

**THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**GENERAL
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1977**

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Corporation Street, Birmingham

**MINUTES
OF ASSEMBLY**

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Minutes of the
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
in
England and Wales
1977

FIRST SESSION

At BIRMINGHAM and within the Central Hall, on Monday, the 2nd day of May 1977 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Public Worship and Celebration of the Sacrament Members of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church, being met together at the time and place duly appointed for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Rt Revd R.J. Hall who, being assisted by the Revds F.J. Ackroyd and D. Jenkins, led the Assembly in the celebration of the Sacrament. This act of worship included the commemoration of the following minister ministers and missionaries of the United Reformed Church who had died since the Assembly last met:

MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1976

Brian Stanley BILTON	Mabel Lilian MAIN
Harry BUNCE	Walter Daniel MASON
Edward CALLAND	Nathaniel MICKLEM
William Scott CAMPBELL	Frederick Charles MILNE
Roydon Oliver CLACK	Frederick Ritchie MITCHELL
Philip DAVIDSON	Valdemar Boyhuis MOLGAARD
James Albert DEAN	George Hill MORGAN
Francis Charles DORKEN	James Eskdale NELSON
Thomas DUNCAN	Donald Kenneth OLDRING
Alec Charles EASTMAN	William Ellis PEARSON
Frederick Oswald EVANS	Brain Manning PRATT
Donald Herbert FISHER	James Iorwerth PRICE
Frederick FLEMING	David Ivor REES
John FLETCHER	William Gordon ROBINSON
Arthur Humphries FOWLER	Dennis Leslie ROGERS
Stanley Barker GREEN	William SHORT
Henry Norman HANSTOCK	Frederick Walter SMITH
Donald HORDER	William SOUTH
Fred HORROX	William James STEEDMAN
James HOWLES	John Johnston STRACHAN-HUGHES
Albert HUTCHINSON	Robert J.T. STRONGE
James JACKSON	Ernest THORBURN
Herbert CUNLIFFE-JONES	James Moody TODD
William James JONES	Albert David TRINDER
Thomas Strang KEE	Frank Horatio TRIPP
Alan Gordon KNOTT	William George WEST
Victor William LOGAN	Roy Drummond WHITEHORN
	Frank Andrew WILLMOT

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 1976

Frances GILBERT
Helen HAWKRIDGE
Kate Hilda Louise HUTLEY
Jane LOUGHTON

Dorothy SHILSTON
Vera SILCOCKS
Thomas Theodore THOMSON

The session was then suspended and resumed at 6 p.m.

Induction of Moderator The resumed session was opened by the Rt Revd R.J. Hall and on his motion the Revd J.E. Young, MA.,BD., Moderator-Elect, was called to the Chair and inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

The Moderator addressed the Assembly.

Roll of Assembly The Roll of Assembly made up in accordance with the Rules of Procedure was laid on the table.

ROLL OF ASSEMBLY

Moderator: The Right Revd J.E.Young,M.A.,B.D.,
Clerk: The Revd A.L.MacArthur,M.A.,M.Litt.
Assistant Clerk: Mr R.A. Heritage
Moderator-elect (1977-78): Revd Dr L. Newbigin

Provincial Moderators:

I	Revd J.Howard Williams
II	Revd D.G.Stewart
III	Revd J.W.P.Williamson
IV	Revd. A.J.G.Walker
V	Revd J. White
VI	Revd R.W.Hugh Jones
VII	Revd R.E.Taylor
VIII	Revd C.A.Haig
IX	Revd P.S.Chesney
X	Revd R.J.Hall
XI	Revd C.C.Franks
XII	Revd W.J.Samuel

Department Chairmen: *Church Life:* Revd Dr K.Slack
Church & Society: Revd J. Johansen-Berg
World Church & Mission:
Finance & Administration: Mr L.R. Palmer

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Applications: Revd H.M.Springbett
Business: Revd H.S.Ross
Nominations: Revd A.J.G.Walker

Church Life:

Ministerial Training: Revd Dr L.Newbigin
Supplementary Ministries: Revd J.W.P.Williamson
Doctrine & Worship: Revd Dr J.Huxtable
Christian Education: Revd C.C.Franks
Youth Work: Revd J.E. Mather
Children's Work: Revd D.H. Hilton

World Church & Mission:

At Home: Revd Prof M.H.Cressey *Abroad:* Mr. J.E.M.Gilbey
Other Faiths: Revd Principal A.G.Macleod

Church & Society: Revd J.Johansen-Berg

Additional Representatives:

Finance & Administration :

Treasurership: Mr J.E.Hooper: *Maintenance of the Ministry:* Revd J. White: *Welfare & Emergencies:* Revd D.A.Smith: *Unified Appeal:* Mr G.Vaughan Davies

Development in New Areas & Care of Existing Church Buildings : Revd R.G.Walker;
Publications & Publicity: Revd R.T.Brooks;
Deployment: Revd P. McCall;

Synod Clerks:

I Revd A.R.Ritchie; II Revd A.G.Burnham; III Revd R.G.Walker; IV Revd R.H.McMurray Adam; V Mr B. Stonehouse; VI Mr R.A.Heritage; VII Mr Martin J.Ballard; VIII Revd C. H.Grant; IX Revd M.B.Stolton; X Revd D.L.Skidmore; XI Revd J.H.Taylor; XII Revd Windsor Hicks.

