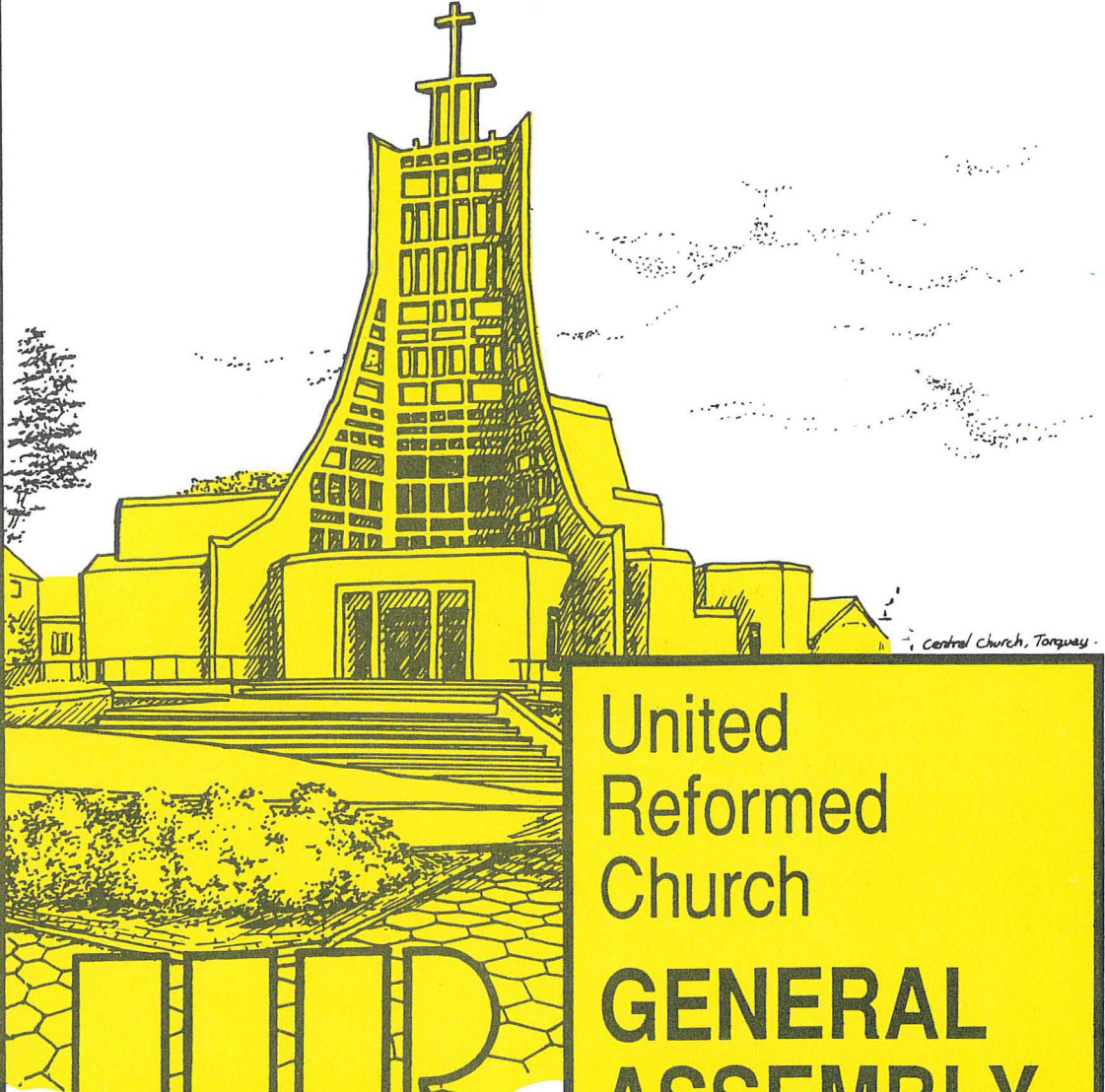


# ASSEMBLY RECORD



United  
Reformed  
Church

**GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
1991**

April 29th - May 3rd  
**TORQUAY**

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RECORD  
of the meeting of the  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
of the United Reformed Church  
1991

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**Monday, 29th April 1991**

**First Session**

**Assembly Service including Holy Communion**

On Monday, 29th April 1991, at 2.30 p.m. members of Assembly met at the Central Church, Torquay where the Opening Worship of the Assembly took place, including the celebration of Holy Communion. This was led by the Moderator, the Revd Graham Cook, assisted by his Chaplains, Mrs Ruth Clarke, the Revd Alan Gaunt, the Revd John Hetherington, and the Revd Bernard Thorogood.

**Commemoration of Ministers and Missionaries**

The act of worship included the commemoration of the following ministers and missionaries of the United Reformed Church who had died since the last Assembly:

**Ministers who have died since Assembly 1990**

Hamish Michael BAILLIE	Albert Edward HUNTER
Stephen Edgar BAKER	William John Fairchild HUXTABLE
James BRANKIN	Stanley Edward KILLICK
Thomas Kenneth COLLEDGE	Pamela Margaret LAWSON
William CULLEN	Watcyn LLEWELYN
Hubert CUNLIFFE-JONES	George Charles MALE
Philip DOLPHIN	Lionel MONTEITH
John William EVANS	Howell MORRIS
Samuel Vaughan EVANS	Gilbert Arthur NUNN
William Mason FENWICK	Donald Dunbar ROBERTSON
Gordon FORD	William John SAMUEL
William Zachariah GIBB	Albert SEWARD
Angus Armitage GRIEVE	Stanley Arthur SHEPPARD
Charles James GUILDFORD	Frederick Tipler SNAPE
John Henry HAILE	Jacqueline Lesley SKIBNIEWSKI-WOODS
Arthur HALFPENNY	Ernest Walter SOUTHEY
Richard John HALL	David Arafnah THOMAS
Robert HANDYSIDE	Clifford VARDY
Desmond John HARRIS	Frederick WARREN
Albert John HERRING	Morgan Watcyn WILLIAMS
Arthur HUGHES	Yvonne Caroline WORKMAN

**Missionaries who have died since Assembly 1990**

Mrs Grace PEILL, nee Cook	Mrs Ruth BARR, nee Hill
The Revd Stella Mary BEARE	Mrs Gladys Mary BUSBY, nee Harrison
Miss Mary Eardley DUNN	The Revd James Herbert (Tim) MANSON
Mrs Evelyn Ida May BARNES, nee Gardiner	Miss Edith MILLS
Mrs Doris SANDILANDS, nee Weatherhead	The Revd James Robert THOMSON
The Revd Sarah Eleanor MOVERLEY, nee Ffrench	
Mrs Ethel Frances Maltus SMITH, nee Bradbury	

At the conclusion of the service, the session was suspended, and the Assembly resumed at 5.30 p.m. at the English Riviera Centre.

### **Constitution of the Assembly**

The Moderator, the Revd Graham Cook, constituted the Assembly with prayer, the place and time having been duly appointed, and opened the evening worship.

### **Induction of the Moderator**

On the motion of the Revd Graham Cook, the Revd Malcolm Hanson, 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 and was presented with an inscribed copy of the Bible by the Revd Graham Cook.

### **Thanks to the retiring Moderator**

The thanks of the Church were expressed by the Moderator to the Revd Graham Cook and Mrs Jean Cook.

The Moderator addressed the Assembly, the theme being 'Driven by the Spirit'. Printed copies are available.

### **Loyal Address**

The immediate past Moderator, the Revd Graham Cook, presented the Loyal Address to the Throne.

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

We, the people of the United Reformed Church, now meeting in General Assembly in Torquay, send loyal greetings to Your Majesty, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since last we met, the event which has overshadowed the life of our nation and been the subject of most of our prayers has been the crisis in the Gulf: the war, and the subsequent strife, terrorisation and starvation of the people of Iraq, along with the devastation of Kuwait. As loyal citizens of the nation and disciples of the Kingdom of God we have found these events to have caused deep tensions between us and within us.

Some of our sons and daughters are in the armed forces and served in the Gulf, some of our ministers are chaplains to those who served. There was joy and gratitude amongst us when the war ended and there were so few casualties amongst our forces. There was sadness and pain amongst us that there were so many deaths in Iraq and so much devastation brought to that country and to Kuwait. Our prayers continue for those peoples and for just and lasting peace within the whole region.

We assure Your Majesty of our prayers as you seek to discharge your heavy responsibilities as Head of State and as one who has always sought to fulfil those duties as a child of God.

We are  
Your faithful and loyal subjects.

Moderator

Clerk

29 April 1991"

The National Anthem was sung. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

The Roll of Assembly was placed on the table.

## ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator: The Rt Revd Malcolm Hanson  
Clerk: The Revd Bernard G Thorogood  
Assistant Clerk: Mrs Olive Darke  
Moderator Elect (1992-93):  
Deputy General Secretary: The Revd Michael Dunford

### Provincial Moderators:

I Revd D Jenkins	II Revd A G Burnham	III Revd E Allen
IV Revd D Hilton	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 J E Sowerbutts	XI Revd D Helyar	XII Revd J L Humphreys

### Department Conveners:

Ministries:	Revd C K Forecast
Faith and Life:	Revd Dr Philip Morgan
Church & Society:	Dr Mary Ede
World Church & Mission:	Mrs Mary Marsden
Finance & Administration:	Mr A M Grimmond

### Conveners of Standing Committees:

Business:	Revd A J Wells
Nominations:	Revd C B Nuttall
Communication & Supplies:	Revd C P W Wright
Assembly Pastoral	
Reference Committee:	Revd C Cyril Franks
Forward Policy Group:	Mr R Clarke
Advocacy:	Revd J J Macro

### Ministries:

Vocations:	Revd M B Stolton
Training:	Mrs Elisabeth Jupp
Support:	Revd Dr D G Cornick

### Faith and Life:

Doctrine & Worship:	Revd Dr C E Gunton
Christian Education and Stewardship:	Revd W W Mahood
Youth Work:	Mrs Ruth Clarke
Children's Work:	Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee
Health and Healing:	Revd R R Hine
Youth and Children's Work	
Training Committee:	Revd J Oldershaw

### World Church and Mission:

MEW at Home:	Revd M Mackenzie
MEW Abroad:	Revd D M Wales
Mission & Other Faiths:	Revd John Sutcliffe
Personnel:	Revd W Raymond P Adams

### Church and Society:

Additional representatives:	Revd G Sweeney, Revd D Rominger.
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**Finance:**

Financial Management:	Mr A Grimmond
Financial Resources:	Revd A J G Walker
Maintenance of the Ministry:	Mr A Black
Welfare & Emergencies:	Mr Ray Heritage
Retired Ministers' Housing:	Revd David R Hannen

**Synod Clerks:**

I Revd Dr A R Ritchie	II Revd B A Baker	III Revd A W Duncan
IV Mr D Thacker	V Revd A C White	VI Mrs W Frew
VII Mr W McVey	VIII Revd J Taylor	IX Revd G H Thomas
X Revd G W Satchell	XI Mrs C Meekison	XII Mrs E McIlveen

**Additional Synod representatives:**

I	Revd M Smith, Revd S M Thornton, Revd Dr G A Hood.
II	Revd H G Hayes, Mr W Black, Mr W Williams.
III	Revd K W Stocks, Revd W Graham, Revd J S Wilkinson.
IV	Revd D Wilson, Mrs J Throssell, Mr J Throssell
V	Mrs M Weedon, Revd N Healey, Mrs V Stonehouse.
VI	Mr A E McCulloch, Mr P H Turner, Mr R N Webb
VII	Revd D McIlhagga, Mr C Raggett, Miss J Gorton.
VIII	Revd P S Killick, Mr A M Johnston, Revd S M Scarr
IX	Revds J Macro, Revd S Nuttall, Mrs M Carrick-Smith.
X	Revd G Morgan, Revd D Turner, Mr D Mills.
XI	Revd P McIntosh, Mr D Buckland, Mr E Ford.
XII	Revd T Jones, Revd N Head, Mrs M Lane.

**Synod Treasurers:**

I Mr B McIntosh	II Mr G R Stelfox	II Mr R D Holden
IV Mr D Lethem	V Mr M Harrison	VI Mr H Kempton
VII Mr V Hughff	VIII Mr G Lunt	IX Mr J E Richardson
X Mr R S Martin	XI Mr B M Edwards	XII Mr A Gilmour.

**Theological College representatives:**

Mansfield College:	Revd A Tucker, Ms J Stanz.
Northern College, Manchester:	Revd R J McKelvey, Mr M J Coe.
Westminster College, Cambridge:	Revd Dr S Mayor, Mr R MacDonald.

**Youth representatives:** Mr D Leon, Miss E Owens.

**Council for World Mission:**

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

**Missionaries on Furlough:** Revd B Collins, Miss J Stolton, Revd J Burgess.

**Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:**

Mr B J Hartwell, Revd Dr J Marsh, Revd R W Hugh Jones, Revd C J Buckingham, Revd Professor J Eric Fenn, Revd I R N Miller, Revd Professor F G Healey, Revd H Burns Jamieson, Revd A S Cooper, Revd N Birnie, Revd A L Macarthur, Revd J E Young, 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 W Georgeson, Revd J E Francis, Revd J Gray, Revd K C Burdett, Revd R Murray, Revd G B Waterton, Revd A B Webster, Revd Dr P D Arthur, Revd G Sharpe, Dr D M Thompson, Revd A V Smith, Revd A J G Walker, Revd Dr P Morgan, Revd D H Dale, Mr R A Heritage, Revd C C Franks, Revd E Banyard, Revd C K Forecast, Revd G J Cook.

### **District representatives:**

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

### **Province I**

- A: Revd Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow, Revd J Salsbury, Revd D Galloway, Revd D Deans, Mr & Mrs R Ogilvie, Mr J Storer\*.
- B: Revd S Brock, Revd G Connacher, Revd T Grant, Revd A Jackson, Revd W Nicol, Mr C Connacher, Mr P Frost, Miss D Postle, Mrs A Forest, Mrs B Storer.
- C: Revd R Forster, Revd D Roberts, Mrs A Scott, Mrs M Dixon.
- D: Revd P Poulter, Revd Dr A Fraser, Revd Dr D Pickering, Dr D Warnock, Mr E Dale, Mr E Hanson.
- E: Revd S J Martin, Revd Dr E Massey, Mrs P Martin.
- F: Revd S R W Paull, Mrs L Higton.

### **Province II**

- A: Revd Dr D Whiting, Revd A Tomlinson, Revd B Morrell, Miss O Calvert, Mrs S Kendall, Mr H Rawlins.
- B: Revd R D Jones, Revd G Eatock, Mrs B E Wilson, Miss M E Johnston, Mrs M Stelfox.
- C: Revd A W Mailer, Revd A Lonsdale, Revd G K Tolley, Mrs I Wylde, Mrs M Whittaker.
- D: Revd J Francis, Revd R Crofton, Revd B Roe, Mrs C Sibley\*, Mrs G Oldham\*.
- E: Revd D Haward, Revd P Hunt, Revd B Jones, Revd D Yule, Mrs J Cockcroft, Mr Ollerenshaw, Mrs Ollerenshaw, Mr C Barlow.
- F: Revd J Westhead, Revd B Jolly, Revd A Harrison, Revd E Fallows, Mrs M Hayes, Miss N Allen, Miss D Allen, Mr G Perkin, Mrs C Perkin.
- G: Revd J T Yates, Revd D Phillips, Miss S Salmon, Mr S Loveitt.

