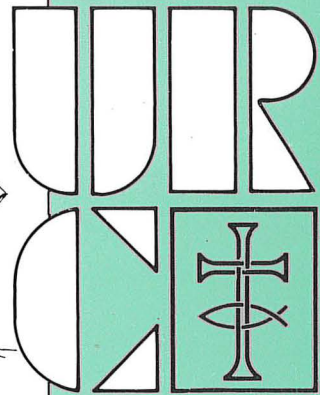
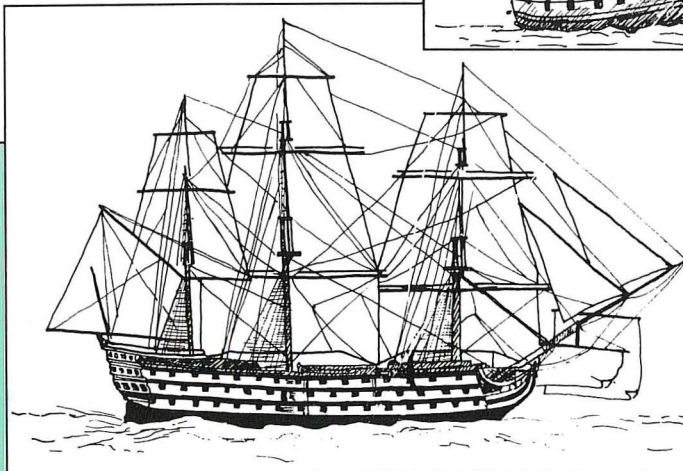
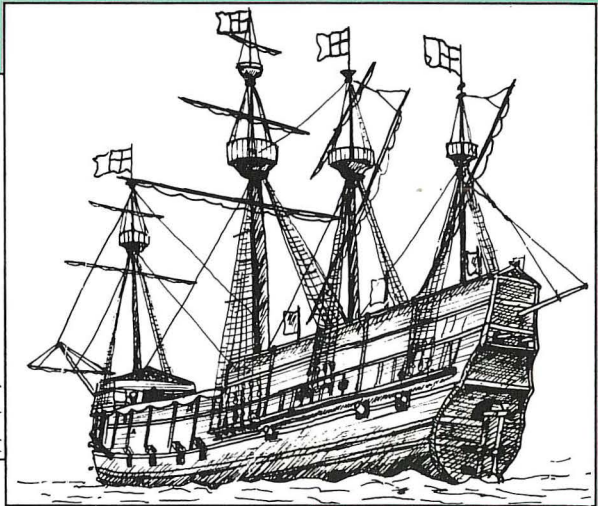
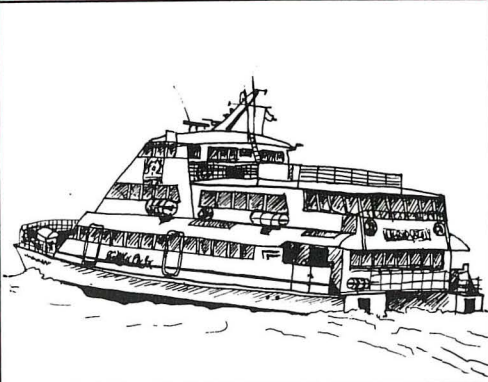


ASSEMBLY RECORD



The United Reformed Church
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1993

July 5th ~ 9th
Portsmouth

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

For Consideration *
For Action X

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**RECORD of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of The UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in the United Kingdom
5 - 9 July 1993**

Monday 5 July 1993

First Session

Assembly Service including Holy Communion

At 2.30pm members of Assembly met at the Guildhall, Portsmouth where Holy Communion was celebrated. This was led by the Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke, assisted by her Chaplain, the Revd Paul H Quilter and the Revd Anthony Burnham.

Commemoration of Ministers and Missionaries

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

Ministers who have died since Assembly 1992

Robert Howat McMurray ADAM	Dudley ALLON-SMITH
Frederick Arnold ASPREY	Stephen Edgar BAKER
Peter BARRACLOUGH	Jack Martin BELL
Kenneth Thomas BROOKS	William Lionel BROWN
Norman CAVE	Walter Edward CHEESLEY
Roy Fennell CLARK	Frederick Albert CLEMENTS
Bert Albert COX	Robert Aled DAVIES
David George DEANS	Jack DENNANT
Idris EVANS	Leslie Norman FLINT
William Arthur GILES	Robert Young GRASSIE
Ronald Kenneth HALL	Eveline HAZELDEN
Francis George HEALEY	Ernest Frank HICKLING
Percival HUMAN	Arthur HUYTON
Arthur Trevor Illingworth JAGGER	Evan Melvin JEREMIAH
William Trefor JONES	Istvan George John KARDOS
Thomas James LANDER	Victor LEACH
Alun LLOYD-GRIFFITHS	Henry Herbert Gill MACMILLAN
John Edmund Knowles MOSS	Henry Alfred Grant OSBORNE
David Frederick PIGGINS	Vincent Christie PLASKETT
James SCHOFIELD	Norman SEDGMAN
Stanley Arthur SMITH	Richard Fortescue Clay SNUGGS
Ronald Wilfred TOMALIN	Clifford WHITWORTH
Harold Frederick WICKINGS	Henry Sherwyn WIGHTMAN
Blanch Reita SEARLE	

Missionaries who have died since Assembly 1992

Frank Richard ASHTON	Robert Harold MUMFORD
Katherine ASHWELL	Winifred Alice NEWCOMBE
Joyce BEEBY	Kathleen Frances SANDERS
Margaret Hyatt [Greta] BOX	Jonathon Christopher Brian
Anne BROWN [nee Cole]	STURTRIDGE
Constance Amy CATER [nee Grove]	Ethel Gertrude TAYLOR
Harold Livingstone CAVE	Catherine Mary Mooring WEEKS
Constance Grace FAIRHALL	[nee Aldridge]
Kathleen Frances GILLISON [nee Sanders]	Lucy Doreen WHITE [nee Ffrench]
Bertram Andrew Lockerbie HOLYDAY	Joseph WING

At the conclusion of the service, the session was suspended, and the Assembly resumed at 5.30pm.

Constitution of Assembly

The Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke, constituted the Assembly with prayer, the place and time having been duly appointed, and the chaplain, the Revd Paul H Quilter led the worship of the Assembly.

Induction of Moderator

On the motion of Mrs Ruth Clarke, the Revd Donald Hilton, Moderator-elect, was called to the Chair and inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church. The Moderator signed the Assembly Bible and was presented with an inscribed copy of the Bible by Mrs Ruth Clarke.

Thanks to the Retiring Moderator

The thanks of the Church were expressed by the Moderator to Mrs Ruth Clarke and Mr Raymond Clarke.

The Moderator then addressed the Assembly.

Loyal Address

The immediate past Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke, 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 Portsmouth, sends loyal greetings to Your Majesty in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have shared the nation's joy in the fortieth anniversary of your Coronation. We give thanks for these years of service to the nation and the Commonwealth, through which your Coronation vows have been so consistently demonstrated and affirmed.

As members of the world-wide family of Christians in the Reformed tradition, we grieve at the continuation of war between and within so many nations. This places great responsibilities on your Government and on the United Nations organisation. We affirm the importance of achieving mutual respect and understanding between different peoples, and appreciate your own positive recognition of the diversity of human beliefs and cultures in these islands and across the world.

Within your own realm, we desire to see further progress in achieving justice and peace among the citizens of Northern Ireland. We would respectfully draw your attention, and that of your ministers, to other concerns which trouble us, as many of our local congregations in England, Scotland and Wales, work ever harder in support of weaker members of society. We have been disturbed, for example, by the damaging impact of high unemployment, by increasing homelessness and by certain developments in the provision of social and health care. As a church, we are active in several ecumenical bodies, including the Churches' National Housing Coalition. These seek to address some of the serious problems that threaten to undermine the unity and sense of security of your people in the United Kingdom.

We pray that, as one who has expressed your Christian faith so clearly, you may experience the strength and peace of God at all times, both in your public duties and in your private life.

We are
Your faithful and loyal subjects.

Moderator
Clerk
General Secretary

The National Anthem was sung.

The ROLL OF ASSEMBLY was placed on the table.

ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator:	Revd D H Hilton
Clerk:	The Revd Principal M H Cressey
General Secretary:	The Revd A G Burnham
Deputy General Secretary:	The Revd T Oakley
Minutes Secretary:	Mrs S Tull

Provincial Moderators:	I Revd D Jenkins
	II Revd C K Forecast
	III Revd E Allen
	IV (Moderator of Assembly)
	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:	Mr A Curry
World Church & Mission:	Mrs M Marsden
Finance:	Mr A Black

Conveners of Standing Committees:	
Vocations:	Revd G D Gill
Training:	Mrs E Jupp
Support:	Revd Dr D G Cornick
Doctrine and Worship:	Dr D M Thompson
Christian Education and Stewardship:	Mr Tony Ewens
Youth Work:	Mrs R Clarke
Childrens Work:	Revd S Thornton
Health and Healing:	Revd R R Hine
Youth and Children's Work Training Committee:	Revd J Oldershaw
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, Revd J Stranz
Financial Management:	Mr A Black
Financial Resources:	Revd A J G Walker
Maintenance of the Ministry:	Mr M Harrison
Welfare & Emergencies:	Mr R Heritage
Retired Ministers' Housing:	Revd D R Hannen

Assembly Arrangements:	Mrs W Frew
Nominations:	Revd J Clare
Communication & Supplies:	Mr C P W Wright
Assembly Pastoral	
Reference Committee:	
Advocacy :	Revd J J Macro

Synod Clerks:

I	Revd P Poulter	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 J Maitland	XI	Mrs C Meekison	XII	Mr J Rhys

Additional Synod Representatives:

I Revd D Rominger, Revd R Rominger, Revd K Harris,
 II Revd G Robson, Revd J Grindrod
 III Miss M Trubic, Revd H Macleod, Revd I Ring
 IV Revd E J Brown, Mrs A Hughes, Revd D E Marsden
 V Revd P Flint, Mrs M Buxton, Mrs M Garrow
 VI Revd Dr M Renton, Mr A McCulloch, Mr R Webb
 VII Mr P Wade, Mr N Hart, Mrs J Armour
 VIII Mr I Andrews, Mr M Johnson, Mrs J Trippier
 IX Revd B Collins, Mr P Burroughs, Miss M Nance
 X Revd G Bending, Mrs M Hunter, Mr C Langham
 XI Mrs P Blackburn, Mr D Buckland, Mr H Ring
 XII Revd H Gordon, Revd N Head, Revd D Morgan

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
VII	Mr V Hughff	VIII	Mr G Lunt	IX	Mr G Gage
X	Mr M Dyson	XI	Mr B M Edwards	XII	Mr R Lacey

Theological College Representatives:

Mansfield College:	Revd C Brock, Mr P Colewell
Northern College:	Revd Principal R J McKelvey Mr J Gordon
Westminster College:	Revd Dr D G Cornick Miss R Tusting

Youth Representatives:

Mr Paul Ashworth, Ms Catherine Rook

Council for World Mission:

The Rt Revd Victor Premasagar

Chaplain (URC) to HM Forces stationed in Britain: Revd J Petrie

Missionaries on Furlough:

Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:

Mr B J Hartwell, Revd Dr J Marsh, Revd R W Jones, Revd C J Buckingham, Mrs Gwen Hall, Revd Professor J Eric Fenn, Revd H Burns Jamieson, Revd A S Cooper, Revd N Birnie, Revd A L Macarthur, Revd J E Young, Revd Dr Lesslie Newbiggin, Revd Dr R O Latham, Revd J Johansen-Berg, Revd Principal M 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, Mrs R Clarke.

District Representatives:

Names appearing with an asterisk were appointed to fill District vacancies (cf. Resolution 10, p21, Assembly Record 1978)

Province I

- A: Revd W Nicholl, Revd R Ogilvie, Revd Dr A R Ritchie, Revd A Smith, Mrs J Ogilvie, Miss F Smail, Mr M Taylor, Mrs F Smith.
- B: Revd D Arthur, Revd S Brock, Revd J Breslin, Revd D Brown, Revd A Jackson, Mrs Y Clemson, Mrs E Levinsohn, Mr F Malcolm, Mr M Spicer, Mr K Wilkes.
- C: Revd M Smith, Revd G Carling, Mr B Archer, Mrs D Clarke.
- D: Revd D Pickering, Revd J Raich, Revd L Nevard, Mrs M Tasker.
- E: Revd S J Martin, Revd M Hopley, Mr R Kerr, Mr D Roberson.
- F: Revd R J Bade, Mrs C Bade.

Province II

- A: Revd A Gaunt, Revd J Robinson, Revd B Willis, Dr R John, Mr J Wicks, Mrs A Wicks.
- B: Revd A Climpson, Revd G Eatock, Revd R D Jones, Mrs B E Wilson, Mrs M Stelfox, Mrs H Hurst, Revd N Uden*.
- C: Revd G Tolley, Revd R H Lewis, Revd A C Mellor, Mr J D Davis, Mr D Esthill, Mrs S Rand.
- D: Revd A Hall, Revd J Hollyman, Revd J Mackereth, Ms B Galliers, Mrs E A Smith*.
- E: Revd A Batterbee, Revd D W Yule, Revd D W Thomas, Revd I T Rees, Mrs J A Cockcroft, Mrs D Rees*, Mr P Jeffrey, Mrs J Ashworth.
- F: Revd D R Lee, Revd A Harrison, Revd E Massey, Revd D Powis, Revd H Ward, Mrs H Ward, Mr T Swan, Mr G Lewis, Miss H Melia, Mrs G Oldham.
- G: Revd R Day, Revd P Taylor, Dr G Jessup, Ms C Nixon.

Province III

- A: Revd S Mountcastle, Revd B Burgess, Revd D Lawrence, Revd J Wilkinson, Mr D Welch, Mr R Hodgekins, Mr M Drew, Mr J Stocks.
- B: Revd G Brown, Revd B Acty, Revd R Brown, Mrs J Lunt, Mr L Marshall, Mr P Lewis.
- C: Revd G Thomas, Revd R Farnworth, Miss M Proven, Mr R Herr, Mr B Richardson, Revd M Shapland.
- D: Revd D G Rees, Revd J Oldershaw, Revd G McGowen, Mr T Hamilton, Miss K Roberts, Mr J Yates.
- E: Revd R J Bushby, Revd W Wright, Mr E G Hall, Mr J Daxon.

Province IV

- A: Revd D Greenwood, Revd A J Wells, Revd T C Micklem, Miss D Obridge, Mr J Sharp, Mr G Lawrence.
- B: Revd F Beattie, Mr P Bentley, Revd E Caswell, Professor D Collins, Mr J Morrison, Revd B Parker, Miss N Pugh, Revd E Rogers.
- C: Revd M Ayton, Revd G D Hallas, Revd D Miller, Mrs S Rawnsley, Mr P Blackband, Mrs A Blackband.
- D: Revd S Swailes, Revd B Sugden, Revd G Parrot, Mr A Lowe, Mr G Roberts, Mr S Eteson.
- E: Revd M Moore, Revd M Wear, Mrs M Morgan, Mr P Sharp.
- F: Revd C Bembridge, Revd J Williams, Revd G Courtney, Mr A Jones, Miss C Atkinson.

Province V

- A: Revd M J Pevy, Revd B F Jones, Revd M J Dunn, Revd G J Maskery, Mr T W Hollis, Mr H Graham, Mrs J Pevy, Mr A Mudie.
- B: Revd T Cheesbrough, Revd S W Crane, Revd M Shepherd, Mrs J Shenk, Mrs M I Wren, Miss S Middleton.
- C: Revd P Floe, Revd E Mcdonald, Revd R A Ward, Mrs F Caldwell, Mrs K Hughes, Mrs P Mathews.

- D: Revd R Francis, Revd M Taylor, Revd M Deacon, Mr R Embrey, Mrs Marion Weedon, Mr D Edwards.
- E: Revd C Wilton, Revd N Vivian, Revd A Brooks, Mrs J Smith, Mr B Drake, Mr D Dennis.
- F: Revd D Spence, Revd E Smart, Mrs I Laurie, Mr R Chapman.

