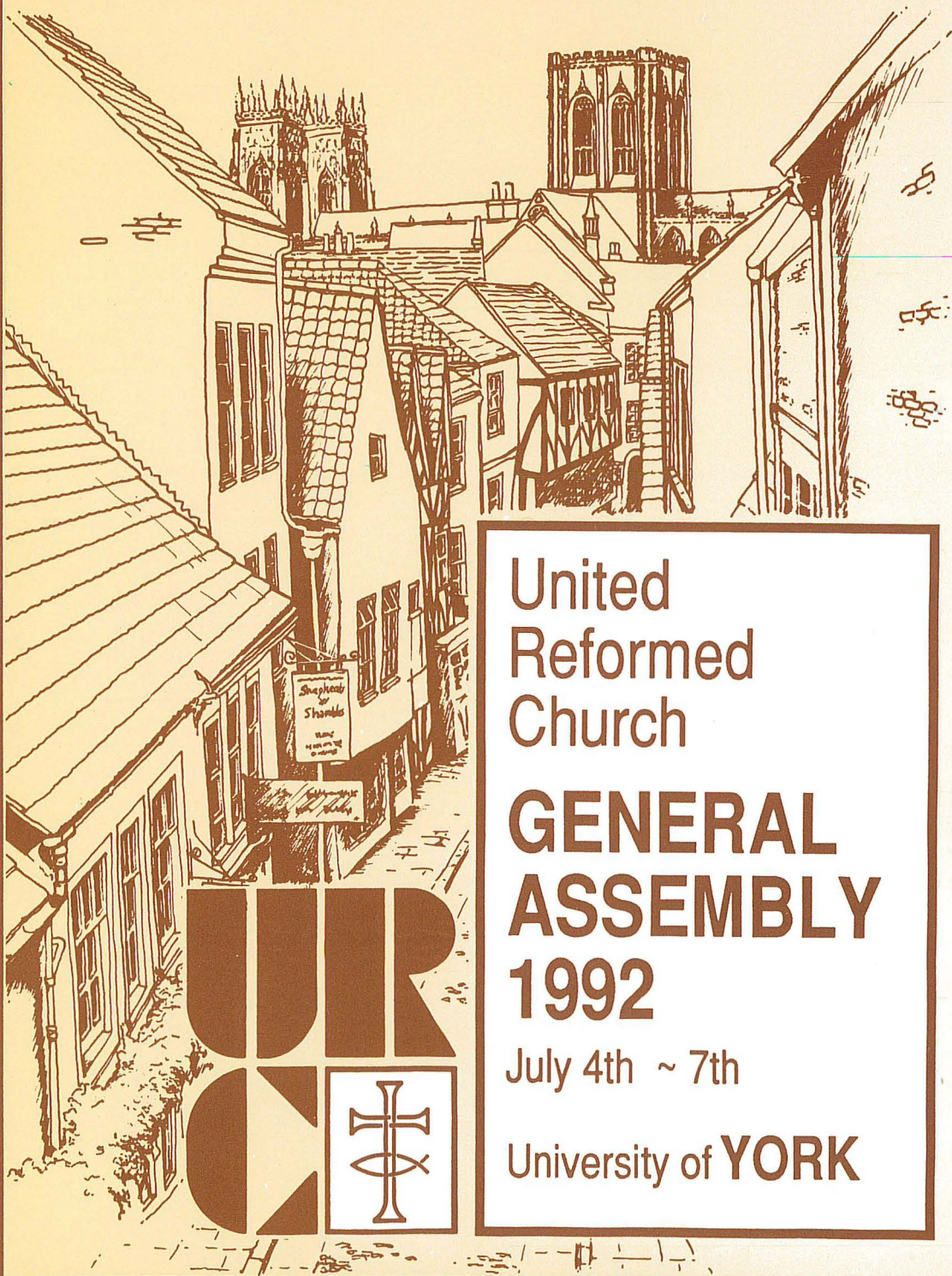


ASSEMBLY RECORD



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**GENERAL
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1992**

July 4th ~ 7th

University of **YORK**



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RECORD of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

4 to 7 July 1992

Saturday, 4th July 1992

First Session

On Saturday, 4 July 1992 at 1.30 pm members of Assembly met in the University of York.

CONSTITUTION OF ASSEMBLY

The Revd Malcolm Hanson, BA, constituted the Assembly with prayer, the place and time having been duly appointed, and the chaplain, the Revd Elizabeth Caswell led the worship of the Assembly.

INDUCTION OF MODERATOR

Mrs Ruth Clarke, JP, BA, had been welcomed as Moderator at a service at Dulwich URC on Saturday, 10th May and began her Moderatorial Year. Now, on the motion of the Revd Malcolm Hanson, Mrs Clarke was called to the Chair and formally inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church. The Moderator signed the Assembly Bible.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR

The thanks of the Church were expressed by the Moderator to The Revd Malcolm and Mrs Brenda Hanson.

The Moderator then addressed the Assembly.

LOYAL ADDRESS

The immediate past Moderator, the Revd Malcolm Hanson, presented the Loyal Address to the Throne.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, now meeting in York, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past year the concern of the world-wide community for the well-being of the planet has become increasingly evident. We are glad that the Earth Summit has taken place and that so many nations have gathered to seek to turn that concern into appropriate action. We pray that the exploitation of the earth and the suffering of its poorest peoples may be diminished as the nations co-operate to provide a sustainable future for those who come after us.

We have rejoiced in the fortieth anniversary of your accession. We are grateful for Your Majesty's constant affirmation of Christian truths and values and give renewed thanks for all your years of dedicated service to the nation and the Commonwealth.

The pressures and strains of family life which touch us all have touched you particularly closely. We have been deeply disturbed by the treatment some of these issues have received in public places and assure you of our prayers for you and all your family especially in the most difficult and sensitive situations that you have to face. Our hope is that you may know the peace and strength of God at all times.

We are

Your faithful and loyal subjects,

Moderator

Clerk

4th July 1992

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

The ROLL of ASSEMBLY was placed on the table.

ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator:	Mrs Ruth Clarke
Clerk:	The Revd Bernard G Thorogood
Assistant Clerk:	Mrs Olive Darke
Moderator Elect (1992-93):	
Deputy General Secretary:	The Revd Terry Oakley

Provincial Moderators:	I	Revd D Jenkins
	II	Revd A G Burnham
	III	Revd E Allen
	IV	Revd D Hilton
	V	Revd M G Hanson
	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

Conveners:	
Ministries:	Revd C K Forecast
Faith and Life:	Revd Dr P Morgan
Church & Society:	Dr M Ede
World Church & Mission:	Mrs M Marsden
Finance:	Mr A Black

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 C Franks
Forward Policy Group:	Mr R Clarke
Advocacy:	Revd J J Macro

Ministries:

Vocations:	Revd G D Gill
Training:	Mrs E Jupp
Support:	Revd Dr D G Cornick

Faith and Life:

Doctrine & Worship:	Revd Dr D M Thompson
Christian Education and Stewardship:	Revd W W Mahood
Youth Work:	Mrs R Clarke
Children's Work:	Revd Dr L 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 C Allen
Mission & Other Faiths:	Revd John Sutcliffe
Personnel:	Revd W R P Adams

Church and Society:

Additional representatives:	Revd P Woods, Mr C Russell
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Finance:

Financial Management:	Mr A Black
Financial Resources:	Revd A J G Walker
Maintenance of the Ministry:	Mr A Black
Welfare & Emergencies:	Mr R Heritage
Retired Ministers' Housing:	Revd D 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 S Lloydlangston	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 W Nicol, Revd D Rominger
II	Revd J Grindrod, Revd B O'Neill, Mrs E Smith
III	Revd J Oldershaw, Miss S Munro, Mr J Yates
IV	Revd D Marsden, Mrs A Hughes, Mrs M Atkinson
V	Mrs M Weedon, Mr J Culley, Mrs M Buxton
VI	Mr R Webb, Mr A McCulloch
VII	Revd S Maxey, Revd M Powell, Mr P Wade
VIII	Revd P Killick, Mrs D Whittall, Mr A Johnson
IX	Revd S M Nuttall, Revd B Collins, Dr D R Page
X	Mrs S Hayton, Mrs M Hunter, Mr V Lane
XI	Mr A Smith, Mr D Buckland, Mrs A Morgan
XII	Revd P Lewis, Revd J Huntington, Revd K Watson

Synod Treasurers:

I	Mr B McIntosh	II	Mr G R Stelfox	III	Mr R D Holden
IV	Mr D Lethem	V	Mr M Harrison	VI	Mr H Kempton
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X	Mr R S Martin	XI	Mr B M Edwards	XII	Mr A Gilmour

Theological College representatives:

Mansfield College:

Revd A Tucker, Ms E Dunn

Northern College, Manchester:

Revd R J McKelvey, Ms A Davis

Westminster College, Cambridge:

Revd Dr W J Houston, Mr I Smith

Youth representatives:

Miss Pamela Harvey, Mr Michael Healey

Council for World Mission:**Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain:**

Revd M Spencer

Missionaries on Furlough:Revd R Sleigh, Mrs M Sleigh, Mrs M Burgess,
Revd D Jones, Mrs J Jones**Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:**

Mr B J Hartwell, Revd Dr J Marsh, Revd R W Hugh Jones, Revd C J Buckingham,
Mrs Gwen Hall, 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 Dr W G Baker, Revd J E Francis, Revd W F Aiton, Revd J Gray,
Revd K C Burdett, Revd R Murray, Revd W Clark, 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, Revd M G Hanson.

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 G Bindeman, Revd D Herbert, Revd V Reed, Revd A Smith,
Miss F Middlemist, Mrs J Ogilvie, Mr W L Luke, Miss S Fairbairn.
B: Revd A Jackson, Revd D McFarlane, Revd R Rominger, Revd G Thompson,
Revd S Thornton, Mr S Barlow, Mr H Gibson, Mr J Ramsay, Mr D Southern.
C: Revd R Forster, Revd D A Roberts, Miss S Craik, Miss H Jackson
D: Revd G Bobbett, Revd R Hine, Revd J Parker, Mr E Dale, Mr E Hanson,
Dr D Warnock.
E: Revd A Williamson, Mr R Kerr, Mr W Hanvey, Revd J Cernoblavek.
F: Revd J E Kidd, Mrs M Falconer.

Province II

- A: Revd A Gaunt, Revd A Tomlinson, Revd B Morrell, Mrs S Kendall, Mrs A Wicks,
Mr J Wicks.
B: Revd A Boon, Revd R Turnbull, Revd R Jones, Mrs C Longden, Mr E Wrennall,
Mrs H Hurst.
C: Revd Dr L Sundeen, Revd P Webb, Revd G Tolley, Mrs M East, Mrs A Caldwell,
Mrs S Evans.
D: Revd J Whately, Revd D Megson, Revd C Warner, Mr A Hart, Mrs A Hart,
Mr N Platt.
E: Revd D Brown, Revd N Riley, Revd M Tait, Revd V Langfield, Mr G Ollerenshaw,
Mrs J Ollerenshaw, Mr H Pearson, Mrs J Ashworth.
F: Revd D Lee, Revd B Jolly, Revd J Mitchell, Revd D Robertson, Mr G Perkin,
Mrs G Perkin, Mr T Swan, Mr S Taylor, Revd F Noden, Mr I Livingston.
G: Revd R Wollaston, Revd R Day, Miss D Seath, Miss M Burdes.

Province III

- A: Revd K Jones, Revd D Lawrence, Revd T Legge, Revd J Forster, Mr J Bryan, Mr J Bennion, Ms N Hall, Ms A Lee.
- B: Revd E Sambrooks, Revd K Smith, Revd K Watts, Ms Howie, Mrs M Hilton, Mr D Hibbert.
- C: Revd L J Thomas, Revd P W Beaman, Revd P E Cox, Miss M Proven, Mr G Hughes, Mr J D Bethom.
- D: Revd R Hambly, Revd M Ryland-Jones, Revd C Richards, Mrs B Martin, Mrs S Webster, Mr P McGraa.
- E: Revd N J Lowen, Revd J D Shakesby, Mr D C Swift, Mr W Holden.

Province IV

- A: Revd D Greenwood, Revd D Parkinson, Revd S Knapton, Mrs J Martin, Mr K Welbourn, Mr G Lawrence.
- B: Revd D Dennison, Revd T Fletcher, Revd L Green, Revd B Saunders, Mr C Auckland, Mrs A Charlesworth, Mr J Morrison, Mrs V Morrison.
- C: Revd R Way, Revd S Wilkins, Revd J Belderson, Miss K Poulter, Mrs J Throssell, Mrs E Wakeley.
- D: Revd A Evans, Mrs V Jenkins, Revd G Perrott, Miss E Stewart, Miss J Coatesworth, Miss M Lewis.
- E: Revd D Atkinson, Revd M Moore, Revd V Newman, Mr J Gilbey, Mrs M Gilbey, Mr P Sharp.
- F: Revd W J Taylor, Revd C Bembridge, Revd A J Spivey, Mr F Horton, Mrs N Davidson, Miss C Atkinson.