Synod Treasurers:

I Mr J.C.Storer; II Mr G. Butterworth; III Mr M.B.S.Emlyn; IV Mr B.C.Stead; V Mr F. Cooper Watson; VI Mr H.E.Greening; VII Mr P.A.Wade; VIII Mr P.W.Hamblin; IX Mr J.E. Richardson; X Mr R.S.Martin; XI Mr A.S.Chapman; XII Mr T.M.H. Hawkins.

Theological College Representatives:

Mansfield College, Oxford: Revd Charles Brock; *Congregational College, Manchester:* Revd Principal Dr Edgar Jones; *New College, London:* Revd L.A.Stringer; *Cheshunt College, Cambridge:* Dr Stephen H Mayor; *Westminster College, Cambridge:* Prof R. Buick Knox; *Memorial College, Swansea:* Dr W.T.Pennar Davies; *Bala-Bangor College Bangor, Wales:* Dr R. Tudor Jones.

Secretary of Council for World Mission:

Revd B.G.Thorogood

Senior Chaplain to H.M.Forces stationed in Britain:

Revd L.K.Darbyshire, R.A.F.

Missionaries on Furlough:

Miss E Maxfield; Revd A. Seager; Mrs Seager; Miss J. Degenhardt.

Past Presidents, Chairmen and Moderators:

Revd Dr.S.Maurice Watts; Revd Dr.H.F.Lovell Cocks; Revd Dr.Norman Goodall; Revd Elsie Chamberlain; Revd Dr H. Cunliffe-Jones; Mr B.J.Hartwell; Revd H.A.Hamilton; Revd Dr J.Huxtable; Revd Dr John Marsh; Revd M.O.Janes; Revd C.A.Haig; Revd R.W. Hugh Jones; Revd Dr E.R.Routley; Revd Principal Dr C.S.Duthie; Revd C.J.Buckingham; Sir Harold Banwell; Mrs Gwen Hall; Revd Andrew Prentice; Revd R.E.Fenn; Revd K.D. Keay; Revd G.T.Bellhouse; Revd F.P.Copland Simmons; Revd Prof J.E.Fenn; Revd Andrew B. Jamieson; Revd I.R.N.Miller; Revd P.McCall; Revd F.D.McConnell; Revd Prof F.G. Healey; Revd H.Burns Jamieson; Revd Principal A.G.MacLeod; Revd A.S.Cooper; Revd. Norman Birnie; Revd A. L.Macarthur; Revd Dr Kenneth Slack; Revd Dr G.B.Caird; Revd R.J.Hall.

Youth Representatives:

Miss Susan Stevenson, Mrs Susan Acty.

District Council Representatives:

Province I:

- A: The Revds A.R.Forsyth; L.Sherratt; D.V.Clarke; D.A.Brown; D.Thomas-Jones; Mrs E.B.Straughan, Mrs L.Lamb; Messrs E. Farquhar, J.P.Warwick, W.Nisbet.
- B: The Revds T.E.Grant, F.J.Nelson, R.W.Lawson, M.G.Hanson, E.F.Cattermole, A.S. Dunstone, D.J.Henry, D.R.Hannen; Mr R.B.Wallace, Miss J.Tomkins, Miss J.L.Lewis Dr P Forrest, Messrs P Grainger, E.R.Elliott, Miss J. Hawthorne, Mr D.Pickering.
- C: The Revds J.K.Buffon, R.L.Gordon, A.Summers; Mr Foster Raine, Mrs S.M.McLeod, Miss M. Minnis.
- D: The Revds G.McCleave, G.Bowerman, R.Bance; Miss L.Blythin, Miss C. Duff, Mr A.V. Shingles, Mrs A.V.Shingles, Mr T.Cooper.
- E: The Revds H.W.J.Powell, J.Edwards; Mr J.Dalglish, W.Marshall; Revd C.M.McKee.

Province II:

- A: The Revds F.W.Bakewell, S.Barratt, W.R.Chapman; Miss O.M.Calvert, Messrs R. Parker, N.Shepherd.
- B: The Revds R.W.Carruthers, G.Eatock, A.D.Livesley, D.Mason; Miss K.Drew; Mr A. Upfold, Mr H.C.Dawkins.

- C: The Revds (Miss) M.I.Wyatt; D.J.Netherwood; G. Carling; S.A.Madin; Messrs A.B. Cope, A.F.Climpson.
- D: The Revds D.D.Robertson, I.H.Wallace, D.Nevard, G.K.Tolley; Messrs O.Bradbury, G.Hodgson, Mrs. G. Bewley-O'Neil.
- E: The Revds A.F.T.Evans, P.Roche, R.A.C.West, D.Wilkinson, J.T.Yates; Mrs A. Collinge; Messrs J.Collinge, W.Caffrey; Mrs P.Wilkinson.
- F: The Revds H.Baker, Margaret Knee, S.Sivour, J.R.Sparks; Miss P.F.Parrish. Dr C.T.Calam, Messrs J.A.Adams, T.Partington, Mrs M. Goodall, Mr D.Goodall.
- G: The Revds W.N.Leak, P.D.Scotland, G.M.Taylor, Miss A.A.Symons, Mr.G.S.Gibb, Mr.A.Norval.