### **Province III**

- A: Revd G Evans, Revd D Lawrence, Revd S Mountcastle, Revd J Evans, Miss A Minshull, Ms S Legge, Ms T Sandman, Mr J White.
- B: Revd C L Geyer, Revd E Sambrooks, Revd K Watts, Mrs O Trish, Mr D Hibbert, Mrs E Christian.
- C: Revd W H Elliott, Revd P W Pells, Revd S Dears, Miss J Woods, Miss J Parry, Miss M Trubic.
- D: Revd M Camroux, Revd R Hambly, Revd P D Foster, Revd O Kimberley, Mr P McGraa, Mrs C Deeks, Mr D E G Faragher, Mr S Stirling.
- E: Revd E Boon, Revd R Bushby, Revd J Forster\*.

### **Province IV**

- A: Revd D Greenwood, Revd B Burgess, Revd C Micklem, Miss W Darcey, Mr A Goldfinch, Mr G Lawrence.
- B: Revd P Chave, Revd J Hardaker, Revd A Upham, Revd C White, Mrs E Aizlewood, Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr J Morrison, Mr R Norris.
- C: Revd E J Brown, Revd D E Marsden, Revd J Martin, Ms V Howson, Mrs P Hunt, Mrs B Liversidge.
- D: Revd A Evans, Revd S Swailes, Revd J Jenkins, Mrs E Saunders, Mr W Blue, Mr S Jones.
- E: Revd D Atkinson, Revd M J Wear, Revd V Newman, Mr J E M Gilbey, Mrs M P Morgan, Mrs K Shaw.
- F: Revd A Spivey, Revd J C Durell, Revd W J Taylor, Miss M E Atkinson, Mrs N Davidson, Mr P Ashworth.

## Province V

- A: Revd M T Bond, Revd P G B Barker, Revd G J Maskery, Revd M G Herbert, Mrs M Spotswood, Mrs M Askew, Mr P Chandler, Mrs M Martin.
- B: Revd S Crane, Revd D Gardner, Revd C Whitman, Mrs S Spurling, Mr B Russell, Mr D Jolley.
- C: Revd P Floe, Revd E McDonald, Revd W Young, Mr Brian Coaker, Mrs D Saville, Mr B Stonehouse.
- D: Revd S Whiffen, Revd T Royds, Revd E Welch, Revd E Smart, Mrs G Coe, Mr D Edwards, Mr R Embrey, Mrs I Laurrie, Mr L Watson, Revd E Kemp\*.
- E: Revd D Hilborn, Revd B Slater, Revd E Slater, Mrs M Buxton, Mr D Watson, Ms H Slater.

## Province VI

- A: Revd T MacMeekin, Revd Dr J Parry, Revd W Williams, Revd W Baskett, Revd J Rammell, Mrs J MacMeekin, Mr D Paterson, Miss H Dawson, Mr A Onions.
- B: Revd N Stancliff, Revd K Johnson, Mr D Griffiths, Miss A Williams, Miss M Williams.
- C: Revd H Dixon, Revd M Henninger, Revd J Marsh, Ms M Morgan, Mrs G Turner, Miss M Whittall.
- D: Revd C Biggs, Revd E J R Bentliff, Revd L Jameson, Mrs M Evans, Mr R Pickering, Mrs J Pickering.
- E: Revd E Cruchley, Revd B Holroyd, Revd T Lewis, Revd W Snade, Revd G Spicer, Mr D MacDonald, Mr A MacDougall, Mrs R Page.
- F: Revd P Bedford, Revd M Cruchley, Revd B Stops, Revd R Wolff, Mrs S Matthews, Mr G Satchell, Mrs M Marshall.

## Province VII

- A: Revd J Simpson, Revd R Muttram, Revd C Davies, Mrs B Davies, Mrs S Yorke, Mr B Wakefield\*.
- B: Revd D E Greengrass, Revd J M McCallum, Revd R J Mortimer, Revd J A Pugh, Mr T W Glasse, Mrs I Scarff, Mr R A Scarff, Dr J Tilley.
- C: Revd F Hutchinson, Revd R Canham, Revd K Ellis, Revd B Shirley, Mr B Coxshead, Mrs D Dean, Mrs E Horton, Mr D Osborn.
- D: Revd S Maxey, Revd V Ridgewell, Revd J Roche, Mr K Woods, Mr N Raggett.
- E: Revd J Rapkin, Revd R Rooke, Revd J Ward, Revd M Whitehorn, Mrs J Armour, Mr P Crocker, Mr R Sulston, Mr P Wade.
- F: Revd F Jones, Mrs B Gathercole\*.

## Province VIII

- A: Revd C V Skinner, Revd L Dean, Mr C R Thompson, Mrs L Anderson.
- B: Revd P Southcombe, Revd G Bowerman, Mr K Finlinson, Mr G Dart.
- C: Revd M Ambler, Revd C Searle, Revd B Ellis, Mr D Lee, Mr L Phillips, Mrs P Shapland.
- D: Revd E Ridout, Revd B Kirk, Miss I Reeves, Mr A Senior.
- E: Revd S Lloydlangston, Revd R Fowler, Mrs B Brettell, Miss A Pegler.
- F: Revd P Adgie, Revd Dr C Baxter, Revd A Bound, Revd B Chart, Revd S Fisher, Miss D Criddle, Miss H Starrit, Mrs H Pencavel, Mrs S Grimsey, Miss E Baker.
- G: Revd R Humphrey, Mr G C Humphrey.
- H: Revd D Youngs, Mr D Spink.
- J: Revd D J Wilkinson, Miss C Baldwin.

## Province IX

- A: Revd R Balmer, Revd J Bolton, Revd T Shepherd, Revd D Bending, Revd S Sivour, Revd J C Evans, Mrs E Dickinson, Mrs D Garner, Mr L Holly, Miss F E Woolcock, Miss D Elderfield, Miss J M Fleming.
- B: Revd B Russell, Revd A Thomasson, Revd A Green, Revd E Symmons, Mrs B Fleming, Mr J Fleming, Dr M Schofield, Miss M Bodey.



- C: Revd J M Parkinson, Revd H M Pullin, Revd K J Summers, Mrs P Miller, Mr D G Taylor, Mr R Cutress.
- D: Revd P Dean, Revd D Nevard, Revd S Piper, Revd R Whittle, Mrs A Collins, Mrs B Johnson, Mr H Barker, Mr R M E Dawe.
- E: Revd D Clark, Revd A Peirce, Revd R Taylor, Revd D Wilkins, Revd D Williams, Mr E Duffey, Mr N Jones, Miss E M Kaye, Miss M Nance, Mr A Jackson.

### **Province X**

- A: Revd M Lay, Revd R Courtney, Revd S Ellis, Revd P Stewart, Revd I Kardos, Mrs B Farks, Mrs M Stacy, Mr D Horrex, Mr E Rowland, Mr R Townsend.
- B: Revd R Whitehead, Revd B Scopes, Revd R Eveleigh, Mr K Olding, Mr M Bending, Mrs A McGrecham.
- C: Revd E Ward, Revd K Riglin, Mrs K Lehman, Mrs J Malcolm.
- D: Revd J C Campbell, Revd I Meredith, Revd D Jones, Revd J Sutcliffe, Revd A Ruffell, Mrs J Campbell, Dr A Stokes, Mrs A Stokes, Mrs M Davies, Mr J Jordan.
- E: Revd A Newman, Revd D Russell, Revd J Pratt, Mr E Matthews, Mr R Willis, Mrs M Satchell.
- F: Revd D Ager, Revd J Edwards, Revd P Newell, Ms W Ellingham, Ms A Jiggins, Mr A Mabbs.

### **Province XI**

- A: Revd B Eyles, Revd C Lewis, Revd R Blows, Revd R Landon, Revd O D Symes, Miss D Topple, Miss E Stone, Mr S Jones.
- B: Revd M O'Hara, Revd L Charlton, Revd J Joseph, Revd D Tapley, Revd I Knowles, Mrs B Bristow, Mr N Small, Mrs J West, Mr S Griffiths, Mrs A Morgan.
- C: Revd K Chippindale, Revd B Sewell, Revd M Rees, Revd N Rogers, Revd D Schofield, Mr B Worrall, Miss G Smith, Mrs R Johnston, Mrs J McCracken, Miss S Gray.
- D: Revd B Johanson, Revd K McNicol, Revd S Thomas, Revd S Sexton, Mr J Ellis, Mr D Downing, Mrs R Anderson, Mr G Ring.
- E: Revd R Wood, Revd D Crowther, Revd A Lorimer, Mrs W Burnham, Mr P Burnham, Mrs A Lorimer.
- F: Revd H John, Revd D F Jones, Revd G Palmer, Revd A H Owens, Mr R Brown, Miss A Enness, Mrs M Elliott, Mrs A McKee.
- G: Revd F Cochrane, Revd J Titlow, Revd B Wroe, Mr K Ashby, Mr I Sinclair, Mr C Vernon.

### **Province XII**

- A: Revd A Seager, Revd H Gordon, Revd K Jones, Mr G Parry, Mr R Spedding, Mr H Morris\*.
- B: Revd Dr J Harris, Revd R Gordon, Mr S Harvey, Mrs S Harvey, Mrs C Othen, Revd P Scotland\*.
- C: Revd K Graham, Revd B Johnston, Revd M Kennard, Revd H Sharp, Miss P Edwards, Miss J Phillips, Mrs S Pollard, Miss P Harvey, Revd I James.
- D: Revd P Lewis, Revd M Page, Mrs M Page, Miss S Morgan.
- E: Revd D Fox, Revd T Owen, Mr T Lane, Mr G B Williams.
- F: Revd S Roberts, Revd J Davies, Revd R Williams, Mr J Hampson, Mr B Watkins, Mr P Gaskell.

### **Voting Members representing other Churches**

Baptist Union of Great Britain:	Revd Derek J Keenan
Church of Scotland:	Revd Margaret Forrester
Congregational Union of Scotland:	Revd Peter W Main
Methodist Church:	Mrs Patricia Jones
Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland:	Mr A McIntosh, JP
Presbyterian Church in Ireland:	Revd David Nesbitt
Presbyterian Church of Wales:	Revd David K Smith
Union of Welsh Independents:	Revd Gareth Morgan Jones
Congregational Federation:	Revd John Bourne

## Reception of Guests

The Revd Michael Hubbard, Moderator of the South Western Province, presented visitors from the local area:

The Rt Revd Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter

The Revd Amos Cresswell (Chairman, Plymouth and Exeter District, Methodist Church)

The Revd Mgr A Gilby (Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth)

Mrs Mary Marsden, Convener of the World Church and Mission Department, introduced representatives from churches overseas and in the United Kingdom, as listed.

The Revd Derek J Keenan*	Baptist Union of Gt Britain & Ireland
The Rt Revd Professor Robert Davidson	Church of Scotland Moderator 1990/91
Mr Kenneth Gardner	Church of Scotland
The Revd Margaret Forrester*	Church of Scotland
The Revd John Bourne*	Congregational Federation
The Revd Peter W Main*	Congregational Union of Scotland
The Revd Matthew Sullivan	Congregational Union of Scotland, President Elect
The Revd Jan Capek	Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren
The Revd Ludger Mandelbaum	Evangelical Church of the Palatinate
Mrs Patricia Jones*	Methodist Church
Mr Ashton McIntosh, JP*	Moravian Church
The Revd Lal Hruai Vela	Myanmar Presbyterian Church
The Revd Dr A W Berkhof	Netherlands Reformed Church
The Rt Revd Principal R F G Holmes	Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Moderator
The Revd David Nesbitt*	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
The Revd Dr Brian Murphy	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Mr Sylvester Agnew	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
The Revd Professor Kim Sung Jae	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
The Revd Michael Thawley	Presbyterian Church in New Zealand
The Revd David K Smith*	Presbyterian Church of Wales
The Revd Gareth Morgan Jones*	Union of Welsh Independents
The Revd Dr Fred Trost	United Church of Christ (USA)
Ms Verna Cassells	United Church of Jamaica & Grand Cayman
The Revd Samuel Silungwe	United Church of Zambia *Voting Member

### Other Visitors to Assembly

Mrs Davidson	Church of Scotland
Pfarrer Ernest Dawe	Church of the Palatinate
Mrs Josephine Holmes	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Mrs Murphy	Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Mrs Dorothy Thawley	Presbyterian Church in New Zealand
Mrs Louise Trost and Miss Trost	The United Church of Christ (USA)
The Revd and Mrs Michael Davies	World Council of Churches, Geneva

The Rt Revd Professor Robert Davidson, the Revd Jan Capek and Ms Verna Cassells responded to the welcome on behalf of the guests.

The session was closed by prayer, the singing of a hymn and the Blessing, and the Assembly adjourned to meet again in the Riviera Centre at 9.30 the next morning.

The Assembly was reconvened at 9.30 am in the Riviera Centre, the Moderator, the Rt Revd Malcolm Hanson presiding. Opening worship was conducted by the Chaplain, the Revd Elizabeth Caswell, assisted by Mr Bert Worrall.

The Moderator welcomed the Mayor of Torbay, Councillor Mrs Frances Johnson, who addressed the Assembly. The meeting responded with applause.

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to the Assembly to present "The Agenda Before Us". The Revd Bernard Thorogood outlined the business of the week.

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator welcomed newcomers to Assembly and called upon the convener of the Business Committee, the Revd Adrian Wells, to present the order of business and the Business Committee's report. Mr Wells corrected two errors in the printed reports:

p.1 Resolution 1 should be inserted that: "Assembly receives the report for debate", and on p.2, Resolution 7 was not a resolution but a statement. The additional resolution: **"Assembly receives the report for debate"**

was moved and carried.

## **MANUAL - INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE**

Resolution:

**"Assembly ratifies its decision made in May 1990 to revise the Manual in inclusive language and therefore confirms all the amendments shown in italics in the draft presented to Assembly in 1990, plus the amendments printed on the additional sheet presented to the Assembly, but excluding any change to paragraph 17 of the Basis."**

was moved and carried.

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP - CRCWs**

Resolution:

**"Assembly ratifies its decision made in May 1990 to include CRCWs in membership of District Councils by amending 3a (Manual p.15) to read:**

**'All ministers (other than auxiliary ministers), deaconesses, registered local pastors and church-related community workers engaged directly in the service of the United Reformed Church within that District.'**"

was moved and carried

## **MANUAL - NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTERS**

Resolution:

**"Assembly agrees the following amendments to the Manual in order to delete the term 'auxiliary minister':**

<b>Page</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>

**Delete last sentence and insert:  
Their service may be stipendiary or non-stipendiary, and in the latter case their service is given within the area of a District Council and in a context it has approved.**

14	(x)	Delete phrase in brackets.
15	(ix)	Delete phrase in brackets.
15	3 (a)	Delete phrase in brackets.
15	3 (b)	Delete phrase in brackets.
15	3 (c)	Delete whole paragraph.
16	after (ii)	Re-number following paragraphs: Insert new paragraph (iii): To appoint, or to concur in the appointment of non-stipendiary ministers to their particular service and review their service at stated intervals.
16	present (iii)	Delete - An auxiliary minister.
16	present (v)	Delete phrase in brackets.
18	4 (a)	Delete phrase in brackets.
19	4 (vi)	Delete phrase in brackets.
20	4 (xiv)	Delete phrase in brackets."

was moved and carried and the Clerk moved a supplementary resolution that:

**"The matter be referred to Provincial Synods with the request that reponses should be sent to the General Secretary by 31st December 1991."**

This was carried.