Province V

- A: Revd M J Pevy, Revd R E Cole, Revd M Coe, Revd J C Sutcliffe, Mr E N Greville, Mr H Graham, Mr P Chandler, Mr A Lowe.
- B: Revd M Shepherd, Revd L McNeil, Mrs I Wren, Miss S Middleton.
- C: Revd A Bradshaw, Revd A Wood, Revd E McDonald, Mrs R Anderson, Mr D Coaker, Mr B Stonehouse.
- D: Revd R Francis, Revd M Taylor, Revd K Lee, Mrs L Cole, Miss E Watkins-Smith, Mr D Edwards.
- E: Revd J Filsak, Revd G Fox, Revd M Kyte, Dr J Brown, Mrs J Booth, Mr S Maxwell.
- F: Revd D Spence, Revd K Spence, Mrs M Buckler, Mr R Chapman.

Province VI

- A: Revd J Mallas, Revd J Cohen, Revd Dr J Parry, Revd W Baskett, Revd C Price, Mrs E Mallas, Mrs G Cohen, Mr A Onions, Mr G Harrison, Mrs M Harrison.
- B: Revd N Stancliffe, Revd T Harwood, Revd J Steele, Mr D Griffiths, Miss A Williams, Mrs I Steele.
- C: Revd A Dunstone, Revd S Sawyer, Revd D Vick, Miss M Clarke, Miss M Gatecliff, Mr A Gilbert.
- D: Revd E J R Bentliff, Revd R H Young, Revd J Winterbottom, Miss M Scott, Mrs M Evans, Mr D Lewis.
- E: Revd Dr J Campbell, Revd J Marsh, Revd H Martin, Revd P Ward, Mr B Harvey, Mrs H Merrington, Mr S Rowntree, Miss M Smith.
- F: Revd P Bedford, Revd S Jackson, Revd B Stops, Mrs S Matthews, Mrs K Paxton, Mr A Redhead

Province VII

- A: Revd A Chart, Revd I Fosten, Revd D Howell-Jones, Mr J Nevill, Mrs M Nevill, Mrs S Yorke.
- B: Revd C Knight, Revd J Pells, Revd J Pugh, Revd R Woods, Mr R Baker, Mrs L Chapman, Mrs M Marshall, Mrs R Sykes.

- C: Revd M Arguile, Revd K Ellis, Revd G Millington, Revd B Shirley, Mrs E Whitten, Mr D Osborne, Mrs E Horton, Mr W Grieve.
- D: Revd P Elliott, Revd R Furley-Smith, Revd J Hickmore, Mrs J Bright, Mr G Semain, Mr M Benham.
- E: Revd J Benfield, Revd J Knight, Revd E Byrne, Revd M Whitehorn, Mr R Benfield, Ms M McQuilty, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr R Sulston.
- F: Revd J Hussey, Mr J Bannister.

Province VIII

- A: Revd P Ford, Mrs G Lunt*, Mr R Stinson.
- B: Revd P Southcombe, Mrs J Dart, Mrs C Sobey.
- C: Revd H D Bignell, Revd P R Crocker, Revd R A C West, Mrs V Bignell, Miss S King, Mr L Phillips.
- D: Revd J J Armitstead, Revd H Barkham, Revd G Jones, Mr A Senior.
- E: Revd B Jones, Revd K Wilkinson, Mrs J Trippier, Miss K Roberts.
- F: Revd B Chart, Revd D McGown, Revd B Grimsey, Revd J Francis, Revd Y Oldfield, Mr R Herwig, Mrs G Lewis, Miss S Keyes, Mrs D Crocker, Mr A Hayden.
- G: Revd S Macbeth, Revd M Hodgson, Mr W Dart*, Mrs P Shapland*.
- H: Revd S Henderson, Mrs P Hillier.
- J: Revd J A Berryman, Mrs J Berryman.

Province IX

- A: Revd J Sturney, Revd J C Evans, Revd D Harkison, Revd C Bones, Revd D Wiseman, Mrs G Chalmers, Mr R Weston, Mrs R Weston, Mr C Dean, Mrs D Harkison.
- B: Revd A J Spring, Revd E Symmons, Revd A Green, Revd M Woodland, Mrs C Hardwick, Dr M Schofield, Mr R Smith, Miss M Wyman.
- C: Revd S Caton, Revd A C Gardiner, Revd P E J McManus, Mrs J Antcliffe, Mr D Taylor, Mr R Cutress.
- D: Revd S Daldorph, Revd W Hughes-Edwards, Revd B Kirkby, Revd A McLuskey, Mrs J Butler, Mrs M Carrick-Smith, Mr C Hansford, Mr N Hobbs.
- E: Revd R Taylor, Revd M Jackson, Revd N Mead, Revd K Pryde, Revd C Ball, Mrs G Jackson, Mr C Lowden, Mr V Payne, Mrs C Robertson, Mr A Jackson.

Province X

- A: Revd R Courtney, Revd M Frost, Revd R Scopes, Revd D Skitt, Revd H Undy, Mrs J Adams, Miss J Cunningham, Mrs M Grainger, Mrs M Stacy, Miss Isabel Stewart.
- B: Revd D Batchelor, Revd A Frost, Revd M Latham, Mr W G Boyd, Mr C Wolff, Mr B Irving.
- C: Revd W Frame, Revd R Maitland, Revd D Witts, Mrs J Yates, Revd J Petrie, Miss L Croft*.
- D: Revd J Ennals, Revd M Truscott, Revd D Gillespie, Revd D Turner, Revd J Sutcliffe, Mrs M Davies, Mrs M Stokes, Mr N Muir, Mrs D Turner, Miss N Winder.
- E: Revd S Werner, Revd J Pratt, Revd A Newman, Mrs D Whitby-Reid, Mr D Martin, Mr J Hayton.
- F: Revd I Duncan, Revd A Proffitt, Revd J Black, Mr J Kennedy, Ms L Trenkel, Mrs F Woods.

Province XI

- A: Revd C Lewis, Revd G Powell, Revd B Treharne, Revd Dr R Warwicker, Mr J King, Mrs J Prior, Mrs M Willson, Mr S Jones.
- B: Revd J Hall, Revd P Jones, Revd K Lynch, Revd I Knowles, Revd J Crocker, Mr A Mander, Mrs J West, Mr K Meekison, Mr S Griffiths, Mr N Taylor.

- C: Revd M Rees, Revd D Baker, Revd J Key, Revd R Singh, Revd R Wells,
Miss G Green, Mrs E Saggars, Mr F Blackburn, Mrs P Blackburn, Mr M Jones.
- D: Revd D Redfern, Revd S Thomas, Revd A Wharton, Mrs R Anderson, Mr J Ellis,
Mr G Ring, Miss M Bridgland.
- E: Revd J Lawson, Revd D Newton, Revd J Braund, Mrs S Marsh, Mrs H Newton,
Mr A Lang.
- F: Revd A Owens, Revd G Palmer, Revd M Thrower, Revd H Trice, Mr R Brown,
Mrs M Read, Mr K Wood, Mrs M Elliott.
- G: Revd J Turner-Knell, Mr D Curry, Mr B Dyer, Mrs N Welch, Mr I Clifford,
Mr I Sinclair.

Province XII

- A: Revd J Ellis, Ms S Thomas, Revd H Gordon, Ms K Price.
- B: Revd J Thomas, Revd D Fox, Revd Dr J G Harris, Miss D News,
Miss P Venables, Mr S Harvey.
- C: Revd T G Jones, Revd K Jones, Revd G Sweeney, Revd M Evans, Mrs N Fraser,
Mrs J Jones, Mr W Thomas, Mr M Simkin.
- D: Revd P Trow, Revd J Wilstead, Mr T Hopkin, Miss E Jones.
- E: Revd T Owen, Revd A Barrah, Mrs V Owen, Mrs C Barrah.
- F: Revd C Lloyd Jones, Revd G Rhys, Revd S Roberts, Mrs D Lewis, Mr P Gaskell,
Mrs M Kidd.

Voting Members representing other Churches

Baptist Union of Great Britain:	Revd R N J Nunn
Church of Scotland:	Revd Dr F Macdonald
Congregational Union of Scotland:	Revd R Waters
Methodist Church:	Mr G Bowstead
Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland:	Mr G G Stewart
Presbyterian Church in Ireland:	Revd S J Campbell
Presbyterian Church of Wales:	Mrs P Hughes
Union of Welsh Independents:	Revd G Jones
Congregational Federation:	Revd J Parker

RECEPTION OF GUESTS

The Revd Donald Hilton, Moderator, Yorkshire Province, presented the Revd Dr Lewis Burton of the West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council who represented the local churches.

The Convener of World Church and Mission Department, Mrs Mary Marsden, introduced representatives from churches in the United Kingdom and in other countries, and those present were received by the Moderator.

Baptist Union of Gt Britain & Ireland:	The Revd Roger N J Nunn* Mrs Merrill Nunn
Church of England:	The Ven Frank Weston
Church of Scotland:	The Rt Revd Hugh Rutherford Wyllie Mrs Eileen Wyllie Mrs Dora Elliot The Revd Dr Finlay Macdonald* (accompanied by The Revd George Elliot, the Revd William and Mrs Paterson)

Congregational Federation:	The Revd John Parker*
Congregational Union of Scotland:	The Revd Robert Waters* The Revd Brian Bailey
Methodist Church:	Mr Geoff Bowstead*
Moravian Church:	Mr G G Stewart*
Presbyterian Church in Ireland:	The Very Revd Dr Rodney Sterritt The Revd J L Casement The Revd S J Campbell* (accompanied by Mrs Iza Sterritt)
Presbyterian Church of Wales:	Mrs Pearl Hughes*
Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales:	The Revd Michael Jackson
Union of Welsh Independents:	The Revd Gerwyn Jones*
* Voting Member of Assembly	
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada:	The Revd Donald Manworren (accompanied by Mrs Manworren)
Conference of European Churches:	Mr Jean Fischer
Council for World Mission:	Dr Preman Niles (accompanied by Mrs Sherina Niles)
Evangelical Church of the Union, Germany:	OKR Rudolf Schulze
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal:	The Revd Rui Rodrigues
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand:	The Very Revd Dr Alan A Brash
Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea :	The Revd Kwae-Jae Lee The Revd Ik Ho Shin The Revd Il Choi Sung
Reformed Church of France:	The Revd André Honegger
Reformed Church in Hungary:	The Revd Attila Kocsis
Reformed Church of Romania:	The Revd Béla Nógrádi
Waldensian Church:	The Revd Franco Giampiccoli
United Church of Christ (USA):	The Revd Don Stevenson (accompanied by Mrs Deborah Stevenson)

The Moderator greeted these friends and the Revd Michael Jackson, the Revd Rui Rodrigues and the Revd Kwae-Jae Lee responded.

The Assembly then stood adjourned.

Assembly was reconvened at 3.30 pm and the Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke, introduced the Agenda. She then thanked the organists, the choir and all musicians taking part in the Assembly.

FAITH AND LIFE

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the Faith & Life Department, the Revd Dr Philip Morgan, to present the report. Dr Morgan questioned the Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee, Mr Paul Franklin, the Revd John Oldershaw and Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow about Children's work, Youth work, Training and the Windermere Centre. The Revd Bill Mahood was questioned on Christian Education & Stewardship and Dr David Thompson answered questions about Doctrine and Worship. The Revd Robin Hine spoke about the Health and Healing Committee's work.

Dr Morgan proposed the resolution:

"The Assembly receives the report for debate."

and Assembly approved. Matters not the subject of resolution were discussed. Dr David Thompson made a statement about "Rejoice & Sing", confirming agreement with Oxford University Press to produce a large print edition to be published in May 1993 at a cost of not more than £15.

TRAINING FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

The Revd John Oldershaw presented the resolution:

"Assembly urges all churches to ensure that those beginning to work with children and young people on behalf of the church receive appropriate and adequate training, and encourages other leaders to keep their training up to date."

and comments were made. The resolution was carried.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE

An amendment to the printed resolution "Assembly resolves to create the post of a Children's Advocate and instructs Mission Council to consider how this might be achieved." was proposed by the Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee:

"Assembly, seeking to create the post of National Children's Advocate, instructs the Mission Council, as it reviews its budget priorities, to consider how this might be achieved as a matter of urgency."

and Mrs Rosemary Johnson was invited to address the Assembly. Dr Husselbee then moved the amended resolution. The Revd John Hussey proposed a further amendment as follows: "Assembly, seeking to create the post of National Children's and Young Families Advocate, instructs the Mission Council, as it reviews its budget priorities, to consider how this might be achieved as a matter of urgency." This amendment was debated, put to the vote and was lost.

The Department's amended resolution was then discussed and Dr Morgan and Dr Husselbee responded. When put to the vote the resolution was carried.

FURY PROJECT APPEAL

The Revd Malcolm Hanson took the chair and called upon Mrs Ruth Clarke to present the resolution:

"Assembly thanks all who have contributed to the New FURY project appeal, the building and the programme and rejoices that the National Youth Resource Centre is now open."

and Assembly responded with applause. The resolution was carried.

FURY PROJECT - FINANCE

The resolution:

"The Assembly congratulates the young people for their enthusiastic and effective advocacy of the New FURY Project, and notes that the Church Building Fund will provide finance for the balance of the building costs, less whatever responses to the appeal are received or promised by 31 December 1992."

was presented by Mr Alistair Black who reported that the deficit on the Yardley Hastings Project was now £200,000 and congratulated the young people for their efforts. The resolution was carried and warmest congratulations were offered to the National Committee and all those involved in the Project.