Province III:

- A: The Revds M.R.Jackson, B.Eyles, J.I.Evans, E.Mayer, H. L.Swindells; Messrs A.J. Bryan, A.Smith, A.Cooper, E.Jackson; Miss M.E.P.Scott.
- B: The Revds W.K.Gathercole, S.H.Marsh, W.E.Peters, Wendy Williams, I.R.M.Latto, Messrs. E.A.Hughan, E. Westwell; Mrs M.B.S.Emlyn, Mrs M. Myers, Miss J.Eastwood.
- C: The Revds A. Bailey, Dr. W.J.Houston, P.R.M.Smith, P.W.Beaman; Messrs Bridson, J.Fellowes, D.Snowdon; Mrs M.Levitt.
- D: The Revds N.W.Bainbridge, D.C.M.Gardner, T.E.Girling, H.A.Starr; Messrs. F. Collins, R.Davies, J.R.Philp, Miss H.Moyes.

Province IV:

- A: The Revds A.G.Burroughs, R.A.Burton, P.Griffiths, A.Wells; Messrs F.Gemmell, J.MacFarlane, P.Martin, W.Norman.
- B: The Revds L.G.Anderson, B.W.Saunders, D.F.Wilkins, D.Wilson, S.G.Woodget; Mrs. B.Arnold, Dr J.C.G.Binfield, Miss M.B.Loynes, Messrs. D.Thacker, W.Newton.
- C: The Revds C.Price, C.Richards, G.Rodham, R.Way; Mr P.Craske, Miss B. Lockwood, Dr K.Waters, Mr.R.Wigglesworth.
- D: The Revds D.Parkinson, S.Tomlinson, D.Miller, J.Dean; Messrs A.Robinson, C. Myers, Mrs E.Williams, Mrs.E. Stephenson.
- E: The Revds J.R.Parker, D.W.Turner, M.J.Wear; Miss G.Heald, Mr E.Harrison.
- F: The Revds I.McLeod, H.Neems, J.Rammell, W.J.Taylor; Messrs A.Kinder, D.Cryer; Mrs P.Evans.

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- A: The Revds B.M.Alderson, D.H.Cummins, J.Huntington, J.R.W.Paull, J.D.Waller, W.S.Wheale, Miss H.M.Ackroyd, Mr.R.Lyon, Mr.S.Yates, Mrs.P.Holmes, Messrs W.Brownlee Mr.E.Gudgeon.
- B: The Revds G.Baker, F.L.Hill, Barry Jones, Mr G.H.Birkenhead, Mrs A.M. Brown Mr.W.C.Jones.
- C: The Revds D.Tunbridge, R.Taylor, J.F.Slow, B.Bridge; Mrs V.Stonehouse, Mr E. Leigh, Mr.R.Jones, Mr.S.Jeffries.
- D: The Revds G.Evans, G.Hooper, C.Husk, A.Lee, K.Lee; Mrs K.Lee, Mr E.Adams, Mrs D.Adams, Miss J Ramsey, Mrs D.G.Webb.

Province VI:

- A: The Revds M.J.Husselbee, W.J.Jones, J.A.Parry, G.Preston, B.J.Townsend, W.D. Williams; Mr S.A.Cooper, Miss B Blackmon, Mrs C.Clay, Mrs. R.Poulter, Mr S. Williams, Mrs N.Hupton.
- B: The Revds E.Appleby, E.Thomas; Mr D.Griffiths, Mrs O.Thomas, Mrs Forster.
- C: The Revds D.E.Marsden, T.Wigley, R.F.C.Snuggs; Mr L.E.Gregory, Miss K.Young.
- D: The Revds G.Jenkins, P.Tee, P.King; Mr R.Hardie, Mrs J.Barclay, Mrs L.King.
- E: The Revds H.D.Beeby J.W.R.Crawford, J.Harrington, K.Wilkinson, S.Wilton; Messrs B.Flynn, W.Hands, H.Lusk, W.Simmonds, Mrs W.Simmonds.
- F: The Revds W.R.Batt, C.R.Bruford, A.B.Holroyd, J.F.Mackriell, B.O'Neill, Mr C.H. Llewellyn, Mr J.McEwen, Mr A.Redhead.

Province VII:

- A: The Revds K. Smart, D.Sparks, J.Simpson, L.J.Ballard; Mr.S.R.Harris, Mrs S.R. Harris, Mr G.R.Jeffery, Miss M.Morling.
- B: The Revds R.L.Eveleigh, N.A.Hall, G.D.Hallas, C.G.Pearce, P.E.Wadey; Mr D. Billcliff, Mr.J.Burgess, Mr.W.S.S.Cox.

- C: The Revds Eileen Seymour, J.S.Virden, R.Rooke, L.Clarke, F.Jones; Miss E. Gooding, Miss C.Middleton, Mrs L.Scard, Miss G.Chopping, Mr.A.Loveridge.
- D: The Revds M.Spencer, J.Hussey, A.Young; Mrs M.Evans, Mr.C.Raggett, Mr W.E.Royle
- E: The Revds J.T.Phillips, N.B.McConnell, J.K.Antrobus, B.T.Sturtridge, S.R.N. Smith; Messrs D.F.Horton, L.F.Gallop, D.J.Evans, Mrs M.Green, Miss O.Tunbridge.