Province VI

- A: Revd W Baskett, Revd G Tate, Revd Dr J E Parry, Revd E Kemp, Revd D Haslam, Revd D Williams, Mrs J Shaffery, Mrs J Tate, Mr R Sherland.
- B: Miss A Williams, Revd P Frampton, Revd K Johnson.
- C: Revd M Henninger, Revd S Sawyer, Revd D M Vick, Mr A Gilbert, Miss A Sims.
- D: Revd J Bentlyffe, Revd J Winterbottom, Revd C H Biggs, Miss J Kingham, Mrs M Evans, Mr E J Radley, Mrs E J Radley*.
- E: Revd K Newborough, Revd D Clarke, Revd M McKenzie, Revd Bill Jones, Mrs R Page, Miss M Smith, Mr A McDougall, Mr K Hawn.
- F: Revd B J Stops, Revd T Huc, Revd B Holroyd, Mrs R Tomlinson, Mrs K Paxton, Mr P Huc.

Province VII

- A: Revd A Chart, Revd I Fosten, Mrs W Gilbert, Mr J Nevill, Mrs M Nevill.
- B: Revd J McCallum, Revd R Mortimer, Revd J A Pugh, Revd R Roston-Bishop, Mrs B Gathercole, Dr R D Jurd, Mrs E Mirams, Mrs J Roston-Bishop.
- C: Revd R Haward, Revd G Millington, Revd B Shirley, Revd P Tiplady, Miss J Harvey, Mr C Thorby, Mr A Sayles, Mrs V Singleton.
- D: Mrs J Bright, Revd G Corderoy, Revd M Kitchener, Revd S Roderick, Mr R A Cheer.
- E: Revd M McKay, Revd E Marvin, Revd J Petitt, Revd M Whitehorn, Miss R Burns, Miss P Collison, Mrs J Jerram, Mrs C McDermott.
- F: Revd J E Hussey, Mr J Barrister.

Province VIII

- A: Revd R Cornish, Revd D Wilkins, Mr D Gaskin.
- B: Revd G Bowerman, Revd P Parrish, Dr F Haines-Nutt, Mr P Ellis.
- C: Mr D Searle, Mrs M Eden, Mr E Cordell, Revd R A C West, Revd S M Scarr, Revd R Ellis.
- D: Revd B Stephenson, Revd J H Taylor, Mrs W Dyer, Mr D Puddy.
- E: Revd C Fowler, Revd G Harmer, Mr D Hempstock, Mr D Shaw.
- F: Revd B Townsend, Revd A Phippen, Revd P Sessions, Revd M Manley, Revd L Garland, Mr R Herwig, Mrs E Twine, Mr A Shergold, Mrs D Grant, Mr D Hayden, Miss E Baker.
- G: Revd R Humphrey, Revd A Finch, Mr D Walter, Mr G C Humphrey.
- H: Revd T D MacMeekin, Mrs J MacMeekin.
- J: Revd G Stoddern, Mrs C Stoddern.

Province IX

- A: Revd G Edwards, Revd M Tilley, Revd S Sivyour, Revd D Hull, Revd J C Evans, Mrs J Edwards, Mr R G Mudd, Mrs S Mann, Miss A Weller, Mrs I Sawyer.
- B: Revd F A Shield, Revd W J Connell, Revd J Christie, Revd M Woodland, Mrs C Hardwick, Mrs J Hillier, Mr G Everett, Miss M Bodey.
- C: Revd A C Gardiner, Revd D J Williams, Revd A L Willcocks, Mrs J Antcliffe, Mr D C Meatcher, Miss M Perry.
- D: Revd D Nevard, Revd A Pratt, Revd J Robinson, Revd N Stanyon, Dr J Butler, Mrs M Carrick-Smith, Mr C Hansford, Mr G McCallum.
- E: Mrs C Robertson, Dr C Shephard, Mr J Dubois, Dr S Mckerrow, Mr M Healy, Revd P Richardson, Revd H Collinson, Revd E King, Revd Dr D Norwood, Revd R Wiggins.

Province X

- A: Revd R Scopes, Revd G Morgan, Revd J Dean, Revd N Leveridge, Revd T Poh, Mrs M Stacy, Mr D Latham, Mrs C Luxon, Mrs M Naylor, Mr O Sogdjobor.

- B: Mrs S Rollins, Mrs J Hart, Miss M Croft, Revd R Martin, Revd A Wilson,
Revd R Pagan.
- C: Mr D Lellewyn, Mr J Mc Kendrick, Mr M Watkins, Revd J Campbell,
Revd J Quick, Revd J Stevenson.
- D: Mr V Lane, Mrs M Stokes, Dr A Stokes, Mr J Mackerness, Revd K Brown,
Revd M Truscott, Revd P Dean, Revd J Walker, Revd K Strachan,
Miss S Winder.
- E: Revd S Werner, Revd B Thorley, Mr T Blowfield, Miss D Whitby-Reid,
Mr D Martin, Revd D Wall.
- F: Revd J Edwards, Revd J Black, Revd I Duncan, Mrs S Duncan,
Miss Sandra Fox, Mr B Stowbacka.

Province XI

- A: Revd G Powell, Revd Dr B Phillips, Revd B Treharne, Revd Dr R Warwicker,
Mr S Jones, Mr J King, Mrs G Ntiamoah, Mrs M Willson
- B: Revd J Beason, Revd I Stewart, Revd C Meachin, Revd J Crocker,
Revd K Lynch, Mr A Mander, Miss S Greenslade, Mr K Meekison, Mr N Taylor,
Mrs R Black*.
- C: Revd M O Berridge, Revd I K Bird, Revd J J Horne, Revd H Lanham,
Revd B S C Taylor, Miss S Boorman, Miss F Jones, Mrs M Stedman,
Mr P Linder, Mr P Scopes.
- D: Revd B O Johanson, Revd R A McNab, Revd S K Thomas, Revd J L Titlow,
Mr J Brown, Mrs R Anderson, Dr C E Garrett, Mr J G Ellis.
- E: Revd E Collins, Revd R Macdonald, Revd D Newton, Mr J Ellis,
Miss H Gammon, Mr A Lang.
- F: Revd D Bedford, Revd H K Trice, Revd M Playden, Revd M R Thrower,
Mr D Sanders, Mr K Wood, Mrs M Elliot, Mr M Goodger*.
- G: Revd F R Cochrane, Revd C E Foreman, Revd R Murray, Mr L M Popley,
Mrs D B Sinclair, Mr P I West.

Province XII

- A: Revd S Jones, Revd A Seager, Miss A Davies, Mr H Morris*, Mrs M Morris*,
Revd S Walkling.
- B: Revd E M Davies, Revd D Fox, Revd S Copley, Mrs T Hodson, Mrs P Venables,
Mrs L Jackson.
- C: Revd C Durke, Revd K Ofstad, Revd P Scotland, Revd G Ward, Mrs E Davies,
Mr R Lacey, Mrs E McIlveen, Mrs B Lacey*.
- D: Revd K Fabriciusy, Revd J Webber, Mrs J Davies, Miss S Bevan.
- E: Revd D J Joseph, Mrs E Morgan, Revd D Morgan, Mr B Williams.
- F: Revd S Roberts, Revd R Williams, Mrs M Davies, Mrs D Lewis.

VOTING MEMBERS REPRESENTING OTHER CHURCHES

- Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland: The Revd Roger Nunn
- Church of Scotland: The Revd Dr Finlay Macdonald
- Congregational Federation: The Revd Richard Cleaves
- Congregational Union of Scotland: The Revd Dr William McNaughton
- International Ministerial Council of
Great Britain: The Revd Mary McKenzie
- Methodist Church: Mr Geoff Bowstead
- Moravian Church in England and Wales: Mr G G Stewart
- Presbyterian Church in Ireland: The Revd S J Campbell
- Presbyterian Church of Wales: The Revd Peter Williams
- Union of Welsh Independents: The Revd Gerwyn Jones

Reception of Guests

The Revd Nelson Bainbridge, Moderator, Wessex Province, introduced local representatives of the Christian and Jewish communities and those present were received by the Moderator :

The Anglican Bishop of Portsmouth: the Rt Revd Timothy Bavin, OGS

The President of the Southern
Association of Baptist Churches: Mr David F King

The Chairman of the Southampton
District of the Methodist Church: The Revd Nigel Collinson

The Portsmouth and Southsea Area Rabbi: Rabbi Anthony Dee

The Administrator of the Roman
Catholic Cathedral: the Revd Canon Decklan Lang

Mrs Mary Marsden, World Church and Mission Convener, introduced representatives from other churches at home and abroad and those present were received by the Moderator :

Baptist Union of Great Britain: the Revd Roger Nunn*

Church of England: the Ven Frank Weston

Church of Scotland: the Rt Revd James Weatherhead
(Moderator)
Dr Anne E Weatherhead
the Revd Dr Finlay Macdonald*
(accompanied by Mrs MacDonald)

Congregational Federation: the Revd Dr Richard Cleeves*
(President)

Congregational Union of Scotland: Mrs Sheena Paul (President Elect)
the Revd Dr William McNaughton*

International Ministerial Council of
Great Britain: the Revd Mary McKenzie*

Methodist Church: Mr Geoff Bowstead*

Moravian Church: Mr G G Stewart*

Presbyterian Church in Ireland: the Very Revd Dr John Dunlop
(accompanied by Mrs Dunlop)
the Revd T C Morrison
(accompanied by Mrs Morrison)
the Revd S J Campbell*

Presbyterian Church of Wales: the Revd Peter Williams*

Roman Catholic Church in
England and Wales: the Revd Canon Brian Scantlebury

Union of Welsh Independents: the Revd Gerwyn Jones*

(* voting member of Assembly)

Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar:	the Revd Edmond Razafimahefa (President)
Council for World Mission: Church of South India	the Rt Revd Victor Premasagar (accompanied by Mrs Daisy Premasagar)
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren:	the Revd Dr Pavel Smetana (Moderator)
Evangelical Church of the Palatinate:	the Revd Dr Horst Hahn (Deputy President)
Evangelical Reformed Church of Angola:	Mr Jose Teca
Guyana Congregational Union:	Miss Thessa Dougan
Mission Covenant Church of Sweden:	the Revd Dr Lennart Molin the Revd Suzanne Molin (accompanied by August, Arvid and Emma Molin)
Presbyterian Church of Myanmar:	the Revd L R Bawla (Administrative Secretary)

The Moderator greeted these friends and the Bishop of Portsmouth the Rt Revd Timothy Bavin the Very Revd Dr John Dunlop the Revd Edmond Razafimahefa and the Revd Dr Horst Hahn responded

Closing Worship was led by the Revd Duncan Wilson, Chaplain to the Assembly.

An introduction to Assembly Bible Study was given by the Revd John Sutcliffe.

Each morning and evening worship was led by the Chaplain assisted in dramatic readings and prayers by members of the Assembly and guests from other churches and musically by a series of organists. Each morning the Revd John Sutcliffe led Bible Study from passages in the Gospel of John.

Official Welcome to Portsmouth

The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Alex Bentley welcomed the Assembly to the City and gave an account of the recent history and of its unique character.

Introduction to Assembly

The General Secretary, the Revd Tony Burnham, explained changes to methods of procedure arising from the formation of the Mission Council.

Following the formation of the Council the Standing Orders need some alteration. At the suggestion of the newly appointed Clerk to the Assembly, the Revd Martin Cressey, it was agreed that the Standing Orders, as printed, would be interpreted in the light of the resolution setting up the Mission Council. A revised set of Standing Orders would be presented next year in the light of experience with the new ways of presenting issues.

The effect of the interpretation is to make substitutions for 'the Business Committee' and 'the Executive Committee'.

Mission Council

The Moderator called upon Mrs Ruth Clarke to present the report of the Mission Council. She reported on the working of the Council in its first year, in particular the benefits derived from group work, and from comments by our visitors. The Council has on its agenda the preparation of a mission statement.

Mrs Clarke moved the resolution:

The Assembly receives this Report for debate
which was carried.

The General Secretary moved the following resolutions:

- 1 The General Assembly acting under its powers to elect officers (URC Structure 2(5) general description of elections and appointments) and to add such of them as it determines to its membership (URC Structure para. 2(5)(b)),**
 - (a) elects the Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee of the Mission Council to be an officer of the Assembly and grants to the Convener membership of the General Assembly under para.2(5)(b) of the Structure of the United Reformed Church, with the duty of advising the Assembly and its Moderator on questions of how, when and for how long items of Assembly business shall be considered:**
 - (b) confirms that the Deputy General Secretary is an officer of the Assembly with membership of the General Assembly under para. 2(5)(b) of the Structure of the United Reformed Church, with the duty of deputising for the General Secretary, in close consultation with the other officers of the Assembly, in any emergency which made it impossible for the General Secretary to carry out Assembly duties.**

The Revd David Miller asked what procedure would be followed in the appointment of the Deputy General Secretary.

The General Secretary agreed to take the point raised by Mr Miller to the Mission Council and to report to the General Assembly in 1994.

This resolution was carried.

The Moderator invited the Convener of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, Mrs Wilma Frew, to take a place at the platform table.

2 The Assembly ratifies its decision made in July 1992 to amend the URC structure as follows:

2(3)(c) Representatives of the local churches within the District who shall normally be members of the elders' meeting of the local church and who shall be appointed by the church meeting of such local church, the number of such representatives to be 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 church shall be from one to three;

and

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 200members 2 representatives.

This was carried.

3 The Assembly ratifies its decision made in July 1992 to include CRCWs in the membership of Synods by amending the URC Structure as follows :

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.

This resolution was carried.

4 The Assembly ratifies its decision made in July 1992 to amend the URC structure as follows:

2(5)(i) Delete Executive Committee; insert Mission Council,

2(5)(p.26) Delete Executive Committee; insert Mission Council.

The resolution was carried.

5 a) The Assembly gives its first approval to the following amendment to the URC Structure:

2(4)(c)the number of such representatives to be, 1-200 members 1 representative; over 200 members 2 representatives.

b) The Assembly sets the 31st January 1994 as the date by which Synods may inform the General Secretary of objections to this amendment.

The resolution was carried.

6 The Assembly resolves to meet in 1994 at Lancaster University from Thursday 7 July to Monday 11 July

and

in 1995 at Eastbourne from Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July.

This resolution was carried.

Mrs Clarke proposed the following resolution:

7 Assembly resolves that the Mission Council be authorised to take such steps as are necessary to recommend to the General Assembly a future policy regarding the use made of Westminster College and to report to the Assembly not later than 1995.

After general comments from other members of Assembly and note having been taken of the fact that Westminster College had been regularly reviewed, the Revd Arthur Macarthur proposed an amendment:

Assembly resolves that the Mission Council be authorised to take such steps as are necessary to recommend to the General Assembly a future policy regarding the use made of Westminster College due regard being given to the relationship of other centres of training to the Assembly; and to report to the Assembly not later than 1995.

The amendment was seconded by the Revd Dr Philip Morgan and was carried. The resolution in its amended form was carried.

Assembly resolves that the Mission Council be authorised to take such steps as are necessary to recommend to the General Assembly a future policy regarding the use made of Westminster College due regard being given to the relationship of other centres of training to the Assembly; and to report to the Assembly not later than 1995.

The General Secretary proposed the following resolution:

8 Assembly believes the continued payment of special stipend supplements by some churches is no longer justified and calls upon ministers and churches to bring an end to this payment as soon as possible.

The Revd John Wilkinson proposed an amendment to delete the words "continued" and "some". The amendment was seconded. On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

A considerable discussion ensued and note was taken of varied suggestions.

A further amendment (by the Revd Robert Ellis, duly seconded) to delete the final word "possible" and replace it by "appropriate" was put to the vote but not carried.

The Revd Alasdair Pratt expressed the view that some churches may ignore or circumvent such a resolution and moved that the question be not put. This was seconded but not carried.