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE and FURY COUNCIL

The Revd Malcolm Hanson took the Chair while Mrs Ruth Clarke presented remaining Faith & Life resolutions. After questions the resolution:

"Assembly approves the reconstitution of the National Youth Committee and the formation of the FURY Council."

was put to the vote and carried.

FURY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The resolution:

"Assembly welcomes the proposals of the New FURY Project Development Group and encourages local churches to use the new material and programmes in their continuing support of young people."

was introduced, discussed and was carried.

This completed the business of the Faith & Life Department.

INTEGRATED TRAINING

The report of the Integrated Training Working Group was presented by the Revd Terry Oakley and the Revd Michael Diffey. **The report was received for debate.**

TRAINING MATERIAL - CHILDREN'S WORK

Synod Resolution, South Western Province. Mrs Pat Shapland moved:

"Assembly requests the Children's Work Committee and the Youth & Children's Work Training Committee to make available suitable material and trainers to enable those who undertake work with children to receive training."

This was formally seconded by the Revd Harold Bignell. This was put to the vote and carried.

Assembly re-convened at 7.30 pm and the Moderator invited the General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches, Mr Jean Fischer, to address the meeting. Mr Fischer spoke of the problems posed by the new freedoms the Churches in Europe are experiencing since 1989, and the challenges facing the Ecumenical movement. His address was received with applause and the Moderator expressed the thanks of Assembly.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Revd Adrian Wells was called upon to present the report of the Business Committee. Mr Wells moved the resolution "**Assembly receives the report for debate.**" which was carried.

STANDING ORDER

The resolution:

"Assembly agrees the following amendment to Standing Order 3e:

To delete 3e (iv)

To insert a new (iv) and to amend the final sentence -

3e It shall not be in order to move a resolution or amendment which:

(i) Contravenes any part of the Basis of Union, or

(ii) involves the church in expenditure without prior consideration by the appropriate committee, or

(iii) pre-empts discussion of a matter to be considered later in the agenda, or

(iv) amends or reverses a decision reached by the Assembly within the preceding two years unless the Moderator, Clerk and General Secretary together decide that changed circumstances or new evidence justify earlier reconsideration of the matter, or

(v) is not related to the report of a department or committee and has not been subject of 21 days' notice under 2d.

The decision of the Moderator (in the case of i, ii, iii, v) and of the Moderator with the Clerk and General Secretary (in the case of iv) on the application of this Standing Order shall be final."

was moved and carried.

AMENDMENT TO BASIS - NON STIPENDIARY MINISTERS

The resolution:

"Assembly ratifies the following amendments regarding Non-Stipendiary Ministers:

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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.

18	(x)	Delete phrase in brackets.
19	(ix)	Delete phrase in brackets.
20	3(a)	Delete phrase in brackets.
20	3(b)	Delete phrase in brackets.
20	3(c)	Delete whole paragraph. Re-number the following paragraphs.
21 to follow	3(ii)	Insert new paragraph iii - to appoint, or to concur in the appointment of non-stipendiary ministers to their particular service and to review this service at stated intervals. Re-number following paragraphs:
21	3(iii)	Delete 'an auxiliary minister'.
21	3(v)	Delete phrase in brackets.
22	4(a)	Delete phrase in brackets.
24	4(vi)	Delete 'auxiliary' and insert 'non-stipendiary'.
24	4(xiv)	Delete phrase in brackets."

was moved and carried.

Mr Wells indicated where the various Synod resolutions would be taken during the programme.

NOMINATIONS

The Moderator called upon the Revd Brian Nuttall to present the report of the Nominations Committee.

The resolution: "**The Assembly receives the report for debate.**" was moved and carried.

SECRETARY FOR MINISTRIES

The resolution:

"The Assembly appoints the Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee to serve as Departmental Secretary, Ministries Department for a term of seven years commencing on 1st September 1992"

was moved and carried and the Moderator then expressed the Assembly's welcome for the new appointment.

CRCW DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Mr Nuttall proposed the additional resolution:

"That Assembly appoints Mr Graham Ghaleb to serve as CRCW Development Worker for a term of five years commencing on 1st September 1992."

and this was agreed.

ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS

With regard to resolution:

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

Mr Nuttall announced that an Associate Convener, Mr Aubrey Curry, was proposed to serve the Church and Society Department until August 1995.

The resolution was then moved and carried.

The Convener moved the following resolutions and they were approved:

"Assembly appoints the following:

- a) **MINISTRIES**
Panel for Assessment Conferences: CRCW Sub-Section - Mr Graham Ghaleb
- b) **FAITH & LIFE**
Christian Education & Stewardship Committee:
Mrs Barbara Martin (Hoylake with Meols)
Mrs Wendy Dunnett (Guilford)
Mrs Liz Wilkinson (Swindon)
Revd Marlene Schwoebel has resigned
- Children's Work Committee:**
Mrs Elizabeth Crocker (Horsham)
Mrs Sheila Flett (Newcastle)
Mr Maurice Gardner (Leicester)
Mrs Gloria Turner has resigned
- c) **WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION**
Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee: Mr Bill Thomas (Maesteg) in place of Miss Christine Robertson who has resigned.
- d) **CHURCH & SOCIETY COMMITTEE**
Convener - Professor Malcolm Johnson (1996)
Associate Convener - Mr Aubrey Curry (1995)
Secretary - Revd Peter Brain
Revd Hazel Addy
Revd Molly Kenyon
Revd Ermal Kirby
Mrs Val Morrison
others to be appointed
- e) **ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE**
Convener - Mrs Wilma Frew
- f) **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
Convener - Revd Jessie Clare (1998)
Revd David Jenkins (1), Mr Monty Helmn (2), Revd Donald Hilton (4), Mrs Marion Weedon (5), Revd John Waller (6), Revd Michael Hubbard (8), Revd Nelson Bainbridge (9), Revd Greta Morgan (10), Mrs Christine Meekison (11), Mrs Eileen McIlveen (12) Representatives of Provinces 3 & 7 to be appointed
- g) **ADVOCACY GROUP**
I Revd Stephen Thornton in place of Revd Dr Elliott Massey
II Mr Ian Livingstone in place of Revd Dr Lois Sundeen
VI Mr Brian Keeling in place of Revd John Stanyon

- h) **FCFC**
Revd Tony Burnham and Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow in place of the Revd Bernard Thorogood and John Ward
- i) **Society for the Ministry of Women in the Church**
Revd Florence Frost-Mee in place of the Revd Patrice Sessions
- j) **Homerton College Trustees**
Revd Margaret McKay (Cambridge) in place of Mr John Hall
- k) **Mansfield College Trustees**
Re-appointment of Revd Peter Jupp and Tony Tucker for further terms of 4 years
- l) **Northern College**
Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee in place of Revd Michael Dunford
- m) **Queen's College, Birmingham**
Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee in place of Revd Michael Dunford
- n) **Revd Edmund and Mrs Doris Banyard to succeed Mr Ray Heritage as Visitors' Host and Hostess at General Assembly 1993-1998**
- o) **Revd Martin Cressey to represent the URC at the 5th World Conference on Faith and Order (August 1993)**

The Assembly notes that the Executive Committee has nominated Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow for election as Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and Free Church President of Churches Together in England for the period 1995-1999."

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

Revd Michael Dunford, Departmental Secretary, Ministries
Mr Michael Harrison, Secretary, Christian Education & Stewardship Committee
Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee, Convener, Children's Work Committee
Revd Stephen Thornton, Secretary, Children's Work Committee
Revd Michael Playdon, Secretary, Health & Healing Committee
Revd John Parry, Secretary, Mission & Other Faiths Committee
Dr Mary Ede, Convener, Church & Society
Mr Angus Grimmond, Honorary Treasurer
Revd Bernard Thorogood, General Secretary
Mrs Olive Darke, Assistant Clerk
Revd Adrian Wells, Convener, Business Committee
Mr Hilary Gunn, Secretary, Business Committee
Revd Brian Nuttall, Convener, Nominations Committee
Mr David Butler, Secretary, Nominations Committee
Mr Raymond Clarke, Convener, Forward Policy Group
Mrs Connie Winter, Secretary, Forward Policy Group"

AMENDMENT TO STRUCTURE - CRCWs

SYNOD RESOLUTION:

The resolution:

"The Assembly gives first approval to the following amendment to the Structure of the URC:

2 (4) (a)

All ministers, deaconesses, registered local pastors and Church Related Community Workers who are for the time being members of district councils within the province."

was proposed by the Revd Tony Ritchie and formally seconded.

He commented that two years ago the Assembly approved a similar change - the addition of CRCW's - to the membership of District Councils.

This proposal would provide that a similar provision exists for membership of Synods. The motion was carried.

The General Secretary then proposed:

"Assembly sets 31 January 1993 as the date by which Synods may inform the General Secretary of objections to these amendments." which was carried.

Private members resolution:

"General Assembly requests the Mission Council to review the function and purpose of the Provincial Moderators within the structure of the United Reformed Church and the wider Church." was proposed by the Revd Angus Duncan. The resolution was discussed, seconded by the Revd David Lawrence, was put to the vote and was lost.

Sunday, 5 July 1992

Assembly was re-convened at 9.00 am in the Central Hall where worship, including Communion, was conducted by the Revd Malcolm Hanson and the Revd Elizabeth Caswell. During the service the Induction of Assembly Officers, The Revd Anthony G Burnham, the Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee, Mr Graham Ghaleb and Miss Ann Martin took place.

The General Secretary read the list of Ministers and Missionaries who had died since Assembly 1991 and the Assembly stood in commemoration.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE ASSEMBLY 1991

Victor J ABERNETHY
James Cecil ARMSTRONG
David Edward ATKINSON
Frederick William BAKEWELL
Alan BEESLEY
Sydney BOFFEY
William BRYCE
Ina Patricia CARPENTER
David Henry FISHER
Neil Campbell FISHER
Stanley Douglas GAMSON
John James HAYNES
Thomas Frederick HURST
Glynmor JOHN
Alan Godfrey JONES
Edgar JONES
Edward Cyril JONES
Wilfred Allan KERR
William Henry KING
George Stephen KNOTT
Thomas William LAMBERT
Frank LARKWORTHY
William LOUTTIT
Vernon Neville John LOWIS
Jeffrey Turner YATES

Reginald Henry MALIPHANT
Reginald Walter MANCHESTER
Charles Wallace MATHESON
Arthur George MEYER
John William MIDGLEY
Ernest Charles MOODY
Robert William Montague MOULD
Sydney MYERS
Robert Sidney PAUL
Arthur Edwin SIMMONDS
George Edward SKELTON
Frederick George Humphrey SLEATH
Norman SOULSBY,
Pryce Edward STEPHENS
Christopher Roger STRONG
Walter Edward SUTTON
Ronald Ernest TAYLOR
Percy Roderick THOMAS
Victor Leslie TUDOR
Charles Wilfred WALL
Frank Leonard WALLACE
Frederick William WEBB
Albert William WILLIAMS
John Lewis WILLIAMS

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE ASSEMBLY 1991

The Revd Dr Roland Maitland ALDERTON
Mrs Eleanor Mary CUTTING,
 nee Alexander
Miss Audrey Mary FLETCHER
Mr Edgar Augustus HARLOW
Mr Edwin Roland Witham HENSON
Mrs Isabel Gladys JAMIESON, nee Judd
Dr Betty Avril MILLEDGE, nee Astle

Miss Gwenfron MOSS
The Revd Humphrey Curtis THOMSON
Mrs Constance Muriel WHITFIELD,
 nee Sennett
The Revd Harry WIGHTMAN
Mrs Margaret WILLIAMSON, nee Clarke

Assembly adjourned and re-convened at 11.00 am.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon the Revd Malcolm Hanson to present the report of the Executive Committee. The resolution **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was agreed. Matters not subject to resolutions were discussed.

PROVINCIAL MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The resolution:

"The Assembly re-appoints the Revd W K Gathercole, MA, BD, as Moderator of the Eastern Province Synod for a period of five years from 1 September 1992." was moved and carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly re-appoints the Revd N W Bainbridge, MA, as Moderator of the Wessex Province Synod for a period of five years from 1 September 1992." was moved and carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly re-appoints the Revd J D Waller, MA, BA, FCA, as Moderator of the West Midlands Province Synod for a period of five years from 1 September 1992."

was moved and carried.

The Resolution:

"The Assembly appoints the Revd C K Forecast, MA, as Moderator of the North Western Province Synod for a period of seven years from 1 September 1992." was moved and carried.

The Moderator received and greeted the newly appointed Provincial Moderators.

MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT COUNCILS AND SYNODS

Mr Hanson introduced the resolutions:

"The Assembly gives first approval to the following amendments to the URC Structure.

6.1 2 (3) (d) Representatives of the local churches within the District who shall normally be members of the elders' meeting of a local church and who shall be appointed by the church meeting of such local church, the number of such representatives to be decided by the Provincial Synod according to the needs of each District and in consultation with the District Councils, provided that the range for each local church be from one to three."

and

6.2 2 (4) (c) Representatives of the local churches within the Province who shall normally be members of the elders' meeting of a local church and who shall be appointed by the church meeting of such local church, the number of such representatives to be, under 200 members 1 representative; over 200 members 2 representatives."

and both were moved and carried.

The General Secretary moved the resolution:

"The Assembly sets the 31st January 1993 as the date by which Synods and District Councils may inform the General Secretary of objections to these amendments."

which was carried.