Province VIII:

- A: The Revds T.J.Lander, R.Irving, M.Diffey, K.F.D.Trunks; Miss K.Austin, Mr W. Campbell.
- B: The Revds D.S.Noel, H.M.Pullin, R.S.Richards; Mrs E.Brain, Mrs D.Parham, Mr E.J Phillips.
- C: The Revds K.Bell, R.Stokes, J.D.Pickering, R.Mould; Miss J.Newell, Mrs Grail, Mrs R.D.Humphrey, Mr R.Gibling.
- D: The Revds N.E.Jones, S.Atkins, B.Kirk; Mr C.Bacon, Miss I.Reeves, Mr W.F.Hunt, Mrs B.Ware.
- E: The Revds C.J.Baker, S.M.Beare, P.E.Gee, D.B.Richards; Miss M.Summerhayes, Mr H.P.Packer, Mr H.C.Smith, Mrs J. Johns.
- F: The Revds R.C.Lambourne, R.G.Diffey, A.H.W.Lamb, F.J.Pope, W.S.Minnis, R.G. Ascott; Mrs P.Hamblin, Mr F.S.Earp, Mr I.G.Smith, Mr.E.J.Williamson, Mr P.J. Bush.

Province IX:

- A: The Revds L.Jameson, B.A.Warren, W.F.H.Thorpe, H.D.Greenwood, R.O.Balmer, A.C. Mellor, W.Dickinson; Mr P.Weston, Miss A.West, Mr D.M.Haig, Mr R.E.Harding, Mr G.Turberville, Mr.H.J.Ogden, Miss K. Harding.
- B: The Revds A.G.Jones, A.E.Thomasson, G.H.Long, D. Langford; Mrs M.Owens, Mr H.G. Wootton, Miss M. Bodey, Dr D.R.Page.
- C: The Revds K.M.Chegwin, J.H.Dimmer, A.W.Duncan, G.A.F.J.Story; Mr R.A.Lockhart, Mr D.M.Rodger, Mrs I.K.Flory, Mr W.E.Duffin.
- D: The Revds R.D.C.Cole, W.G.Hughes-Edwards, W.C.McCrorie, A.J.Spring; Mr H.J.Eatwell, Mr W.F.Elsey, Mr. Rhys Evans, Mr E.Fynn.
- E: The Revds R.J.Ellis, P.Grimshaw, (Mrs) C.O.M.Payne, A.Porter, A.D.Tucker, Mr R. Ewart, Mr C.R.Honey, Mr K.J. North, Dr D.I.Scargill, Mr R.J.Wiggins.

Province X:

- A: The Revds C.K.Meachin, V.D.Launders, W.M.Mahood, W.E.C.Sewell, A.M.Anderson; Miss E.Brown, Mr H. Newell, Mr A.T.George, Mrs J.M.Wilson, Mr T.J.Meachin.
- B: The Revds J.J.Macro, K. Southern, A.Frost; Miss D.Biggs, Mrs B.Marriage, Mrs G. Skinner.
- C: The Revds R.A.H.Bocking, D.E.Ferguson, W.Gwynn-Jones, E.W.Todd; Mr L.Martin; Mrs A.Goldie, Mrs P.Sales, Miss J.Johnston.
- D: The Revds R.Booth, S.G.Smith, R.Tomes, K.Graham, H.A.Jacquet, G.Bellamy, Miss L. Beckwith, Mr. T.A.H.Bacon, Mr F.J. Bates, C.R.Lowden, Mrs.M.Redhouse, Mr L.E. Killick.
- E: The Revds C.W.Lucraft, P.R.Goodchild, D.A.Newton; Mr D. McKean, Mr L.T.E. Wilson, Mrs H.Newton.
- F: The Revds F.Ackroyd, R.May, (Mrs) F.Frost-Mee, E. Smart, Miss J.Sadler, Mr D. Matanle.

Province XI:

- A: The Revds H.Skeys, (Mrs) O.Symes, R.Currie, B.Chart, G.Roper, H.Maclagan; Mrs R.Goodfellow, Mr J.Cowley, Mr.G.Everitt, Mr B.Sanders, Mr E.A.Jones, Mr F.A.W. Lodge.
- B: The Revds J.I.Evans, A.J.W.Groom, J.Hall, (Mrs) K.Hendry, N.Shepherd; Mr A. Bell Mr W.H.McLeod, Mrs L.Swift, Mrs E.Thompson, Mr D.H.Ward.
- C: The Revds D.Baker, T.Colvin, A.Bound, A.Butler, C. Kenworthy, Mr H.Wiles, Mrs W.Goody, Mr G.Ives, Mr W.Thomson, Mrs B.Fletcher, Mr J.Ranford, Mr.P.Woods.
- D: The Revds W.A.Kerr, R.A.MacNab, P.McIntosh, S.G.Sexton; Miss G.Burt, Mr R.Gill Mr I.Ring, Mr A.E.Shepherd, Mr A.Kenworthy.
- E: The Revds I.D.A.Howells, G.J.Thompson, W.J.Wyatt; Mr.R.Bradshaw, Mr.P.Kentish.
- F: The Revds W.L.Auld, F.E.Moore, S.Bidmead, K.T.Walters; Miss V.Collins, Mrs M. Dickerson, Mr R.Bending.

- G: The Revds G.F.Barrow, C.Charlton, G.Ford, (Mrs) M.R.Forrester; Mrs J.Armour, Mr C.D.Brann, Mr.E.G.Lovett, Miss E.M.Davis.