## **DATING OF ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES**

Resolution:

**"Assembly agrees the following amendments to the Rules of Procedure.**

<b>Page</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>	
70	1 (1)	The Assembly shall meet at least once in every year. The scheduled meeting in each year, the place and dates of which shall be determined by a preceding Assembly, shall be the Annual Meeting of the Assembly.
70	4)	Any meeting of the Assembly other than the Annual Meeting shall be a special meeting. .... so as to reach the Clerk not later than 10 weeks before the meeting of the Assembly. .... not later than 4 weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, at which time the roll shall be held to be complete.
70	2 (1)	Change 9 (5) to 2 (5).
71	3 (3)	Delete 31 March and insert: not later than 6 weeks before the meeting of the Assembly.
72	5 (1)	Delete England and Wales. Insert United Kingdom."

was moved, discussed and carried.

## SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

The Moderator called upon the Revd Michael Hubbard to propose the resolution from the South Western Province:

### **LINKS WITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, USA**

**"The General Assembly notes the growing links between the SW Province and the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ, which have included a number of summer pastoral exchanges, 12 ministers making extended visits to the Province or to Wisconsin, and over 30 young people in two exchange visits. The Assembly is grateful for this close association which enlivens and challenges both partners, hopes the links will be further strengthened and welcomes guests from the Wisconsin Conference."**

The Revd Gerald Bowerman formally seconded the motion, which was then carried. Assembly received the Revd Dr Fred Trost, who was welcomed by the Moderator and addressed the meeting. The Moderator sent the greetings of the Assembly to the Wisconsin Conference.

Resolution from Wales Synod:

### **ST MELLONS LEP**

**"On request from the Wales Synod, the Assembly receives the Church of the Resurrection, St Mellons Local Ecumenical Project, as a local church in the United Reformed Church."**

was proposed by Mrs Eileen McIlveen, seconded by the Revd Graham Sweeney, and carried.

Resolution from Thames North Synod:

### **ST MARK'S, EAST BECKTON**

**"The Assembly receives St Mark's Ecumenical Church, East Beckton, Thames North Province, as a local church of the URC."**

was proposed by the Revd John Edwards, seconded by the Revd Geoffrey Satchell, and carried.

Resolution from East Midlands Synod:

### **HODGE LEA, MILTON KEYNES**

**"The Assembly receives the Hodge Lea Ecumenical Church, Milton Keynes, East Midlands Province, as a local church in the United Reformed Church."**

was proposed by the Revd A C White, seconded by Mr L Watson, and carried.

Representatives of the churches were introduced to the Moderator: from Wales Province, St Mellons Local Ecumenical Projects, the Revd John Payne was received; and from the East Midlands Province, Mr Leslie Watson of Hodge Lea Ecumenical Church was welcomed.

Resolution from North Western Synod:

### **MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

"The Assembly agrees to amend 9.5.(g) of the Structure concerning membership of the General Assembly, deleting the existing clause and replacing it as follows:

'9.5.(g) Former Moderators of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church whose Moderatorial service was within the three years preceding the date of the Assembly meeting.' "

was proposed by Mr W Black and seconded by the Revd J T Yates. Discussion followed and the resolution was put to the vote and rejected.

Resolution from Mersey Synod:

### **MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT COUNCIL**

"The Assembly agrees to amend 9.3.(d) of the Structure concerning membership of District Councils, the latter part of the paragraph to read:

'Representatives of local churches within the District who shall normally be members of the Elders' Meeting of the local church and who shall be appointed by the Church Meeting of such local church, the number of such representatives to be: 1-50 members one representative, 51-100 members two representatives, 101-150 members three representatives, 151-200 members four representatives, over 200 members five representatives.' "

was moved by the Revd Cecil Geyer and formally seconded. After discussion an amendment was proposed by Mr Dennis Jolley "That representation be amended to one representative per 100 members". The amendment was rejected.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Roger Whitehead and seconded by the Revd Malcolm Smith "**that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further thought**". A vote was taken and tellers were called. The result was in favour 257, against 188 and the amendment became part of the substantive resolution. The motion was put to the vote and it was referred.

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator called upon the Revd Brian Nuttall, Convener, of the Nominations Committee, to present the report of the Committee. Errors in the printed lists were noted and will be corrected in the printed record. It was noted that on p.19, World Church and Mission Secretary should read: "The Departmental Secretary".

**"The report was received for debate."**

Resolution:

### **REV'D MICHAEL DIFFEY**

**"The Assembly re-appoints the Revd Michael Diffey to serve as Executive Secretary, Ministries Department, for a further term of five years from 1 September 1991."**

was moved by the Convener and carried.

Resolution:

## **NOMINATIONS**

**"The Assembly appoints Assembly and Committee Officers, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report."**

was moved and carried. (These are contained in the Appendix.)

Resolution:

**"The Assembly appoints Committees and representatives of the Church, as set out in the Appendix to the report."**

was moved and discussed. It was noted that the members of the Panel for Assessment Conferences only would be appointed to 30 September 1991, those for CRCWs until the next Assembly. The motion was carried and the Moderator thanked the Revd Brian Nuttall and all members of committees.

The Moderator then called for the ballot for the election of the Moderator of the General Assembly 1992/93 and the Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

## **JUBILEE MINISTERS**

The General Secretary read the names of ministers who were celebrating 50 and 60 years in the ministry and greeted Revd Alan Seager and the Revd Frederick Hodges Roper. Greetings were to be sent from the Assembly.

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Robert Howat McMurray ADAM  
Bertram Jacklin ANDREWS  
Charles Ernest Burland CRANFIELD  
Robert Aled DAVIES  
Ralph Henry ESSEX  
William Arthur GILES  
Ernest Frank HICKLING  
David Ellis LEWIS  
David John LEWIS  
David MELVILLE-JONES  
James Vincent ROSS  
George Angus RUDD  
William Vine RUSSELL  
Alan Edward SEAGER  
Kenneth SMART  
Stanley Gilbert SMITH  
Iorwerth Lewis THOMAS  
Arnold John TODMAN  
Victor Leslie TUDOR  
Kenneth Wright WADSWORTH  
Samuel Henry Francis YEO

1931

William Lionel BROWN  
Ralph Forman Godley CALDER  
William Charles FRANKLIN  
Thomas GREENAWAY  
Kathleen Mallalieu HENDRY  
Thomas James LANDER  
Frederick Mabor Hodges ROPER

## Reception of Newly Ordained Ministers and Accredited CRCWs

The Provincial Moderators announced the names of newly ordained Ministers and a Church Related Community Worker and those present were addressed by the Moderator:-

Northern Province William Nicol David Pickering	Moderator: The Revd D Jenkins Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North Teeside Group
North Western Province Ruth A Crofton Andrew C Mills John Mitchell Philip H Webb	Moderator: The Revd A G Burnham Patricroft & Weaste Glossop & Tintwistle South Cheadle Group Trinity, Blackburn
Mersey Province Peter Brown Edmund R J Boon Sandra Dears  James W Forster Marie Trubic  Kathleen Watts John S Wilkinson	Moderator: The Revd E S Allen St Helens/Wigan District Haydock/Toll Bar, St Helens URC Chaplaincy to Higher Education in Liverpool  Parkgate and Neston Everton Churches Community Project, Liverpool District  Sefton District Frodsham/Moulton/Northwich
Yorkshire Province Maz Allan Julie Martin Alison Upham	Moderator: The Revd D H Hilton Brackenhall URC/Wiggan Lane Methodist St Andre's, Roundhay, Leeds Sheffield South Group
East Midlands Province Paul Barratt Dr Rodger Clement Charlton Keith Martin Hagon Margaret Grace Herbert  Paul Holmes Graham John Maskery Maxwell Shepherd  Enid Slater Angela Dawn Wood	Moderator: The Revd J F Slow RAF Chaplain, Coningsby Derbyshire District Enderby & Whetstone Hill Top and St Andrew's Community Church (LEP) Dronfield  Earl Shilton and Lutterworth Derwent Group, Derby The Ecumenical Church of Christ the King, Beaumont Leys, Leicester  Boulevard, Nottingham Sleaford
West Midlands Province Tom Bayliss Paul Bedford Philip Smith Ray Sowersby	Moderator: Revd J Waller Oswestry and Pant West Orchard, Coventry Bourneville and Rubery Stourbridge and Lye
Eastern Province Kenneth Ellis James Pettitt	Moderator: Revd W K Gathercole Dunmow, Sebbing & Thaxted Haverhill Group
South Western Province Lilian Dean Christopher Searle	Moderator: Revd M F Hubbard Tavistock PT Tiverton Group



Wessex Province Samantha Caton William Connell Thea Jones	Moderator: Revd N W Bainbridge Ryde URC Pear Tree Green Banbury URC
Thames North Province David Aplin Malcolm Childs Norman Croft Brenda Denvir Robert Green Derek Jones Peter Norcross	Moderator: Revd J Sowerbutts St Aidans, Ealing West Eastcote Mill Hill, Watling Wanstead Group (Highams Park) Wheathampstead Hatfield/Welwyn Garden City, Woodall Lane Barnet, Chesterfield Road
Southern Province Frank Robert Cochrane Janet Loveitt  Marina Jeffrey  Baker Stephen Covington Taylor  Marie A L M W Thistle Simon Thomas	Moderator: Revd D L Helyar Brighelm Church and Community Centre Christ Church, East Dulwich and Herne Hill United Church, both Methodist/URC Special Counselling Ministry linked with Westgate URC Burnt Ash, Geddes Place, Bexleyheath and Hither Green Associate Minister, Wallington Staplehurst and Maidstone
Wales Province Marina Kennard	Moderator: Revd J L Humphreys Treforest URC

## **Induction of Assembly Officers**

The Convener of Faith and Life Department, the Revd Dr Philip Morgan, presented the following Assembly Officers:-

Mr Paul Franklin, Mr Bill Mawer, Mrs Eileen A Sanderson,  
Revd Jayne Scott, Miss Wendy Walker and Mr Wallie Warmington,  
all members of the Youth Leadership team.

The Moderator inducted them into office and offered the right hand of fellowship in the name of the Assembly.

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the Hymn Book Committee, Dr David Thompson, to present the new hymnbook "Rejoice and Sing" and the members of Assembly joined in singing some of the hymns from it. Afterwards the Moderator was presented with a copy of the hymnbook and he thanked Dr Thompson and the committee for their work.

## **FAITH AND LIFE DEPARTMENT**

The Revd Dr Philip Morgan moved the Resolution **"Assembly receives the report for debate."** and this was carried. Committee Conveners were called to comment on the work for which they were responsible. The Revd Robin Hine, Dr David Thompson, the Revd Bill Mahood, the Revd Terry Oakley and the Revd Professor Colin Gunton spoke and Professor Gunton corrected a misprint in the Report on p.41, line 1, where the word "constituency" should be replaced by "consistency". Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow, the Revd Lesley Husselbee, the Revd Chris Baker, the Revd John Oldershaw and Mrs Ruth Clarke continued the presentation. The Convener invited the Moderator to greet Miss Jenny Gorton, Assistant Secretary of the Department, the Revd Paul Quilter on the conclusion of ten years service in the Department, and the Revd Professor Colin Gunton on his retirement as convener of the Doctrine and Worship Committee.

Comments followed on items in the report not covered by resolutions. The Revd Brian Holroyd reported that the post of FCFC Committee representative will not be Revd A Ward-Jones as reported on p. 31, 21.3, but the Revd Christine Pocock. Committee conveners responded.

### **CERTIFICATE OF INITIATION**

The Revd Donald McIlhagga proposed a motion:

**"To withdraw and redesign the newly published Certificates of Initiation".**

This was seconded, put to the vote and carried.

After further comment, resolutions about the hymnbook were moved by Dr David Thompson, who gave details of likely costs and publication date.

### **HYMN BOOK**

Resolution:

**"Assembly welcomes Rejoice and Sing as the new hymn book for the United Reformed Church, and commends it to all congregations for their use."**

was put to the vote and carried.

### **HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE**

Resolution:

**"The Assembly discharges the Hymn Book Editorial Committee and expresses its thanks to them, the members of the Words and Music sub Committees, and all those whose work has made the production of Rejoice and Sing possible."**

was passed with acclamation and the Moderator expressed the gratitude of the Assembly to all the members of the Hymn Book Committee.

The Revd Dr Philip Morgan moved the resolution on the New Fury Project:

## **FURY PROJECT**

**"Assembly authorises the Yardley Hastings element of the New FURY project to proceed immediately:**

- **with the buildings development undertaken by Ronson Builders & Contractors Ltd on a tender of £486.536.16 for a 45 week contract;**
- **the Church to underwrite costs whilst the external appeal is made and as additional contributions are received from the churches;**
- **and the Chaplain to Yardley Hastings be appointed following appropriate and agreed procedure as soon as possible."**

The Moderator called for comment by the Treasurer, Mr Angus Grimmond, on behalf of the Financial Management Committee and the matter was opened for debate.

Mr Angus Grimmond proposed an amendment to delete the word "immediately" after "proceed" and insert "when funds are raised or pledged to meet the costs of the project without further contribution from Central Funds and the Chaplain to Yardley Hastings to be appointed following appropriate and agreed procedure as soon as possible thereafter." This was seconded by the Revd J C Campbell and debate ensued.

The Convener responded to the discussion on the amendment and Mr Grimmond replied. The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

Dr Morgan replied to comments on the original motion and the vote was taken and carried overwhelmingly.

Resolution:

### **MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**" Assembly commends the report produced by the Methodist Church 'The Ministry of the People of God in the World' to local churches for discussion and action."**

was introduced by the Revd Terry Oakley and discussed. The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

Resolution:

### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

**"The Assembly accepts the report entitled 'Christian Initiation and Church Membership' as an important interim treatment of a question which, in the nature of things, can be resolved only as the churches grow together over the coming years."**

was introduced by the Revd John Taylor on behalf of the Convener of the Doctrine and Worship Committee. This was moved and carried.

Resolution:

**"The Assembly receives the statement on Presidency at the Sacraments and commends it to Districts and Elders Meetings."**

was introduced, moved and discussed. A motion that paragraph 58.4 be deleted from the report was resisted by the Department but was put to the vote and carried.