MISSION COUNCIL

Mr Hanson presented the report on the formation of the Mission Council and moved the resolution:

"The Assembly approves the preparations made for the introduction of the Mission Council from the date of the Assembly."

Notice of amendments having been received, the Revd Charles Price proposed an amendment to para 2.7, p.58 to add after "...reported" these words "... and

opportunity provided for advocates of alternative policies to present them for consideration by the Assembly." A point of order was raised by the Revd Walter Houston. The Revd Dr Robert Latham proposed that the question be not put. This was seconded and put to the vote and was carried.

A private member's resolution was proposed by Mr Michael Healey to amend the text of the Executive Report concerning membership of the Mission Council (Reports p.57, paragraph 1.7): Insert after "Synod Representatives48", the words "FURY Representatives (from FURY Assembly) 2". This was seconded by Miss Pamela Harvey. After comment the amendment was carried. The resolution was put to the vote and was carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly approves the arrangements for Standing Committees of the Assembly detailed in the Report."

was moved and carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly approves the organisation proposed for the operation and supervision of the central programmes of the Church."

was moved and was carried without discussion.

The resolution:

"The Assembly thanks all who have served in the committees which are now discontinued."

was moved and carried unanimously, with applause and thanks.

The resolution:

"The Assembly instructs the General Secretary to make this report available to all members of the Mission Council and to committee members generally who may not be members of the General Assembly so that all may be aware of the interlocking nature of their service."

was moved and after comment was carried overwhelmingly.

The resolution:

"Assembly gives first approval to the following amendments to the Structure:

page 25 2 (5) (i)	Delete Executive Committee; insert Mission Council
page 26 2 (5)	Delete Executive Committee; insert Mission Council."

was moved and carried and the General Secretary moved

"The Assembly sets 31st January 1993 as the date by which Synods may inform the General Secretary of objections to these two amendments."

and this was carried.

BAPTISMAL PRACTICE

The Revd Malcolm Hanson moved:

"That Assembly receives the note on baptismal practice."

and after discussion and comment by the Revd Dr Bernard Thorogood the Assembly agreed.

PROVINCIAL MODERATORS' REPORT

The Moderator called upon the Revd John Waller to present the Provincial Moderators' report. A gift was presented to the Moderator from the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. The resolution "The Assembly receives the report for debate." was moved and, after comments, further debate was remaindered. When continued in a subsequent session, several contributions were made and to these Mr Waller replied.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION

The Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke called upon Mrs Mary Marsden to present the World Church and Mission report. Mrs Marsden put questions to the Revd Clabon Allen, the Revd Raymond Adams and the Revd John Sutcliffe, who spoke to the reports of their committees.

The Revd John Parry was greeted by the Moderator in the name of the Assembly after his eight years of service as Secretary of the Mission & Other Faiths Committee. The Revd Robin and Mrs Muriel Sleight, resettling missionaries, were also greeted.

Other visitors were presented and welcomed:

Revd Marec Vanca (Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren)

Ms Lal Rosiami (Presbyterian Church of Burma)

Revd Attila Kocsis (Reformed Church of Hungary)

Revd Franco Giampiccoli (Moderator, Waldensian Church)

Dr Premen Niles was also greeted and he addressed the Assembly about his work as General Secretary of CWM.

Mrs Marsden moved the resolution "**Assembly receives the report for debate.**" and Assembly agreed.

Paragraphs not subject to resolution were discussed and members of the Department replied to comments and questions.

METHODIST/URC RELATIONS

Mrs Marsden moved the resolutions:

"(a) The Assembly welcomes the statement "The Next Steps" (Appendix I) prepared through the Methodist/URC Liaison Committee after widespread consultation."

and

"(b) The Assembly is committed to this process of co-operation, is pledged to support the life and work of the many joint local churches, and instructs the Mission Council to report to Assembly in 1994 on progress towards the integration of our denominational policies and programmes."

and spoke to the Appendix I. After comments resolution (a) was put to the vote and was carried nem com.

Resolution (b) was discussed. An amendment to the resolution was proposed - to delete "in 1994" and to insert "a future" before the word "Assembly". The amendment was formally seconded. The Department resisted the amendment which when put to the vote was lost. The Adviser on Local Ecumenism, the Revd Peter Poulter, replied to points raised in debate. The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

Mr Geoffrey Bowstead reported the result of the Methodist Conference's debate which had taken place the previous day when the Conference had approved the Report.

Mrs Marsden spoke to the resolution "The Assembly, noting the need for flexibility in situations of mission and church growth, makes the following additions to "The Structure of the United Reformed Church" (Manual, section 2) (additions underlined):

2(3) Functions of District Councils (Manual, p 21)

(x) to promote church extension within the area and to submit proposals to the synod for the establishing of new causes and the recognition of mission projects:

2(4) Functions of Provincial Synods (Manual, p 24)

(iii) to promote church extension within the province and decide upon proposals submitted by district councils for the establishment of new causes and the recognition of mission projects:

The General Secretary proposed an amendment to the wording of the resolution replacing the word "makes" with "gives first approval to" which was accepted by the Department. Debate followed and Mrs Marsden replied. When put to the vote the resolution was carried:

MISSION PROJECTS - RECOGNITION

"The Assembly, noting the need for flexibility in situations of mission and church growth, gives first approval to the following additions to 'The Structure of the United Reformed Church' (Manual, section 2) (additions underlined):

2(3) Functions of District Councils (Manual, p 21)

(x) to promote church extension within the area and to submit proposals to the synod for the establishing of new causes and the recognition of mission projects:

2(4) Functions of Provincial Synods (Manual, p 24)

(iii) to promote church extension within the province and decide upon proposals submitted by district councils for the establishment of new causes and the recognition of mission projects:

The General Secretary proposed the enabling motion:

"Assembly sets 31 January 1993 as the date by which Synods and District Councils may inform the General Secretary of objections to these amendments." which was carried.

Mrs Marsden proposed the resolution:

"The Assembly commends the paper "Mission Projects" (Appendix II) to District Councils and Provincial Synods to assist them in the performance of their function of recognition of mission projects." which was carried.

The Moderator thanked the Department for its presentation and in particular thanked Dr Preman Niles for his participation.

MULTIPLE CONGREGATIONS FORMING ONE LOCAL CHURCH

Mrs Mary Marsden presented the resolution, with the amendment: delete "makes" and replace with "gives first approval to":

"The Assembly gives first approval to the following additions to The Structure of the URC:

**1) At the end of paragraph 2(3)(d) (Manual, p 20) insert:
(Where a local church, whether a local ecumenical project or a local church organised according to the second sentence of para 1(1), comprises two or more congregations worshipping in separate locations, the Provincial Synod may, on the advice of the District Council, authorise that local church to appoint representatives to the District**

Council from each constituent congregation to such number as would be permitted by the above rule if each congregation were a separate local church).

**2) At the end of paragraph 2(4)(c) (Manual, p 22) insert:
(Where a local church, whether a local ecumenical project or a local church organised according to the second sentence of para 1(1), comprises two or more congregations worshipping in separate locations, the Provincial Synod may authorise that local church to appoint representatives to the Synod from each constituent congregation to such number as would be permitted by the above rule if each congregation were a separate local church).**

After discussion, Mrs Marsden replied, the resolution was moved and put to the vote. It was carried and the General Secretary moved the resolution:

"The Assembly sets 31st January 1993 as the date by which Synods and District Councils may inform the General Secretary of objections to these two amendments."

This was carried.

ECUMENICAL PRACTICE

The resolution:

"The Assembly receives the paper "Working together in the new ecumenical instruments. Suggested rules of good practice" (Appendix III) from Churches Together in England and commends it to Provinces, Districts and local churches."

was introduced by Mrs Marsden and, when moved, was discussed. Mrs Marsden responded and the resolution was carried.

REVIEW OF LEPs

The resolution:

"The Assembly notes the publication of "Guidelines for the Review of Local Ecumenical Projects" by the Group for Local Unity of Churches Together in England and authorises District Councils to regard the review of a local church undertaken by a Sponsoring Body according to the provisions set out in the Guidelines as fulfilling District Council's responsibilities for oversight. (Manual 2(3)(iv) p 21)."

was moved and after comment was carried.

This concluded the business of the World Church & Mission Department, and the thanks of the Assembly were re-iterated by the Moderator.

ADVOCACY

The Moderator called for the report of the Advocacy Committee. The Convener, the Revd Julian Macro spoke, moved the resolution

"The Assembly receives the report for debate." and invited the Advocacy Secretary, the Revd Bill Wright, to speak to the report. The report was received and comments made.

STEWARDSHIP

The resolution:

"Assembly reaffirms the challenge made by Revd Robert O Latham in 1979 that members regard 5% of take home pay as a proper contribution to the Church and urges leaders of local Churches to challenge their congregations to release the resources which will enable the Church to do the work God is calling it to do."

was introduced by Mr Wright. After discussion Mr Andrew Laing moved that the resolution be not put. This motion was lost.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried. This concluded the business of the Advocacy Committee.

FORWARD POLICY GROUP

The Moderator called upon Mr Raymond Clarke to present the final report of the Forward Policy Group. He was assisted by Mrs Anne Hart and Mrs Connie Winter.

The resolution :

"Assembly receives the report for debate."

was moved and carried.

After comments the General Secretary expressed the gratitude of the Assembly to Mr Raymond Clarke and the Forward Policy Group for their service over the past years.

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon the Revd Nelson Bainbridge to present the report of the Assembly Pastoral Reference Committee in the absence of the Convener, the Revd Cyril Franks. Mr Bainbridge expressed the thanks of the committee for the work of the Revd Dr Bernard Thorogood as Secretary to the Committee and moved the resolution:

"The Assembly receives the report for debate."

The report was received and the Moderator thanked Mr Bainbridge for presenting the report, underlining the thanks of the Assembly to Dr Thorogood.

FINANCE

The Moderator called upon the Finance Committee Convener, Mr Alistair Black, to present the Committee's report.

The resolution:

"Assembly receives the report for debate."

was moved and carried.

Paragraphs not subject to resolution were discussed.

1991 GIVING

The resolution:

"Assembly gratefully acknowledges the giving of the churches in 1991 to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund and to the Unified Appeal."

having been moved, comments were made and the vote was taken. The resolution was passed.

ACCOUNTS 1991

The Convener moved the resolution:

"Assembly adopts the Accounts for 1991."

which was carried, with the thanks of the Assembly expressed with applause.

BUDGET 1993

The Revd Alasdair Walker moved the resolutions (with amended wording underlined):

"Assembly approves the budget of the Ministry & Mission Fund for 1993, which provides for an expenditure of £15.506 million, and church contributions to the Fund of £15.033 million."

After comments, Mr Clem Frank replied and the resolution was moved and carried.

CHALLENGE BUDGET 1993

The Revd Alasdair Walker moved the resolution:

"Assembly challenges the whole Church to lift the church contributions to the Ministry & Mission budget for 1993 to £15.632 million, so that stipends can be raised in July 1993 to the level commended by Assembly in 1991 and authorises the Mission Council to amend the 1993 budget as responses to this challenge are received."

and discussion followed. The Revd David Lawrence moved that the motion be not put. This was seconded, put to the vote and lost. Debate continued. The Convener replied, the Assembly voted and passed the resolution, with a few abstentions.

MINISTERS' HEAT AND LIGHT COSTS

The Private Member's resolution:

"Assembly regrets the action of the MoM Committee in revising the Plan for Partnership concerning manse heat and light costs in a manner contrary to the decision of the 1991 Assembly, and is surprised that Assembly Executive saw fit to approve this revision.

To restore the situation intended by 1991 Assembly, Assembly deletes from the Plan for Partnership paras. 6.1.2.1., 6.1.2.2. and 6.1.2.3., and inserts a new para 6.1.2.1. as follows:-

"6.1.2.1. Payment of heat and light costs for the dwelling in which a minister resides are the responsibility of the minister. It is for the minister to claim from the Inland Revenue such tax allowances for heat and light as may from time to time be allowed by the tax authorities."

was proposed by the Revd Kenneth Lee. This was formally seconded and was debated. The Convener replied and Mr Derek Edwards seconded the motion. The proposer replied and the vote was taken. The resolution was lost.

MINISTERS' PENSION FUND DEFICIT

The Finance Department was called upon to continue its business. Mr Clem Frank replied to questions previously posed. Mr Alistair Black spoke to the resolution: **"Assembly accepts the Church's obligations to make good the substantial deficit arising in the URCMPF, as early as possible."** which was moved and carried.

PENSION FUND RULES

The remaining resolutions were explained and the resolution: **"Assembly encourages the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to investigate appropriate amendments to the Rules of the Pension Fund to minimise the possibility of similar levels of liability automatically arising in future years."** was moved by Mr Black and carried.