Province XII:

- A: The Revds W.Mansel Davies, D.T.Francis, D.E.James, J.M.Lloyd; Messrs H.E.Bellis A.Garman, W.Wood, N.Baker.
B: The Revds T.G.O.Thomas, E.Thomas, L.Evans, C.Smith-Draper; Mrs L.Waring, Mr P. Jones, Mrs I.Bevan.
C: The Revds A.D.Trinder, Doris Leyshon, M.D.Page, E.W.Parry, J.Selwyn-Roberts, W.J.D.Bale; Miss M. Jones, Mr R. Kendrick, Mr K.Thomas, Mr J.J.Bafico, Mr N. Shepherd, Mrs J.Jones.
D: The Revds J.H.Latham, T.H.Owen, G.R.Owen, H.J.Lewis, J.C.Evans; Mr T.Jackson; Mrs M.Rowlands, Mr.H.Morris.

At the invitation of the Moderator, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham addressed the Assembly and expressed the welcome of the Diocese, before leaving for another urgent appointment.

Loyal Address The Revd R.J.Hall moved the adoption of a Loyal Address to the Throne which was received by a standing vote:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

We, the members of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in England and Wales, meeting in the Central Hall in the City of Birmingham, send greetings to Your Majesty during this Silver Jubilee Year of Your Majesty's accession to the throne.

We give thanks to God for the personal happiness, the public service and the Christian witness shown by Your Majesty, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and by the members of Your Majesty's family. In the many changes, dangers and opportunities within the political and international scene, we are ever grateful for the commitment to duty and the stability which you represent.

We are mindful of the heavy programme of visits within these islands and throughout the Commonwealth which Your Majesty is undertaking, and we assure you that prayers will regularly be offered within our churches for your continuing health and safety, and we express the hope that this will be for Your Majesty and the members of Your family a year of personal fulfilment and enjoyment.

We are,

Your faithful and loyal subjects,

JOHN E.YOUNG, Moderator

ARTHUR L. MACARTHUR, Clerk

The Assembly was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests who were received by the Moderator:

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Harold Powell

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, His Grace Dr George Patrick Dwyer

The Revd C. Hughes Smith, M.A., Free Church Chairman of the Birmingham Council of Churches.

The Archbishop and the Free Church Chairman addressed the Assembly.

Reception of Newly Ordained Ministers and Newly Appointed Missionaries

The following ministers ordained to the Ministry since the Assembly of 1976 were introduced by their Provincial Moderators and received by the Moderator of the Assembly:

MINISTERS

Ian Alexander
Stuart Andrew Bidmead
James Douglas Farquhar
Alan Finch
Paul Floe
Thomas Graeme Longmuir
Sheila Fletcher Massey

Brian O'Neill
Paul William Pells
John Trevor Phillips
Peter Roche
Adrienne Savage
Eileen Dorothy Seymour
Graham John Spicer

Jean Fisher, Ian Knowles and Margaret McCulloch were introduced by the Revd B. Anderson and were received by the Moderator as missionaries of the United Reformed Church.

In the name of the Assembly the Moderator addressed the new ministers and missionaries and commended them to God for the work they had undertaken.

Corresponding Members The Assembly received corresponding members from the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Congregational Union of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of Wales and the Union of Welsh Independents, who were welcomed by the Moderator and their names added to the Roll, as follows:

From the Church of Scotland

The Rt Revd Prof Thomas F. Torrance, MBE., D.Litt., DD. (Moderator)
The Revd Ian Torrance, MA., BD.,
The Revd J.G. Grant, MA., BD.,
Mr Douglas Grant

From the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

The Rt Revd A.J. Weir, M.Sc., DD. (Moderator)
The Revd W.D. Weir, BA., BD.,
The Revd I.F. Smith, BA.
Mr J. Cromie

From the Congregational Union of Scotland

Mr John B. Fulton (President-Elect)

From the Presbyterian Church of Wales

The Revd J. Eric Evans, MA.,
The Revd J.L. Pay, BA.

From the Union of Welsh Independents

The Revd J.D.W. Richards

The Assembly was addressed in the name of all the corresponding members and on behalf of their Churches by the Rt Revd Professor T.F. Torrance, DD., Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Ministerial Jubilees The attention of the Assembly was drawn to the names of those ministers the Jubilee or Diamond Jubilee of whose ordination falls within 1977.

60 years

Harry T. ANGLIN
Harold BICKLEY
Harry F. LOVELL COCKS
David Conley EADES
Frank L. JENNINGS
Harry A. POPE

50 years

Margaret FULLERTON
William HURLSTONE
Maxwell O. JANES
Walter C. LAZENBY
John R. PALMER
Andrew PRENTICE

Eric C.L. SHAVE
William SPECK
William C. STACEY
Francis B. STRUTHERS
Leonard A. WIDE

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

Thanks to the Retiring Moderator On the motion of the Revd Jeffrey Yates the Assembly resolved to record its thanks to the Revd R.J.Hall for the service he had rendered to the United Reformed Church as Moderator. He handed to Mrs Hall a token of the Assembly's recognition of the part she had played throughout the year. This expression of thanks was received with acclamation as was Mr. Hall's reply.

The Assembly then adjourned to meet again in the same place at 9.45 am for ordinary business and the session was closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, 1977

SECOND SESSION

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd David Jenkins, Moderator's Chaplain.

Order of Business The Chairman, the Revd H. Stanley Ross, presented the report of the Business Committee, setting out its recommendations as to the order of business. On his motion the proposed Order was approved.