The Legal Adviser, Mr Hartley Oldham, replied to a question from Mr Vernon Lane about trust payments to ministers.

The General Secretary replied to matters raised in the debate.

The resolution as amended was put to the vote:

Assembly believes the payment of special stipend supplements by churches is no longer justified and calls upon ministers and churches to bring an end to this payment as soon as possible.

and carried.

The General Secretary proposed the following resolution:

9 Assembly agrees to discontinue the payment of supplements through the central payroll from 1st October 1993.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Malcolm Smith and duly seconded, to add the words

"except in exceptional cases that may be agreed by the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee".

On this being put to the vote the Moderator called for Tellers. The amendment was carried.

An amendment to substitute "1994" for "1993" was not carried.

After further discussion the motion that the question be not put was proposed by the Revd G E Smart, duly seconded.

The motion was not carried and the debate continued.

The amended resolution was carried.

9 Assembly agrees to discontinue the payment of supplements through the central payroll from 1st October 1993, except in exceptional cases that may be agreed by the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee.

The General Secretary presented resolution 10, which was amended by altering "should " to "shall" in line 1 with Assembly's permission, and explained how this resolution came to be brought by the Mission Council to the Assembly.

He moved resolution 10:

10 Assembly resolves that Ministers shall retire from full-time stipendiary service not later than the end of the calendar year in which they shall have attained the age of sixty-five.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Tom Cheesbrough, seconded by the Revd Stanley Crane to omit "the end of the calendar year in"; insert "six calendar months from the date on".

After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and carried.

The resolution was then carried in the form:

10 Assembly resolves that Ministers shall retire from full-time stipendiary service not later than six calendar months from the date on which they shall have attained the age of sixty-five.

The General Secretary introduced and moved the following resolution:

11 Assembly authorises the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to honour all agreements made between Ministers, churches and District Councils before the 5th July 1993.

An amendment in the names of the Revd Tom Cheesbrough and the Revd Stanley Crane was withdrawn by permission of the Assembly.

In the course of discussion, the General Secretary gave assurances that in honouring agreements, the Committee would act fairly and flexibly. The Committee would cooperate closely with District Councils and Provincial Moderators. He pointed out that agreements would have to be registered within a set period after the Assembly, to be determined by the Committee officers. He reminded the Assembly that any action under the new rule would still be subject to the decisions of Assembly in 1982 regarding the continuation of ministers' service at retirement age (Assembly Reports 1982, p.3).

The resolution was carried.

Mrs Clarke proposed the following resolution:

12 Assembly authorises the Mission Council to increase the Staffing Advisory Group to four persons, not currently officers of standing committees.

which was agreed unanimously.

Election of Moderator 1994/95

The Moderator called the Assembly to prayer for those nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly 1994/95.

Tellers collected votes of members of Assembly which were delivered to the Revd Ann Jackson, Convener of Tellers for the Election of Moderator.

Reception of New Churches

The following resolutions were passed:

- 16 Assembly receives the Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill, Newcastle, as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd Ann Jackson
Seconder: Revd James Breslin
- 17 Assembly receives Oakwood, Derby as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd Graham Maskery
Seconder: Revd Christopher White
- 18 Assembly receives Horeston Grange Ecumenical Church as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd John Waller
Seconder: Wilma Frew
- 19 Assembly receives Christ Church Chineham as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd George H Thomas
Seconder: Margaret Carrick Smith
- 20 Assembly receives the Peachcroft Christian Centre as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd George H Thomas
Seconder: Christine Robertson
- 21 Assembly receives the Mustard Seed Church, Windsor Meadows, Slough as a local church of the United Reformed Church.**
Proposer: Revd John A Campbell Seconder: Revd John Stevenson

Representatives from these new churches were received by the Moderator to the applause of the Assembly.

Closed churches

The Revd David Bedford suggested that there should be a way of expressing Assembly's concern where closure of churches has been experienced during the past year. The General Secretary took note of this comment.

Reception of Newly Ordained Ministers

The newly ordained ministers were introduced by the Provincial Moderators and for Yorkshire Province by the Synod Clerk. Those present were greeted in the name of the Assembly by the Moderator.

Northern Province
Geoffrey CLARKE
Timothy John LONDON
Lythan NEVARD
Philip NEVARD

Moderator: David JENKINS
Seaton Delaval (U/M)
East Cleveland Group
Durham Street Hartlepool
St George's Hartlepool

North Western Province

Laurence COUTTS
Bethan GALLIERS

Alison HALL
Muriel JEFFREY

Frances KISSACK
James KISSACK
Eric MASSEY

Mersey Province

Allan BLUE

Linda ELLIOTT

Heather MACLEOD

Yorkshire Province

Brenda SUGDEN
Neil THOROGOOD

East Midlands Province

Betty CHADWICK
Barbara FLOOD-PAGE
Stephen GILBERT
Brian SHENK
Norman VIVIAN

West Midlands Province

Jim BROWN

Jeff HANCOCKS
David Clarence HASLAM
Tim HUC

Eastern Province

Angela COTTON
C Ruth HAWARD
Irene HINDE
Mary IRISH
Michael LITHGOW
Jeremy PRIEST

South Western Province

Myra DILLISTONE
Keri EYNON
Heather PENCAVEL
Valerie PRICE
Paul STOKES

Wessex Province

Ann COLLINS
Keith GREEN

Birgitta JOHNSON
Maureen PONSFORD
Margaret TILLEY
George WATT

Moderator: Keith FORECAST
South East Manchester District
Salford Urban Mission &
NW Manchester District
Bolton North Group
Alkrington and Providence,
& Trinity Cheetham Hill
Rochdale Group
Rochdale Group
Stockport West Group

Moderator: Eric ALLEN
Highfield Rock Ferry, Tranmere
and Higher Bebington Team
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and Higher Bebington Team
Wallasey Marlowe Road and
associate Minister Seacombe

Moderator: Donald HILTON
Aire - Worth Fellowship
Halifax Group

Moderator: Malcolm HANSON
Derbyshire District
Lincoln District
Milton Keynes District
Braunstone, Leicester
Worksop

Moderator: John WALLER
Worcester with Warndon LEP
and Ombersley
Dovaston and Wilcott
Chesterton and Wolstanton
North West Coventry Group

Moderator: Bill GATHERCOLE
Southend District
Great Totham, Kelvedon and Tiptree
Ipswich and Colchester District
Cambridge District
Norwich District
Chelmsford District

Moderator: Michael HUBBARD
Devon East District
Kingsteignton and Newton Abbot
Bristol District
Torbay District
Plymstock and Laira, Plymouth

Moderator: Nelson BAINBRIDGE
Basingstoke Group
Tilehurst, Fair Mile Chaplaincy and
Retreat Ministry
Camberley and Feltham Remand Centre
East Bournemouth Team
West Moors Group
Isaac Watts and Freemantle

Thames North Province

Keith J BROWN
John CAMPBELL
Dr Geoffrey A DAVIS

Norma LEVERIDGE
Anne WILSON

Southern Province

Duncan M GOLDIE
Ranald N MACDONALD

Wales Province

Peter CRUTCHLEY-JONES
Kristin OFSTAD
Simon WALKLING

Moderator: Janet SOWERBUTTS
Luton Team
Trinity, Slough
Totteridge Union & Whetstone,
Christ Church
Trinity, Finchley North
Christ Church, Uxbridge

Moderator: David HELYAR
Trinity, Ifield, Crawley
The Bay, Birchington

Moderator: John HUMPHREYS
Ely Pastorate
North Cardiff Group
Christchurch, Rhyll

Ministerial Jubilees

50 years

William Fulton AITON
William Lucas AULD
Archibald Allan BAILLIE
William George BAKER
David BLACK
George Dudley CLARK
William Thomas Pennar DAVIES
William Charles DOWLING
John William EASTWOOD
Ronald EDWARDS
William James ELSE
John Eric FENN
James Trenchard HARDYMAN
Frank William HEWIS
George Archibald HOOD
Paul Stansfield KING
Aubrey David LEWIS
Berbert Reginald NEALE

William Edward PETERS
David Holt ROBERTS
Thomas RUSSELL
Owen SKILLETER
Geoffrey Gordon THRUSSELL
James Edward WATSON
John Edward YOUNG

60 years

Denis BROWN
Clifford John BUCKINGHAM
Edwin Kenneth FOX
James Howard HANDLEY
John Newton HOLDER
Charles McCURDY
Benjamin Howard SACKETT
Cecil Edward SEAGER

The Moderator asked the General Secretary to invite any Jubilee Ministers present to come forward. Ministers who could not be present would receive written greetings from the Assembly.

The Moderator spoke of this demonstration of the continuity of the church through the jubilee ministers and the newly ordained ministers and the six new churches - a succession for which we give thanks to Almighty God.

The Chaplain led the Assembly in prayer, in celebration and for the service of these ministers.

Nominations Committee

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the Nominations Committee, the Revd Jessie Clare, who proposed that the Assembly receive this Report for debate. This was agreed.

The Revd Jessie Clare warmly proposed that:

22 The Assembly re-appoints the Revd Terry Oakley as Secretary for Faith and Life for a further term of five years with effect from 1st September 1993.

The resolution was carried and the Revd Terry Oakley was received with applause.

The Convener pointed out that in view of changing circumstances the Mission Council decided to appoint an Executive Secretary for World Church and Mission in succession to the Personnel Secretary of World Church and Mission.

It was proposed that:

23 The Assembly appoints the Revd Sheila Maxey as Executive Secretary for World Church and Mission for a term of five years with effect from 1st September 1993.

This was carried and the Revd Sheila Maxey was inducted during the course of worship on Wednesday morning.

Dr David Thompson, Convener of Doctrine and Worship Committee expressed concern that he had not been informed of the nomination of a new Secretary of the Committee until he read it in the Book of Assembly Reports. He also mentioned the difficulty of finding lay people to serve on this particular committee.

The Convener promised that the Nominations Committee would note these comments.

The Revd Jessie Clare moved resolution 24 in an amended form:

Assembly approves Committees and Representatives of the Church as set out on pages 73 to 83 of the Book of Reports with the corrections printed in the Order Paper, the addition on page 83 of the Revd Peter Jupp to the committee on Funerals, Cremations and Crematoria and the substitution of Mrs Gwen Hall for Mrs Fiona Smith in the New Pension Fund Trustees.

The resolution was agreed.

She then presented a supplementary report which was received for discussion, and moved a resolution

that the Revd William Wright be appointed as Advocacy and Stewardship Secretary for a period of five years with effect from 1st April 1994;

that the job description for the post, agreed by Mission Council, becomes effective from 10th July 1993 to enable the new phase of work to commence immediately after this year's General Assembly.

After comment on the timing of this resolution and its linking by the General Secretary with para. 12 of the Mission Council report (p.4) the resolution was agreed.

In answer to a question the Legal Adviser assured the Assembly that Mrs Gwen Hall was not a member of the URCMPF and was to be appointed as a UR Church member of the new Pension Fund Trust.

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator and the General Secretary are members ex officio of every Standing Committee.

2. The Departmental Conveners and Secretaries are members ex officio of each Committee within their respective areas of church life. The Secretary of the Finance Department is a member ex officio of every committee which has funds.

3. Officers and Members appointed since Assembly 1992 are denoted by an asterisk. Assembly 1993 is being invited to appoint for the first time those denoted by two asterisks.

MINISTRIES

Convener: Revd Keith Forecast - 1996

Secretary: The Secretary for Ministries

VOCATIONS

Convener: Revd Derek Gill - 1997

Secretary: Executive Secretary for Ministries

Mrs Margaret Carrick-Smith**	Revd Dean Tapley	Revd John Waller
Mr Sidney Hazlehurst	Mrs Shirley Rawnsley	Revd Jean Forster
Mr Edward Bryson	Revd Hazel Martell	

TRAINING

Convener: vacant

Secretary: The Secretary for Ministries

Revd Dr Catherine Middleton**	Revd Nina Mead	Dr Susan Parson
Revd Dr David Peel	Revd John Proctor	Miss Ruth Williams**
Revd Jo Williams	Mrs Audrey Mitchell	Revd Chris Warner
Revd Canon Dr Sehon Goodridge		Mr Roy Smith**

together with one stipendiary ministry student (Mr Mark Ambrose).

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT BOARD

Convener: Mr Raymond Clarke - 1997

Revd Elizabeth Caswell	Mr Alan Hart	Revd Dr Leslie Green
Dr Peter Clarke	Revd Janet Sowerbutts	Dr Ron Lyle
Revd Jean Forster	Revd Lesley Charlton	Revd Graham Long
Mrs Edith Tolley	Revd Christine Craven	Mr Peter Richards
Mr Alan Thompson	Revd John Humphreys	
Revd Dr Catherine Middleton**		

Panel for Assessment Conferences - CRCW Sub-Section

Mrs Daphne Beale, Revd Peter Loveitt, Kate McIlhagga, Vaughan Jones,
Mrs Ann Sutcliffe.

together with a CRCW.

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

Convener: Mrs Elizabeth Jupp - 1993

Secretary: The Secretary of the Training Committee

Principal, Westminster College	Dr Clyde Binfield	Miss Ann Phillips
Professor Graham Stanton	Revd Robert Way	

SUPPORT

Convener: Revd Dr David Cornick - 1996

Secretary: Executive Secretary for Ministries

Revd Hazel Addy	Mrs Barbara Brettell	Revd Margaret Tait
Mrs Fiona Woods	Mrs Doreen Courtney	Revd Chris White
Mrs Dorothy Dean	Revd John Humphreys	

FAITH AND LIFE

Convener: Revd Dr Philip Morgan - 1995
Secretary: The Secretary for Faith and Life

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Convener: Dr David Thompson - 1997
Secretary: Revd Dale Rominger**

Revd Elizabeth Brown	Revd Alan Sell**	Mr Tony Cheer
Revd Betsy King	Revd Susan Durber	Revd Margaret Nuttall
Revd Alan Gaunt**	Revd Wendy Baskett**	Mr Bert Worrall Professor
Graham Stanton	Revd Donald Norwood**	Revd David Fox

(1 vacancy)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Convener: vacant
Secretary: Mr Carew Satchwell - 1998**

Revd Tom Arthur	Revd Harry Undy	Revd Jean Forster
Revd Jim Wilkinson	Revd Tresna Fletcher**	Miss Ruth Norton
Mrs Barbara Martin	(3 vacancies)	

YOUTH

Convener: Mrs Ruth Clarke - 1995
Secretary: The Youth Secretary, Mr Paul Franklin

CHAPLAIN (National Youth Resource Centre), Revd Martin Nicholls	Revd Martin Henninger
FURY Chair, Mr Paul Ashworth	Revd Ian Ring
FURY Chair Elect, Mr Andrew Jackson	Revd Hilary Collinson
Two Elected Members of FURY Council, Mr Andrew Goodier and Miss Karen Thomas (25 or under)	Mr Nick Raggett
Two Elected Past Members of FURY Council, From 1994 (25 or under)	Convener, Management Committee
Convener, Programme Committee, Mr David Shapland	Convener, Training Committee
Ex.Officio:- NYCTO, Mrs Eileen Sanderson	Convener, Centre Management Committee, Revd John Slow
	Convener, Youth and Children's Work Training Committee, Revd John Oldershaw

CHILDREN'S WORK

Convener: Revd Stephen Thornton - 1998
Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Johnston - 1998

Mrs Elizabeth Crocker	Mr Richard Johnson	Revd Duncan Wilson
Revd Joan Grindrod	Mrs Patricia Hubbard	Mrs Sheila Flett
Mr Maurice Gardner		

together with the Master Pilot.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK TRAINING

Convener: Revd John Oldershaw - 1996
Secretary: National Youth & Children's Work Training Officer

Mrs Kate Breeze	Revd Ian Ring	Mr Doug Fletcher
Mrs Maureen Thompson		

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

HEALTH AND HEALING

Convener: Revd Robin Hine - 1996
Secretary: Revd Jim Hollyman - 1998

Mrs Connie Bunker
Miss Ann MacFarlane
Mrs Mary Husk
Revd Brenda Denvir**

Dr Eileen Gorrod
Revd John Jenkinson
Revd Brian Coward

Revd Egland Graham
Dr Allan Carswell
Revd Kate McIlhagga

WINDEMERE POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

CONVENER: Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow - 1995
Secretary: The Director

Representatives of Finance, Revd Wynn Young, Revd Bill Mahood, Revd Dr Stephen Orchard, with the Administrator, Convener of Programme Committee, the Convener and the Treasurer of the Management Committee, the Convener and Secretary, Faith and Life and a representative of Carver URC, Windermere.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION

Convener: Mrs Mary Marsden - 1995
Secretary: The Secretary for World Church and Mission

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Convener: Revd Murdoch Mackenzie - 1996
Secretary: The Secretary for World Church and Mission

Revd Peter Arthur**
Revd David Fox
Revd Roger Whitehead

Mr Desmond Curry
Revd Dorothy Spence
Revd Rudolph Dixon

Mrs Claudette Binns
Mrs Mary Hambly

together with the Rural Consultant

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Convener: Revd Clabon Allen - 1997
Secretary: The Secretary for World Church and Mission

Revd Gwen Thomas**
Revd Paul Floe
Miss Felicity Harris
Revd Leonard Bhagwandin

Mrs Marlene Hunter
Revd Norman Healey**
Mr Peter Cruchley
Ms Alison Harvey

Revd Froukien Smit
Revd Philip Woods
Mr Ernest Dale

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Convener: Revd John Sutcliffe - 1995
Secretary: Revd Brenda Willis - 1998

Revd Gillian Boorne
Mrs Joyce Killick
Dr Jack Thompson

Miss Jose Robins
Rev Malcom Hanson

Revd Dr David Bowen
Mrs Cynthia Bailey**

Consultant:- Revd Ron Lewis

The Revd Dr Clinton Bennett and John Parry are co-opted Members.