The resolutions:

"Assembly amends the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration by the addition of paragraph 6.1.4:

'Ministers who have not attained the age of 50 years at the date of ordination or commencement of full time stipendiary service under the Plan may join the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund. If a minister who is entitled to join the URCMPF elects not to do so, no contributions will be paid to any alternative pension arrangement chosen by a minister, unless the minister is already a member of the Pension Fund of another denomination at the time that the minister qualifies for stipend payment under the Rules of the Plan. Where a minister is aged 50 years or over at the date of his ordination, he may not join the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund, and in these exceptional circumstances only an amount agreed by Assembly will be paid to any personal pension arrangement chosen by that minister. From July 1st 1992 this will be 10% of basic stipend.'

and

"Assembly amends the Rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund as follows:-

Rule 14.1 to read: 'Every minister who is under the age of 50 years, at the date of ordination or commencement of full time stipendiary service may at the time of ordination or commencement of full time stipendiary service become a contributing member of the Fund....'

were presented in the amended form and were moved together. Mr Black and Mr Frank responded to comments and the vote was taken on the resolution:

"Assembly amends the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration by the addition of paragraph 6.1.4:

'Ministers who have not attained the age of 50 years at the date of ordination or induction to stipendiary service under the Plan may join the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund. If a minister who is entitled to join the URCMPF elects not to do so, no contributions will be paid to any alternative pension arrangement chosen by the minister, unless the minister is already a member of the Pension Fund of another denomination at the time that the minister qualifies for stipend payment under the rules of the Plan. A Minister, aged 50 years or over at the date of ordination, or induction to stipendiary service under the Plan, may

not join the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund, and in these exceptional circumstances only an amount agreed by Assembly will be paid to any personal pension arrangement chosen by that minister. From July 1st 1992 this will be 10% of basic stipend."

which was carried with a few against and a few abstentions.

The resolution:

"Assembly amends the Rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund as follows:-

Rule 14.1 to read: 'Every minister under the age of 50 years at the date of ordination or induction to stipendiary service remunerated under the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration may at the time of ordination or commencement of such stipendiary service become a contributing member of the Fund....'"

was put to the vote and carried with a few abstentions.

This concluded the business of the Finance Department.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPLIES

The Moderator called upon the Convener of Communications and Supplies, Mr Christopher Wright, to present the Committee's report. Mr Wright introduced a presentation by Theatre Roundabout, "Getting the Message Across", by Bob Irving.

The Revd Colin Evans conducted interviews with Mr Jeff Bonser, Mr Norman Hart and the Revd John Steele.

Mr Wright thanked the Revd Brian Cooper and Mrs Joyce Kimmens for long service to the department.

The resolution: **"The Assembly receives the report for debate."** was moved and accepted. Comments were made and the Convener replied.

The Moderator thanked the department for its challenging report.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr Christopher Wright continued the discussion of the Committee's report and moved the resolution:

"This Assembly recognises that every Christian is a communicator, in word or deed. Recognising the value of those working particularly in communications and to express support for their work, Assembly recommends that each Province be asked to appoint a Communication Officer(s) with responsibility for training, enabling and encouraging every local church and its members to communicate their life in the gospel through local broadcasting, the press and other public media."

and, following comments, it was put to the vote and carried. This concluded the business of the Communication & Supplies Committee and Mr George Anderson, the newly appointed URC Press and PR Officer was greeted by the Moderator to the applause of the Assembly.

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES

The Moderator called upon the General Secretary to read the names of Ministers celebrating 50 years in the ministry. Those celebrating 60 years were also mentioned and greetings would be sent to all in the name of the Assembly by the Moderator.

1942

Donald ANDERSON
Norman CAVE
Richard John Massie COLLINS
Geoffrey FARRAND
John Glyndwr HARRIS
Stanley HODGES
James Philip LEE-WOOLF
Robert Buick KNOX
Robert Owen LATHAM
John Morgan MURRAY
Douglas Galloway STEWART
Thomas Gwilym Ogle THOMAS
Ronald Wilfred TOMALIN
Richard George WALKER
George John WILLIAMS
Edgar George YOUDELL

1932

Leonard John BALLARD
Herbert Carter LLOYD
Montague John ROLLES
John Robert WALLACE

The Revd John Glyndwr Harris, the Revd Dr Buick Knox, the Revd Dr Robert Latham and the Revd George Walker were present in the Assembly and were greeted with applause.

RECEPTION OF NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS

The Newly Ordained Ministers were introduced by the Provincial Moderators and those present were greeted in the name of the Assembly by the Moderator.

Northern Province Val Reed Allan Smith	Moderator: The Revd D Jenkins Ashington (U/M) LEP Newbiggin by the Sea and Widdrington
North Western Province Audrey Mary Boon Bob Day Howard Farson Vivien A Langfield Norman Riley Margaret Tait Richard Turnbull	Moderator: The Revd A G Burnham Lytham URC St Mark's URC, Wythenshawe St Mark's URC, Wythenshawe Abney URC, Mossley Albion URC, Ashton-under-Lyne Hope URC, Denton and Audenshaw URC Hambleton URC & Bethel URC, Preesall
Mersey Province Trevor R Legge	Moderator: The Revd E S Allen Lymm/Thomas Risley, Warrington
Yorkshire Province Iain Bentley Mirella Moxon Marjory Swift	Moderator: The Revd D H Hilton Chaplain, Askham Bryan College and St Columba's, York Bridge Church, Otley District Support Minister (Sth Yorks District Council)

<p>East Midlands Province Alison Brooks Martyn Coe Roy Cole Grenville Fox Rowena Francis Leslie Watson</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd M G Hanson Notts District (Bulwell) Carlton Road & Mackworth, Derby West Derbyshire Group Notts District (Keyworth) Toller, Kettering and Geddington Milton Keynes District (Hodge Lea)</p>
<p>West Midlands Province Brian Clarke Jennifer Marsh Ken Newborough Pat Nimmo</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd J Waller The Church at Perton, Wolverhampton Free Church Chaplaincy, All Saints Hospital, Birmingham Trinity, Hall Green and Olton Birmingham City Centre ministry, Methodist and United Reformed</p>
<p>Eastern Province Liz Byrne Alison Mary Chart Martin Kitchener Jacqueline Phyllis Knight Margaret McKay</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd W K Gathercole St Ives Group Mid Anglia Group Basildon NSM, Cambridge District Council Saffron Walden & the Stansted Group</p>
<p>South Western Province Harold Bignell Douglas Burnett Peter Crocker Patricia Ford Gwyneth Jones Susan Macbeth Stephen Newell Sandra Pickard Andrew Pugh</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd M F Hubbard Sidmouth Group Trinity, Bristol Axminster, Charmouth & Seaton Group Cornwall & Plymouth District Council Taunton District Council Devon North District Council Long Ashton, Winscombe & Wrington Group Thornbury & Henbury Group Bristol District Council</p>
<p>Wessex Province David Harkison Andrew McLuskey</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd N W Bainbridge Poole Group and Wimborne Egham UM</p>
<p>Thames North Province Jean Black Bill Frame Martin Legg Barrie Scopes Christine Willis</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd J Sowerbutts Ilford, Vine High Wycombe, Trinity Associate minister Bush Hill Park, Enfield West Kilburn, St Andrews Associate minister Christ Church, Enfield</p>
<p>Southern Province John M Braund Mary Read Derek Redfern Bob Warwick</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd D L Helyar Ash & Sandwich (Deal & District Group) Commons Team Ministry, Earlsfield; East Hill; Grafton Square, Clapham; St Andrew's Battersea Rise The Dartford Group Twickenham & Hampton Hill</p>
<p>Wales Province Albert Barra</p>	<p>Moderator: The Revd J L Humphreys Cleddau Group</p>

In the absence of the Convener, the Revd Ray Adams introduced newly appointed missionaries, David and Jenny Fraser, and referred to those unable to be present, the Revd Jane Stranz and Paul and Mary Whittle.

The Moderator addressed all those present and the chaplain led in prayer.

RECEPTION OF LOCAL CHURCHES

The Revd Nelson Bainbridge moved the resolution on behalf of the Wessex Province:
"The Assembly recognises St Frances LEP, Hardwick, Banbury, as a local church of the United Reformed Church."

This was seconded and carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly recognises St Frances LEP, Valley Park, as a local church of the United Reformed Church."

was moved, seconded formally and carried.

The resolution:

"The Assembly recognises Christchurch LEP, Creekmoor, as a local church of the United Reformed Church."

was moved, seconded and passed and the Moderator expressed the joy of the Assembly at the results.

On behalf of the Southern Province, Mr H Ring moved the resolution:

"The Assembly recognises the St John's Church Local Ecumenical Project, Grove Green, near Maidstone, as a local church of the United Reformed Church."

This was seconded by Mrs Meekison and carried.

The private member's motion:

"The General Assembly receives the Shalom United Reformed Church, Manor Park, Thames North Province, as a local church within the United Reformed Church."

was proposed by Mrs Audrey Proffitt and seconded by the Revd Geoffrey Satchell. This was carried and representatives of the newly accepted churches were received by the Moderator on behalf of the Assembly. The Chaplain led the Assembly in prayer.

MINISTRIES

The Moderator called upon the Ministries Department to present its report.

The Revd Keith Forecast introduced the members of the Department and recorded the Department's gratitude to Mrs Grace Main on her retirement as administrator of the "Exploring the Faith" course.

The resolution:

"Assembly receives the report for debate."

was moved and carried.

THE REVD Dr STEPHEN MAYOR

The resolution:

"Assembly acknowledges with gratitude the outstanding ministry exercised by Dr Stephen Mayor as Director of the Cheshunt Foundation and Nivison Professor of Church History at Westminster College and the great contribution

he has made to the witness of the whole Church and wishes him and Janet well as they retire."

was moved and Dr Stephen Mayor was received by the Moderator to applause. The resolution was carried.

THE REVD MICHAEL DUNFORD

The resolution:

"Assembly records its debt to the Revd Michael Dunford for his ministry as Secretary first of the Church Life Department and latterly of the Ministries Department and its thanks for all the service he has offered. It wishes him and Doreen well as they move to Felixstowe and continue in ministry there."

was moved with thanks to the Revd Michael Dunford for his work and the Moderator greeted Mr Dunford, the motion being passed by acclamation.

The Revd Dr David Cornick was received by the Moderator, who congratulated him in the name of the Assembly on his appointment to the Nivison Chair of Church History at Westminster College.

The Revd Derek Gill spoke to sections of the Vocations Committee report, correcting information in paragraph 8 (i.e. the Revd Sigrid Werner's name should be deleted and re-appear in paragraph 10).

Mrs Elisabeth Jupp spoke to the report of the Training Committee.

The Revd Dr David Cornick spoke on the report of the Support Committee.

Paragraphs not subject to resolution were opened for discussion, including Appendix III. The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly to all those who serve as Chaplains. The Conveners replied to comments.

DECISIONS ON CANDIDATES

The resolution:

"Assembly recommends that, where there is an area of significant disagreement over a candidate for the ministry, the Province shall convene a meeting representative of the national assessment panel and provincial interviewing group, to share information and views, before a final conclusion is reached by the Province."

was introduced by the Revd Derek Gill and moved. After comment it was carried.

CANDIDATING - APPEALS

The Revd Derek Gill spoke to the resolution:

"3(a) Assembly gives first approval to the following amendments to the Structure of the URC:

(i) The Functions of the Church Meeting (Manual page 18), 2 (1) (x) 'to consider, always on advice from the elders' meeting, any application for recognition as a candidate for the ministry and to transmit it, with information, to the District Council.'

(ii) Appeals (Manual: page 28) to add:

'Appeals by persons candidating for the ministry against a decision by the councils of the Church about their candidature are excluded from the above provisions for Appeals and will follow regulations approved by the General Assembly and available from the Ministries Department.'

and moved both parts. During discussion the Revd Malcolm Smith moved the referral back of part (ii) for further consideration. This was seconded. The matter was left in abeyance while discussion continued. The General Secretary proposed an amendment:

"Assembly, noting the proposed amendments to the Structure of the URC:

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refers these to the Ministries Department for further consideration."

The Department signified its acceptance of this amendment and Assembly agreed to vote. The amended resolution was carried.

CANDIDATES - FULL TIME STUDY

The resolution:

"Whilst reaffirming the rule whereby candidates for the stipendiary ministry are required to spend at least one year of full time study on a college-directed course, Assembly encourages the Ministries Department to explore its variation in special circumstances agreed with the Training Committee to permit the full course to be undertaken under the care and direction of a province, and in ecumenical circumstances wherever possible."

was moved by Mrs Elisabeth Jupp and discussed. After replies the resolution was carried.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE REPORT

The Revd Graham Cook took the Chair for the introduction of the resolution:

"Assembly receives the report of the Inspectors to Westminster College, Cambridge, in November 1991 and supports their recommendations. (Appendix II)."

which was moved by Mrs Jupp. When put to the vote, the motion was carried.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The Revd Dr David Cornick proposed the resolution:

"Assembly receives the report of the Working Party on In-Service Training and commends it to Provinces for consideration and comment by 31st December 1992."

(Book of Reports pp 167-171)

This was moved and discussed, put to the vote and passed.

PATTERNS OF MINISTRY

The Revd Keith Forecast introduced the discussion of the report "Patterns of Ministry" and called upon the Revd Dr Bernard Thorogood to speak to the report. The Revd Brian Stops moved that the question under consideration be not put. This motion was ruled an unfair use of the rules of Assembly and general comment was invited on the report. These comments were noted by the department.

The resolution:

"1(a) Assembly re-affirms the statement in the Basis of Union (paragraphs 19-25) about the ministry of the whole people of God and the place of particular ministries within it."

"(b) Assembly requests the Doctrine and Worship Committee to consider how this section of the Basis of Union relates to 'Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry' and to offer the Assembly a comment on this, with any amendments considered desirable."

was moved by Mr Forecast and the Revd Brian Stops proposed that the question be not put. This motion was defeated and after comment, both parts of the resolution were carried.