The Revd Boris Anderson, on behalf of the World Church and Mission Department, introduced representatives of Overseas Churches, namely

The Revd Theodor Herzer - Palatinate Church
The Revd Gerhard Koslowsky - Evangelical Church of the Union, Berlin
The Revd F. Kaan - World Alliance of Reformed Churches
The Revd Ernest Dawe - Palatinate Church
Dr M. Abel - Madras Christian College
The Revd G. McKenzie - United Church of Jamaica & Grand Cayman
The Revd Maarten Den Dulk - Netherlands Reformed Church

They were received by the Moderator on behalf of all the representatives, the Revd Theodor Herzer expressed the greetings of the Overseas Churches

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted by the Revd R.J.Hall who paid tribute to the service of two retiring Provincial Moderators, the Revd C.A. Haig and the Revd W.J. Samuel, to the memory of several ex-Moderators and Presidents who had died during the year and to the special service of the late Sir Sydney Caffyn and Mr Kenneth Thorndyke.

On his motion the Report was received and the following resolutions were agreed:

1. The Assembly appoints the Revd Michael Fortescue Hubbard as Moderator of the South West Province for a period of seven years from September 1st 1977.
2. The Assembly re-appoints the Revd Ronald Ernest Taylor as Moderator of the Eastern Province for a period of one year from September 1977.
3. The Assembly appoints the Revd Dr John Ivor Morgans as Moderator of the Province of Wales for a period of seven years from September 1st 1977.
4. The Assembly thanks the Revd W.J. Samuel and the Revd C.A.Haig for their service to the Church as Moderators of the Welsh and South-West Provinces respectively.

The Revds C.A.Haig and W.J.Samuel were received by the Moderator and each addressed the Assembly.

5. The Assembly, noting that the following proposed revisions of the Basis of Union have been considered by Synods and Districts and approved by the Assembly of 1976 resolves that the Basis be now revised as follows:

1. Add the following new paragraph to Functions of the District Councils at p.24 of the Manual:
9(3) (xix) to make recommendations to the Synod for appointment to service on District Council of
 - (i) URC ministers/laymen serving as
 - (a) Full-time Chaplains to Universities, Colleges, Hospitals, Factories, where their work is seen to be an extension of the ministry of the District concerned;
 - (b) Secretaries and other full-time officials of ecumenical bodies with which the URC is in relationship.
 - (ii) URC ministers giving significant oversight to local churches, under the general direction of the Council concerned.
 - (iii) Ministers of other Churches appointed to serve on behalf of the URC in charge of a UR Church or in an ecumenical group including URC interests.
 - (iv) Ministers not in pastoral charge who perform duties within the District in respect of which the Council has some direct responsibility.
2. Add the following new paragraph to the Functions of Synods at the bottom of page 26 of the Manual:
9(4) (xvii) To appoint at its discretion additional members to serve on District Councils in accordance with recommendations made by such Councils under the provisions of paragraph 9(3) (xix) above.

This and the following resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

6. The Assembly noting that proposals to increase the local church representation on Districts and Synod by changing paragraphs 9(3)c and 9(4)c in the Basis of Union to read as follows:

1-200 members	1 representative
201-400 members	2 representatives
401-600 members	3 representatives
601-800 members	4 representatives
over 800 members	5 representatives

have been discussed in Districts and Synods, resolves subject to confirmation by the Assembly of 1978 to amend the Basis of Union accordingly.

On the motion of the Revd R.J.Hall, seconded by the Revd A.L.MacArthur, a further resolution was then moved and adopted by the Assembly.

7. The Assembly takes note of proposals emanating from an ecumenical group called together by the Archbishop of Canterbury concerning a national initiative in Evangelism and encourages the Executive Committee to consider these proposals and to make such positive response as it deems appropriate.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The first report of the Nominations Committee was presented by the Revd A.J.Walker.

Mr Walker referred to the service rendered in past years by Mr T.S.Byatt as Chairman of Tellers. Mrs P.Evans was appointed Chairman for this Assembly. On the motion of Mr Walker, Tellers for the election of the Moderator for 1978 were appointed as follows: Mr Martin Ballard, Dr Clyde Binfield, Mrs Jeanne Jones.

1. The appointment of the Revd Iorwerth Thomas as Personnel Secretary in the World Church and Mission Department was welcomed, to take effect from June 1st 1977.
2. Mr Norman Hart was nominated as Editor of Reform to take up office on September 15th, 1977 and on the decision of Assembly he was appointed for a period of five years.
3. Miss Janet E. Booth was nominated and elected to take up work as Secretary for Communication in the World Church and Mission Department as from 1st September 1977, to serve in the first instance until August 31st, 1982.
4. The Revd A.G.Burnham was nominated and appointed to serve as Chairman of the Deployment Committee until the Assembly of 1983 in succession to the Revd P.McCall.
5. The Assembly re-appointed the Revd E.W. Todd as Secretary of the Finance and Administration Department for a period of one year from September 1st, 1977.

The Assembly asked the Central Committee of the Finance and Administration Department to bring to the Executive Committee not later than November 1977 proposals for the staffing of that Department from the summer of 1978, and authorised the Executive Committee to make such arrangements in the light of that report as it deems right.

6. The Assembly re-appointed the Revd J.P. Reardon as Secretary of the Church and Society Department for a period of five years from September 1st 1977.
7. The Assembly re-appointed the Revd M.J.Davies as Youth Secretary in the Church Life Department for a period of five years from September 1st, 1977.
8. The Assembly appointed Chairmen and Secretaries of Committees as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Report.

DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The report of the Deployment Committee was presented by the Revd P.McCall, Chairman, and on his motion the report was received.