PERSONNEL

Convener: Revd Ray Adams - 1994
Secretary: The Personnel Secretary

Revd David Helyar**
Mrs Haro Horsfield
Mrs Muriel Sleight**
Revd Bernard Collins

Ms Bethan Galliers
Mr Kees Maxey
Revd Barrie Scopes
Principal of St Andrew's Hall

Mrs Barbara Martin
Rev Ken Graham**
Revd Mia Kyte

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Convener: Professor Malcolm Johnson - 1996

Associate Convener: Mr Aubrey Curry - 1995

Secretary: The Secretary for Church and Society

COMMITTEE

Revd David Morgan**
Mrs Val Morrison

Revd Molly Kenyon
Revd Raymond Singh**

Revd Ermal Kirby

Also attending:- Revd Phillip Woods, Ms Wendy Cooper, Revd Hazel Addy.

FINANCE

Convener: The Honorary Treasurer

Secretary: The Secretary for Finance

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Convener: Vacant

Secretary: The Secretary for Finance

Provincial Representatives

I Dr Peter Clarke

II Mr Reg Stelfox

III Mr Ray Holden

IV Mr Donald Lethem

V Mr Michael Harrison

VI Mr Harold Kempton

VII Mr Philip Wade

VIII Mr Geoff Lunt

IX Mr Jim Richardson

X Mr Maurice Dyson

XI Mr Bernard Edwards

XII Mr Ray Lacey

together with Full voting Members:-

Mr Alistair Black (Treasurer)

Dr Jim Brown (General Assembly Reps)

Revd Michael Hubbard

Mr Eric Chilton (General Assembly Reps) (Provincial Moderators' Rep)

Mrs Jane Tomlin (General Assembly Reps)

Non Voting Member

Rev Julian Macro (Advocacy and Stewardship, Convener)

The following are permitted to attend but are not members of the committee

The Conveners of Ministry, Faith and Life, World Church and Mission and Church and Society, the Conveners of the Financial Management, Maintenance of the Ministry, the Convener and/or Secretary of the Welfare, Communication and Supplies and Retired Ministers Housing Committees, the Convener and/or Secretary of the Ministerial Training Fund, the Office and Personnel Manager and the Advocacy Secretary.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Convener: Mr Alistair Black - 1998

Secretary: The Secretary for Finance

Mr Gorden Bannerman**

Miss Helen Marson

Mr Ron Turner

Ms Edwina Rockey**

Mr Eric Morgan

Mrs Elizabeth Reeve

Revd Paul Bedford

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

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Convener: Mr Michael Harrison-1999**

Secretary: Mr Alan Taylor - 1995

Provincial Representatives

I	Dr Peter Clarke	VII	Mr Philip Wade
II	Mr Ian Livingstone	VIII	Mr Malcolm Johnston
III	Revd Paul Pells	IX	Mr David Taylor
IV	Miss Margaret Atkinson	X	Mr David Mills
V	Mr Jim McGill	XI	Mr David Buckland
VI	Mr Ron Webb	XII	Mr Spencer Harvey

together with the Convener of the Pensions Sub-Committee (Mr Victor Hugg), the Revd Peter Grimshaw and Roger Cornish and Mrs Jean Ogilvie, a representative of Ministries and the Advocacy Secretary. Revd Bill Gathercole represents the Provincial Moderators.

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Convener: Mr Ray Heritage - 1995

Secretary: Mrs Judy Stockings

Revd Tom Stiff	Revd Basil Bridge	Mrs Ann Tomlinson**
Mrs Jackie Harris**	Revd John Williamson	

RETIRED MINISTERS HOUSING

Convener: Revd David Hannen

Secretary: Mr Bob Carruthers

Mr John Gilbey	Revd Fred Hill	Mr George Anderson
Revd Michael Hubbard	Mr Geoff Parkinson	Revd George Hooper**
Mr Martin Ballard	Mr Bill Winter	Mrs Barbara Williams
Mr Brian Vaughan	Mr Brian Gould	(1 Vacancy)

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

OTHER COMMITTEES

MISSION COUNCIL

Convener: The Moderator of the General Assembly

Secretary: The General Secretary

Provincial Representatives:

The Moderator of each Province and:

I	-	Revd Peter Poulter, Miss Janet Turner and Miss Sheila Fairbairn
II	-	Revd Joan Grindrod, Revd Brian O'Neill and Mrs Elspeth Smith
III	-	Revd Jean Forster, Revd Angus Duncan and Revd David Lawrence
IV	-	Revd Elizabeth Caswell, Revd Duncan Wilson and Mrs Angela Hughes
V	-	Revd Christopher White, Mrs Muriel Garrow and Mrs Maureen Buxton
VI	-	Mrs Wilma Frew, Mrs Jennifer Shaffery and Revd Steve Sawyer
VII	-	Revd Richard Church, Revd Sheila Maxey and Mr William McVey
VIII	-	Revd Sandra Lloydlangston, Mrs Joan Trippier and Mr Ivan Andrews
IX	-	Revd George Thomas, Mrs Christine Hardwick and Mr David Butler
X	-	Revd Geoffrey Bending, Mrs Mary Stacy and Mrs Marlene Hunter
XI	-	Mrs Christine Meekison, Revd Raymond Singh and Mrs Daryl Sinclair
XII	-	Revd Nanette Head, Revd Henry Gordon and Revd David Morgan

together with the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Deputy General Secretary, the Clerk, the Legal Adviser, the Conveners of the five Departments, the Conveners of the Advocacy, Assembly Arrangements, Communication and Supplies and Nominations Committees, plus two representatives from FURY.

ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS

Convener: Mrs Wilma Frew - 1996
Secretary: The Office and Personnel Manager

together with the Moderator-elect, the Clerk and the General Secretary.

NOMINATIONS

Convener: Revd Jessie Clare - 1998
Secretary: Revd Arnold Harrison - 1998

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd David Jenkins	VII	Revd Bill Gathercole
II	Mr Monty Helmn	VIII	Revd Michael Hubbard
III	Mr John Yates	IX	Revd Nelson Bainbridge
IV	Revd Donald Hilton	X	Revd Greta Morgan
V	Mrs Marion Weedon	XI	Mrs Christine Meekison
VI	Revd John Waller	XII	Mrs Eileen McIlveen

together with the immediate past Moderator.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLIES

Convener: Mr Chris Wright - 1996
Secretary: Secretary of Communication and Supplies

Mr David Brain	Mrs Yvonne Thomas	Mrs Mirella Moxon
Mr Doug Fletcher	Revd Jim Gould	Revd Ernest Rea
Revd Graham Spicer	Revd Peter Moth	Mr Alan Pinnell
Mrs Sue Brooks	Revd John Steele	

EDITORIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD OF REFORM

Convener: Revd Brian Baker - 1996

Revd Martin Camroux	Revd David Lawrence	Mr John Rawnsley
Revd Tom Evans	Mrs Jean Silvan Evans	Mrs Helen Young

Youth Representative: Miss Sarah Houlton

ASSEMBLY PASTORAL REFERENCE

Convener:
Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd Nelson Bainbridge	Revd Daphne Hull	The Honorary Treasurer
Mrs Sheila Pratt	Miss Ruth Archer	

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TRUST

Convener: Mr Alan Cumming
Joint Secretaries: Mr Tony Lodde and Mr Ian Neilson

Mr Desmond Davies	Mr Bob Carruthers	Revd John Clague
Revd Tony Burnham	Mr Clem Frank	Mr Robert Hardie
Mr Alistair Black	Mr Harold Kempton	Mr Ron Masser
Mr William McVey	Revd Richard Wiggins	

ADVOCACY AND STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Convener: Revd Julian Macro - 1996

Secretary: Revd Bill Wright - 1994

Revd Stephen Thornton
Mr Stanley Griffiths
(1 Vacancy)

Miss Janet Turner
Revd David Netherwood

Mr Keith Webster
Revd Bob Maitland

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ON OTHER BODIES

1. OTHER ASSEMBLIES

Church of Scotland

The General Secretary*

Mr Alistair Black*

Revd David Jenkins*

Mrs Mary Marsden*

Revd Angus Duncan*

Revd David Jenkins*

Revd Janet Sowerbutts*

Revd Ivor Rees*

Mrs Ruth Clarke*

Revd Paul Quilter

Revd Vaughan Jones*

Revd Fleur Houston*

Mrs Ruth Clarke*

Mr Raymond Clarke*

Revd Donald Scofield*

Revd John Bremner*

Mrs Ruth Clarke*

Mr Raymond Clarke*

Revd Tony Burnham*

Mrs Ruth Clarke*

Revd Martin Cressey*

Reformed Church of France
Waldensian Church
Evangelical Church of the Palatinate

Conference of European Churches

Inaugural Synod, Uniting Church
in Jamaica & The Caymen Islands
(Representing WCC. F&O Commission)
General Synod of Church of England

Revd Graham Cook*

2. CHURCH BODIES

Churches Together in England - Forum

Revd David Helyar
Ms Rachel Burnham
Revd Richard Mortimer
Mrs Carol Rogers

Mrs Sheila Brain
Revd John Johansen-Berg
Mrs Fran Kissack
Revd Barbara Gates

Revd Roderick Hewitt
Mr David Butler
Revd Peter Poulter
Revd Elizabeth Welch

Churches Together in England - Enabling Group

Vacant

Council of Churches for Britain & Ireland - Assembly

Revd Martin Cressey
Revd Greta Morgan
Revd Peter Poulter
Mrs Mary Marsden

Ms Rachel Burnham
Mr David Butler
Dr Mary Ede Revd
Revd Tony Burnham

Revd John Humphreys
Revd Murdoch Mackenzie
Dr Peter Arthur
Revd Elizabeth Welch

Council of Churches for Britain & Ireland - Church Representatives Meeting

Revd Tony Burnham

Dr Mary Ede

Womens' Inter-Church Council: Revd Rowena Francis and Mrs Ruth Clarke

Action of Churches Together in Scotland:

Miss Isobel Kidd Revd Dr Peter Arthur

CYTUN: Assembly The Provincial Moderator, Mrs Kirsty Lehnert,
Ecumenical Officer, Miss Mary Jones,
Revd Peter Trow
 Council The Provincial Moderator, Synod Clerk,
Revd Michael Gudgeon
 Steering Committee: The Ecumenical Officer

Free Church Federal Council Revd Peter Beaman, Tony Burnham,
Norman Healey and Eric Wollaston, (1 vacancy)
Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow
Chaplaincy Board: Revd Peter Beaman, Brian Holroyd and
Raymond Royston-Bishop
Education Committee: Dr Mary Ede and Mrs Joan Oakley,
(Mr Michael Harrison and Revd Aubrey Lewis,
Dr Stephen Orchard and John Sutcliffe also
serve as co-opted members)
Joint Education Committee: Dr Mary Ede
Women's Council: Mrs Ruth Clarke

Methodist/URC Liaison Committee:

Revd Susan Henderson, Michael Hubbard,
Peter Poulter, Val Reed, Miss Betty Vickerton and
Mr David Butler

3. OTHER COMMITTEES AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Aged and Infirm Revd Kenneth French, Robert Richards and
Ministers Fund: Geoffrey Satchell and Mr Laurence Macro (Honorary
Treasurer) Certificate for Training in Ministry
Programme Committee: Revd Dr Lesley Hussenbee
Christian Education
Movement Council: Revd Terry Oakley
Churches Commission for
Racial Justice: Mrs Sandra Ackroyd*
Churches Community
Work Alliance: Revd Tony Addy (Trustee),
Revd Vaughan Jones (Management Committee)
Churches' Main Committee: Mr Clem Frank, Mr Hartley Oldham, Mr Bill Nutley.
Congregational Fund Board: Revd Cyril Grant, Dorothy Havergal-
Shaw, Revd Aubrey Lewis*, John Taylor
and Geoffrey Satchell
Joint Liturgical Group: Revd Susan Durber, Dr Colin Thompson
Methodist Faith and
Order Committee: Revd Kim Fabricius
National Christian
Education Council: Revd Keith Forecast, Terry Oakley
National Council of
Voluntary Organisations: Revd Peter Brain
National Ecumenical Agency
for Further Education: Revd Michael Diffey, Kevin Swaine
Scottish World Day of Prayer: Mrs Molly Glen
Society for the Ministry of
Women in the Church: Revd Florence Frost-Mee
United Navy, Army and Air
Force Board: Revd Michael Diffey, Dennis Friend, John Paull,
Philip Schofield, Tony Burnham

United Reformed Church History Society: Mrs Mary Davies, Revd Peter Jupp,
Mrs Carol Rogers, Revd Eric Wollaston
(Dr David Thompson also serves)
Wharton Trust: Mrs Betty Taylor
Widows' Fund of the Three Denominations: Revd Kenneth French, Robert Richards
and Geoffrey Satchell and
Mr Laurence Macro
Women's World Day of Prayer: Mrs Ruth Bowyer

4. COLLEGE AND SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND COUNCILS

Aberystwyth (Memorial College): Revd Dr Glyndwr Harris, Leslie Jones
Bala-Bangor: Mr John Rhys
Bishops Stortford College: Mrs Margaret McKay
Cambridge Federation of
Theological Colleges: Convener and Secretary,
Training Committee
Caterham School, Board of Governors: Revd David Helyar and David Flynn
Cheshunt Foundation: Mr Desmond Davies,
Revd Michael Dunford
Eltham College/Walthamstow Hall: Mrs Jean Garwood
Homerton College Trustees: Mrs Joan Boulind*, Mr John Chaplin*,
Revd Bill Gathercole* and Mrs Margaret
McKay*, Miss Elizabeth Jupp**,
Mrs Mary Cornick, Dr David Thompson,
Mansfield College, Trustees: Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee,
Peter Jupp and Tony Tucker and
Mr Peter Spicer
Milton Mount Foundation,
Governors: Miss Margaret Canning,
Mrs Ruth Clarke, Mrs Gwen Hall*,
Revd Peter Grimshaw, Revd Aubrey Lewis
Revd Erica Beglin**
Northern College: Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee, David Jenkins
and Mr Roy Smith, Revd Brian O'Neill**
Queen's College, Birmingham: Revd Dr Lesley Husselbee
St Andrew's Hall, Selly Oak: Revd Ray Adams, Miss Sheila Rudofsky,
Mrs Marieke Arthur**,
Revd Michael Diffey
Silcoates School, Governor: Dr Clyde Binfield
Taunton School: Revd Michael Hubbard
Tettenhall College, Governors: Dr William Blakeley, Mr Roddy McKenzie,
Mr R J Whild, Mrs Doris Margetts
Wentworth Milton Mount, Governor: Revd Eric Lord
Westhill College Foundation Governor: Dr Richard Jurd
Westhill College Foundation Trustees: Mr J E Payne, Professor Robert Steel and
Revd Eric Lord

5. COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION

Mrs Marlene Hunter Revd Tony Coates
Revd Mia Kyte Revd Clabon Allen

6. CONGREGATIONAL MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

Mr Fred Brooman	Mr Alan Cumming	Dr Philip Morgan
Revd Maurice Husselbee	Mr Fred Lodde	Mr Robert Hardie
Revd Geoffrey Satchell	Revd David Hannen	Mr Arthur Smith
Revd John Taylor	Revd Peter Grimshaw	Mr Hartley Oldham

7. NEW COLLEGE LONDON FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Mr John Smethers Revd Dr Robert Latham Revd John Pugh*

REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY COMMITTEES

MULTI-LATERAL CHURCH CONVERSATION IN SCOTLAND: Revd Raymond Bade
Revd James Breslin
Revd John Paull

METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT:

The adviser for Local Ecumenism (Pro Tem): Mr Desmond Curry

OTHER COMMITTEES AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

BBC Central Religious Advisory Committee:	Revd Tony Burnham
Church Hymnary Trust:	Mr G R Barr
Churches' Commission on Overseas Students:	Revd Kevin Swaine
Churches' Consortium on Industrial Mission:	Revd Michael Diffey
Churches' Council for Health & Healing:	Revd Robin Hine
	Mrs Connie Bunker
	Revd Michael Playdon
Churches' Advisory Council for Local Broadcasting:	Mrs Carol Rogers
Churches' Commission for Inter-Faith Relations:	Revd Brenda Willis
Council of URC Boys' Brigade Companies:	Revd Michael Rees
	Mr Paul Franklin
Funerals, Cremations & Crematoria:	Revd Betsy King
Guides' Religious Advisory Panel:	Revd Gillian Bobbett
International Bible Reading Association:	Revd Terry Oakley
Media Awareness Project:	Mrs Carol Rogers
Scout & Guide Fellowship (URC):	Mr Paul Franklin
Scouts' Religious Advisory Group:	Mr D Marshall-Jones

Annual Reports of Committees

The Assembly then heard the reports of Committees on matters not the subject of resolutions, as set out on pages 10 - 44 of the Assembly Reports. Questions were answered and comments noted by the relevant Conveners for future committee consideration. (The Minute Secretary has notes of these for Committee reference).

After the report on the Pilots' Panel, the Moderator received the new Master Pilot, the Revd Derek Gardiner.

The Reports from page 45 onwards were referred for discussion at a later session.

Reflections on the retiring Moderator's year of office

The retiring Moderator, Mrs Ruth Clarke, was invited to give her reflections on her year of office. She spoke of Romans 12.9-13 being a suitable text for a Moderator. She said that the use of the headings of the Provincial Moderators' Report would have formed a useful basis for her reflections. However, she spoke under three headings: Celebration; Together; In Good Heart.

Mrs Clarke paid tribute to her husband Raymond and to her daughter Charlotte, who had acted as her Secretary.

She looked forward to hearing the current Moderator's reflections in 1994 and wished him Godspeed.

Presentation - New Resources for Developing Faith

Faith and Life presented a lively illustration with drama, music and song, of new opportunities and material for use in membership preparation: Kaleidoscope, Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Gospel, Members Together - are now available, and Developing Discipleship is about to be published.

Provincial Moderators' Report

The Revd David Helyar introduced the Report of the Provincial Moderators and proposed that the Assembly receive this Report for debate. This was agreed and some discussion followed.

Europe - I

The Revd Tony Coates, World Church and Mission Secretary, interviewed Mrs Ruth Clarke and the Revd Tony Burnham about the Conference of European Churches Assembly in Prague.

The Revd Clabon Allen, Convener MEW Abroad, seconded by the Revd Richard Mortimer, introduced resolution 27 on URC involvement.

After a full discussion, the Convener replied to some of the questions and comments from members of the Assembly.

He moved the resolution:

27 URC involvement:

- a) **Assembly encourages local churches to foster links with continental churches, and to seek involvement especially where civic twinnings or parish church links are being made.**

Passed unanimously.

- b) **Assembly requests Mission Council to establish a policy for our relations with churches in continental Europe, so that our limited resources may be used to best effect.**

Passed unanimously.

- c) **Assembly welcomes the establishment of the interim Co-ordinating Group for Europe and requests Mission Council, in the course of its review of central church structures, to examine the need for a body specifically to oversee, co-ordinate and develop the church's involvement with continental Europe.**

This was passed.

- d) **Assembly encourages local churches, Districts and Provinces to make use of the many people in our churches who have personal experience of working on the continent and the members of the Co-ordinating Group; and invites each Province to appoint a 'Europe link' person.**

Passed unanimously.

Rules for speeches

The Clerk explained that a new way of conducting Assembly business requested by the 1992 Assembly had resulted in a difficult time-constriction, not only on the length of speeches but on the number of speeches from the floor. The problem would be considered by the Mission Council.

Dr David Thompson, seconded by Mrs Ruth Clarke, moved the following resolution:

- 28 Faith and Order developments:**
Assembly welcomes the call of the European Protestant Assembly (Budapest 1992) for closer fellowship between historically separated denominations and encourages the Reformed, Lutheran and United churches which are linked through the Leuenberg Agreement to take the initiative in seeking deeper fellowship with Methodist and Anglican churches.

After discussion, the Convener replied to comments. The Moderator put the resolution, which was carried.

Keynote address by the Revd Dr Pavel Smetana, Church of the Czech Brethren

Dr Pavel Smetana, Moderator of the Synodical Council of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, spoke to the Assembly of the difficulties confronting the churches of Eastern Europe and in particular the Czech Republic after the political upheaval of the past years: economic turmoil; renascent nationalism and the awareness of Christian responsibility and guilt. He thanked the Assembly for the links between our churches and the personal ties between so many of their members.

The Moderator warmly thanked Dr Smetana for his moving address and asked him to take greetings to his church.

The session concluded with the singing of the hymn 'A toi la gloire, O Ressuscite' and with the grace.

Europe - II

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow introduced guest speakers:

Mr Nigel Spearing, MP

Mr Keith Jenkins, General Secretary, European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society

Revd Tony Addy, Programme Director, European Contact Group for Urban and Industrial Mission.

Each spoke for five minutes on the questions: What is your vision of Europe?;

How can Britain play a part?

Questions from Assembly members were received and the three speakers replied.

The Moderator thanked the three speakers and Mrs Goodfellow for their important contribution to the Assembly debate.

Mr Aubrey Curry introduced the following resolution which was formally seconded:

29 Public policy:

- a) Assembly encourages local churches, in the run-up to the 1994 European Parliamentary elections, to participate in local meetings with prospective candidates on social and political issues.
- b) Assembly encourages the Church and Society Committee, in association with CCBI, to produce briefing material on Europe-wide issues such as poverty and social division, growing racism and xenophobia, the unity and disintegration of nation-states, the environment and relations with developing countries.

Fiona Smail proposed an amendment, which was duly seconded, to delete the word "encourages" in the first line of (b) and replace it with the word "requests". The amendment was agreed.

Resolution 29 was put to the vote and agreed.

- a) **Assembly encourages local churches, in the run-up to the 1994 European Parliamentary elections, to participate in local meetings with prospective candidates on social and political issues.**
- b) **Assembly requests the Church and Society Committee, in association with CCBI, to produce briefing material on Europe-wide issues such as poverty and social division, growing racism and xenophobia, the unity and disintegration of nation-states, the environment and relations with developing countries.**

The Moderator offered prayer for the people of the former Yugoslavia.

Finance

The Moderator called for the Finance Report. The Convener, Mr Alistair Black, asked permission for Elsie Gilliland, expert on pension law, to speak to Assembly. This permission was granted.

He proposed the following resolution:

30 Assembly adopts the Accounts for 1992.

On being put to the vote the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr Black proposed the following resolution:

31 Assembly gratefully acknowledges the giving of the churches in 1992 to the Ministry & Mission Fund.

Mr Andrew Lang proposed an amendment, which was duly seconded, to add: "but also acknowledges that the work of the URC is being seriously hampered by the present inadequate level of giving".

The amendment was lost and the wording reverted to its original form.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

Budget

In the unavoidable absence of the Convener, the Revd Alasdair Walker, Mr Alistair Black introduced the resolution.

- 32 Assembly notes the revised budget for the Ministry & Mission Fund for 1993 and approves the budget for 1994, which calls for total expenditure of £16,047,000 and contributions from the churches of £15,629,000, an increase of 4.5% over 1993.**

The resolution was carried.

The Assembly recorded its gratitude to the Revd Alasdair Walker for his Convenership of the Financial Resources Committee.

Mr Michael Harrison moved the resolution:

- 33 Assembly agrees to alter the date for annual changes in stipends from 1st July to 1st January to take effect from 1st January 1995.**

This was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Mr Harrison moved the following resolution:

- 34 Assembly deletes paragraph 6.4 of the Plan for Partnership in Ministerial Remuneration referring to Community Charge supplements and amends paragraph 6.3.1 and Appendix B paragraph 4 a.i as follows:-
Paragraph 6.3.1 to commence "House, free of rent, rates (where payable), Council Tax etc:".
Appendix B paragraph 4 a.i to read "rates (where payable), Council Tax".**

The Revd Raymond Bade asked whether there could be any relief from the burden of Council Tax.

The Financial Secretary replied that an attempt had been made through the Churches Main Committee, but had failed, to obtain relief from this Council Tax.

The Revd Dr Philip Morgan reported that the congregation at Frognal had applied to the local authority for relief and had been granted 100% relief.

Mr Victor Hughff introduced the resolutions 35 and 36 which would be voted on separately. He explained the background to the need for these resolutions. Minor amendments had been circulated on the Order Paper and would be included in the printed Record.

- 35 Assembly agrees to clarify Rule 34 of the existing Rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund by amending it to read
".... any member whose pecuniary rights are adversely affected to an appreciable extent by any such change may elect, if before or within three months of the coming into effect of any such change in the Rules such member gives notice in writing to the Pension Trustee, to be subject to the Rules that were in force prior to the change."
(Changed wording underlined).**

The Moderator put the resolution which was carried nem con.

The following resolution was then proposed.

- 36 Assembly adopts the new Rules of the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund as set out in Appendix V to apply to:-**
- a) those members who do not elect by 12th October 1993 to be covered by the old Rules,
and
 - b) all ministers qualifying for entry to the URCMPF after the 10th July 1993;
and authorises the Pension Trustee to make any minor amendments to these Rules as may be required to obtain Inland Revenue approval.

The Revd Graham Cook proposed an amendment to delete sentences in paras. 22.2 and 23.1 referring to age differences between spouses.

Mr Hughff explained the reason for the rule and asked Mrs Elsie Gilliland to clarify the legal position.

The amendment was put to the vote and was defeated.

A number of questions were asked and thanks expressed for the way in which the office deals with pension matters.

Mr Hughff replied to the questions raised.

Resolution 36 was put to the vote and was carried by a large majority.

Point of Order

The Revd John Johansen-Berg raised a point of order on the use of the word "unanimously" with reference to resolution 35 on which he and others had abstained. The advice of the Clerk was that provided the Moderator asked the Assembly whether a resolution had been passed unanimously and had received no indication to the contrary, it was in order to declare it carried unanimously; resolution 35 would be recorded as passed nem con. There was no general requirement for the Moderator to ask the number of abstentions since they were by definition not votes. This advice was accepted by the Moderator.

Mr Black proposed the following resolution in two parts:

37a) Assembly appoints The United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust Limited to take over from United Reformed Church Trust responsibility for the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund and its investments, with the United Reformed Church Trust continuing its responsibility for property and other investments.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

He then moved 37b):

37b) General Assembly recognising the personal commitment to the Church of those who serve as Directors of The United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust Limited and of United Reformed Church Trust, resolves (subject to any necessary consents) as follows:-

- 1. That the Church will not hold any Director of either Company personally liable for any loss suffered to the assets of the Church or the Pension Fund in the hands of the Company, provided that that Director has not been guilty of fraud or a blatant disregard of the interests of members and beneficiaries, knowingly or recklessly committed by him or her.**
 - 2. That the Church will indemnify any such Director and his or her estate in respect of all actions, claims, costs and expenses made against or falling upon that Director in his or her capacity as Director of either Company, or against his or her estate, provided that he or she has not been guilty of fraud or blatant disregard of the interests of members and beneficiaries knowingly or recklessly committed by him or her.**
 - 3. That two persons representing the United Reformed Church shall execute a Deed of Indemnity in favour of present and future Directors of each of the Companies in the form attached to this resolution. Appendix VII**
- c) Whilst not excluding its own power of appointment Assembly delegates to Mission Council the power to appoint persons for membership of the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Trust Limited and the United Reformed Church Trust.**

This was carried unanimously.

It was noted that, by virtue of their office, the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Clerk of the General Assembly would be the two persons executing the Deed of Indemnity under para. 3 above.

The Moderator expressed the warm thanks of the Assembly for the great burden of work which Mr Hughff had willingly carried in the matter of the revision of the Pension Fund Rules.

Resolution from East Midlands Synod

The Revd Malcolm Deacon proposed the following:

- 44 Since District Councils may make gifts to students for stipendiary ministry towards the purchase of books, etc. without such gifts affecting any grants made to such students by the URC Assembly agrees that similar gifts may also be made to students for non-stipendiary ministry without affecting any grant made to them by the URC.**

The Revd Christopher White seconded the resolution.
The resolution was carried.

Resolution from South Western Synod

- 45 In view of the widespread use of computers/word processors in pastorates, at District and Provincial level to store lists of names and addresses of members, Assembly resolves that application be made to the Data Protection Registrar for "blanket" cover for all such use within the URC, to comply with the Data Protection Act 1984.

Proposer: Gerald Humphrey

Seconder: John Taylor

The proposer and seconder of the resolution asked leave of the Assembly to withdraw it, on the ground that information received since its submission had indicated that it was impracticable.

After discussion and some objection to withdrawal, the resolution was, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn.

Resolution from North Western Synod

The resolution from North Western Synod was proposed by Mr George Lewis and seconded by Mrs Pamela Ward that:

- 25 Assembly, concerned with the poverty, homelessness and unemployment of millions of people in our country, calls upon the government to reflect on the Christian belief that the strong should help the weak; and to give precedence to increase investment in jobs, homes, health and education, with the aim of reducing the danger of the disintegration of society, even at the cost of higher direct taxation.

An amendment was proposed by the Revd Janet Webber and seconded by Diana Lewis, to:

delete "and" in line 3

delete "even at the cost of" in lines 5-6

add after "society", line 5 "and to this end encourages higher direct taxation of those with above average incomes".

This was agreed.

A further amendment was proposed by Mr Michael Healey, seconded by Mr Alistair Mudie.

As this would conflict with the earlier amendment, the Clerk advised on a possible procedure which was accepted by the Assembly:

Delete the words "reflect on". In their place, insert "act upon". Restore the "and" in line 3. Replace the semi-colon by a comma. Delete the words after "society" in line 5. Add these two new sentences at the end: "Assembly believes that people's lives should under all circumstances be valued above monetary concerns and therefore that if necessary the above should be achieved by means of higher direct taxation. Assembly also calls upon all church meetings actively to encourage their members to lobby their MPs on this matter".

This was agreed in place of the previous amendment.

After some further discussion the Revd Malcolm Smith, duly seconded, proposed the deletion of "if necessary" in the amended resolution.