The resolution:

"Assembly instructs the Ministries Department and the Faith & Life Department to do further study on the Presiding Elder suggestion and to bring the matter back to the Assembly for further debate."

was moved and discussed. Dr Thorogood replied and the motion was put to the vote and carried.

Representatives of the Ministries Department were called upon to complete their business. The Revd Keith Forecast moved the resolution:

"Assembly requests the Ministries Department to consult ecumenical partners about URC patterns of ministry and to report back."

which was commented upon; the vote was carried.

The resolution:

"Assembly asks the Ministries Department, the Finance Department and the Provincial Moderators to keep under review the number of new entrants into the stipendiary ministry, so that all ordinands and ministers may be properly supported by the Church, and to advise accordingly."

was moved and after comment was carried by a small majority, the Department noted the result.

The resolution:

"Assembly records its appreciation of all non-stipendiary service generously given to many forms of ministry and in particular notes the trained service of accredited lay preachers as a significant contribution to the worship of the URC."

was moved and, with particular appreciation of the contribution of lay preachers, was carried.

The resolution:

"Assembly encourages the Ministries Department, in consultation with the Mission Council, to continue its exploration of other themes identified in its document "Patterns of Ministry in the URC", and to initiate further debate and action as it seems appropriate".

was moved and the Revd Margaret Carrick-Smith proposed an amendment to delete the words "initiate further debate and action as it seems appropriate" and insert in its place "report back to a future Assembly". This was seconded by Mrs Jean Butler and was accepted by the Department. Assembly accepted the amendment, which became part of the substantive motion, and discussion continued. When put to the vote it was carried.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ORDINANDS

SYNOD RESOLUTION

The Revd Kenneth Ellis proposed the resolution:

"Assembly instructs the Ministries Department to review the practices followed for providing finance to ordinands training for the Ministry, in view of the changed support available from Government sources since Assembly established the basic policy that no candidate shall be prohibited from taking a course of training because of lack of funding."

on behalf of the Eastern Province and the Revd Bill Mahood formally seconded the motion. During discussion an amendment was proposed by the Revd Chris Warner to add "and CRCWs" following the words "finance to ordinands" and to delete the words "the Ministry" and replace with the word "ministry". This was seconded by the Revd Ian Duncan. The Assembly accepted the amendment. After discussion the seconder spoke to the motion and it was carried with a few abstentions:

"Assembly instructs the Ministries Department to review the practices followed for providing finance to ordinands and CRCWs training for Ministry, in view of the changed support available from Government sources since Assembly established the basic policy that no candidate shall be prohibited from taking a course of training because of lack of funding."

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Convener, Dr Mary Ede, introduced the report and asked the Moderator to receive Professor Malcolm Johnson and Mr Aubrey Curry, who are to succeed her as Committee Convener. Both were greeted in the name of the Assembly.

Assembly also expressed appreciation of the work of the National AIDS Adviser, the Revd Martin Hazell and welcomed his successor, the Revd Hazel Addy.

The resolution:

"Assembly receives the report for debate."

was moved and carried. Paragraphs not covered by resolutions were opened for discussion. The Moderator thanked Dr Mary Ede on behalf of the Assembly for her six good years in Church and Society as its Convener. Assembly responded with applause.

Dr Ede introduced the Revd Marta Benavides from El Salvador, who was warmly welcomed and invited to speak to the Assembly. Her contribution was greatly appreciated.

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

The Revd Peter Brain moved resolution:

"Assembly welcomes and endorses the programme 'Commitment for Life' as described in Appendix I and commends it to every local church."

and the resolution:

EARTH SUMMIT IN RIO

- 1. Assembly commends the Prime Minister for signing the conventions on climate change and biodiversity which "commit us to binding obligations to manage our national affairs to our common international benefit"(1);**
- 2. urges the government to set a firm date for implementing the UN target of 0.7% of GNP in overseas aid alongside contributions to environment protection;**
- 3. noting the Prime Minister's announcement "that the United Kingdom will convene next June a global forum of the NGO community to examine and clarify their role in the implementation of Agenda 21"(1), urges the government to invite the churches to participate along with other NGOs;**
- 4. encourages the Church and Society Department to persist in seeking to rouse awareness of these issues and in addressing the need for appropriate responses by the churches."**

was formally moved. The former was opened for discussion and when put to the vote it was carried. After discussion the latter was also carried.

The resolution:

"Assembly, mindful of the critical situation in the housing system and concerned at the growing number of homeless people, urges each local congregation and each Provincial Synod (or appropriate ecumenical body or URC District Council as the Synod may determine):

- to affiliate to the Churches National Housing Coalition.
- to discover, by research and by listening, the housing needs of their own area and to establish links with those in housing need.
- to consider the urgency of housing need when disposing of land or buildings;

and agrees to make representations to Her Majesty's Government and representative bodies of major builders, local authorities, building societies, etc., to reform the British housing system to ensure provision of safe, secure and affordable homes for all."

was introduced and moved by the National Housing Adviser, Mr Craig Russell. Mr Roy Smith proposed that the words "housing associations" be included in the resolution after the words "... local authorities...". This amendment was accepted by the Department and approved by the Assembly. The resolution was put to the vote and carried overwhelmingly:

HOUSING NEEDS

"Assembly, mindful of the critical situation in the housing system and concerned at the growing number of homeless people, urges each local congregation and each Provincial Synod (or appropriate ecumenical body or URC District Council as the Synod may determine):

- to affiliate to the Churches National Housing Coalition.
- to discover, by research and by listening, the housing needs of their own area and to establish links with those in housing need.
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HOMOSEXUALITY DISCUSSION

The Revd Malcolm Hanson took the Chair, while the resolution:
"Assembly welcomes the willingness of the Church and Society Department to oversee publication of 'Homosexuality: A Christian View' and of further contributions to the continuing debate."
was introduced and moved by Dr Mary Ede.

After discussion, Dr Ede replied with thanks for the contributions and the motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the Church and Society Department and the Moderator thanked the department.

CO-OPERATIVE BANK

The Private Member's resolution:
"Assembly welcomes the ethical policy statement of the Co-operative Bank. We support and encourage this development and urge the principle on all commercial and industrial undertakings."

was proposed by the Revd Drummond Gillespie to the applause of Assembly. The motion was formally seconded by the Revd Martin Truscott, put to the vote and carried overwhelmingly.

SYNOD RESOLUTION

The Moderator called upon the representatives of the Yorkshire Province to propose Synod resolution:

2. "The Assembly directs the Mission Council to take steps:
 - 2.1 to alert Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to the Baby Milk Action Coalition;
 - 2.2 to encourage Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to boycott the purchase of Nescafé;
 - 2.3 to write to the Managing Director of the Nestlé Company at St George's House, Croydon, Surrey CR9 1NR expressing deep concern at their policy in providing free baby food to mothers in Third World Countries."

Mrs V Morrison proposed the motion and it was seconded by Mr J Morrison.

An amendment was proposed by Mr Arnold Senior, to add to the end of paragraph 2.2 the words: (to encourage Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to boycott the purchase of Nescafé) and other Nestlé products. After formal seconding the proposers accepted the amendment and the Assembly agreed; the amendment became part of the substantive motion.

A further amendment was proposed to 2.3: to insert after "...in Third World Countries." the words and instructs the Church and Society to set up a working party to monitor the situation to enable the motion to be reviewed at the General Assembly 1993." The proposer accepted the amendment, the Assembly agreed and the amendment became part of the substantive resolution.

Debate followed.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Bernard Collins to add the words: "to consult our CWM partner Churches about this and similar issues".

This was formally seconded, accepted by the proposer and a number of points of order were raised. It was agreed that the resolution would be taken in three parts. A proposal that the motion be now put was put to the vote and carried.

The resolution "The Assembly directs the Mission Council to take steps:
2.1 to alert Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to the Baby Milk Action Coalition;" was then put to the vote and carried.

Part 2.2 was opened for debate and the Revd Liz Byrne proposed an amendment to delete the first "and" and to add the words "and individuals" to the motion. This was defeated.

The motion part "2.2 to encourage Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to boycott the purchase of Nescafé) and other Nestlé products." was put to the vote and was carried.

Part "2.3 to write to the Managing Director of the Nestlé Company at St George's House, Croydon, Surrey CR9 1NR expressing deep concern at their policy in providing free baby food to mothers in Third World Countries and instructs the Church and Society to set up a working party to monitor the situation to enable the motion to be reviewed at the General Assembly 1993." was opened for debate and, after discussion, was put to the vote and carried.

The amendment by the Revd Bernard Collins: "to consult our CWM partner Churches about this and similar issues". was put to the vote as 2.4 and was carried and became part of the substantive motion.

The complete motion:

NESTLÉ PRODUCTS

- 2. "The Assembly directs the Mission Council to take steps:**
- 2.1 to alert Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to the Baby Milk Action Coalition;**
- 2.2 to encourage Provincial Synods, District Councils and local churches to boycott the purchase of Nescafé and other Nestlé products;**
- 2.3 to write to the Managing Director of the Nestlé Company at St George's House, Croydon, Surrey CR9 1NR expressing deep concern at their policy in providing free baby food to mothers in Third World Countries and instructs Church & Society to set up a working party to monitor the situation to enable the motion to be reviewed at the General Assembly 1993;**
- 2.4 to consult our CWM partner Churches about this and similar issues."**

was then put to the vote and carried.

RETIRING GENERAL SECRETARY

The Moderator called upon the Revd Dr Bernard Thorogood to address the Assembly. Dr Thorogood spoke to his Introductory Letter and Assembly stood with acclamation.

The Moderator called for representatives of FURY to assist her in expressing the thanks of the Assembly to Dr Thorogood for his service as General Secretary for the past twelve years. Presentations were made and Assembly applauded. Mrs Joan Thorogood received a bouquet and a standing ovation. Dr Thorogood responded with gratitude.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1993/94

The Moderator called upon Mr Bill Black, on behalf of the tellers, to announce the result of the ballot. This result was votes counted - 552, and the Revd Donald Harold Hilton was declared elected. Mr Hilton was greeted by the Moderator in the name of the Assembly and was received with acclamation. Mr Hilton addressed the Assembly.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Revd Betsy King 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. The Assembly responded with applause.

METHODIST PRESIDENT

The Revd Kathleen Richardson, President of the Methodist Conference, was welcomed by the Moderator and brought greetings from the Conference, looking forward to a period of closer co-operation between the two Churches.

The Moderator gave a final word of thanks and the newly appointed General Secretary, the Revd Tony Burnham, announced that the Assembly, having completed the business properly brought before it, stood adjourned and would meet again at Portsmouth on 5th July 1993 or at such other date and place as may be duly appointed.

Throughout the Assembly the Chaplain, the Revd Paul Quilter, led in worship and the Revd Gordon Mursell, led bible study on the theme of the door, the entrance, the threshold.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1992

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We confirm on behalf of the Financial Management Committee our approval of the accounts as set out on pages 3-26 .

A K Black
Treasurer
30th March 1993

C M Frank
Chief Accountant and Financial Secretary

The reports on pages 24-26 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 Office of the Church.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the accounts on pages 3 to 23 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 1992, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

We have also audited the accounts, in accordance with Auditing Standards, of the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited on which we have given an unqualified opinion, and the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund, on which we have qualified our audit on the basis that we have been unable to inspect share certificates relating to overseas investments valued at £2.96 million, being 10.2% of the Accumulated Fund, as these certificates are held overseas, by the Fund Managers' Nominees.

186 City Road
London EC1V 2NU

30th March 1993

ROBSON RHODES
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants

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 1993, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value in the Investment Pool on page 22, and the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund on page 24. 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 "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 Ministry and Mission Fund are brought into account on a receipts basis, with the inclusion of receipts in the early part of 1993 relating to 1992. However, where a Province had remitted more than the agreed contribution to the Fund by 31st December 1992, the excess is carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1993. 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 Management 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 £5 million are insured for £10 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 1992, 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 £13.4 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 24, 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 Finance office of the Church.

The fund is a defined benefit pension scheme. The assets are invested and managed independently of the finances of the Church.

The Church currently contributes, from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund, at the rate of 10.65% of basic stipend in respect of members, and makes further payments towards the actuarial deficit, as indicated by the Consultant Actuary.

The triennial valuation of the pension fund is performed by the Actuary, using the attained age method, assuming that the rate of return achieved by the fund will exceed the rate of stipend increase by 3% pa. The last valuation was at 1st January 1991, which indicated an actuarial shortfall of £1.65 million. The Church has been advised by the Actuary that as the result of the increases in the basic stipend to £13,000 from July 1st 1993, the unfunded past service liability will be increased from £8 million to approximately £10 million. To meet this increased shortfall, the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee have taken steps which, if carried out, will eliminate this shortfall in about 10 years, based on the actuarial assumptions.