An amendment to the resolution was proposed by the Revd Dr Stephen Mayor, to add: "but requests the Doctrine and Worship Committee to give further attention to the definition of Presidency" and this was formally seconded. The amendment was carried and became part of the substantive resolution:

## **PRESIDENCY AT THE SACRAMENTS**

**"The Assembly receives the statement on Presidency at the Sacraments and commends it to Districts and Elders Meetings, but requests the Doctrine and Worship Committee to give further attention to the definition of Presidency"**

The debate continued and it was emphasised that the 1980 Guidelines on Presidency still stood. The Revd John Taylor answered comments and a proposal that: "The resolution be not put" was lost. The resolution was then carried.

The Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee moved resolution:

## **MASTER PILOT**

**"Assembly supports the further appointment of a Master Pilot for five years from 1.9.92 on a half-time basis and asks the Congregational Federation, the Faith and Life Department, and, in the first instance, the East Midlands Province, to continue their support of this appointment."**

which was carried.

The Revd Duncan Wilson was asked to speak to resolution:

## **WORK WITH CHILDREN**

**"Assembly affirms and encourages work with 11-14's and thanks the working party for its service. Assembly agrees that the policy of the URC should be the closer integration of children's and youth work and asks the Faith and Life Department to develop appropriate ways in which to support this work."**

This was moved and carried.

Private Member's Resolution was moved by the Revd Malcolm Smith and formally seconded:

"Assembly welcomes the continuing discussion on baptismal practice within the URC and asks the General Secretary to continue the discussion with others, including the World Church and Mission Department, so that the mission dimension may be fully explored; and to report."

An amendment was proposed by Mrs Mary Marsden to add the words "and ecumenical" after "mission". This was accepted. The resolution as amended was put to the vote and carried.

## **BAPTISMAL PRACTICE**

**"Assembly welcomes the continuing discussion on baptismal practice within the URC and asks the General Secretary to continue the discussion with others, including the World Church and Mission Department, so that the mission and ecumenical dimension may be fully explored; and to report."**

Resolution from the NW Provincial Synod:

### **SCHEDULE C**

**"The General Assembly agrees to review Schedule C\* of the Basis of Union. (\*Affirmation to be made by Ministers at Ordination and Induction)"**

was proposed by the Revd Geoffrey Tolley on behalf of the North Western Province and seconded by the Revd Brian Baker. After one comment the resolution was carried.

The Clerk proposed:

**"Assembly asks the Doctrine and Worship Committee to undertake this review as soon as possible, to welcome representation and submissions from interested people early in the process, and to report to the General Assembly."**

which was seconded and carried.

## **MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT**

The Revd Keith Forecast presented the report of the Department noting that the hope expressed in paragraph 57, p.94 has already been implemented and giving particular thanks for the service of the Revd Michael Stolton. Greetings and good wishes were to be sent from Assembly.

Resolution: **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and agreed. Discussion followed on paragraphs not subject to resolutions.

Mr John Ellis, convener of the Lay Preaching Sub-committee was received by the Moderator.

Committee Conveners responded to comments.

Mr Forecast asked the Moderator to receive the Revd Frank Beattie and he was greeted by the Assembly.

The Revd Michael Dunford moved the following resolution on behalf of the Vocations Committee:

### **ELIGIBILITY OF MINISTERS**

**"The Assembly adopts the regulations regarding the eligibility of ministers of other churches for entry into the ministry of the United Reformed Church, set out in Appendix 1 (Reports to Assembly p 102) in place of those laid down in 1979, and authorises the appropriate committee within the Ministries Department to act in accordance with them."**

This was moved and carried.

The Revd Michael Dunford announced that the Resolution beginning **"The Assembly adopts the following procedures for candidature for the Ministry"** would be taken in three parts.

### **CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY**

**"(a) Candidates must first be supported by their local church meeting, proceed to their District Council, and on the recommendation of their Province attend a National Assessment conference where a final decision will be made on their acceptance, and a recommendation on the course of training to be followed."**

This was moved and discussion took place. The Revd Keith Forecast responded and a vote took place. Tellers were called and the result declared: for the motion 241, against 245, with a few abstentions. The motion was defeated.

The Department accepted the loss of the motion and the remainder of the resolution was left in abeyance, and was later withdrawn with the agreement of Assembly.

Revd David Cornick moved the Resolution:

### **CRCW PROGRAMME**

**"Assembly acknowledges the work undertaken by the Ministries Department to implement the proposals which arose from the review of the CRCW Programme. It accepts the need for a Development Worker to deepen perceptions of and advocate ministry-with-the-community by the URC, to support the existing programme and ensure a sound base for its development. It authorises the Ministries Department to allocate one of its Maintenance of the Ministry funded CRCW/'Special Category' Ministry posts for the Worker and to seek appropriate ways to fund the local expenses."**

Assembly authorised Mrs Kate Breeze, Church Related Community Worker, to address the meeting. After comment the motion was put to the vote and was carried.

The Resolution that:

### **PATTERNS OF MINISTRY**

**"The Assembly receives the discussion document produced by the Ministries Department entitled 'Patterns of Ministry in the United Reformed Church' and refers it to the councils and departments of the church in preparation for a major debate in 1992."**

was introduced by the Convener and the Revd Bernard Thorogood spoke to and moved the resolution. Comments followed to which Mr Thorogood replied. The vote was taken and carried.

Synod Resolution:

### **TRAINING FOR MATURE STUDENTS**

**"The General Assembly requests the Ministries Department to reconsider the structure and content of the 4th year of the Alternative Programme of training for mature students, paying particular attention to the training needs, the pastoral implications for the student and his/her family, and the cost."**

was formally moved on behalf of the South Western Province, formally seconded and carried.

## WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the World Church and Mission Department to present the report. Mrs Mary Marsden invited the Moderator to greet the Revd John Burgess on return from service within the United Church of Zambia; the Revd Bernard Collins, returning from service in Papua, New Guinea; the Revd Joe Pratt of the Church of South India. Mrs Mary Burgess, Mrs Gwen Collins and Miss Jean Stolton were remembered in their absence.

The Revd Derek Wales was received on his retirement as Convener of the Missionary & Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee and was thanked on behalf of the Assembly.

The Revd Michael Cruchley, Rural Consultant, was invited to speak on paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report. The Revd Tony Coates introduced the URC delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra, Ms Rachel Burnham, the Revd David Jenkins and the Revd Elizabeth Welch, who addressed the Assembly on their experiences at Canberra. The Revd Elizabeth Welch was congratulated on her election to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. The Convener invited the Revd David Nesbitt from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to speak on matters in the report and asked the Assembly to welcome the Revd Samuel Silungwe from the United Church of Zambia. Mr Silungwe addressed the meeting on "Partnership", and was followed by the Revd Dr Albert Berkhof from the Netherlands Reformed Church, who spoke about contemporary mission and relationships with the Jewish people.

Mrs Marsden moved the Resolution "**Assembly receives the Report for debate.**" which was carried. The debate was opened and comments were received on those paragraphs not subject to resolutions, to which the committee conveners replied. The Revd Derek Wales announced that the new General Secretary of Council for World Mission is to be Dr D Premen Niles.

The Revd Raymond Adams proposed:

Resolution:

### **RECEPTION OF MEMBERS OF CWM CHURCHES**

**"The Assembly encourages District Councils and Synods to invite to their meetings members of CWM partner churches who are in this country serving in URC-related colleges or in CWM staff posts."**

which was carried.

The Convener of the Mission and Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee moved the resolution:

### **RUSTENBURG DECLARATION**

**"The Assembly, hearing the courageous voice of the Rustenburg declaration, expressed to the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa, the Southern Africa Alliance of Reformed Churches and the South African Council of Churches its renewed support and prayer for the people and churches in South Africa as they seek the ending of apartheid and a just and peaceful order in that land."**

and the Revd Derek Wales introduced and moved it and the Revd Peter Brain spoke on behalf of the Church and Society Department. Some comment followed and when put to the vote the resolution was carried nem. con.

Synod Resolution from the West Midlands Synod:

### **MORAVIAN CHURCH**

**"That Assembly instructs the World Church and Mission Department to consult with the Moravian Church as to whether they wish to become a party to any union talks with the Methodist Church, either as a full participant or with observer status."**

was proposed by the Revd John Marsh and seconded by the Revd Tracey Lewis, accepted by the Department, and carried.

The Revd Michael Thawley of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand was invited to address the Assembly. He brought greetings from the Maori people and from his own church and presented the Moderator with a gift of a chalice made in his country, as a reminder of the partnership of the churches. He also gave pendants to the Moderator and to the General Secretary.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Report of the Executive Committee was called for. The Chair was taken by the former Moderator, the Revd Keith Forecast and the report was presented by the immediate past Moderator, the Revd Graham Cook, who corrected an error on p.4, para 9.4 in the report, i.e. the cost of the house purchase for the Chaplain's Manse at Yardley Hastings was not expected to be recovered later from the appeal.

Resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and carried. Paragraphs not subject to resolution were offered for comment.

Resolution:

### **MODERATORIAL YEAR**

**"Assembly agrees that the period of service of the 1991/92 Assembly Moderator will end at 10th May 1992 and that the incoming Moderator, who will serve from that date, will be inducted at the July General Assembly."**

was moved and carried.

Resolution:

### **EAST MIDLANDS PROVINCIAL MODERATOR**

**"The Assembly appoints the Reverend Malcolm Gerald Hanson BA, to be Moderator of the East Midlands Provincial Synod from 1st June 1992 to 31st August 1999."**

was moved and carried unanimously.

The Revd Malcolm Hanson was welcomed on his appointment as Moderator of the East Midlands Province from 1st June 1992. The Revd Keith Forecast expressed the thanks of Assembly to the Revd John Slow for his service as Moderator of the East Midlands Province and Assembly responded with applause.

Mr Cook moved the following resolution:

### **ACTING MODERATOR**

**"Assembly appoints the Reverend Alasdair Walker to be acting Moderator in the East Midlands Province on a half-time basis from 1st September 1991"**



**to 31st May 1992, and acknowledges the willingness of Mr Walker, the Church at St Andrew's with Newland, Lincoln, and the Lincoln District Council to agree with this arrangement."**

This was carried nem. con. Assembly expressed its gratitude to the Revd Alasdair Walker for having undertaken the extra work.

Resolution:

**"Assembly requests the East Midlands Synod Executive to make arrangements for the distribution of work during the interim period, and to advise the Assembly Executive on provisions made so that burdens do not fall too heavily on any one person."**

was moved and carried.

The Convener of the Executive Committee, the Revd Graham Cook, introduced Appendix II of the Executive Committee report and put the resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."**

Mr Cook spoke to Resolution:

### **GENERAL SECRETARY APPOINTMENT**

**"The Assembly appoints the Revd Anthony G Burnham B.A. as the General Secretary of the United Reformed Church for a period of seven years from a date in July 1992 to be determined."**

and commended the proposed appointment to the Assembly. The Resolution was carried and Assembly received the Revd Tony Burnham with acclamation. The Moderator greeted him on behalf of the Assembly and led the meeting in prayer. Mr Burnham responded, accepting the call to his new ministry in the service of the church.

The Convener moved resolution:

### **CLERK OF ASSEMBLY**

**"In appointing a successor to the Revd Bernard Thorogood as General Secretary, the Assembly separates from the office of General Secretary that of Clerk of the Assembly, acting under its powers to elect such 'officers as it shall from time to time think desirable' (Manual, page 21) and to 'alter...rules for the conduct of its own proceedings', (Manual, page 22, Function [xii]). Both the General Secretary and Clerk shall be members of Assembly by virtue of their office (under provision 5(b), Manual, page 20)."**

which was carried.

Resolution:

**"Under the same powers, the Assembly terminates the office of Assistant Clerk as from the close of Assembly 1992, with gratitude to its present and past holders, and calls for the nomination to the 1992 Assembly of a Minute Secretary to assist the Clerk. The Minute Secretary need not be a member of the Assembly."**

was moved and carried with applause as an expression of thanks to Mrs Olive Darke.

Resolution:

**"The Clerk shall be appointed and shall function as is described in paras 26 and 27 of the above report, a nomination for the first appointment being brought to the Assembly of 1992."**

was moved and carried.

Resolution:

**"The Assembly discharges the General Secretary Nominating Committee, its work having been completed."**

was moved and carried and the Revd Graham Cook and his committee were thanked for their work.

The Revd Graham Cook was called upon to present the report of the Executive Committee on Central Church Organisation and the resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and carried.

Resolution:

### **CENTRAL CHURCH ORGANISATION**

**"The Assembly approves the outline of central church re-organisation in Appendix 1 of the Executive Committee report, and instructs the Executive to provide for transition to the new system at Assembly 1992."**

was moved and debate followed. The convener replied and the resolution was put to the vote and carried by a large majority.

Resolution:

### **REVIEW OF COMMITTEES**

**"The Assembly instructs the departments to review their committees and working parties in the light of the Mission Council proposal and to submit proposals for any changes to the Executive Committee by November 1991, along with suggestions for their future liaison with Provincial committees and representatives."**

was moved and carried.

## **ADVOCACY GROUP**

The Moderator asked the convener of the Advocacy Group to present his report. The Revd Julian Macro spoke to the report and the Resolution: **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and carried. Permission was given for the Revd Bill Wright to respond to comments. The Moderator thanked the Advocacy Group on behalf of the Assembly.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the Finance Department, Mr Angus Grimmond to present the Department's report. Two minor errors in the Accounts were corrected and Resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and carried. Paragraphs not subject to resolutions were presented for debate. A question was raised by the Revd G E Smart on behalf of East Midlands Synod Executive regarding the financial resources for housing of Retired Ministers which vary between Provinces. The Revd David Hannen replied on behalf of the Retired Ministers' Housing Committee.

Mr Grimmond moved Resolution:

### **CONTRIBUTIONS 1990**

**"Assembly gratefully acknowledges the giving of the churches in 1990 to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and to the Unified Appeal."**

which was carried.

Resolution:

### **ACCOUNTS 1990**

**"Assembly adopts the Accounts for 1990."**

was moved and discussed. The resolution was carried with thanks to those responsible for the work involved with the accounts and their presentation.

Mr Alistair Black was called upon to introduce the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee report and moved the Resolution:

### **MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY PROGRAMME**

**"Assembly receives the report of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee and endorses the programme set out."**

Discussion followed and members of the Department responded. When put to the vote the motion was overwhelmingly carried. Abstentions were not called for, but one was subsequently registered.

Mr Alistair Black moved Resolution:

### **PLAN FOR PARTNERSHIP**

**"Assembly instructs the Executive to amend the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration to take account of the proposals set out in the report of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee."**

which was carried.

The Revd Alasdair Walker was called upon to move Resolution:

### **BUDGET 1992**

**"Assembly approves the budget for the Ministry and Mission Fund for 1992 which provides for an expenditure of £13.595 million."**

emphasising that the figure should read £13,595 million. After comments the resolution was put to the vote and carried. This concluded the business of the Department.

## **PROVINCIAL MODERATORS**

The Moderator called for the report of the Provincial Moderators and introduced those present to the Assembly. The Revd Tony Burnham presented the report on behalf of all the Moderators. Assembly was asked to place on record the Moderators' gratitude to Mrs Judy Stockings and Mr Bob Carruthers for their service to them, and the meeting endorsed this with applause. Mr Burnham gave thanks on behalf of the Moderators for the Revd John Slow's ministry and service to all and moved the Resolution: **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** After comments and responses the Rt Revd Malcolm Hanson thanked the Moderators and greeted the Revd John Slow on behalf of the Assembly, which carried the motion by applause.