Questions were asked, and answered by the Chairman, and on his motion the following resolution was moved with the deletion from the printed notice of the words 'and Special Ministries'. After discussion the resolution was then passed as follows:

1. The Assembly accepts the quotas of full-time pastorates allocated to each of the Provinces as set forth in the Table shown in the Addendum and calls upon Provinces to work towards these target quotas during the next two years.

The following resolution was then approved:

2. The Assembly charges the Committee to take cognisance of any alterations or developments within the life of each Province, and to adapt its quota system to such changes as they occur. It also directs that such revisions be made at all times in consultation with the Provinces concerned.

The Moderators' Report was presented by the Revd R.E.Taylor. On his motion and after discussion the Assembly took note of the Report.

Synod Resolution The Revd R.W. Hugh Jones seconded by Mr R.A.Heritage and on behalf of the West Midlands Province, moved:

The Assembly receives the recommendation of the West Midlands Province that initial nominations for Moderator of General Assembly should be made by Synods and forwarded to the General Secretary. That voting on the final list of nominees be by District Councils, each having one vote which would be returned to the General Secretary, the final result to be announced at the General Assembly.

The Assembly authorises the Executive Committee to make the appropriate alterations to the Rules of Procedure with effect for the election of the Moderator of the Assembly of 1979.

On being put to the vote this resolution was lost:

The Clerk read the request of the Eastern Province for the transfer of Thaxted URC from the Cambridge to the Chelmsford District, and on his formal motion this was agreed.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Applications Committee was submitted by the Revd H.M. Springbett, Chairman, and was received. On his motion the following resolutions were agreed:

1. The Assembly receives the churches of Ebenezer Pontnewynydd; Keystone and Nolton Haven in Pembrokeshire and the Ecumenical Church of Woughton and Milton Keynes as local churches of the United Reformed Church.
2. The Assembly remits the application to leave the United Reformed Church by the Church at Bursleden, received through the Wessex Province, to the Applications Committee upon whose report the Executive Committee is authorised to take action.

The session was adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

The Assembly resumed its business at 3 p.m.

Minutes The Clerk submitted the minutes of the first session which were approved.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

The report of the Church Life Department was introduced by the Revd Dr Kenneth Slack, and on his motion the Report was received and discussed in relation to its various sections. The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions submitted by the Department and the following, which was introduced by Miss Sue Stevenson and the Revd J.E. Mather, was adopted:

1. The Assembly welcomes the FURY project ending for life and urges District Councils and local churches to give young people every help and encouragement to participate.

On the following resolution being moved, an amendment in the name of Mr. Philip Woods and the Revd C.K. Meachin for the inclusion of the words 'and surpass' and 'this year' was accepted, and in its amended form the resolution was adopted:

2. The Assembly notes the concern of FURY at the effect of cuts in sterling grants to overseas churches through CWM and urges all local churches to make every effort to meet and surpass their Unified Appeal target this year.

The following was then agreed:

3. The Assembly welcomes the initiative of FURY in planning a celebration of 5th Anniversary of the Union, October 7th-9th, 1977 and asks Districts and local churches to co-operate in making this a meaningful event in the life of the Church and to encourage groups of young people to attend.

The section of the report concerning the Children's Committee was introduced by the Revd Donald Hilton and the following resolutions were then adopted:

4. The Assembly draws attention to the discussion paper Ministry to Children - 2: Worshipping Together as a guide to those seeking to integrate children and adults more fully in worship.

5. This Assembly draws the attention of Provinces and Districts to the paper Christian Education - a Checklist and invites Councils and Synods to use it as a basis for their work in this field.
6. The Assembly, accepting that responsibility for the nurture of children in the Christian Faith is primarily that of the Church, draws the attention of local churches to the discussion paper: Ministry to Children - 3: Nurturing in the Faith.

Attention was then given to the report regarding the Ministerial Training Committee and the following resolutions adopted:

7. The Assembly approves of the setting up of a Central Training Grants Committee, and encourages the various Trust Funds, and the member churches through the Unified Appeal, to make available sufficient money to provide for the training of accepted candidates for the ministry of the URC.
8. The Assembly reaffirms that a Synod, after receiving reports from the Districts and the Assessment Conference decides whether or not a candidate be accepted for the URC ministry.
9. The Assembly agrees that the Assessment Conference be given the responsibility of recommending to the Provinces the type of course and the College most suitable for each candidate.
10. The Assembly agrees that each Assessment Conference be staffed by 8 assessors, at least two of whom should be members of the teaching staffs of the recognised Colleges who, in addition to the normal assessment interviews, would interview each of the candidates and make recommendations concerning their training, should the candidates be accepted by the Provinces.
11. The Assembly agrees that the list of Assessors be revised to include members of the teaching staffs of the Colleges, and also some persons with expert knowledge of personnel selection.
12. The Assembly grants the request of the Cheshunt Governors that the Revd Dr Stephen Mayor be recognised by the Assembly as the Cheshunt Professor of Pastoral Studies in Westminster College, and that the guarantee of his salary and allowances for an initial period of five years be accepted with thanks to Cheshunt Governors.
13. The Assembly records the outstanding contribution made by New College, London, its staff and students over many generations, dating back to 1673, and in particular at this time receives with appreciation and thanks the retiring members of staff:
 - The Principal Revd Dr Charles Duthie (appointed 1964)
 - The Revd Dr Geoffrey Nuttall (Lecturer in Church History) (appointed 1945)
 - The Secretary, Miss Margaret Canning (appointed 1949)
 and notes that the New College Trust which is being set up is intended to provide financial assistance for Ministerial and Lay Training.