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

CENTRAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1992

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1992		1991	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Accounts	1		2,631		2,612
Income and Expenditure Accounts	2		<u>14,240</u>		<u>13,090</u>
Total	3		<u>16,871</u>		<u>15,702</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	5	4,995		4,419	
Cars, furniture and equipment	5	<u>242</u>	5,237	<u>214</u>	4,633
Investments	6		8,224		8,044
Loans and Advances	7		<u>2,787</u>		<u>2,583</u>
	4		16,248		15,260
Current Assets					
Stock		58		40	
Debtors		450		618	
Cash	8	<u>1,942</u>		<u>1,485</u>	
		2,450		2,143	
Creditors		(1,277)		(1,257)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(550)</u>		<u>(444)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>623</u>		<u>442</u>
			<u>16,871</u>		<u>15,702</u>

Gen Prop of Church = £1.9 m

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	Balance 31/12/92 £'000	Balance 31/12/91 £'000
General Fund <i>incl Church House</i>	310	310
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	289	289
Ministerial Training Fund	45	45
Westminster College Funds	479	469
Church Buildings Fund	184	184
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	355	355
Welfare Fund	68	68
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	40	40
Other Funds	778	769
World Church and Mission Funds	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u>2,631</u>	<u>2,612</u>

Changes in Capital Accounts are capital donations, and a legacy.

NOTE 2 - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Page	Balance 31/12/92 £'000	Balance 31/12/92 £'000	Balance 31/12/91 £'000	Balance 31/12/91 £'000
General Fund	13	3,567		3,476	
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	13	<u>1,434</u>	5,001	<u>1,230</u>	4,706
Ministerial Training Fund	14		1,243		1,255
Westminster College Funds	16		399		364
Church Buildings Fund	16		2,031		1,898
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	17		883		858
Welfare Fund	17		164		160
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	18		210		165
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	18		1,620		1,347
Other Funds	18		1,484		1,357
World Church and Mission Funds	19		337		311
Windermere Funds	20		329		325
Yardley Hastings Centre Fund	21		<u>539</u>		<u>344</u>
			<u>14,240</u>		<u>13,090</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1992

	Total	Property	Cars Furniture & Equipment	Invest- ments	Loans	Current Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund	3,877	1,948 ✓	105	3,257	175	(1,608)
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	1,723	-	-	1,410 ✓	123	190
Ministerial Training Fund	1,288	-	-	534 ✓	-	754
Westminster College Funds	878	537 ✓	2	287 ✓	-	52
Church Buildings Fund	2,215	436	-	425 ✓	853	501
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	1,238	1,243 ✓	-	-	-	(5)
Welfare Fund	232	-	-	201 ✓	-	31
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	250	-	-	235 ✓	-	15
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,620	-	-	-	1,620	-
Other Funds	2,262	62 ✓	47	1,536	16	601
World Church & Mission Funds	420	-	-	339 ✓	-	81
Windermere Funds	329	297 ✓	21	-	-	11
Yardley Hastings Centre Fund	539	472 ✓	67	-	-	-
	<u>16,871</u>	<u>4,995</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>8,224</u>	<u>2,787</u>	<u>623</u>
Note		5	5	6	7	

NOTE 4 - STATEMENT OF INCREASE IN CENTRAL RESOURCES
in the year ending 31st December 1992
and their disposal.

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME IN THE YEAR				
Ministry and Mission Fund Contributions		13,145		10,767
Dividends and interest		984		1,193
Grant from Memorial Hall Trust		385		350
Grant from New College, London, Trust		196		196
Legacies		106		165
Proceeds of Yardley Hastings Appeal		195		344
Other income		<u>249</u>		<u>296</u>
		15,260		13,311
EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR				
Cost of Central Departments	1,917		1,764	
Costs of Maintenance of the Ministry	9,683		7,984	
Costs of Ministerial Training	658		623	
Grants				
From MoM fund	299		183	
From Church Buildings Fund	44		14	
To CWM	550		493	
Other	317		371	
Appropriation to the URCMPF	<u>636</u>	<u>14,104</u>	<u>1,524</u>	<u>12,956</u>
Net increase in resources in year		<u>1,156</u>		<u>355</u>
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS				
Property purchased				
Yardley Hastings Centre				
Funded from special appeal	→ 130	} 297 × 298 (10)	342	
Funded from Church Buildings Fund	→ 167		-	
Purchase of houses	→ 361	× 360 (10)	222	
Proceeds of houses sold	(121)		-	
At Westminster College (overprovision)	(24) (10)	513	<u>261</u>	825
Equipment purchased				
Cars	49 (10)		116	
Proceeds of cars sold	→ (11) × (16) (10)		(32)	
Computers	7 (10)		6	
Other Furniture and equipment	<u>75</u> (10)	120	<u>11</u>	101
Investments made				
Purchases	1,133		1,098	
Sales	<u>(955)</u>	178 × 180 (10)	<u>(1,350)</u>	(252)
Loans made				
From Church Buildings Fund	279		273	
From Retired Ministers' Housing Fund	273		300	
Other	57		95	
Loans repaid in year	<u>(445)</u>	164 × 204 (11)	<u>(441)</u>	<u>227</u>
Total sums invested		<u>975</u>		<u>901</u>
Increase in net assets				
At January 1st 1992	442		988	
At December 31st 1992	<u>623</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>(546)</u>

NOTE 5 - FIXED ASSETS

	Balance at 1/1/92 £'000	Additions £'000	Disposals £'000	Balance at 31/12/92 £'000
Property (at cost or original valuation)				
Freehold Property:				
Central Office	106		-	106
Houses	2,696	360	(58)	2,998
Westminster College additions	358	(24)	-	334
Yardley Hastings	342	298	-	640
	<u>3,502</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>(58)</u>	<u>4,078</u>
Leasehold Property:				
Long Leases				
Windermere Centre	297	-	-	297
Other	530	-	-	530
	<u>4,329</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>(58)</u>	<u>4,905</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	28	-	-	28
Shop Property	62	-	-	62
Total property	<u>4,419</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>(58)</u>	<u>4,995</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Cost				
Motor Cars	211	49	(16)	244
Furniture and Equipment	168	75	-	243
Computer Equipment	96	7	-	103
	<u>475</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>590</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Depreciation				
Motor Cars	67	7363 X	(16)	114 X
Furniture and Equipment	112	19	-	131
Computer Equipment	82	11	-	93
	<u>261</u>	<u>93 X</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>590</u>
Net Book Value of cars, furniture and equipment	<u>214</u>	103		<u>242</u>

NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS

	1992		1991	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Units in Investment Pool	6,041	9,714	5,894	8,434
Other Listed Investments	2,036	2,226	2,003	2,015
	8,077	11,940	7,897	10,449
Unlisted Investments at cost	147		147	
Total investments	<u>8,224</u>		<u>8,044</u>	

11940
8224
3716

10
8224
8044
180

8224
(8044)
180

7 - LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1992 £'000	1991 £'000	
To the URC Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited			
from General Fund	140	186	
from General Fund (interest free)	35	35	
from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	-	180	
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,620	1,347	
from Other Funds	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	
	1,811	1,764	47
To Churches from Church Buildings Fund	853	715	138
To Ministers from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>123</u>	<u>104</u>	19
Total loans	<u>2,787</u>	<u>2,583</u>	204

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

	1992 £'000	1991 £'000
Cash on call and short term deposit	5,890	4,261
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>92</u>	<u>64</u>
	5,982	4,325
Less Sums held for other funds, Provinces, and Congregations	<u>4,040</u>	<u>2,840</u>
Total cash	<u>1,942</u>	<u>1,485</u>

NOTE 9 - ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER BODIES

At 31st December 1992 United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	1992 £'000	1991 £'000
Investments (at cost or valuation)	10,100	9,503
Money specifically invested externally at short notice	-	805
Loans	26	29
Cash on deposit	3,592	2,805
Other cash	<u>202</u>	<u>130</u>
	<u>13,920</u>	<u>13,272</u>

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

NOTE 10 - COMMITMENTS

At 31st December 1991 contracts for £485,000 had been placed for the building of the Yardley Hastings Centre, of which £144,000 had not been paid. A further cost of £230,000 for professional fees, fittings etc., was expected to be required to complete the development. The cost in excess of the appeal made for this work was met by the Church Buildings Fund. All costs relating to the Yardley Hastings Centre have now been provided for. The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd had contracted to purchase property for £108,000 at 31st December 1992. (1991 nil) The Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of further property to the value of £320,000 (1991 £217,000). These acquisitions will be funded from the unexpended income of the Church or from the proceeds of properties currently unoccupied and for sale. From its General Fund the Church has agreed to lend to the Housing Society any shortfall. The Officers of the Church Buildings Fund have authorised loans amounting to £130,000 (1991 £80,000) which were not paid at 31st December 1992.

THE MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND
INCOME

		1992	1991		
		Ministry and Mission Fund	Total	Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	Unified Appeal
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Province	1 Northern	923	774	642	132
	2 North Western	1,200	975	780	195
	3 Mersey	885	710	570	140
	4 Yorkshire	875	711	565	146
	5 East Midlands	860	684	550	134
	6 West Midlands	979	828	685	143
	7 Eastern	1,105	889	719	170
	8 South Western	837	685	553	132
	9 Wessex	1,387	1,124	935	189
	10 Thames North	1,588	1,288	1,032	256
	11 Southern	1,990	1,660	1,355	305
	12 Wales	516	438	382	56
Non provincial contributions		-	1	-	1
Total receipts		<u>13,145</u>	<u>10,767</u>	<u>8,768</u>	<u>1,999</u>

Note: With the amalgamation of the Unified Appeal and the Maintenance of the Ministry collections from local Churches as from January 1st 1992, the accounts of the General Fund and the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund have been combined, and are shown on page 13. The comparative figures have been re-ordered to reflect this change.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 1992

MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Ministry and Mission Fund		13,145 ✓		10,767
Other Income				
Dividends on Investments	231		307	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	183 ✓		264	
URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	35 ✓		32	
Sundry Income	<u>22</u>		<u>35</u>	
		<u>471</u>		<u>638</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>13,616</u>		<u>11,405</u>
EXPENDITURE				
CENTRAL OPERATIONS				
Central Secretariat	96 ✓		78	
General Church costs	87 ⁸⁴		104	
Assembly	59 ⁶¹		62	
Ecumenical Grants	81 ✓		63	
Moderators	287 ✓		256	
Ministries	140 ¹³⁹		116	
Faith & Life	322 ²⁹⁸		292	
World Church & Mission	377 ³⁷⁵		333	
Church & Society	60 ✓		53	
Finance	164 ¹⁶⁶		156	
Professional Fees	45 ✓		36	
Communications & Supplies	99 ¹⁰¹		114	
Advocacy	40 ✓		34	
Information Service	10 ✓		5	
Central Office costs	<u>143 ✓</u>		<u>134</u>	
	2,010 ¹⁹⁹²		1,836	
ALLOCATION				
Council for World Mission	550		493	
Ministerial Training Fund	206		196	
Welfare Fund	<u>20</u>		<u>25</u>	
		2,786		2,550
COSTS OF MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY				
Costs of Ministers in local appointments				
Basic Stipends	7,799		6,374	
Other stipend costs	306		380	
Church Related Community Workers	65		65	
Employers contributions for Pension and National insurance	1,513		1,165	
Appropriation to URCMPF	615		600	
Grants and other costs	299		183	
	<u>10,597</u>		<u>8,767</u>	
Special Appropriation to URCMPF	-	10,597	900	9,667
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>13,383</u>		<u>12,217</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR				
Profit on sale of properties		233		(812)
Profit on sale of investments		46		-
Legacies and major donations		-		207
		<u>16</u>		<u>143</u>
		295		(462)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		4,706		5,168
Balance at 31st December		<u>5,001</u>		<u>4,706</u>

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

INCOME	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ministry and Mission Fund		206		-
General Fund		-		196
Dividends and Interest		93		97
Allocation from				
New College, London, Trust		197		196
Memorial Hall Trust monies		100		-
Other Donations		<u>50</u>		<u>54</u>
		646		543
 EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	194		197	
General Account (See Page 15)	<u>4</u>		<u>(6)</u>	
	198		191	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	115		122	
Northern College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	158		131	
Queens College, Birmingham				
Bursary fund	40		47	
Other Colleges	<u>12</u>		<u>6</u>	
	523		497	
Cost of Training for the				
Non-Stipendiary Ministry	71		84	
Other Costs	<u>64</u>		<u>42</u>	
		658		623
NET (DEFICIT) IN YEAR		(12)		(80)
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>1,255</u>		<u>1,335</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,243</u>		<u>1,255</u>

NOTE: As shown on page 8 investments costing £534,000 (1991 £984,000) are held for the Ministerial Training Fund, and these are valued at £654,000 at 31st December 1992 (1991 £1,028,000)

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Students' Fees	171		179	
Conference Fees	30		15	
Federation Catering Receipts	<u>5</u>		<u>5</u>	
		206		199
Net Property Rents	12		13	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>2</u>		<u>3</u>	
		14		16
Endowment Income	15		16	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>	
		<u>19</u>		<u>20</u>
		<u>239</u>		<u>235</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Lecturers' stipends	63		56	
Lecturers' accommodation costs	3		6	
Chair Endowments	(13)		(14)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	(50)		(41)	
		3		7
Staff Salaries	85		85	
Household Expenses	38		38	
Water, light, heat and insurance	33		34	
Maintenance	<u>35</u>		<u>25</u>	
		191		182
University & Federation Fees, Internship Programme	22		17	
Library	<u>4</u>		<u>8</u>	
		26		25
Office costs	7		7	
Sundry expenses	<u>16</u>		<u>8</u>	
		<u>23</u>		<u>15</u>
		<u>243</u>		<u>229</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR transferred from/to the Ministerial Training Fund		(4)		6