## FORWARD POLICY GROUP

The Moderator asked the Convener of the Forward Policy Group to speak to the report of the Group. Mr Raymond Clarke addressed the meeting and moved: "**The Assembly receives the report for debate.**" This was agreed and there was some comment to which Mr Clarke replied.

## CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

The report of the Church and Society Department was presented by the Convener, Dr Mary Ede, and the resolution "**Assembly receives the report for debate.**" was moved and carried. During the discussion a resolution was proposed by the Revd Simon Ellis.

"The Assembly asks that Church & Society Department does not publish the report of the Working Party on Homosexuality until the draft has been circulated within the URC."

This was formally seconded by the Revd Alan Wharton. Dr Ede replied for the Department, resisting the resolution. This was put to the vote and was lost. Comments were responded to by the Convener.

### Middle East

The Moderator, at the request of the Convener, invited the Revd Dr Keith Clements to speak to the Assembly. He spoke on many crises which call for Christian response. The Convener moved a composite resolution:

- a) Assembly commends and encourages all who are working for a just and lasting peace to persevere in their God-given task; affirms its support for the right of all peoples to enjoy security and freedom; and urges all who effectively enforced the UN resolutions on liberating Kuwait to press for the implementation of earlier UN resolutions on Israel/Palestine, so that a just and lasting peace, with security for Israel and neighbouring states, and recognition of the rights of the Palestinians, may be established under international jurisdiction.
- b) Assembly supports the action of the General Secretary in pressing for a postponement of a national Thanksgiving Service following the Gulf War.
- c) Assembly urges local churches and their members to take the initiative in extending the hand of friendship to Muslim neighbours and congregations.
- d) Assembly deplores the holding of an arms fair at the NEC Birmingham at such a time and renews its call to HMG to promote the conversion of arms manufacturing plants to other uses."

There was discussion of part a) which was put to the vote and carried. Part b) was put to the vote and carried. An amendment was moved to part c) by the Revd Brian Stops and Revd Michael Cruchley as follows:

- c) Assembly urges local churches and their members to take steps to inform themselves of the geographical, demographic, historical and political as well as religious features of the Middle East and take the initiative in extending the hand of friendship to Muslim and Arab and Middle East neighbours and congregations."

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried, as was the whole of section c). Section d) was put to the vote and was carried. The motion as passed stood as follows:

## **MIDDLE EAST SITUATION**

**"a) Assembly commends and encourages all who are working for a just and lasting peace to persevere in their God-given task; affirms its support for the right of all peoples to enjoy security and freedom; and urges all who effectively enforced the UN resolutions on liberating Kuwait to press for the implementation of earlier UN resolutions on Israel/Palestine, so that a just and lasting peace, with security for Israel and neighbouring states, and recognition of the rights of the Palestinians, may be established under international jurisdiction.**

**b) Assembly supports the action of the General Secretary in pressing for a postponement of a national Thanksgiving Service following the Gulf War.**

**c) Assembly urges local churches and their members to take steps to inform themselves of the geographical, demographic, historical and political as well as religious features of the Middle East and take the initiative in extending the hand of friendship to Muslim and Arab and Middle East neighbours and congregations.**

**d) Assembly deplores the holding of an arms fair at the NEC Birmingham at such a time and renews its call to HMG to promote the conversion of arms manufacturing plants to other uses."**

This was then put to the vote and carried. The Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

Dr Ede formally moved resolution:

## **CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS**

**"Assembly urges local churches to participate fully in the programme of pre-election constituency meetings organised under the auspices of CCBI."**

which was discussed. The resolution was carried nem. con.

The Convener invited the Revd Dale Rominger to move the resolution:

## **JPIC PROCESS**

**"Assembly affirms the centrality of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation process to Christian witness and church life in the 1990s, and encourages the Department to develop this theme as a stimulus to reflection and action, especially in local churches."**

and comments were made. After the Department's response the vote was taken and the motion was carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Communications and Supplies Committee which was presented by the Convener, Mr Christopher Wright, who moved the resolution: **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** This was carried.

After comment the resolution:

### USE OF THE MEDIA

**"The Assembly commends the use of the media, especially video, local radio and newspapers as a tool of the churches, with special regard to the Decade of Evangelism."**

was put to the vote and carried.

Resolution:

### MEDIA AWARENESS

**"The Assembly commends the work of the Media Awareness Project to all local congregations and urges them to make full use of the resources it provides."**

was also moved and carried.

This concluded the business of the Committee.

## ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Moderator invited the Revd Cyril Franks to present the report of the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee and the resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was agreed. The Revd Bernard Thorogood replied to a comment by the Revd David Cornick and this concluded the business of the Committee.

## INTEGRATED TRAINING

The Revd Martin Cressey presented the report from the Integrated Training Working Party, with the assistance of the Revd Terry Oakley and the Revd Michael Diffey. Mr Cressey moved **"Assembly receives the report for debate."** which was carried.

The Resolution:

**"Assembly commends the Policy Statement for discussion throughout the church, with comments and responses to be made by Easter 1992."**

was moved and carried.

The Resolution was moved by the Revd Martin Cressey.

"Assembly asks the Ministries and Faith and Life Departments, in consultation with the Church and Society and World Church Mission Departments, to establish a group to search for and stimulate greater integration of training courses and personnel, and to provide support for the training network."

An amendment was moved by the Revd Donald Hilton:

"Assembly asks the Ministries and Faith and Life Departments, in consultation with the Church and Society and World Church Mission Departments, to establish a group who would produce, and develop the use of, integrated training courses for the URC."

This was formally seconded and discussed. Mr Cressey replied, accepting the thrust of the amendment but proposing a composite resolution:

### **INTEGRATED TRAINING**

**"Assembly asks the Ministries and Faith and Life Departments, in consultation with the Church and Society and World Church & Mission Departments, to establish a group who would:**

- a) produce, and develop the use of, integrated training courses for the URC, and**
- b) search for and stimulate greater collaboration of training personnel, including support for the training network."**

Mr Hilton agreed to withdraw his amendment and accepted the composite resolution. This was put to the vote and carried.

Synod Resolutions:

The Resolution:

### **LEP REPRESENTATION**

"The Assembly agrees to add a footnote to clause 9(3)(d) in the Manual (page 15).

'Where a Local Ecumenical Project, which is a local church in terms of the URC Structure, is formed of more than one congregation, the Provincial Synod may authorise and welcome representatives from each congregation as members of the District Council and Synod.' "

was proposed on behalf of the East Midlands Province by the Revd E Smart and formally seconded by the Revd Elizabeth Welch. This was discussed and Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed that instead of agreeing to the footnote the Assembly refer the matter to the appropriate Committee of the World Church & Mission Department, the Mission & Ecumenical Work at Home Committee. This was accepted as an amendment which was put to the vote and carried. **The substantive motion was then referred.**

The Resolution:

"Assembly instructs Central Departments of the United Reformed Church and urges all Synods, Districts and local churches, as far as practicable, to use re-cycled paper, and to use less paper generally."

was proposed by the Revd Henry Gordon on behalf of the Wales Province and seconded formally by the Revd Ken Graham. Mrs Rogers asked that the words "environmentally friendly" be substituted for "re-cycled" and this was accepted by the proposer.

The motion:

### **USE OF PAPER**

**"Assembly instructs Central Departments of the United Reformed Church and urges all Synods, Districts and local churches, as far as practicable, to use environmentally friendly paper, and to use less paper generally."**

was put to the vote and carried.

The Resolution:

## **TOBACCO EXPORTS**

**"The Assembly calls upon the European Community to take rapid steps towards phasing out its tobacco subsidies and to encourage tobacco growers to diversify to other crops. As an immediate priority the Assembly calls upon the Community to end the subsidised export of high-tar tobacco to the Third World and Eastern Europe."**

was proposed by the Revd Martin Camroux on behalf of the Mersey Province. This was formally seconded by the Revd Bill Graham and was carried.

## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator called for the remainder of the report of the Business Committee and the Revd Adrian Wells spoke to the resolution:

"Assembly agrees that :

### **ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES**

- a) General Assemblies remain on an annual basis;"**

which was moved. An amendment was proposed by the Revd Margaret Carrick-Smith:

"Assembly refers the matter of the frequency of General Assemblies back to the Business Committee, asking it to consider the possibility of holding General Assembly biennially, and to report to the 1992 Assembly."

The Convener accepted the thrust of the amendment and proposed an amendment to the resolution to add: "for a minimum of the next 5 years and subject to further review during 1993 for decision in 1994", after the words "Assembly agrees that". This was put to the vote and was lost.

The Revd Angus Duncan moved that the word "normally" be inserted after the word "remain". A vote was taken and tellers were called. The result was in favour, 179, against 181, so the amendment was lost.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

The Convener spoke to:

### **PATTERN OF ASSEMBLIES**

- b) there be a strictly alternating pattern of residential/non-residential Assemblies in the foreseeable future;**

which was moved and discussed. The Convener replied and a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

The Revd John Johansen-Berg proposed that Resolution c) future Assemblies should be moved to the beginning of July;" be not put and this was agreed.

The resolution:

### **PATTERN OF ASSEMBLIES**

- d) there be a varied pattern of weekend/midweek dates according to the wishes of the host province;**



was put and carried as was resolution:

### **LENGTH OF ASSEMBLIES**

- e) **the same amount of time be allowed for Assembly business whether it be midweek or weekend.**

This concluded the business of the Business Committee.

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

In its second report the Nominations Committee brought forward further names for Committee officers and members. These were approved and are listed in the Appendix.

The Convener also moved:

### **THANKS TO RETIRING OFFICERS**

**The Assembly records its thanks to the following Assembly and Committee Officers who retire(d) from office this year:**

**The Revd Michael Stolton, Convener, Vocations Committee**

**The Revd Peter Brain, Convener, Support Committee**

**The Revd Professor Colin Gunton, Convener, Doctrine and Worship Committee**

**The Revd Paul Quilter, Youth Secretary**

**Dr David M Thompson, Convener, Hymn Book Editorial Committee**

**Revd David Gardner, Joint Secretary, Hymn Book Editorial Committee**

**Mr Alan Haywood, Joint Secretary, Hymn Book Editorial Committee**

**The Revd Bernard Thorogood, Secretary, Missionary & Ecumenical Work at Home Committee**

**The Revd Derek Wales, Convener, Missionary & Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee**

**Revd John Reardon, Departmental Secretary, Church & Society Department**

**Mrs Ann Sutcliffe, Assistant Secretary, Church & Society Department**

**Mr Desmond Davies, Convener, Treasurership Committee**

**The Revd Julian Macro, Convener, Church Buildings Committee**

The motion was carried with applause.

## **Election of Moderator of the General Assembly 1992/93**

The Moderator called upon the Revd Greta Morgan, on behalf of the tellers, to announce the result of the ballot. This result was: votes counted 526, of which 5 were invalid, and Mrs Ruth Clarke was declared elected. Mrs Clarke was greeted by the Moderator in the Assembly's name and was received with acclamation. She addressed the meeting expressing the Assembly's gratitude to her predecessor and her own gratitude for all that had led her to this appointment.

## **Vote of thanks**

Mr Michael Harrison was called upon to move a vote of thanks of the Assembly to all who had contributed to its smooth running and those who had enhanced its life. Assembly responded with applause.

The Clerk presented the Minutes of the proceedings up to Thursday evening, which were accepted without amendment.

The Assembly, having completed the business properly brought before it, stood adjourned and will meet again at the University of York on Saturday, 4th July 1992 or at such other date and place as may be duly appointed.

The Moderator gave a final word of thanks and the closing worship was conducted by the Chaplain.

## **Visit of Archbishop of Canterbury**

On Wednesday, 1st May, the Moderator welcomed the Most Revd Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, to the applause of the meeting, and invited him to address the Assembly. The Archbishop brought greetings from the Anglican Church, praised the URC as being in the forefront of Church unity schemes and paid tribute to the Revd Dr John Huxtable. He took as his theme the Decade of Evangelism and emphasised the Churches' role and the place of worship in mission and evangelism and the need for declaring what God has done in Christ. He ended with a prayer for humility in the church as we recognise our frequent failures in the past.

The Moderator expressed the gratitude of the Assembly and presented the Archbishop with copies of the URC Service Book, "Threads of Creation", and "Leaves from the Tree of Peace". He then led the meeting in prayer and the Assembly stood adjourned.

## **Public Celebration**

On the evening of Wednesday, 1st May, the South West Province staged a multi-media programme on the theme 'Come Holy Spirit: Renew the Whole Creation'. The following day the Assembly expressed its gratitude to all who planned and carried through an imaginative and inspiring event.

## **Worship**

Assembly Bible Study was led each morning by Mr Bert Worrall on passages from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth.

Worship throughout the Assembly was led by the Moderator's Chaplain, the Revd Elizabeth Caswell.

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

## APPENDIX

### COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator and the General Secretary are members ex officio of every Standing Committee.
2. The Departmental Conveners and Secretaries are members ex officio of each Committee within their respective Departments. The Secretary of the Finance Department is a member ex officio of every committee which has funds.
3. Officers and Members appointed since Assembly 1990 are denoted by an asterisk. Those denoted by two asterisks were appointed by Assembly 1991 for the first time.

### MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

**Convener:** The Revd C K Forecast - 1996

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

#### CENTRAL COMMITTEE

##### Provincial representatives

I Revd Stuart Brock*	VII Mr B Wakefield*
II Revd A A Tomlinson	VIII Revd Dr C B Baxter*
III Revd P H Welsh	IX Mr R J Smith
IV Mr R Norris*	X Revd D Batchelor
V Mr B E Stonehouse*	XI Revd J N Lawson*
VI Revd J Lovett-Hargis	XII Revd Kevin Watson

together with the Conveners of the committees within the Department, Revd Dr L N Sundeen\*\*, Mrs G W Swain\*, Miss M Roberts, Revd J E Sowerbutts and a representative of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee.

#### VOCATIONS

**Convener:** The Revd G D Gill - 1997\*\*

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

Revd E S Allen	Revd D E Tapley**	Revd J D Waller*
Mr S Hazlehurst*	Mrs S Rawnsley**	Revd J Forster*
Mr E Bryson**	(1 vacancy)	

#### TRAINING

**Convener:** Mrs Elizabeth Jupp - 1993

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

Dr J C G Binfield	Revd Nina Mead	Dr S F Parsons**
Revd Dr D R Peel**	Revd J Proctor**	Dr Ann Stevenson
Revd D Grainger	Revd J M Williams**	Mrs S Thompson
Revd C F Warner**	Revd Canon Dr S S Goodridge*	

together with one stipendiary ministry student (Mr Adrian Skelton)

## **NATIONAL ASSESSMENT BOARD**

**Convener:** Mr R Clarke - 1997\*\*

Revd Elizabeth J Caswell\*\*

Mr A Hart\*\*

Dr Ann Stevenson\*\*

Revd A S Dunstone\*\*

Revd B D Treharne\*\*

Revd A J Frost\*\*

Revd Janet E S Sowerbutts\*\*

The above appointments take effect from 1st October 1991. Further appointments are subject to confirmation.