This was agreed.

The substantive motion was then carried:

Assembly, concerned with the poverty, homelessness and unemployment of millions of people in our country, calls upon the government to act upon the Christian belief that the strong should help the weak, and to give precedence to increase investment in jobs, homes, health and education, with the aim of reducing the danger of the disintegration of society.

Assembly believes that people's lives should under all circumstances be valued above monetary concerns and therefore that the above should be achieved by means of higher direct taxation.

Assembly also calls upon all church meetings actively to encourage their members to lobby their MPs on this matter.

Private Members' Resolution, based upon a resolution of the FURY Assembly

Mr Paul Ashworth, Chair of FURY, proposed the resolution:

The General Assembly welcomes and supports the work of the Fairtrade Foundation in launching the Fairtrade mark later this year and urges church members

- a) **to encourage managers of local shops and supermarkets to stock Café Direct now and Fairtrade marked products for the autumn;**
- b) **to promote the sales of such products and**
- c) **to encourage such sales by organising taste testings of Fairtrade marked products at meetings.**

Mr Ashworth gave details of current activities of the Fairtrade Foundation in some European countries and of the current availability of Café Direct.

The resolution was seconded by Catherine Rook.

The resolution was carried.

VAT on fuel

Mr David Latham proposed and the Revd Greta Morgan seconded:

- 47 Assembly views with concern the planned imposition of VAT on domestic fuel and the general trend towards indirect and away from direct taxation since this is disproportionately damaging to poorer people.

An amendment was moved by Mr John Ellis, seconded by the Revd Dr David Cornick, to delete the words "and the general trend towards indirect and away from direct taxation".

The amendment was carried.

An amendment was proposed to add:

"Therefore it calls on local churches to lobby their MPs about this unfair tax".

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

47 Assembly views with concern the planned imposition of VAT on domestic fuel since this is disproportionately damaging to poorer people. Therefore it calls on local churches to lobby their MPs about this unfair tax.

The resolution was carried.

Voting Information on Election of Moderator of General Assembly

Mr Paul Ashworth, FURY Chair, proposed the following resolution, seconded by Ms Catherine Rook, that:

49 This General Assembly, believing that the information given concerning the choice of a General Assembly Moderator is inadequate, requests the Mission Council to review and amend the process to make more information available to the members of General Assembly so that they may make a more informed decision.

The Clerk quoted the relevant rule of procedure for the election of the Moderator of General Assembly.

A full debate ensued, during which the Moderator of the General Assembly of Church of Scotland gave an idea of how matters were arranged in that church.

On being put to the vote the resolution was carried.

Eastern Synod Resolution

Mr Philip Wade proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr McVey.

38 Assembly, recognising the significant achievement of a stipend of £13,000 from 1 July 1993, compared to the £12,000 which was budgetted prior to the challenge to the churches, resolves

- a) to set an objective of £13,200 plus inflation, for stipend levels on 1 January 1995**
- b) to challenge the churches to bridge the remaining gap in contributions to the Ministry & Mission Fund, and in particular to encourage those churches who have held back from the previous challenge to re-assess their position.**

The Revd James Breslin, duly seconded, moved that the question be now put. This was agreed.

The resolution was carried.

At 7.30 pm on the Wednesday evening the General Assembly was joined by members of local churches for *the Provincial Event: "Treasure!"*
The Assembly day closed with the final prayer of this event.

Thanks for the Celebration "Treasure!"

The Moderator expressed thanks on behalf of the Assembly for the celebration "Treasure!" which he had personally found "touched the inner places". He named some of those responsible, while recognising that there were many others involved and thanked all of them.

Resolution - Doctrine and Worship

Dr David Thompson, Convener, formally moved:

- 39 The Assembly gives its first approval to the revised version of Schedule C submitted by the Doctrine & Worship Committee.

The Moderator asked the Assembly to suspend Standing Orders and this was agreed.

Standing Orders being suspended, the Assembly went into informal committee. The Moderator set a time of 5 minutes for speakers from the floor. Dr David Thompson commended the Committee's proposed amendments to the Schedule C questions; the Revd Malcolm Hanson set out various alternatives based on proposals from members of Mission Council and Assembly. Discussion took place and informal votes were taken to ascertain the Assembly's preferences.

This process being concluded, the Assembly resumed in formal session under Standing Orders.

Resolution 39 was moved, with the additional words "as amended by the Assembly" and at

Question 2 line 3 and alternative question 1 line 4 add between "of" and "God's people" the word "all";

Question 3 line 5 and alternative question 1 line 9 add "justice" after "love".

The resolution was carried:

- 39 The Assembly gives its first approval to the revised version of Schedule C submitted by the Doctrine & Worship Committee, as amended by the Assembly.**

Dr Thompson thanked the Assembly for the way in which they had responded to this method of undertaking the business.

The General Secretary gave 31st January 1994 as the date by which Synods should notify any objections to these proposals. This was agreed.

Mrs Rosalind Goodfellow proposed that the thanks of the Assembly be given to Dr David Thompson and to all those who had worked to bring this matter to fruition. This was agreed with acclamation.

Urban/Rural Mission Presentation

The Revd Charles Brock, Convener, introduced the work of the Urban/Rural Mission Group in a novel way, after referring the Assembly also to the Report on pages 66 and 67. Janet Lees (as Jesus) and Peter Colwell (as Peter) presented a sketch which sharply and amusingly brought into focus what is meant by discipleship. He interviewed Bethan Galliers, Church Related Community Worker at Salford Urban Mission; the Revd Bob Day, St Mark's Wythenshawe; and the Revd Peter Poulter, who ministers in the Yorkshire Dales. The Assembly then discussed in small groups the questions "Who are the poor in our society?" and "How could your local church strengthen its effectiveness with and on behalf of the poor?".

The Revd Murdoch MacKenzie, Convener of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee, moved the following resolutions:

- 13 Assembly receives the Final Report of the Urban/Rural Mission Group;**
14 Notes the requests addressed to Assembly and urges Mission Council and local churches to take up the concerns indicated;
15 Discharges the Urban/Rural Mission Group.

The resolutions were carried.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly for the work of the Urban/Rural Mission Group and its Convener and Secretary.

Mission Projects - Recognition

The General Assembly 1992 passed a resolution on Mission Projects, giving first approval to additions to 'The Structure of the United Reformed Church'. No objections to that resolution having been received, final approval of the resolution was requested.

The General Secretary moved:

- 41 The Assembly, noting the need for flexibility in situations of mission and church growth, gives final 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, p21)**
(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, p24)**
(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 resolution was carried.

Multiple Congregations forming one Local Church

The General Assembly 1992 passed a resolution on Multiple Congregations forming one Local Church, giving first approval to additions to 'The Structure of the United Reformed Church'. No objections to that resolution having been received, final approval of the resolution was requested.

The General Secretary moved:

- 42 The Assembly gives final 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, p22) 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).**

Who Goes Where? Report from the Multilateral Church Conversation in Scotland, 1992

The Revd Murdoch MacKenzie introduced the report and proposed resolution 43:

- 43 The Assembly of the United Reformed Church makes the following response to 'Who Goes Where?', the report of the Multilateral Church Conversation in Scotland 1992:**

- 1(a) Having been part of the Conversation from the beginning we are thankful for all that has been done over the years. We appreciate all the hard work that has been put in by many people and have found the various publications informative and at times challenging. We think especially of 'Christian Unity: Now is the Time' in 1985. Our response to that report meant that we were one of the four churches who said 'Continue with the aim of producing a Basis and Plan of Union.'
- (b) We are now being asked 'WHO GOES WHERE?'
- (c) First we ask ourselves how far we have come over the past 25 years? We began the Conversation as Churches of Christ and continued after our Union in 1981 as the United Reformed Church. Previous to that Union we had talks with the Congregational Union of Scotland (CUS) which, although not pursued to producing a Basis and Plan of Union, brought our Churches together in closer co-operation. More recently we voted in favour of a Plan of Union with the CUS and were sorry when this did not materialise. This has, however, brought us much closer together with the CUS/URC Liaison Group. A local union was effected in June 1992 to form the Augustine United Church in Edinburgh (CUS and URC). Throughout the UK exploratory talks have taken place between the Methodist Church and ourselves and although in the short term this is unlikely to proceed to a Plan of Union, it will bring us closer together and further the growth of Local Ecumenical Projects in which we are both involved, which already number over 250 in the UK. We have also shared in the discussions and fruits of the 'Reformed Churches Group' in Scotland. As a church we remain committed to striving for the goal of visible unity. This is expressed in our Basis of Union and is reaffirmed at every ordination and induction service.
- (d) The visible unity of the whole church is an elusive goal but worth aiming for for the sake of society as a whole. We see the pursuance of this goal either as a full 'Conversation' or bi-laterally as part of the whole. The 1990's have begun ecumenically on a wider front with the Scottish Churches Council giving way to Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS). We see this as a proper progression and note with satisfaction the welcome given in the report to the advent of ACTS. This wider front within ACTS is not, however, we believe, a complete substitute for the Multilateral Conversation unless the particular concerns which brought the Conversation into being are fully taken under the wing of ACTS. It may be that ACTS could be the enabler for the Conversation and as such play a greater part.
- (e) The growing number of Local Ecumenical Projects is an important development towards the goal of visible unity and indeed is already an expression in some measure of that unity. We hope that this development will continue to receive encouragement from all the churches participating in the Conversation.
- (f) We make brief comments on two particular sections of the report:
- i) EPISCOPACY - Here we would stress the collective oversight (episcopate) exercised by elders in the councils of the church and the superintendence exercised by provincial moderators in all our provinces and their synods. This whole area is inevitably an important and also difficult one and needs to be got right in any scheme of union.
- ii) ARTICLES DECLARATORY - We are appreciative of the work done by the Structures Group. We understand the situation much better now and the comments are very helpful. Being put into a clear perspective the Articles Declaratory do not appear to present as big a hurdle as once they did.

(g) **In conclusion we believe that it is always right to look at the 'Controlling Principles' which brought the Multilateral Conversation into being. We hope that we shall move forward together.**

2 **The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church therefore reaffirms the response of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee reported to Assembly in 1986 encouraging the Multilateral Church Conversation in Scotland to proceed with the preparation of a Plan of Union and gives authorisation to the Conversation to continue its work.**

The resolution was carried.

Church Planting

The Revd Murdoch MacKenzie introduced a resolution on Church Planting and speeches were made in favour of the resolution.

Ann Roberts, duly seconded, moved that the motion be deferred to the next Assembly.

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

The Revd Murdoch MacKenzie proposed:

40 **The Assembly, recognising the increasing interest in and commitment to 'church planting', calls upon every district council of the URC to engage with ecumenical partners in research aimed at placing a body of Christian people in every locality and to set up new Mission Projects or Congregations where appropriate.**

The Assembly recommends the '10 DAWN Principles for Responsible Church Planting' (Appendix I) as a useful guide to this end.

The resolution was carried.

Presentation on Disability

The presentation was introduced by the Revd Robin Hine. The Assembly in 1992 had been encouraged to consider further the inclusion of people with disability. Leave was given for Ann Macfarlane, of the Health and Healing Committee, to address the Assembly.

Miss Macfarlane spoke of the problems facing people with disabilities who make up 14% of the population. Many had disabilities which were not immediately obvious. She commended the study pack prepared for the use of church members. Its aim was to change attitudes towards disability. Disabled people were acting positively to promote a social model of disability rather than the traditional medical model.

Vocations Committee

The Revd G D Gill moved that the report be received.

This was agreed.

Comments were received on the report. These were noted by the Convener, and would be considered by the Committee. He indicated that the Committee was already preparing for consideration a revised scheme of ministerial deployment.

The Revd Michael Diffey replied to points made by speakers on matter of the work of the Assessment Board, and the timing of assessment conferences.

Training Committee

Mrs Jupp presented the report of the Training Committee which was received for debate.

Comments were received and Mr John Ellis replied.

Support Committee

The Revd Dr David Cornick introduced the report of the Support Committee which was received for debate.

An amendment to the text, para. 1 line 2, to add after "consequently", "we are concerned with", was accepted.

Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee

The Revd Murdoch MacKenzie proposed that the report of the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee was received for debate.

The Revd Terry Oakley gave information about the Lent 1994 study project "Have Another Look".

Missionary and Ecumenical Work Abroad Committee

The Revd Clabon Allen presented the report of the MEW Abroad Committee which was received for debate. No comment was offered.

Mission and Other Faiths Committee

The Revd John Sutcliffe presented the report of the Mission and Other Faiths Committee which was received for debate. No comment was offered.

The Moderator called for the presentation of a resolution from the Mission and Other Faiths Committee.

The Revd John Sutcliffe, Convener, presented the following resolution for debate:

- 26 The Assembly resolves that as an act of goodwill leaders of other major world faith communities should be invited to the 1994 and subsequent Assemblies, that they should be received by the Moderator, and that they should be asked to take to their communities the greetings of the URC.**

After a lively debate the Convener replied to comments.

The Revd Simon Thomas proposed, seconded by the Revd Ian Bird, that the question be not put.

This motion was lost and the resolution was carried.

Personnel Committee

The report was presented by the Revd Ray Adams, who indicated in relation to para. 5.1 that one visitor had come from UCCSA and three from PCSA. On para. 5.4 he explained that a return visit to Southern Africa had been postponed at least until 1995. The report was received for debate.

Information was given about short term experience in the Training in Mission programme. Ed Cox was a URC participant in this year's TIM group and should have been included in the list of personnel. His experience would be noted in the 1994 Prayer Handbook, and he had written about it in Reform. The Convener urged members of the Assembly to encourage applications for future TIM groups.

The Moderator acknowledged the debt owed by the whole church to Sheila Rudofsky and gave her the good wishes of the Assembly as she moves to new responsibilities in Thames North Province.

Roll of Ministers

The Assembly was in closed session, only members of Assembly being present together with the Revd E F D G Martens, exercising his right under Rules of procedure for access to Assembly by named parties (Manual p.35). At the Moderator's suggestion Assembly agreed that a friend who had accompanied Mr Martens should be present for the discussion of Resolution 48, though without right to speak, there being no provision in the Rules for a friend to do so.

The Moderator read the Rules of procedure for access to Assembly by named parties and explained the process that would be followed. Mr Martens had given due notice to the Clerk of his wish to be present and speak.

The Revd G D Gill, Convener of the Vocations Committee, moved the resolution:

48 Assembly affirms the action taken by the Vocations Committee to delete the name of the Revd E F D G Martens from the Roll of Ministers of the United Reformed Church.

Mr Gill explained the Committee's reasons for presenting it. The Committee did not impugn Mr Martens' character or belief or imply that he was no longer a Christian minister. The Committee's reasons focussed on his present position as pastoring a group of Christians, some of them former members of his previous URC pastorate. He was thus the minister of an independent church, whose creation had been considered by the District Council and the Synod to involve disturbing the unity and peace of the United Reformed Church.

The Revd John Waller as a member of the Vocations Committee formally seconded the resolution.

The Revd Brian Baker, on behalf of the North Western Synod, recounted the circumstances which led the District Council to terminate Mr Martens' previous URC pastorate, the efforts at reconciliation made by the Synod and the eventual decision to recommend the deletion of Mr Martens' name from the URC Roll of Ministers under Synod function 2(4)viii.

The Revd E F D G Martens then addressed the Assembly, emphasising his conviction that the origin of the troubles in his previous URC pastorate had been the presence in it of a group of members who were also Freemasons. He stated that the church meeting had decided that Freemasonry was incompatible with church membership. He was concerned that Freemasonry was a covert influence in the councils of the church.

Discussion and questions followed, including enquiries whether Mr Martens saw his present ministry as compatible with URC ministry and why he wished to remain on the URC Roll.