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

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FUNDS

	1992	1991
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Other receipts	31	2
Dividends and Interest	<u>41</u>	<u>57</u>
	72	59
EXPENDITURE		
Bursary Account Grants	7 £	7
Chair Endowments	13 £	14
General Endowments	15 £	16
Other Grants	<u>2</u>	<u>18</u>
	37 = 2	55
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	35	4
Profit on sale of investments	-	39
Legacies	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>
	35	56
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>364</u>	<u>308</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>399</u>	<u>364</u>

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

	1992	1991
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Donations	2	2
Dividends and Interest	132	134
Income from houses	5	5
Income from Ground Rents	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
	163	167
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>44</u>	<u>14</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	119	153
Proceeds of sale - Bangor properties	<u>14</u>	<u>107</u>
	133	260
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>1,898</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,031</u>	<u>1,898</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUNDS

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Special rents	1		1	
Sundry dividend	-		-	
Income from Harrison				
Longhurst Will Trusts	<u>7</u>		<u>8</u>	
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		8		9
Surplus on sale of properties		<u>17</u>		<u>-</u>
		25		9
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>777</u>		<u>768</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>802</u>		<u>777</u>
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT				
Rents received		21		19
Less Property Costs	19		20	
Estimated management expenses	<u>2</u>		<u>3</u>	
		<u>21</u>		<u>23</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		-		(4)
Balance at 1st January		(18)		(14)
Balance at 31st December		(18)		(18)
FUND Balances at 31st December				
General Income and Expenditure Account		802		777
Property management account		(18)		(18)
Nidalla Account		<u>99</u>		<u>99</u>
		<u>883</u>		<u>858</u>

WELFARE FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations		2		2
Dividends and Interest		19		20
Allocation from General Fund		<u>20</u>		<u>25</u>
		41		47
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>37</u>		<u>34</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		4		13
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>160</u>		<u>147</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>164</u>		<u>160</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS' AID FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Investment Income		37		39
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>
		39		40
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid	23		16	
Allocation to Ministers' Pension Fund	<u>21</u>		<u>24</u>	
		<u>44</u>		<u>40</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		(5)	-	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Legacy		50		-
Balance at 1st January		<u>165</u>		<u>165</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>210</u>		<u>165</u>

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Grants from the Memorial Hall Trust		385		350
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>112</u>		<u>50</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		273		300
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>1,347</u>		<u>1,047</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,620</u>		<u>1,347</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest		202		213
Donations and Other Receipts		<u>59</u>		<u>49</u>
		261		262
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>166</u>		<u>177</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		95		85
Profit on sale of investments		2		-
Legacies		30		9
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>1,357</u>		<u>1,263</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,484</u>		<u>1,357</u>

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION FUNDS

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	52		54	
Donations	<u>2</u>		<u>-</u>	
		54		54
EXPENDITURE				
Contribution to Departmental Expenditure	30		26	
Grants	<u>6</u>		<u>13</u>	
		<u>36</u>		<u>39</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		18		15
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>220</u>		<u>205</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>238</u>		<u>220</u>
<u>OTHER WCM FUNDS</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest		14		15
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>6</u>		<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		8		15
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>91</u>		<u>76</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>99</u>		<u>91</u>
FUND Balances at 31st December		<u>337</u>		<u>311</u>

WINDERMERE FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations and Other Receipts		-		-
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>325</u>		<u>325</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>325</u>		<u>325</u>

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Fees	107		92	
Budgeted appropriation towards salary costs	30		-	
Sundry receipts	<u>11</u>		<u>11</u>	
		148		103
EXPENDITURE				
Director's and Administration salary costs	31			
Secretarial, Office and General costs	28		33	
Centre Costs	<u>85</u>		<u>83</u>	
		<u>144</u>		<u>116</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR		4		(13)
Net deficit balance brought forward				-
Net deficit transferred to General Fund				(13)
Balance carried forward		<u>4</u>		-
Total Windermere Funds		<u>329</u>		<u>325</u>

YARDLEY HASTINGS CENTRE FUND

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations and other receipts, less fund raising costs		195		344
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>344</u>		-
Balance at 31st December		<u>539</u>		<u>344</u>

THE YARDLEY HASTINGS CENTRE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1992	
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Fees	19	
Budgeted appropriation towards salary costs	8	
Sundry receipts	<u>5</u>	
		32
EXPENDITURE		
Chaplain's and Administration salary costs	14	
Secretarial, Office and General costs	18	
Centre Costs	<u>34</u>	
		<u>66</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR		(34)
Net deficit transferred to General Fund		(34)
Balance carried forward		-

INVESTMENT POOL

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 1992

	1992		1991	
	1000 Units	£'000	1000 Units	£'000
CAPITAL				
Units in issue				
at 1st January	5,181	18,779	5,311	19,684
Units issued in year	248	943	209	800
Units cancelled in year	(81)	(311)	(339)	(1,285)
Management fees		(23)		(32)
Underwriting commission		-		7
(Loss) on sale				
of investments		(1,143)		(395)
At 31st December	<u>5,348</u>	18,245	<u>5,181</u>	18,779
Unrealised Surplus in Market				
Value of Investments				
against Cost		<u>4,577</u>		<u>740</u>
		<u>22,822</u>		<u>19,519</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Investments	<u>17,142</u>	21,719	<u>18,380</u>	19,120
Cash and Short Term Deposits		1,349		1,360
Net balance with the				
United Reformed Church		(246)		(961)
		<u>22,822</u>		<u>19,519</u>

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

£4.2674

£3.7672

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	7.42p	390	5.80p	309
30th June	5.01p	267	6.68p	356
30th September	7.40p	396	7.64p	412
31st December	<u>7.34p</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>8.31p</u>	<u>451</u>
Total income distributed	<u>27.17p</u>	<u>1,445</u>	<u>28.43p</u>	<u>1,528</u>

Note: All the share certificates for investments in the Investment Pool are designated for United Reformed Church Trust in the name of the nominee company of James Capel Fund Managers Limited - MSS Nominees Limited. The Trustee is advised of all changes in investment, and quarterly schedules of investments held are issued by the Fund Managers, and reconciled to records maintained.

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

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 1992

	1992		1991	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Sums credited to date in the terms of the will of the late H. N. Clarke		-		116
Sums received on termination of G. H. Lea will trust		-		1
Net deficit in year		(187)		(100)
Loss on realisation of CIF units		-		(1)
Legacies received		<u>1</u>		-
		(186)		16
Balance at 1st January		<u>3,250</u>		<u>3,234</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>3,064</u>		<u>3,250</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	Market Value		Market Value	
Investments at Cost	<u>3,234</u>	2,888	<u>3,041</u>	3,075
Investment property		137		201
Net balance with the United Reformed Church		<u>62</u>		<u>5</u>
		3,087		3,281
Less Provision for possible claims from other churches		<u>23</u>		<u>31</u>
		<u>3,064</u>		<u>3,250</u>

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for
the year to 31st December 1992

INCOME				
Investment Income (net of interest paid)		210		252
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	22		21	
Income from the Clarke estate	1		39	
Sundry Income	<u>4</u>		<u>3</u>	
		<u>27</u>		<u>63</u>
		237		315
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>424</u>		<u>415</u>
NET DEFICIT IN YEAR		(187)		(100)

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1992

	1992	1991
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Contributions from ministers and central funds	1,084	839
Transfer values received	<u>3</u>	839
Investment Income	1,192	1,292
Underwriting Commission	<u>1</u>	9
Allocation towards the actuarial deficit	640	626
Donations	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,767</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits Paid	1,895	1,443
Transfer Values paid	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
Management expenses	<u>102</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>2,024</u>	<u>1,561</u>
NORMAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	901	1,206
Special subvention from MoM fund	-	900
Realised (Loss)/Profit on Sale of Investments	(805)	757
Increase in Unrealised Surplus on Investment Revaluation	<u>4,348</u>	<u>278</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	4,444	3,141
Balance of Resources at 1st January	<u>25,748</u>	<u>22,607</u>
Balance of Resources at 31st December	<u>30,192</u>	<u>25,748</u>
Represented by		
Investments	28,362	23,683
Net Current Assets	<u>1,830</u>	<u>2,065</u>
	<u>30,192</u>	<u>25,748</u>

Accounting policy 9 on page 5 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 1992

	1992	1991	1991	1991
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property at cost or valuation		8,387 ✓		7,521
Current Assets				
Cash	539 ⁵⁴⁰		41	
Current Liabilities	(504) ✓		(9)	
Net Current Assets		<u>35</u> 8,422 ✓		<u>32</u> 7,553
FINANCED BY				
Loans		1,817 ✓		1,590
Revenue Reserves	6,250 ^{bal.}		5,608	
Capital Reserves	<u>355</u> ✓		<u>355</u>	
		<u>6,605</u> 8,422 ✓		<u>5,963</u> 7,553

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 Homes for Retired Ministers Funds shown on page 17 of this book, and the accounts of the Society are available from the Central Office of the Church.

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1992

	1992 £'000	1991 £'000
Rents	134 ✓	126
Less Property costs	107 105	102
Net Surplus from property	27 21	24
Less Administrative costs	19	18
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	8 ✓	6
Balance at January 1st	13 ✓	7
Balance at December 31st	21 ✓	13

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1992

	1992 £'000	1991 £'000	1991 £'000	1991 £'000
Donations, Dividends, and Sundry Income	119		54	
Legacies and gifts of houses	297 ✓		292	
Profit on property sold	217 ✓		116	
		633		462
Less Professional fees	5		5	
Committees	1 ✓		2	
Rents paid	4 ✓		-	
Interest on money borrowed	(11)	(1)	15	22
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		634 ✓		440
Balance at January 1st		5,595		5,155
Balance at December 31st		6,229		5,595
<u>TOTAL REVENUE RESERVES</u>		<u>6,250</u>		<u>5,608</u>

LEGACIES

The Church acknowledges, with gratitude, the receipt of the following legacies:

	£	£
<u>General Fund</u>		
The late J. W. Hillary (additional)	149	
J. M. Haymes (additional)	1,815	
M. Runtz	1,081	
M. Martin	500	
E. Elkington (additional)	1,468	
W. Noble	<u>10,840</u>	
	15,853	
<u>Less tax not recovered on 1990 legacy</u>	<u>116</u>	15,737
<u>World Church and Mission Funds</u>		
The late M. Brook Wells		500
<u>Westminster College</u>		
The late J. H. Barlow		10,000
<u>Retired Ministers Aid Fund</u>		
The late A. Peter		50,000
<u>The Retired Minister's Housing Fund.</u>		
The late L. M. Nash		201
<u>Church and Society</u>		
The late E.M. Skinner		<u>30,284</u>
		106,722
<u>The Retired Ministers Fund.</u>		
The late D. M. Dannant		500
<u>The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd.</u>		
The late K. Hutchin	130,000	
D. L. Brind	1,884	
G. M. Busby (additional)	1,866	
S. M. Hawkins (additional)	27,569	
M. S. V. Browne (additional)	1,678	
M. K. Gray	2,115	
W. H. Glen	2,000	
K. Walker	3,767	
A. M. Hockaday	500	
F. G. Healey house valued at	75,000	
V. A. Todd	<u>50,000</u>	
		296,379
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Total		<u>£403,601</u>

MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND BUDGET FOR 1994

	Actual 1992 £'000	Budget 1992 £'000	Revised Budget 1993 £'000	Draft Budget 1994 £'000
INCOME				
Ministry and Mission Fund	13,145	13,176	14,957	15,591
Sundry income	<u>471</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>418</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>13,616</u>	<u>13,595</u>	<u>15,376</u>	<u>16,009</u>
GENERAL EXPENDITURE				
Central Secretariat	96	86	91	97
General Church costs	87	92	105	115
Assembly	59	56	62	65
Ecumenical Grants	81	83	99	99
Moderators	287	270	330	354
Ministries	140	132	253	264
Faith and Life	322	295	369	394
Advocacy	40	37	41	44
World Church and Mission	377	397	373	395
Church and Society	60	69	74	80
Finance	164	168	171	178
Professional Fees	45	37	41	42
Communication and Supplies	99	121	137	133
Information Service	10	5	5	7
Central Office costs	143	143	141	148
Savings to be made				(20)
	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,991</u>	<u>2,292</u>	<u>2,395</u>
Less Maintenance of the Ministry Fund contributions to Ministerial Staff salaries	-	211	-	-
	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,780</u>	<u>2,292</u>	<u>2,395</u>
ALLOCATIONS				
Council for World Mission	550	530	576	591
Ministerial Training Fund	206	206	270	302
Welfare Fund	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL GENERAL COSTS	<u>2,786</u>	<u>2,536</u>	<u>3,158</u>	<u>3,308</u>
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY EXPENDITURE				
Cost of Ministers' stipends	8,105	8,476	9,289	9,623
Saving on cost of ministers over age 65	-	-	-	(50)
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	<u>1,513</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,901</u>
	9,618	10,003	11,102	11,474
Church Related Community Workers	65	150	120	142
Grants and other costs	299	291	208	215
Grants to Ministers' Pension Fund	<u>615</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>908</u>
TOTAL MoM EXPENDITURE	<u>10,597</u>	<u>11,059</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>12,739</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>13,383</u>	<u>13,595</u>	<u>15,413</u>	<u>16,047</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR	<u>233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>(38)</u>

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