### **Panel for Assessment Conferences**

Miss R Archer, Revd B Baker, C J Baker, Mr J S Benbow, Revd Elizabeth Caswell, T C Cheesbrough, Mrs R Clarke, Mr R T Clarke, Revd G J Cook, A S Dunstone, Mary Evans, Mrs B Fisher, Revd J Francis, A Frost, Dr Anne Galer, Mrs R Goodfellow, Revd A G Green, Dr L C Green, Mrs Gwen Hall, Mr M Hammond, Revd M G Hanson, Mr M Harrison, Mr A Hart, Revd H G Hayes, Mrs M Herbert, R W H Jones, Mrs E Jupp, Revd R O Latham, R H Lewis, W W Mahood, Mrs J W Macdonald, Revd W R Marchbank, Mr R Norris, Revd F R Nunn, Mrs B Onions, Revd 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 I L Thomas, Mr A W Thompson, Revd B D Treharne, Miss L Tucker, Revd A J G Walker, 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.

Members of the above Panel are appointed to 30 September 1991.

### **Panel for Assessment Conferences - CRCW Sub-Section**

Mrs S Ackroyd, Mrs D Beale, Revd P Loveitt, Kate Mellhagga, A T Newman, Mrs A Sutcliffe, Miss J L Turner, Revd C F Warner, R V Jones.

## **NOMINATIONS TO TEACHING STAFF (Westminster College)**

**Convener:** Mrs Elisabeth Jupp - 1993

**Secretary:** The Secretary of the Training Committee

Principal, Westminster College, Dr J C G Binfield,  
Miss Ann Phillips, Professor G N Stanton, Revd R J Way.

## **SUPPORT**

**Convener:** The Revd Dr D G Cornick - 1996\*

**Secretary:** Executive Secretary, Ministries Department

Revd Hazel M M Addy

Mrs B Brettell

Mrs E M Tait

Mrs F Woods

Mrs D Courtney\*\*

Revd A C White\*\*

Mrs D Dean

Revd D L Helyar

# FAITH AND LIFE DEPARTMENT

**Convener:** The Revd Dr P Morgan - 1995

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

### Provincial Representatives

I Revd R Forster	VII Revd Richard Church
II Mr Monty Helmn	VIII Revd R G Diffey
III Miss Fiona Gow	IX Revd Mark Westerman
IV Revd A D Wright	X Revd David Turner
V Mrs M Weedon*	XI Revd Ceri Lewis
VI Mrs R Tomlinson	XII Revd J Thomas

together with the conveners of the Committees within the Department, Mrs M Smith\*\*, Revd P C Snell\*\*, Revd C Craven, Mrs R Francis.

Members under 25: Miss P Harvey\*, Mr D Leon\*.

## DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

**Convener:** Dr D M Thompson - 1997\*\*

**Secretary:** Revd J H Taylor - 1993

Revd E J Brown	Revd A T Newman*	Revd Mary Frost
Revd Betsy King	Revd D H Rominger	Revd Susan Durber
Dr C Schwoebel	Ms J Orchard	Revd M G P Nuttall
Mr B Worrall	Professor G N Stanton*	Dr P M Cemlyn-Jones**
(1 vacancy)		

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

**Convener:** The Revd W W Mahood - 1993

**Secretary:** Mr M Harrison - 1992

Revd T J Arthur	Mrs J Chesney	Revd J Forster
Revd P E McIntosh	Mrs A Morgan	Revd G M Morgan
Revd G H Sharp	Revd F A Noden	Miss R Norton
Revd M Schwoebel**		

## YOUTH

**Convener:** Mrs R Clarke - 1995

**Secretary:** The Youth Secretary

Ms Rachel Burnham	Mrs A Coates	Revd H J Collinson
Revd M Henninger	Mr G G Maskery	Mr N Raggett
Revd I H Ring	Mrs B J Robinson	Mr D Shapland*
Miss D Thomson**	(1 vacancy)	

Members under 25:

Miss D Allen	Miss P Harvey	Mr D Downing*
Mr D Leon	Mr A Jackson	Mr R Marsden*
Miss R Cronin	Mr P McGraa	Mr P Ashworth
Miss E Priest	Miss M Smith	Mr D Walters*

## **CHILDREN'S WORK**

**Convener:** The Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee - 1992

**Secretary:** The Revd S M Thornton - 1995.

Mrs G Turner  
Mrs R Johnston  
(1 vacancy)

Mrs P Shapland  
Revd J E Grindrod\*\*

Revd D Wilson  
Mrs P Hubbard\*

together with the Master Pilot.

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK TRAINING**

**Convener:** Revd J H Oldershaw - 1996\*\*

**Secretary:** National Youth & Children's Work Training Officer.

Mrs K Breeze\*\*

Revd I H Ring\*\*

(2 vacancies)

together with the Conveners of the Youth Committee and Children's Work Committee and FURY Chair.

## **HEALTH AND HEALING**

**Convener:** The Revd R R Hine - 1996

**Secretary:** The Revd M C Playdon - 1992

Mrs C Bunker  
Revd P Jeanne Christie  
Mrs M R Page  
(1 vacancy)

Dr E Gorrod  
Miss Sarah Clark  
Revd J B Jenkinson

Revd E Graham  
Miss A MacFarlane  
Dr W A Carswell\*\*

## **WINDERMERE POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Convener:** Mrs R Goodfellow - 1995

**Secretary:** The Director

Representatives of the Ministries, World Church and Mission, Church and Society and Finance and Administration Departments, Revd Ruth Mealand, Revd Dr S C Orchard, with the Assistant Director, the Convener and the Treasurer of the Management Committee, the Convener, Faith and Life Department and a representative of Carver URC, Windermere, National Youth and Children's Work Training Officer.

## **WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT**

**Convener:** Mrs M Marsden - 1995

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

### **CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

#### **Provincial representatives**

I Revd Dr G A Hood  
II Revd A F Climpson\*  
III Revd J Martin\*  
IV Revd J B Jenkinson\*  
V Mrs F Caldwell  
VI Revd K M Johnson\*

VII Revd R J Mortimer  
VIII Revd P Killick  
IX Revd J H Cohen  
X Revd I S Duncan  
XI Revd D J Morgan  
XII Revd K Graham

together with the Convener of Committees within the Department and the Revd M A Kyte\*\*, Mrs Anthea Coates, Revd J Hall\*\*, Revd E A Welch\*\* and Mr N Thorogood.

## **MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME**

**Convener:** The Revd M Mackenzie - 1996

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

Revd R J Bade

Revd D Fox

Revd A M Gudgeon

Revd P Wardle

Mr D R Curry\*\*

Revd Dorothy C Spence

Miss C E Robertson

Revd A J Addy

Mrs M Hambly

Revd R Whitehead

together with the Adviser for Local Ecumenism.

### **URC/Methodist Liaison Committee**

Revd G E Beck

Revd B G Thorogood

Revd P I Poulter

Revd M F Hubbard

Revd N L Shepherd

Mr D McNair

## **MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD**

**Convener:** The Revd C J Allen - 1997\*\*

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

Revd Susan K Armitage

Revd P R Floe

Miss F Harris

Ms A Harvey\*\*

Miss J M Barclay

Revd R V Jones

Mr P Cruchley

Mr E Dale\*\*

Revd Froukien E Smit

Mrs L Wilson

Revd L Bhagwandin\*\*

## **MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS**

**Convener:** The Revd J M Sutcliffe - 1995

**Secretary:** The Revd J M Parry - 1992

Miss C Evans

Revd M G Hanson

Revd Dr D G Bowen

Revd Gillian Boorne

Revd J Proctor

Dr J Thompson

Mrs J Killick

Miss J M Robins

Consultant:- Revd R H Lewis

The Revd Dr C Bennett, Ms J Orchard and Dr G Watson are co-opted Members.

## **PERSONNEL**

**Convener:** Revd W R P Adams - 1994

**Secretary:** The Personnel Secretary

Revd N W Bainbridge

Mrs H Horsfield

Mr A Senior

(2 vacancies)

Ms B S Galliers\*

Revd H B Singh Rahi

Principal of

St Andrew's Hall

Mrs B Martin

Mr K Maxey

Revd Joan Johansen-Berg

## **CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT**

**Convener:** Dr Mary Ede - 1992

**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

### **CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

#### **Provincial representatives**

I Revd D A Herbert

II Revd G Eatock

III Revd M F Camroux

IV Mrs V Morrison\*

V Revd N A Whitaker

VI Dr M Felderhof

VII Mrs J Armour

VIII Revd H P Barkham\*

IX Revd Susan Nuttall

X Revd P Loveitt

XI Mrs E Thackray\*

XII Revd G Sweeney

together with Revds D F Dunster, R C Rominger, Mrs S Fielding, Dr M Claire Shephard, Mrs G S Ntiamoah, Mr P Chandler\*\* and Mrs J Turner\*\*.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Convener:** The Honorary Treasurer  
**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

### **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

**Convener:** Revd A J G Walker - 1993\*  
**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

#### **Provincial Representatives**

I	Dr P Clarke	VII	Mr P A Wade
II	Mr G R Stelfox	VIII	Mr G Lunt
III	Mr R D Holden	IX	Mr J Richardson
IV	Mr D Lethem	X	Mr R S Martin
V	Mr M Harrison	XI	Mr B M Edwards
VI	Mr H Kempton	XII	Mr A Gilmour

together with the Conveners of the other four Departments, the Conveners of the Financial Management, Maintenance of the Ministry and Advocacy Committees, the Convener and/or Secretary of the Welfare, Communication and Supplies and Retired Ministers Housing Committees, the Convener and/or Secretary of the Ministerial Training Fund, the Office and Personnel Manager and the Advocacy Secretary, Dr J Brown\*, Mr E Chilton\* and Mrs J Tomlin\*. The Revd M F Hubbard\* represents the Provincial Moderators.

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**Convener:** The Departmental Convener  
**Secretary:** The Departmental Secretary

Mr R Cockcroft*	Mr R M Hardie*	Revd P M Bedford*
Miss H E Marson*	Mr W M McVey*	Mr E Morgan*
Mrs I Steele*	Mr R Turner*	

together with the Secretary for Church Buildings (Mr T T W Peregrine - 1994\*) and a Secretary of the United Reformed Church Trust.

### **MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY**

**Convener:** Mr A Black - 1996  
**Secretary:** Mr A A Taylor - 1995

#### **Provincial Representatives**

I	Dr P Clarke	VII	Mr P A Wade
II	Mr G R Stelfox	VIII	Mr A M Johnston
III	Revd P W Pells	IX	Dr D R Page
IV	Miss M E Atkinson	X	Mr D Mills*
V	Mr M A B Harrison	XI	Mr D Buckland
VI	Mr R Webb	XII	Mr S Harvey

together with the Convener of the Pensions Sub-Committee (Mr V Hugfl), the Revd P Grimshaw and R E Cornish\*\* and Mrs J S Ogilvie\*\*, a representative of the Ministries Department and the Advocacy Secretary. Revd W K Gathercole represents the Provincial Moderators.



## **WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES**

**Convener:** Mr R A Heritage - 1995  
**Secretary:** Mrs Judy Stockings - 1992

Revd T C Stiff  
Mrs Joyce Sutcliffe

Revd B E Bridge  
Revd J W P Williamson\*\*

Revd May Segain

## **RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING**

**Convener:** The Revd D R Hannen  
**Secretary:** Mr R S Carruthers

Mr J E M Gilbey  
Revd M F Hubbard  
Mr M J Ballard  
Mr B Vaughan

Revd F L Hill  
Mr G H Parkinson  
Mr G E Winter

Mr G S Anderson  
Mrs J Parkinson  
Mrs B Williams

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  
**Secretary:** The General Secretary

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

The Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Deputy General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Legal Adviser, the Conveners and Secretaries of the five Departments, the Conveners of the Business, Nominations, Budget and Communication and Supplies Committees, the Secretaries of the Nominations and Business Committees.

### **Budget Priorities Panel**

The immediate past Moderator (Convener - ex officio), Mrs J Boulind and the Revd R A H Bocking.

### **BUSINESS**

**Convener:** The Revd A J Wells - 1992  
**Secretary:** The Office and Personnel Manager

### **Provincial Representatives**

I Revd Dr A R Ritchie  
II Revd B A Baker  
III Revd A Duncan  
IV Mr D Thacker  
V Revd A C White  
VI Mr A McCulloch

VII Mr William McVey\*  
VIII Revd J H Taylor\*  
IX Revd G H Thomas  
X Revd G W Satchell  
XI Mrs C Meekison\*  
XII Mrs E McIlveen

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Methodist Conference	Revd P Poulter*
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Revd Peter Poulter

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BBC Central Religious Advisory Committee  
Bible Reading Fellowship  
Church Hymnary Trust

Mrs Carol Rogers  
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Churches' Commission on Overseas Students  
Churches' Consortium on Industrial Mission

Mr G R Barr  
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Guides' Religious Advisory Panel  
International Bible Reading Association  
Joint Committee on New English Bible  
(alternate: Revd R K Scopes)

Media Awareness Project  
Scout & Guide Fellowship (URC)  
Scouts' Religious Advisory Group

Mrs C Rogers  
Mr P Franklin  
Mr D Marshall-Jones

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1990

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## TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR 1990.

In presenting the Central Fund Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1990, I would draw your attention to the following points;-

The central funds have increased by £4 million over the year and now stand at £15.1 million.

The significant features of this are

- a) that a 'paper' profit of £2.5 million arose through the realisation of the Common Investment Fund. This was required to be re-invested in the Investment Pool in order to retain the same flow of income.

Similarly, with changes in actual properties held, the gains of £591,000 were re-invested in the higher costs of new properties.

- b) that we received legacies of £277,000 to the central funds, a further £187,000 to the Retired Ministers Housing Society, and £1.1 million to the Retired Ministers Fund.
- c) that General Fund Income exceeded Expenditure by £133,000. It should be noted that this was due in main to the higher levels of interest rates throughout 1990, and that interest rates are now falling sharply, whereas the expenditure continues to increase substantially year by year.
- d) that the appeal for Ministerial Training yielded £400,000 in the year making £474,000 in the period of the appeal (from Assembly 1989 to Assembly 1990). We continue to be grateful for the support given for the central activities of the Church.

### Retired Ministers Housing.

We are grateful for the continued support of legacies and gifts for the provision of homes. The total number of houses increased by 10 during the year, partly financed by this and income from the Memorial Hall Trust

### Pensions.

The increases in stipend levels being proposed over the next few years have a significant impact on the Pension Fund, but this has not been quantified at the date of this report.

18th March 1991

A M Grimmond  
Treasurer



## APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

We confirm on behalf of the Financial Management Committee our approval of the accounts as set out on pages 48-71.

A M Grimmond  
Treasurer  
18th March 1991

C M Frank  
Chief Accountant and Financial Secretary

The reports on pages 68-70 are extracted from the full accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund and the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited. Copies of these full accounts may be obtained from the Finance Department of the Church.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the accounts on pages 48 to 67 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the funds as at 31st December 1990, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

We have also audited the accounts of the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited and the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund in accordance with Auditing Standards. We have given an unqualified opinion in respect of both these sets of accounts.