The Clerk drew the attention of the Assembly to the fact that the Vocations Committee resolution was asking the Assembly, under its function 2(5)xviii, to rule on the status of a minister now pastoring a non-URC independent church, created under particular circumstances, whose discipline and tradition differed from those of the URC. Other matters were not being presented as reasons for the resolution. The Pastoral Measure concerning the suspension and resignation of ministers and their deletion from the Roll of Ministers was only in part relevant to the resolution, chiefly in the fourth paragraph of Manual p.155 ("the Vocations Committee will make careful enquiries" etc.).

After further discussion, Mr Martens was asked if he wished to exercise his right of reply. He indicated that he did not wish to do so. Mr Gill then replied, again emphasising that Mr Martens would continue to be regarded as a Christian minister. The URC Roll of Ministers lists those eligible for a call by a local URC. Mr Martens would have the right, like any other ordained Christian minister, to apply for admission (in his case re-admission) to the URC Roll of Ministers.

The Moderator put the resolution which was carried by a large majority, about a dozen voting against it.

After a pause, the Revd G D Gill moved resolution 50:

50 Assembly agrees to grant a Certificate of Eligibility to the Revd David Alexander Purse.

He indicated that Mr Purse, ordained to the Christian ministry of word and sacrament in a Pentecostal church in Northern Ireland, had since 1990 been on the list of ministers of other churches serving the URC. In that period he had taken a course of training under the guidance of Northern College. This was now complete and enabled the Committee to bring the resolution.

The resolution was put and passed.

Provincial Synod Groups

The Moderator asked the twelve Synod Groups to reflect on this year's Assembly, the presentations, the way of dealing with Committee business. Their reflections should be brought by Synod representatives to the next meeting of the Mission Council.

The Clerk presented minutes of the seventh and eighth sessions; he called attention to certain needed changes and accepted others as appropriate. With these changes the minutes were approved.

The Clerk asked the approval of the Assembly for the inclusion in the Assembly minutes of the minutes of the ninth and tenth sessions, subject to their having been scrutinised by the officers of the Assembly. This was agreed.

Election of Moderator of the General Assembly 1994/95

The Moderator called upon Mrs Ann Jackson, on behalf of the tellers, to announce the result of the ballot. The result was votes counted 512 (of which 2 were spoiled) and the Revd Dr Robert John McKelvey was declared elected. Dr and Mrs McKelvey were greeted by the Moderator in the name of the Assembly and were received with acclamation. Dr McKelvey addressed the Assembly.

Vote of Thanks

Mr Monty Helmn was called upon to move a vote of thanks of the Assembly to all who had contributed to its smooth running, those who had given hospitality and those who had enhanced its life. The Assembly responded with applause.

The Chaplain led the Assembly in the final act of worship.

The General Secretary announced that the Assembly having completed its business now adjourned to meet as agreed at Lancaster on Thursday 7th July 1994.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

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NOTE ON ACCOUNTING PRACTICE.

Good accounting practice requires the Financial Management Committee and the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of financial affairs of the Church and its funds and of any surplus or deficit for the year. In preparing these financial statements the Financial Management Committee, on behalf of the Trustee, has;

selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;

made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

followed applicable accounting standards;

prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Financial Management Committee and the Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Church and its funds, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with good accounting practice. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church, and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We confirm on behalf of the Trustee and the Financial Management Committee our approval of the accounts as set out on pages 4-25 .

A K Black
Treasurer.

D Davies
Chairman,
United Reformed Church Trust.

C M Frank
Chief Accountant and
Financial Secretary.

25th March 1994

The reports on pages 26-28 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 Central Office of the Church.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 25 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Financial Management Committee, and the auditors.

As described on page 2, the Financial Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Financial Management Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Church, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church as at 31st December 1993, and of the surplus or deficit on the various funds for the year then ended.

186 City Road
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25th March 1994

ROBSON RHODES
Chartered Accountants and Registered
Auditor

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, The United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Trust Limited, 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 Finance report to Assembly 1994, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value in the Investment Pool on page 25, and the United Reformed Church Ministers' Pension Fund on page 26. 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 1994 relating to 1993. However, where a Province had remitted more than the agreed contribution to the Fund by 31st December 1993, the excess is carried forward as an advance payment on account of the contribution for 1994. 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 4 at £5 million are insured for £9.6 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 since 1983, the buildings and contents of Westminster College are not included in the Central Funds balance sheet, since the College was originally a gift to the Church, the value of which cannot readily be ascertained. The College buildings are insured for £10.4 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 26, 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 Account, 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.

A valuation of the pension fund is being undertaken by the Consultant Actuary as at 1st January 1994. No final report upon this valuation has yet been made, although preliminary indications are that the expected shortfall on the long term valuation basis will be in the region of £11.3 million. The Church has been advised by the Actuary that, based upon the current actuarial assumptions, it will be necessary for the series of annual subventions increasing by 10% per annum compound (the amount for 1993 was £825,000) to be continued until 2006 inclusive. The Maintenance of the Ministry Committee intend that these payments shall be made.

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

10 The Retired Ministers Fund.

The account of the Retired Ministers Fund was shown in the accounts of the Church as a separate Fund until December 31st 1992. The Committee feel it appropriate for the account of the Retired Ministers Fund to be incorporated with other accounts of the Church as from 1993, and the figures are shown on page 20 of these accounts. The comparative figures included in these accounts have been amended to take account of this change. The adjustment to the 1992 comparative figures is reconciled as follows:

	1992 Church Balance Sheet	1992 RMF Balance Sheet	Church Balance Sheet. Revised 1992 comparative
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Funds	<u>16,871</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>19,935</u>
Property	4,995	137	5,132
Investments	8,224	2,888	11,112
Cash	1,942	62	2,004
Creditors	(1,277)	(23)	(1,300)
Unchanged items	<u>2,987</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>2,987</u>
	<u>16,871</u>	<u>3,064</u>	<u>19,935</u>

CENTRAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1993

THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		1993		1992	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Accounts	1		3,094		2,631
Income and Expenditure Accounts	2		<u>17,967</u>		<u>17,304</u>
Total	3		<u>21,061</u>		<u>19,935</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
Fixed Assets					
Property	4	5,310		5,132	
Cars, furniture and equipment	4	<u>225</u>		<u>242</u>	
			5,535		5,374
Investments	5		11,923		11,112
Loans and Advances	6		<u>3,208</u>		<u>2,787</u>
			20,666		19,273
Current Assets					
Stock		55		58	
Debtors		598		450	
Cash	7	<u>1,579</u>		<u>2,004</u>	
		2,232		2,512	
Creditors		(1,430)		(1,300)	
Advance contributions to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund		<u>(407)</u>		<u>(550)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>395</u>		<u>662</u>
			<u>21,061</u>		<u>19,935</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st December 1993

	1993	1993	1993	1993	1992
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Capital	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME IN THE YEAR					
Ministry and Mission Fund					
Contributions	14,961			14,961	13,145
Dividends and interest	405	787		1,192	1,229
Grant from Memorial Hall Trust		385		385	385
Grant from New College, London Trust		196		196	197
Donations and other income	58	181	471	710	503
Gross receipts from other activities	<u>495</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>641</u>
	<u>15,919</u>	<u>1,761</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>18,151</u>	<u>16,100</u>
EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR					
Cost of Central Departments	2,216			2,216	2,045
Costs of Maintenance of the Ministry	11,288			11,288	9,683
Costs of Ministerial Training		708		708	654
Grants					
From MoM Fund	275			275	299
To CWM	580			580	550
To pensioners		462		462	447
Other		321		321	308
Appropriation to the URCMPF	825	18		843	636
Direct cost of other activities	<u>515</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>667</u>
	15,699	1,803	-	17,502	15,289
Transfers between Funds	<u>250</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>17,502</u>	<u>15,289</u>
	<u>15,949</u>	<u>1,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,502</u>	<u>15,289</u>
NORMAL (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	(30)	208	471	649	811
Profit/(loss) on sale of investments		20	(9)	11	65
Profit on sale of property		5		5	
Legacies	<u>66</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>107</u>
NET SURPLUS	36	627	463	1,126	983
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
Balance at 1st January	<u>5,005</u>	<u>12,299</u>	<u>2,631</u>	<u>19,935</u>	<u>18,952</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>5,041</u>	<u>12,926</u>	<u>3,094</u>	<u>21,061</u>	<u>19,935</u>

NOTE There were no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the two years ended 31st December 1993.

All operations are continuing.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31st December 1993.

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
NET SURPLUS for year	1,126	983
Decrease/(Increase) in Stock	3	(18)
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(148)	168
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors	<u>(13)</u>	<u>118</u>
	(158)	268
Items not involving cash		
Depreciation	89	93
Asset written off in the year	4	-
Profit on Property Sales	(5)	(63)
Profit on Investment Sales	(11)	(2)
Interest added	<u>(48)</u>	<u>(40)</u>
	29	(12)
NET CASH INFLOW FROM ACTIVITIES	997	1,239
Net proceeds of Asset Sales		
Property	25	185
Investments	119	1,142
Cars	20	10
Loans Repaid	<u>458</u>	<u>445</u>
	622	1,782
	1,619	3,021
Investment of cashflow:		
Cost of Purchase of assets		
Property	(198)	(1,133)
Investments	(919)	(634)
Equipment	(96)	(131)
Loans made	<u>(831)</u>	<u>(609)</u>
	(2,044)	(2,507)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>(425)</u>	<u>514</u>

NOTE 1 - CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	Balance 31/12/93 £'000	Balance 31/12/92 £'000
Ministry and Mission Fund	310	310
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	289	289
Ministerial Training Fund	45	45
Westminster College Funds	479	479
Church Buildings Fund	184	184
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	355	355
Welfare Fund	68	68
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	40	40
Other Funds	1,241	778
World Church and Mission Funds	<u>83</u> <u>3,094</u>	<u>83</u> <u>2,631</u>

Changes in Capital Accounts are capital donations of £471,000, a legacy of £1,000, and the write off of a valueless investment, which was included in the 1992 balance sheet at a cost of £9,000.

NOTE 2 - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Page	Balance 31/12/93 £'000	Balance 31/12/92 £'000
Ministry and Mission Fund	15	5,035	5,001
Ministerial Training Fund	16	1,052	1,243
Westminster College Funds	18	661	399
Church Buildings Fund	18	2,173	2,031
Homes for Retired Ministers Funds	19	899	883
Welfare Fund	19	171	164
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	20	231	210
Retired Ministers' Fund	20	2,976	3,064
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	21	1,993	1,620
Other Funds	21	1,539	1,484
World Church and Mission Funds	22	360	337
Windermere Funds	23	333	329
Yardley Hastings Centre Fund	24	<u>544</u> <u>17,967</u>	<u>539</u> <u>17,304</u>

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	Total	Property	Cars Furniture & Equipment	Invest- ments	Loans	Current Assets
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ministry and Mission Fund	5,345	1,974	96	4,377	151	(1,253)
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	289	-	-	289	-	-
Ministerial Training Fund	1,097	-	-	534	117	446
Westminster College Funds	1,140	537	1	568	(117)	151
Church Buildings Fund	2,357	432	-	425	1,036	464
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	1,254	1,391	-	-	-	(137)
Welfare Fund	239	-	-	201	3	35
Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	271	-	-	235	-	36
Retired Ministers' Fund	2,976	137	-	2,793	-	46
Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,993	-	-	-	1,993	-
Other Funds	2,780	62	39	2,105	25	549
World Church & Mission Funds	443	-	-	396	-	47
Windermere Funds	333	297	25	-	-	11
Yardley Hastings Centre Fund	544	480	64	-	-	-
	<u>21,061</u>	<u>5,310</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>11,923</u>	<u>3,208</u>	<u>395</u>
Note		4	4	5	6	

NOTE 4 - FIXED ASSETS

	Balance at 1/1/93	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 31/12/93
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property (at cost or original valuation)				
Freehold Property:				
Central Office	106	19	-	125
Houses	2,998	175	(20)	3,153
Westminster College additions	334	-	-	334
Yardley Hastings	640	4	-	644
	<u>4,078</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>4,256</u>
Leasehold Property:				
Long Leases				
Windermere Centre	297	-	-	297
Other	530	-	-	530
	<u>4,905</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>5,083</u>
Investment Property				
Freehold Ground Rents	28	-	-	28
Flats	137	-	-	137
Shop Property	62	-	-	62
Total property	<u>5,132</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>5,310</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Cost				
Motor Cars	244	60	(51)	253
Furniture and Equipment	243	23	(15)	251
Computer Equipment	103	13	-	116
	<u>590</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>(66)</u>	<u>620</u>
Cars, Furniture and Equipment				
Depreciation				
		Charged	Released	
Motor Cars	124	59	(31)	152
Furniture and Equipment	131	23	(11)	143
Computer Equipment	93	7	-	100
	<u>348</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>395</u>
Net Book Value of cars, furniture and equipment	<u>242</u>			<u>225</u>

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS

	1993		1992	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Units in Investment Pool	9,746	16,154	8,929	11,668
Other Listed Investments	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,598</u>	<u>2,036</u>	<u>2,015</u>
	11,776	<u>18,752</u>	10,965	<u>13,683</u>
Unlisted Investments at cost	<u>147</u>		<u>147</u>	
Total investments	<u>11,923</u>		<u>11,112</u>	

NOTE 6 - LOANS AND ADVANCES

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
To the URC Retired Ministers' Housing Society Limited		
from General Fund	-	140
from General Fund (interest free)	35	35
from Memorial Hall Trust Grants Fund	1,993	1,620
from Other Funds	20	16
from the Church Buildings Fund	<u>300</u>	<u>1,811</u>
To Churches from Church Buildings Fund	736	853
To Ministers from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>124</u>	<u>123</u>
Total loans	<u>3,208</u>	<u>2,787</u>

Loans are interest free, except that interest is charged at 1% below the Midland Bank base rate on the loans from the General Fund and the Church Buildings Fund 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, although some loans are charged interest at 1% below the Midland Bank base rate.

NOTE 7 - CASH AT BANK

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
Cash on call and short term deposit	5,625	5,890
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>43</u>	<u>92</u>
	5,668	5,982
Less Sums held for other funds, Provinces, and Congregations	<u>4,089</u>	<u>3,978</u>
Total cash	<u>1,579</u>	<u>2,004</u>

NOTE 8 - ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR OTHER BODIES

At 31st December 1993 United Reformed Church Trust held the following assets on behalf of Provinces and Congregations.

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
Investments (at cost or valuation)	11,106	10,100
at short notice	-	-
Loans	25	26
Cash on deposit	3,399	3,592
Other cash	<u>53</u>	<u>202</u>
	<u>14,583</u>	<u>13,920</u>

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

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS

The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd had not contracted to purchase any property at 31st December 1993 (1992 £108,000). The Housing Society has given approval for the purchase of further property which will cost £128,000. (1992 £320,000). 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 £149,000 (1992 £130,000) which were not paid at 31st December 1993.