186 City Road  
London EC1V 2NU

ROBSON RHODES  
Chartered Accountants

18th March 1991

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1. Scope

These accounts comprise those funds administered in the central office of the United Reformed Church on behalf of United Reformed Church Trust or the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited. They do not therefore include funds administered by Provincial and other officers.

### 2. Basis of preparation.

The accounts, which should be read in conjunction with the report of the Finance Department to Assembly 1991, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value in the Investment Pool on page 66, and the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund on page 68. These accounts are also prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standards Committee Statement of Recommended Practice, No. 2, - 'Accounting by Charities' and comply with this in all material respects.

### 3. Classification of funds

The capital accounts are permanent endowment accounts. The General Fund is for the "furthering the religious and other charitable work of the United Reformed Church". All other funds are more particularly restricted, as indicated by the respective fund titles.

### 4. Income.

Contributions to the Unified Appeal and to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund are brought into account on a receipts basis, with the inclusion of receipts in the early part of 1991 relating to 1990. However, where a Province had remitted more than the agreed contribution to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund by 31st December 1990, the excess is being carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1991. Legacies are credited on a receipts basis to the fund designated by the donor or to the General Fund if no fund is designated.

### 5. Depreciation

#### Property

No provision for depreciation is made on freehold or leasehold buildings. The Financial Resources 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, because the Church's policy is to ensure that the buildings are maintained to such a standard that depreciation is negligible. Properties shown in Note 5 at £3.59 million are insured for £8.59 million.

#### 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	30% on cost
Major Equipment	
Computers	25% on cost
Printing Machinery	20% on cost
Other furniture and equipment	10% on cost

## 6. Investments

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

Investments held for other funds are stated at cost. Units held in the Investment Pool are stated in the accounts of the investing funds at the cost of the units to those funds. The cost is based on quarterly market valuation of the underlying listed investments at the time of purchase. No account is taken of the excess of unrealised gains over unrealised losses in specific investments, having regard to the long term purpose of the investment funds.

Income from investments, including the associated tax credit, has been included to the extent that it was received during the year.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Westminster College

With the exception of certain improvements, bequests and purchases between 1983 and 1990, 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 £9.80 million.

## 9. United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund

The full accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund, an extract from which is shown on page 68, 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. A copy of the full accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund may be obtained from the Central office of the Church.

The contributing members of the fund are not contracted out of the State Pension Scheme.

CENTRAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1990

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1990		1989	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Accounts	1		2,603		2,075
Income and Expenditure Accounts	2		<u>12,530</u>		<u>9,016</u>
Total	3		<u>15,133</u>		<u>11,091</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	5	3,593		2,841	
Cars, furniture and equipment	5	<u>185</u>		<u>146</u>	
			3,778		2,987
Investments	6		8,051		4,686
Loans and Advances	7		<u>2,316</u>		<u>2,149</u>
			14,145		9,822
Current Assets					
Stock		20		24	
Debtors		993		851	
Cash	8	<u>1,495</u>		<u>1,562</u>	
		2,508		2,437	
Creditors		(1,217)		(884)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(303)</u>		<u>(284)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>988</u>		<u>1,269</u>
			<u>15,133</u>		<u>11,091</u>

## NOTE 1 - CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	Balance 31/12/90 £'000	Balance 31/12/89 £'000
General Fund	310	310
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	289	289
Ministerial Training Fund	45	45
Church Buildings Fund	184	184
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	355	355
Welfare Fund	68	25
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	40	40
World Church and Mission Funds	83	83
Westminster College Funds	469	186
Other Funds	<u>760</u>	<u>558</u>
	<u>2,603</u>	<u>2,075</u>

Changes in Capital Accounts are capital donations, legacies, and the surplus on realisation of investments and property.

## NOTE 2 - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Page	Balance 31/12/90 £'000	Balance 31/12/89 £'000
General Fund	12	3,288	2,235
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	13	1,880	1,020
Ministerial Training Fund	14	1,335	796
Church Buildings Fund	16	1,638	1,449
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	16	853	578
Welfare Fund	17	147	46
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	17	165	165
Memorial Hall Trust Grants	18	1,047	881
World Church and Mission Funds	18	281	257
Windermere Fund	19	325	320
Westminster College Funds	20	308	262
Other Funds	20	<u>1,263</u>	<u>1,007</u>
		<u>12,530</u>	<u>9,016</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1990

	Total	Property	Cars, Furniture & Equipment	Investments	Loans	Current Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund	3,598	1,868	140	1,284	174	132
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	2,170	-	-	2,096	92	(18)
Ministerial Training Fund	1,380	-	-	984	-	396
Church Buildings Fund	1,822	202	-	825	644	151
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	1,207	865	-	-	342	-
Welfare Fund	216	-	-	201	-	15
Retired Ministers Aid Fund	204	-	-	195	-	9
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,047	-	-	-	1,047	-
World Church & Mission Fund	364	-	-	317	-	47
Windermere Fund	325	296	34	-	-	(5)
Westminster College Funds	777	300	-	273	-	204
Other Funds	<u>2,023</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1,876</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>57</u>
	<u>15,133</u>	<u>3,593</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>8,051</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>988</u>
Note		5	5	6	7	

NOTE 4 - MOVEMENTS RELATING TO FIXED ASSETS, INVESTMENTS AND LOANS

	Balance 1/1/90	Purchases	Proceeds of Sales	Movements not involving Cash **	Balance 31/12/90
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property	<u>2,841</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>(694)</u>	<u>591</u> (P)	<u>3,593</u>
Cars	58	98	(30)	(23)(D)	103
Furniture	54	9		(3)(D)	60
Computers	<u>34</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>(20)</u> (D)	<u>22</u>
	<u>146</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>(46)</u>	<u>185</u>
Investments					
Common Investment Fund	1,699	-	(3,943)	2,244 (P)	-
Investment Pool	2,371	4,120	(1)	-	6,490
Other Listed Investments*	469	1,356	(412)	1 (P)	1,414
Unlisted Investments	<u>147</u>				<u>147</u>
	<u>4,686</u>	<u>5,476</u>	<u>(4,356)</u>	<u>2,245</u>	<u>8,051</u>
Loans	<u>2,149</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>(464)</u>	<u>43</u> (I)	<u>2,316</u>
Total	<u>9,822</u>	<u>7,034</u>	<u>(5,544)</u>	<u>2,833</u>	<u>14,145</u>

\* Other Listed Investments includes £1,350,000 (1989 £400,000) specifically deposited for sundry trusts in Building Societies.

\*\* Movements not involving cash are designated (P) for profit on realisation. (D) for depreciation, and (I) for interest debited.

NOTE 5 - FIXED ASSETS

Property (at cost or original valuation)				
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Balance	Additions	Disposals	Balance
	at			at
	1/1/90			31/12/90
Freehold Property:				
Central Office	76	35	-	111
Houses	1,940	621	(103)	2,458
Additions at Westminster College	107	-	-	107
Leasehold Property:				
Long Leases				
Windermere Centre	296	1	-	297
Other	<u>352</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>530</u>
	2,771	835	(103)	3,503
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	8	20	-	28
Shop Property	<u>62</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62</u>
	<u>2,841</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>3,593</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Cost				
Motor Cars	148	98	(68)	178
Furniture and Equipment	148	21	(12)	157
Computer Equipment	<u>81</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>377</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>425</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Depreciation		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	90	23	(38)	75
Furniture and Equipment	94	13	(9)	98
Computer Equipment	<u>47</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67</u>
	<u>231</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>(47)</u>	<u>240</u>
Net Book Value	<u>146</u>			<u>185</u>

NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS

	1990		1989	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Units in Common Investment Fund	-	-	1,699	4,219
Units in Investment Pool	6,490	8,744	2,371	5,576
Other Listed Investments	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,449</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>526</u>
	7,904	10,193	4,539	10,321
Unlisted Investment at cost	<u>147</u>		<u>147</u>	
	<u>8,051</u>		<u>4,686</u>	



## 7 - LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
To the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited		
from General Fund	139	260
from General Fund (interest free)	35	35
from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	342	95
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,047	881
from Other Funds	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	1,579	1,287
To Churches from Church Buildings Fund	645	786
To Ministers from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>92</u>	<u>76</u>
	<u>2,316</u>	<u>2,149</u>

Loans are interest free except that interest is charged at 1% below the Midland Bank base rate on the General Account loan to the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society, and generally at 7% per annum on loans from the Church Buildings Fund for building work, and for professional fees after the loan has been outstanding for two years.

## NOTE 8 - CASH AT BANK

	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
Cash on call and short term deposit	4,438	4,191
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>146</u>	<u>29</u>
	4,584	4,220
Sums held for Funds shown on pages 22 to 26	<u>133</u>	<u>(383)</u>
	4,451	4,603
Sums held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>2,956</u>	<u>3,041</u>
	<u>1,495</u>	<u>1,562</u>

## NOTE 9 - ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER BODIES

At 31st December 1990 United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	£'000	£'000
Investments (at cost or valuation)		9,097
Money specifically invested externally at short notice		1,305
Loans		30
Cash on deposit	2,911	
Other cash	<u>45</u>	<u>2,956</u>
		<u>13,388</u>

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

## NOTE 10 - COMMITMENTS

At 31st December 1989 and 31st December 1990 no contracts had been placed for the purchase of property for the Central Funds of the Church. The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd had contracted to purchase two properties at 31st December 1990, at the cost of £121,000 (1989 nil).

The Retired Ministers Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of property to the value of £270,000 (1989 £143,000). These acquisitions will be funded from the unexpended income of the Church or from the proceeds of properties currently unoccupied and for sale. From its General Fund the Church has agreed to lend to the URC Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited any shortfall.

The Officers of the Church Buildings Fund have authorised loans amounting to £74,000 (1989 £218,000) which were not paid at 31st December 1990.

CENTRAL FUNDS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 1990

GENERAL FUND

	1990	1989		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Unified Appeal			1,747	1,583
Other Income				
Dividends on Investments	90		91	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	211		132	
URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	33		28	
Sundry Income	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
			<u>335</u>	<u>253</u>
			2,082	1,836
EXPENDITURE				
Central Secretariat		69		64
General Church costs		91		71
Assembly		43		54
Ecumenical Grants		55		48
Moderators		231		227
Ministries		108		102
Faith & Life		207		166
World Church & Mission	315			
Less receipts	<u>23</u>	292		257
Church & Society		52		49
Finance	172			
Less receipts	<u>16</u>	156		126
Professional Fees		32		35
Communications & Supplies	143			
Less receipts	<u>40</u>	103		94
Advocacy		39		7
Information Service		4		5
Central Office costs		<u>130</u>		<u>153</u>
		1,612		1,458
Less Maintenance of Ministry				
Fund contributions to				
Ministerial Staff salaries		<u>190</u>		<u>166</u>
		1,422		1,292
ALLOCATIONS				
Council for World Mission		461		443
Ministerial Training Fund		43		21
Welfare Fund		<u>23</u>		<u>22</u>
			<u>1,949</u>	<u>1,778</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR			133	58
Profit on sale of properties			174	237
Surplus on realisation of CIF units			664	
Legacies and major donations			<u>82</u>	<u>47</u>
			1,053	342
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January			<u>2,235</u>	<u>1,893</u>
Balance at 31st December			<u>3,288</u>	<u>2,235</u>

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

INCOME	1990 £'000	1989 £'000	£'000
Contributions from local churches		8,060	6,994
Donations and Dividends		<u>209</u>	<u>202</u>
		8,269	7,196
 EXPENDITURE			
Stipends paid to ministers			
Full time	5,636		5,178
Part time	361		345
Children's allowances	18		23
Community charge supplement	450		2
Church related community workers	55		38
Employer's contribution to Pension Fund and National Insurance	1,079		930
Grants and other costs	178		174
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund toward actuarial deficit	<u>500</u>		<u>500</u>
		<u>8,277</u>	<u>7,190</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN THE YEAR		(8)	6
Transfer to Stipend Payment Reserve		-	(20)
Surplus on realisation of CIF units		865	-
Legacies		<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
		860	(14)
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1st January		<u>198</u>	<u>212</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,058</u>	<u>198</u>
 FUND BALANCES at 31st December			
General Income and Expenditure Account		1,058	198
General Reserve		267	267
Stipend Payments Reserve		<u>555</u>	<u>555</u>
		<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,020</u>

NOTE - STIPEND SUPPLEMENT

During 1990, in addition to the basic stipend, the Church paid as agents for local congregations and other bodies supplements and housing allowances etc. totalling £306,000 (1989 £280,000), and further recoverable amounts totalling £370,000 (1989 £300,000). No part of this expenditure falls upon Central Funds.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

INCOME	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Dividends and Interest		101		76
Allocation from				
Memorial Hall Trust Fund		-		70
New College, London, Trust		188		180
General Fund		43		22
Other Donations		26		21
1989/90 Appeal		<u>400</u>		<u>74</u>
		<u>758</u>		<u>443</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	162		152	
General Account (See Page 15)	<u>(23)</u>		<u>(16)</u>	
	139		136	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	101		91	
Northern College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	136		150	
Other Colleges	<u>32</u>		<u>36</u>	
	408		413	
Cost of Training for the				
Auxiliary Ministry	54		42	
Other Costs	<u>44</u>		<u>34</u>	
		<u>506</u>		<u>489</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR		252		(46)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Surplus on realisation of CIF units		287		320
Balance at 1st January		<u>796</u>		<u>522</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,335</u>		<u>796</u>

NOTE: As shown on page 53 investments costing £984,000 (1989 £247,000) are held for the Ministerial Training Fund, and these are valued at £995,000 at 31st December 1990 (1989 £624,000)

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>INCOME</b>				
Students' Fees	167		153	
Conference Fees	31		25	
Federation Fees	<u>3</u>		<u>7</u>	
		201		185
Net Property Rents	11		10	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	
		14		12
Endowment Income	15		15	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>	
		<u>18</u>		<u>18</u>
		<u>233</u>		<u>215</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Lecturers' stipends	52		46	
Lecturers' accommodation costs	4		4	
Chair Endowments	(12)		(11)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>(38)</u>		<u>(33)</u>	
		6		6
Staff Salaries	75		64	
Household Expenses	45		40	
Rates, light, heat and insurance	26		35	
Maintenance	<u>23</u>		<u>24</u>	
		169		163
University & Federation Fees, Internship Programme	21		17	
Library	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
		22		18
Office costs	8		6	
Sundry expenses	<u>5</u>		<u>6</u>	
		<u>13</u>		<u>12</u>
		<u>210</u>		<u>199</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR transferred to Ministerial Training Fund		<u>23</u>		<u>16</u>

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

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
INCOME		
Donations	1	2
Dividends and Interest	141	133
Income from houses	2	1
Income from Ground Rents	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
	170	163
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>2</u>	-
Net Increase in Account	168	163
Surplus on realisation of CIF units	<u>21</u>	-
	189	163
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>1,449</u>	<u>1,286</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,449</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUNDS

	1990 £'000	1989 £'000	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
INCOME				
Special rents	2		4	
Sundry dividend	-		-	
Income from Harrison Longhurst Will Trusts	<u>9</u>		<u>8</u>	
	11		12	
Less Sundry costs	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net Increase in Account		11		12
Legacies		93		-
Allocation to property management a/c		(10)		-
Surplus on sale of properties		<u>164</u>		<u>11</u>
		258		23
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>510</u>		<u>487</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>768</u>		<u>510</u>
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT				
Rents received		17		16
Less Property Costs	13		20	
Estimated management expenses	2		7	
Adjustment to 1989 charge	<u>(5)</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>10</u>		<u>27</u>
Net excess of rents over property costs		7		(11)
Allocation from general a/c		10		-
Balance at 1st January		<u>(31)</u>		<u>(20)</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>(14)</u>		<u>(31)</u>
FUND Balances at 31st December				
General Income and Expenditure Account		768		510
Property management account		(14)		(31)
Nidalla Account		<u>99</u>		<u>99</u>
		<u>853</u>		<u>578</u>

## WELFARE FUND

	1990	1989
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Donations	3	3
Dividends and Interest	14	14
Allocation from General Fund	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>
	40	39
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>
Net Increase in Account	8	2
Surplus on realisation of CIF units	44	-
Legacy	<u>49</u>	<u>1</u>
	101	3
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>147</u>	<u>46</u>

## RETIRED MINISTERS AID FUND

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Investment Income		37		35
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		2		2
Sundry receipts		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		39		37
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid	14		16	
Allocation to Ministers Pension Fund	<u>25</u>		<u>21</u>	
		<u>39</u>		<u>37</u>
Net (Decrease) in Account		-		-
Legacy		-		1
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>165</u>		<u>164</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>165</u>		<u>165</u>

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS FUND

		1990		1989
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Memorial Hall Trust Grants		196		140
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Training Fund Grants	- <u>30</u>		70 <u>10</u>	
		<u>30</u>		<u>80</u>
		166		60
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>881</u>		<u>821</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,047</u>		<u>881</u>

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION FUNDS

		1990		1989
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest		48		44
Donations		-		-
		<u>48</u>		<u>44</u>
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Less</u> Contribution to Departmental Expenditure Grants	23 <u>14</u>		22 <u>3</u>	
		<u>37</u>		<u>25</u>
Net Increase in Account		11		19
Legacies		-		2
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>194</u>		<u>173</u>
Balance at 31st December		205		194

OTHER FUNDS

INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	14		11	
EXPENDITURE				
Grants	<u>1</u>		-	
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	13		11	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January	<u>63</u>		<u>52</u>	
Balance at 31st December		<u>76</u>		<u>63</u>
		<u>281</u>		<u>257</u>



WINDERMERE FUND

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations and Other Receipts		5		1
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>320</u>		<u>319</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>325</u>		<u>320</u>

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Fees		89		74
Sundry receipts		<u>9</u>		<u>15</u>
		98		89
EXPENDITURE				
Secretarial, Office and General Centre Costs	22		25	
	<u>76</u>		<u>64</u>	
		<u>98</u>		<u>89</u>
Excess on income over expenditure		-		-
Net deficit balance brought forward		8		8
Net accumulated deficit balance written off against provision		<u>(8)</u>		-
Net deficit balance carried forward		-		<u>8</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FUNDS

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Other receipts		14		18
Dividends and Interest		<u>60</u>		<u>53</u>
		74		71
EXPENDITURE				
Bursary Account Grants	169		158	
Ministerial Training Fund Grant	<u>(162)</u>		<u>(152)</u>	
	7		6	
Chair Endowments	12		9	
General Endowments	15		15	
Other Grants	<u>14</u>		<u>17</u>	
		48		47
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR				
		26		24
Legacies				
		<u>20</u>		-
		46		24
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>262</u>		<u>238</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>308</u>		<u>262</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	1990	1989
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Dividends and Interest	224	170
Donations and Other Receipts	<u>64</u>	<u>53</u>
	288	223
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>155</u>	<u>175</u>
Net Increase in Accounts	133	48
Profit on sale of investments	123	258
Legacies	-	10
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>1,007</u>	<u>691</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,263</u>	<u>1,007</u>



INVESTMENT POOL

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 1990

	1990		1989	
	1,000 Units	£'000	1,000 Units	£'000
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January	1,908	6,152	1,836	4,644
Units issued in year	3,423	13,166	182	608
Units cancelled in year	(20)	(68)	(110)	(306)
Management fees		(28)		(17)
Transfer of Special Reserve Fund		6		
Profit on sale of investments		456		1,223
At 31st December	<u>5,311</u>	19,684	<u>1,908</u>	6,152
Unrealised (Deficit)/Surplus of Market Value of Investments against Cost		(822)		1,550
Special Reserve Fund				
At 1st January	6		5	
Transfer to capital account	(6)		-	
Underwriting Commission received	-		1	
At 31st December		<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
		<u>18,862</u>		<u>7,708</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Investments	<u>19,125</u>	18,302	<u>5,386</u>	6,936
Cash and Short Term Deposits		525		389
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>35</u>		<u>383</u>
		<u>18,862</u>		<u>7,708</u>

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

£3.5515

£4.0406

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	6.72p	129	6.27p	115
30th June	5.52p	227	5.09p	93
30th September	8.03p	422	7.29p	131
31st December	<u>6.25p</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>7.12p</u>	<u>128</u>
Total income distributed	<u>26.52p</u>	<u>1,109</u>	<u>25.77p</u>	<u>467</u>

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RETIRED MINISTERS  
AND MINISTERS WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS FUND (The Retired Ministers Fund)

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 1990

	1990	1989
£'000	£'000	£'000
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Sums transferred 1st August 1989	-	2,365
Sums credited in the terms of the will of the late H. N. Clarke	1,348	
<u>Less provision for possible claims from other churches</u>	<u>263</u>	
Net (deficit)/surplus in period	(170)	32
Loss on realisation of CIF units	(88)	-
Legacies received	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 1st January	837	2,397
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,397</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,234</u>	<u>2,397</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value	Market Value
Investments at Cost	<u>2,938</u>	<u>2,439</u>
Investment property	3,152	2,367
Net balance with the United Reformed Church	201	-
	<u>67</u>	<u>30</u>
	3,420	2,397
<u>Less Provision for possible claims from other churches</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,234</u>	<u>2,397</u>

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for  
the period of year to 31st December 1990  
(The 1989 figures cover the period of 5 months to 31st December 1989)

INCOME			
Investment Income	215	62	
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	27	7	
Sundry Income	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	
	246	69	
<u>Less provision for claims from other churches</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>	69
	228		
EXPENDITURE			
Grants Paid	<u>398</u>		<u>37</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN PERIOD	<u>(170)</u>		<u>32</u>

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1990

	1990	1990	1989
	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME			
Contributions from ministers and central funds	724		638
Return of contributions repaid	2		-
Transfer values received	<u>4</u>	730	<u>15</u>
Investment Income	1,387		1,215
Underwriting Commission	<u>2</u>	1,389	<u>2</u>
Allocation towards the actuarial deficit	529		525
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>-</u>
		2,648	2,395
EXPENDITURE			
Benefits Paid	1,329		1,193
Commutation of pensions	7		37
Transfer Values paid	<u>14</u>		<u>24</u>
	1,350		1,254
Management expenses	<u>75</u>		<u>58</u>
		<u>1,425</u>	<u>1,312</u>
NORMAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR		1,223	1,083
Realised Profit on Sale of Investments		598	1,972
(Reduction)/increase in Unrealised Surplus on Investment Revaluation		(2,497)	2,395
Legacies		<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR		(672)	5,454
Balance of Resources at 1st January		<u>23,279</u>	<u>17,825</u>
Balance of Resources at 31st December		<u>22,607</u>	<u>23,279</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Investments		21,798	18,758
Net Current Assets		<u>809</u>	<u>4,521</u>
		<u>22,607</u>	<u>23,279</u>

A valuation of the pension fund was carried out by the actuaries to the Church as at 31st December 1987. At that time, the actuaries reported that there was an unfunded past service liability of £1.23 million. Since 1987 the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and the Retired Ministers Aid Fund have made contributions to the Pension Fund of £500,000 and £15,000 pa respectively. The Assembly, in 1989 agreed to improve the benefits of certain classes of pensioner, which created liabilities on the fund in respect of past service, and the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee has proposed that it will continue the payment of £500,000 pa until 2000 to pay for these benefits.

The proposals currently to be considered by Assembly will have a considerable effect on the funding of the Pension Fund. The trustees cannot quantify the cost of these proposals at the current time.

The actuarial valuation of the fund as at 31st December 1990 is currently in hand, and the funding and provisions of the Pension Fund will be reviewed in the light thereof.

Accounting policy 9 on page 49 forms an integral part of the accounts of this fund

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 1990

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property at cost or valuation		6,737		6,120
Current Assets				
Cash	29		21	
Current Liabilities	<u>(6)</u>		<u>(5)</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>23</u>		<u>16</u>
		<u>6,760</u>		<u>6,136</u>
FINANCED BY				
Loans		1,243		1,198
Revenue Reserves	5,162		4,584	
Capital Reserves	<u>355</u>		<u>354</u>	
		<u>5,517</u>		<u>4,938</u>
		<u>6,760</u>		<u>6,136</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 60 of this book, and the accounts of the Society are available from the Central Office of the Church.

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.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1990

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Rents	112		96	
<u>Less</u> Property costs	<u>84</u>		<u>91</u>	
Net Surplus from property		28		5
<u>Less</u> Administrative costs		<u>13</u>		<u>26</u>
Net Balance for the Year		15		(21)
Transfer from General Revenue account		10		-
Balance at January 1st		<u>(18)</u>		<u>3</u>
Balance at December 31st		<u>7</u>		<u>(18)</u>

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1990

	1990		1989	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Donations, Dividends, and Sundry Income	60		44	
Legacies, and gifts of houses	279		373	
Profit on property sold	<u>242</u>		<u>198</u>	
		581		615
<u>Less</u> Survey fees on properties not purchased	3		2	-
Committees	1		1	-
Interest on money borrowed	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>
Net Balance for the Year		563		587
Transfer to Property Management Account		(10)		-
Balance at January 1st		<u>4,602</u>		<u>4,015</u>
Balance at December 31st		<u>5,155</u>		<u>4,602</u>
 <u>TOTAL REVENUE RESERVES</u>				
Property Management Account	7		(18)	
General Revenue Account	<u>5,155</u>		<u>4,602</u>	
		<u>5,162</u>		<u>4,584</u>



## LEGACIES AND MAJOR DONATIONS

	£	£
<u>General Fund</u>		
The late Mrs M. F. Baker	4,311	
Mrs G. M. Carrington	1,000	
Miss E. Elkington (additional)	1,363	
Mr J. W. Hillary	40,000	
The Marion Leavesley Charitable Trust (additional)	1,808	
The late Mr P. J. Maggs (additional)	54	
Miss W. Noble	20,000	
Mr. C. M. Roberts	1,000	
Miss M. Runtz	12,252	
	-----	81,788
<u>Maintenance of the Ministry Fund</u>		
The late Miss M. Alexander	3,515	
Mr F. H. Bennett (additional)	12	
	-----	3,527
<u>World Church and Mission Funds</u>		
The late Mrs F. O. M. Preston		48
<u>URC Ministers Pension Fund</u>		
The late Miss M. B. Jones	3,457	
Mr P. J. Maggs (additional)	217	
	-----	3,674
<u>The Retired Ministers Fund</u>		
The H. N. Clarke Will Trust*	1,085,151	
The late Mrs F. O. M. Sloan	10,000	
	-----	1,095,151
<u>Westminster College</u>		
In memory of the late Mrs M. I. Healey:		
For the Barbour Chair	30,000	
For the College	20,000	
	-----	50,000
<u>The Retired Ministers Housing Fund</u>		
The late Mrs F. O. M. Sloan	2,000	
The H. C. Watts Will Trust*	90,500	
	-----	92,500
<u>The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd.</u>		
The late Miss A. M. Anderson - house sold for	62,534	
Mrs M. F. Baker	4,311	
Mr F. H. Bennett (additional)	12	
Mr J. Blossom	500	
The C. J. L. Cottle Settlement	233	
The late Mrs Mrs I. Fisher	40,000	
Miss R. Giles	500	
Mr M. E. Hawley	100	
Rev H. M. B. Jutson (additional)	2,015	
Miss N. E. Kelly	3,825	
Miss E. M. Lewis	5,000	
Miss F. I. Naylor (additional)	621	
Miss V. Quarmbly (additional)	17,096	
Mrs A. N. Small	50,000	
	-----	186,747
<u>The Welfare Fund</u>		
The late Miss V. M. A. Collins		49,154
		-----
Total		£1,562,589

\*Note - These legacies are shown after making provision for claims from other churches.

## MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND BUDGET FOR 1992

	Actual 1990 £'000	Budget 1990 £'000	Budget 1991 £'000	Draft Budget 1992 £'000
<b>INCOME</b>				
Ministry and Mission Fund				13,012
Church contributions to MoM fund	8,060	8,045	8,741	-
Unified Appeal	<u>1,746</u>	<u>1,711</u>	<u>1,992</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,806</u>	<u>9,756</u>	<u>10,733</u>	<u>13,012</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE</b>				
Central Secretariat	69	71	76	86
General Church costs	91	67	87	92
Assembly	43	37	40	56
Ecumenical Grants	55	55	63	83
Moderators	231	234	271	270
Ministries	108	107	120	132
Faith and Life	207	191	255	295
Advocacy	39	27	32	37
World Church and Mission	292	283	313	397
Church and Society	52	53	60	69
Finance	156	157	176	168
Professional Fees	32	35	42	37
Communication and Supplies	103	98	99	121
Information Service	4	5	5	5
Central Office costs	<u>130</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>143</u>
	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>1,991</u>
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	<u>190</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>211</u>
	<u>1,422</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>1,586</u>	<u>1,780</u>
<b>Allocations</b>				
Council for World Mission	461	461	493	530
Ministerial Training Fund	43	43	196	206
Welfare Fund	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>1,949</u>	<u>1,909</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,536</u>
<u>Less</u> Other income	<u>336</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>239</u>
	<u>1,613</u>	<u>1,717</u>	<u>2,073</u>	<u>2,297</u>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND EXPENDITURE</b>				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	5,997	6,041	6,472	8,012
Children's allowances	18	17	14	6
Community charge supplement	450	409	527	703
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,081</u>	<u>1,165</u>	<u>1,527</u>
	<u>7,544</u>	<u>7,548</u>	<u>8,178</u>	<u>10,248</u>
Church Related Community Workers Grants and other costs	55	74	91	154
Grants to Ministers Pension Fund	<u>178</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>299</u>
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>8,277</u>	<u>8,334</u>	<u>9,003</u>	<u>11,201</u>
<u>Less</u> Other income	<u>209</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>180</u>
	<u>8,068</u>	<u>8,168</u>	<u>8,775</u>	<u>11,021</u>
<b>NET BALANCE IN YEAR</b>	125	(129)	(115)	(306)

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