THE MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND

INCOME

	1993	1992
	£'000	£'000
Province 1 Northern	974	923
2 North Western	1,385	1,200
3 Mersey	1,020	885
4 Yorkshire	975	875
5 East Midlands	943	860
6 West Midlands	1,102	979
7 Eastern	1,340	1,105
8 South Western	915	837
9 Wessex	1,650	1,387
10 Thames North	1,808	1,588
11 Southern	2,305	1,990
12 Wales	540	516
Non provincial contributions	4	-
Total receipts	<u>14,961</u>	<u>13,145</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 1993

MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Ministry and Mission Fund		14,961		13,145
Other Income				
Dividends on Investments	221		231	
Interest (net of allocation to other funds)	187		183	
URC Insurance Co. Ltd.	35		35	
Sundry Income	<u>19</u>		<u>22</u>	
		<u>462</u>		<u>471</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>15,423</u>		<u>13,616</u>
EXPENDITURE				
CENTRAL OPERATIONS				
Central Secretariat	91		96	
General Church costs	99		87	
Assembly	57		59	
Ecumenical Grants	102		81	
Moderators	317		287	
Ministries	209		140	
Faith & Life	361		322	
World Church & Mission	362		377	
Church & Society	60		60	
Finance	176		164	
Professional Fees	55		45	
Communication & Supplies	122		99	
Advocacy	38		40	
Information Service	4		10	
Central Office costs	<u>144</u>		<u>143</u>	
	2,197		2,010	
ALLOCATION				
Council for World Mission	580		550	
Ministerial Training Fund	270		206	
Welfare Fund	<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>	
		3,067		2,786
COSTS OF MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY				
Costs of Ministers in local appointments				
Basic Stipends	9,291		7,799	
Other stipend costs	86		306	
Church Related Community Workers	82		65	
Employers contributions for				
Pension and National insurance	1,829		1,513	
Appropriation to URCMPF	825		615	
Grants and other costs	<u>275</u>		<u>299</u>	
		<u>12,388</u>		<u>10,597</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>15,455</u>		<u>13,383</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR				
Profit on sale of properties		(32)		233
Legacies and major donations		66		46
		<u>34</u>		<u>16</u>
				295
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>5,001</u>		<u>4,706</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>5,035</u>		<u>5,001</u>

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

INCOME	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ministry and Mission Fund		270		206
General Fund		-		-
Dividends and Interest		70		93
Allocation from				
New College, London, Trust		196		197
Memorial Hall Trust monies		-		100
Proceeds of David Thomas Scholarship Fund		6		-
Other Donations		<u>22</u>		<u>50</u>
		564		646
EXPENDITURE				
Grants to Colleges				
Westminster College				
Bursary Fund	182		194	
General Account (See Page 17)	<u>55</u>		<u>4</u>	
	237		198	
Mansfield College				
Bursary Fund	107		115	
Northern College, Manchester				
Bursary Fund	187		158	
Queens College, Birmingham				
Bursary fund	55		40	
Other Colleges	<u>32</u>		<u>12</u>	
	618		523	
Cost of Training for the Non-Stipendiary Ministry	70		71	
Other Costs	<u>68</u>		<u>64</u>	
		756		658
NET (DEFICIT) IN YEAR		(192)		(12)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Legacies		1		
Balance at 1st January		<u>1,243</u>		<u>1,255</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>1,052</u>		<u>1,243</u>

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Students' Fees	162		171	
Conference Fees	28		30	
Federation Catering Receipts	<u>3</u>		<u>5</u>	
		193		206
Net Property Rents	14		12	
Donations and Sundry Income	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>	
		17		14
Endowment Income	11		15	
Grant from Cheshunt Foundation*	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>	
		<u>16</u>		<u>19</u>
		<u>226</u>		<u>239</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Lecturers' stipends	65		63	
Lecturers' accommodation costs	1		3	
Chair Endowments	(13)		(13)	
Allocation from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	—		(50)	
		53		3
Staff Salaries	80		85	
Household Expenses	41		38	
Water, light, heat and insurance	28		33	
Maintenance	<u>35</u>		<u>35</u>	
		184		191
University & Federation Fees, Internship Programme	22		22	
Library	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>	
		27		26
Office costs	7		7	
Sundry expenses	<u>10</u>		<u>16</u>	
		<u>17</u>		<u>23</u>
		<u>281</u>		<u>243</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR transferred from the Ministerial Training Fund		(55)		(4)

* 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

	1993	1992
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Other receipts	5	31
Dividends and Interest	<u>69</u>	<u>41</u>
	74	72
EXPENDITURE		
Bursary Account Grants	7	7
Chair Endowments	13	13
General Endowments	11	15
Other Grants	<u>51</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>82</u>	<u>37</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	(8)	35
Legacies	<u>270</u>	-
	262	35
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>399</u>	<u>364</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>661</u>	<u>399</u>

CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND

	1993	1992
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Donations	7	2
Dividends and Interest	118	132
Income from houses	5	5
Income from Ground Rents	<u>36</u>	<u>24</u>
	166	163
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>24</u>	<u>44</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	142	119
Proceeds of sale - Bangor properties	-	<u>14</u>
	142	133
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>2,031</u>	<u>1,898</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>2,173</u>	<u>2,031</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUNDS

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Special rents	1		1	
Sundry dividend	-		-	
Income from Harrison Longhurst Will Trusts	<u>10</u>		<u>7</u>	
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		11		8
Surplus on sale of properties		<u>5</u>		<u>17</u>
		16		25
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>802</u>		<u>777</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>818</u>		<u>802</u>
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT				
Rents received		24		21
Less Property Costs	22		19	
Estimated management expenses	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
		<u>24</u>		<u>21</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		-		-
Balance at 1st January		(18)		(18)
Balance at 31st December		(18)		(18)
FUND Balances at 31st December				
General Income and Expenditure Account		818		802
Property management account		(18)		(18)
Nidalla Account		<u>99</u>		<u>99</u>
		<u>899</u>		<u>883</u>

WELFARE FUND

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations		2		2
Dividends and Interest		17		19
Allocation from General Fund		<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>
		39		41
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>32</u>		<u>37</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		7		4
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>164</u>		<u>160</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>171</u>		<u>164</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS' AID FUND

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Investment Income		38		37
Allocation from the Sir William Dunn Trust		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
		40		39
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid	33		23	
Allocation to Ministers' Pension Fund	<u>18</u>		<u>21</u>	
		51		44
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS IN YEAR		(11)		(5)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Legacy		32		50
Balance at 1st January		<u>210</u>		<u>165</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>231</u>		<u>210</u>

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for
the year to 31st December 1993

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Investment Income (net of interest paid)		200		210
Allocation from the Harrison Longhurst will trust	23		22	
Income from the Clark estate	3		1	
Sundry Income	<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>	
		30		27
		230		237
EXPENDITURE				
Grants Paid		<u>429</u>		<u>424</u>
NET DEFICIT IN YEAR		(199)		(187)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Surplus on realisation of Pool Units		20		-
Legacy				1
Further appropriation from the H. N. Clark Will Trust, after provision for possible claims from Non Uniting Churches		91		-
Balance at 1st January		<u>3,064</u>		<u>3,250</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>2,976</u>		<u>3,064</u>

MEMORIAL HALL TRUST GRANTS FUND

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
INCOME		
Grants from the Memorial Hall Trust	385	385
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>12</u>	<u>112</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	373	273
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>1,620</u>	<u>1,347</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,993</u>	<u>1,620</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
INCOME		
Dividends and Interest	210	202
Donations and Other Receipts	<u>54</u>	<u>59</u>
	264	261
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	<u>209</u>	<u>166</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	55	95
Profit on sale of investments	-	2
Legacies	-	30
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>1,484</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>1,539</u>	<u>1,484</u>

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION FUNDS

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest	51		52	
Donations	<u>-</u>		<u>2</u>	
		51		54
EXPENDITURE				
Contribution to Departmental Expenditure	32		30	
Grants	<u>4</u>		<u>6</u>	
		<u>36</u>		<u>36</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		15		18
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>238</u>		<u>220</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>253</u>		<u>238</u>
<u>OTHER WCM FUNDS</u>				
INCOME				
Dividends and Interest		14		14
EXPENDITURE				
Grants		<u>6</u>		<u>6</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		8		8
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>99</u>		<u>91</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>107</u>		<u>99</u>
FUND Balances at 31st December		<u>360</u>		<u>337</u>

WINDERMERE FUND

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Donations and Other Receipts		2		-
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January		<u>325</u>		<u>325</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u>327</u>		<u>325</u>

THE WINDERMERE CENTRE GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Fees	110		107	
Budgeted appropriation towards salary costs	32		30	
Sundry receipts	<u>10</u>		<u>11</u>	
		152		148
EXPENDITURE				
Director's and Administration salary costs	34		31	
Secretarial, Office and General costs	26		28	
Centre Costs	<u>90</u>		<u>85</u>	
		<u>150</u>		<u>144</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		2		4
Net balance brought forward		<u>4</u>		-
Balance carried forward		<u>6</u>		<u>4</u>
Total Windermere Funds		<u>333</u>		<u>329</u>

YARDLEY HASTINGS CENTRE FUND

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
INCOME		
Donations and other receipts, less fund raising costs	5	195
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 1st January	<u>539</u>	<u>344</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>544</u>	<u>539</u>

THE YARDLEY HASTINGS CENTRE - GENERAL ACCOUNT

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
INCOME				
Fees	58		19	
Budgeted appropriation towards salary costs	17		8	
Sundry receipts	<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>	
		79		32
EXPENDITURE				
Chaplain's and Administration salary costs	21		14	
Secretarial, Office and General costs	26		18	
Centre Costs	<u>66</u>		<u>34</u>	
		<u>113</u>		<u>66</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR		(34)		(34)
Net deficit transferred to General Fund		<u>(34)</u>		<u>(34)</u>
Balance carried forward		—		—

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MINISTERS PENSION FUND

Resources of the Fund as at 31st December 1993

	1993	1992
	£'000	£'000
INCOME		
Contributions from ministers and central funds	1,306	1,084
Transfer values received	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Investment Income	1,156	1,192
Underwriting Commission	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Allocation towards the actuarial deficit	853	639
Donations	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	3,323	2,924
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits Paid	2,377	1,894
Transfer Values paid	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>
	2,377	1,921
Management expenses	<u>126</u>	<u>102</u>
	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,023</u>
NORMAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	820	901
Realised Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Investments	3,109	(805)
Increase in Unrealised Surplus on Investment Revaluation	<u>3,832</u>	<u>4,348</u>
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESOURCES IN YEAR	7,761	4,444
Balance of Resources at 1st January	<u>30,192</u>	<u>25,748</u>
Balance of Resources at 31st December	<u>37,953</u>	<u>30,192</u>
Represented by		
Investments	37,247	28,362
Net Current Assets	<u>706</u>	<u>1,830</u>
	<u>37,953</u>	<u>30,192</u>

Accounting policy 9 on page 6 forms an integral part of the accounts of this fund

This account is a summarised account of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund.

The full accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund have been subject to audit by Robson Rhodes, who have given an unqualified audit report.

The full audited accounts of the United Reformed Church Ministers Pension Fund are available from the Central Office of the Church.

Funds held for
HOUSING RETIRED MINISTERS

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

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st December 1993

	1993		1992	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Property at cost or valuation		9,150		8,387
Current Assets				
Cash	650		539	
Current Liabilities	(486)		(504)	
Net Current Assets		<u>164</u>		<u>35</u>
		<u>9,314</u>		<u>8,422</u>
FINANCED BY				
Loans		2,354		1,817
Revenue Reserves	6,605		6,250	
Capital Reserves	<u>355</u>		<u>355</u>	
		<u>6,960</u>		<u>6,605</u>
		<u>9,314</u>		<u>8,422</u>

This account is a summarised and consolidated account of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds of the United Reformed Church, with the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited.

The full accounts of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds of the United Reformed Church, with the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Limited have been subject to audit by Robson Rhodes, who have given an unqualified audit report.

The accounts of the Homes for Retired Ministers Funds shown on page 19 of these accounts, and the full audited accounts of the Society are available from the Central Office of the Church.

Funds held for
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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1993

	1993 £'000	1992 £'000
Rents	146	134
Less Property costs	<u>129</u>	<u>107</u>
Net Surplus from property	17	27
Less Administrative costs	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR	(7)	8
Balance at January 1st	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>
Balance at December 31st	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 1993

	1993 £'000	1993 £'000	1992 £'000	1992 £'000
Donations, Dividends, and Sundry Income	164		119	
Legacies and gifts of houses	89		297	
Profit on property sold	<u>130</u>		<u>217</u>	
		383		633
Less Professional fees	3		5	
Committees	2		1	
Rents paid	4		4	
Interest on money borrowed	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	(11)	_(1)
NET SURPLUS IN YEAR		362		634
Balance at January 1st		<u>6,229</u>		<u>5,595</u>
Balance at December 31st		<u>6,591</u>		<u>6,229</u>
 <u>TOTAL REVENUE RESERVES</u>		 <u>6,605</u>		 <u>6,250</u>

LEGACIES

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

	£	£
<u>Ministry and Mission Fund:</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>		
The late W. T. F. Johnson	700	
M. E. Leavesley	20,000	
A. M. Cooper	100	
K. Little	31,252	
J. Pope	2,500	
M. J. Baker	100	
R. G. M. Hardy	<u>1,000</u>	
	<u>55,652</u>	
 <u>Maintenance of the Ministry</u>		
The late T. Hughes	9,599	
K. G. Ray	<u>746</u>	
	<u>10,345</u>	65,997
 <u>Ministerial Training Fund.</u>		
The late J. M. Plowright		1,000
 <u>Westminster College (General)</u>		
The late I. E. Ferguson	200	
 <u>Westminster College (Special trust)</u>		
The late F. G. Healey	<u>270,360</u>	270,560
 <u>Retired Ministers Aid Fund</u>		
The late A. Peter	12,183	
B. M. I. Cameron-Rose	<u>20,000</u>	32,183
 <u>The Retired Ministers Fund.</u>		
The late J. C. A. Bohn-Davis (additional)	35	
H. N. Clark will trust	<u>100,000</u>	
	100,035	
Less provided for possible claims from non Uniting Churches	<u>9,000</u>	<u>91,035</u>
		460,775
 <u>The United Reformed Ministers Pension Fund</u>		
The late A. M. Fox		300
 <u>The United Reformed Church Retired Ministers Housing Society Ltd.</u>		
The late K. Gray (additional)	867	
E. C. Young	33	
V. M. Bagshaw	5,000	
D. Barnsley	27,324	
D. K. Humm	45,000	
D. E. Jutson	1,000	
R. M. Fenwick	9,513	
E. M. Wakely	<u>500</u>	<u>89,237</u>
Total		<u>£550,312</u>

MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND BUDGET FOR 1994

	Actual 1993 £'000	Revised Budget 1993 £'000	Budget 1994 £'000	Estimate 1994 £'000	*Draft Budget 1995 £'000
INCOME					
Ministry and Mission Fund	14,961	14,957	15,591	15,594	16,122
Memorial Hall Trust	-	-	-	248	235
Sundry income	<u>462</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>425</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>15,423</u>	<u>15,376</u>	<u>16,009</u>	<u>16,255</u>	<u>16,782</u>
GENERAL EXPENDITURE					
Central Secretariat	91	91	97	97	99
General Church costs	99	105	115	118	116
Assembly	57	62	65	61	61
Ecumenical Grants	102	99	99	101	105
Moderators	317	330	354	342	354
Ministries	209	253	264	226	232
Faith and Life	361	369	383	384	413
Advocacy	38	41	44	42	45
World Church and Mission	362	373	393	404	417
Church and Society	60	74	80	77	79
Finance	176	171	177	173	177
Professional Fees	55	41	42	51	49
Communication and Supplies	122	137	127	114	110
Information Service	4	5	7	6	6
Central Office costs	<u>144</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>147</u>
	2,197	2,292	2,395	2,339	2,410
ALLOCATIONS					
Council for World Mission	580	576	591	576	576
Ministerial Training Fund	270	270	302	302	316
Welfare Fund	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL GENERAL COSTS	<u>3,067</u>	<u>3,158</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>3,237</u>	<u>3,322</u>
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY EXPENDITURE					
Cost of Ministers' stipends	9,377	9,289	9,573	9,914	10,220
Employer's contributions to National Insurance and Pension Schemes	<u>1,829</u>	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>2,004</u>
	11,206	11,102	11,475	11,862	12,224
Church Related Community Workers	82	120	142	*	*
Grants and other costs	275	208	215	301	328
Grants to Ministers' Pension Fund	<u>825</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>998</u>
TOTAL MoM EXPENDITURE	<u>12,388</u>	<u>12,255</u>	<u>12,739</u>	<u>13,071</u>	<u>13,550</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>15,455</u>	<u>15,413</u>	<u>16,047</u>	<u>16,308</u>	<u>16,872</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) IN YEAR	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>(38)</u>	<u>(53)</u>	<u>(90)</u>

* Note In the event that the Assembly of the United Reformed Church amends the Committee structure of the Church at its meeting in July 1994, the structure of the budget for 1995 will be amended to take account of the changed structures, within the total costs shown.
Costs for Church Related Community Workers budgeted under the head of 'Ministers'



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