Those named in this resolution were received by the Moderator and with warm acclamation, and at his invitation the Revd Dr Charles Duthie responded and spoke to the Assembly of the important contribution New College has made to the Churches throughout its long history.

14. The Assembly receives, and expresses its thanks for their significant services to the Church in the training of our ministers:
 - The Principal Revd Dr George Caird
 - The Principal Revd Dr Edgar Jones
 - The Revd J.E. Newport, ex President of Cheshunt College

This was also passed with acclamation and those named were received and thanked by the Moderator.

15. The Assembly receives and recognises as teachers of our ministry the newly appointed Principals and Lecturers of our recognised Colleges:
The Revd Eric Hull, Principal-elect of Manchester College
Dr Donald Sykes, Principal-elect of Mansfield College, Oxford
The Revd Dr Stephen Mayor, Cheshunt Professor of Pastoral Studies at
Westminster College, Cambridge
The Revd Dr Stanley Russell, Lecturer in Theology, Manchester
The Revd Roger Tomes, Lecturer-elect in Old Testament, Manchester College.

Amidst applause the Moderator received those newly appointed Principals and Teachers and wished them well in their work.

The following resolution was moved by the Revd R.O. Latham formally and seconded by the Revd A.L. Macarthur:

That having considered the request from District and Province that Miss P.M. Cordon be ordained, and Assembly authorises the Gloucester District Council to arrange for her ordination and further asks the Ministerial Training Committee to investigate the conditions under which ordination may be offered to local pastors on the official register and to report.

The Revd C.A. Haig moved as an amendment the deletion of all the words after 'her ordination'. This was seconded by the Revd N. Birnie.

At this point the Assembly adjourned.

The Assembly resumed its business at 6 p.m.

On the suggestion of the Moderator and with the agreement of the movers of the motion and the amendment, it was agreed that this matter be dealt with in two parts. The movers of the motion asked, and the Assembly agreed, that the first part should include the words 'to the ministry of Word and Sacrament'. It was then put in the following form and was carried:

16. That having considered the request from District and Province that Miss P.M. Cordon be ordained, the Assembly authorises the Gloucester District Council to arrange for her ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacraments.

The second half of the resolution was then put and agreed as follows:

17. The Assembly asks the Ministerial Training Committee to investigate the conditions under which ordination may be offered to local pastors on the official register and to report.

The sections of the report dealing with the Ministry of Healing and of the Working Party on Chaplains and Students were introduced by the Revd C.K. Meachin and the Chairman of the Department and were received.

The section of the report on Doctrine and Worship was introduced by Dr J. Huxtable.

Attention was drawn to a misprint in paragraph 48 where 'or' should be 'nor' and further that the punctuation in paragraph 52 should be altered in line 3 and the semi-colon after 'God wills' be altered into a comma.

The following resolution was then moved:

18. The Assembly receives the Statement on Ordination prepared by the Doctrine and Worship Committee as a valuable contribution to our understanding of Ordination.

An amendment moved by Professor Buick Knox, seconded by the Revd Kate Chegwin, to substitute 'an interim' for 'a valuable' on being put to the vote was lost. After further discussion the resolution was carried. Two further resolutions were then moved and passed:

19. The Assembly instructs the Doctrine and Worship Committee to consider Schedule 'C' with a view to its revision to avoid unnecessary repetition.
20. The Assembly commends to ministers and churches the orders of worship published by its Church Life Department.

WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURES

The report of the Working Party on Structures of the URC was moved by the Revd Ronald Bocking, supported by the Revd Malcolm Hanson, and was received.

The following resolutions were then moved and adopted:

1. The Assembly receives the Report.
2. The Assembly urges all Councils and Committees of the Church to keep in mind the need for full consultation with all concerned before decisions are taken, in the terms of paragraph 10 of the Scheme of Union, which reads:

'Decisions on the part of any Council shall be reached only after the fullest attempt has been made to discover the mind of the other Councils or of local churches likely to be affected by the decision'.
3. The Assembly encourages Synods and District Councils to make full use of the flexibility implicit in the Scheme of Union so that structures may be adapted to local needs.
4. The Assembly asks Synods to keep their committee structures under review so as to ensure that Assembly reports and District Council business can be dealt with quickly and efficiently.
5. The Assembly encourages Synods to maintain a Synod Office which can provide assistance both to the Provincial Moderator and to the Synod Clerk. The appointment of a Personal or Administrative Assistant is desirable, but where such an appointment is made Synods should clarify the Assistant's responsibilities in relation to the Moderator and the Synod Clerk.
6. The Assembly instructs its Committees wherever possible to keep in close touch with their corresponding Synod Committees and to provide them with information and stimulus as well as seeking their help.
7. The Assembly instructs the Business Committee to consider the question of corresponding members to the Assembly and the possibility of inviting observers from other major Churches in England and Wales.
8. The Assembly instructs its officers to pursue the propositions in the Report on Organisation at Church House, and particularly to consider the co-ordination of material from Church House, Assembly Committees, etc. for Synods and local churches, with a view to
 - a) determining priorities in the context of an overall policy,
 - b) ensuring that sufficient material is provided to enable the realistic implementation of proposals, but in such order and quantity as the Church can reasonably be expected to deal with in a responsible manner.

The remainder of the business of the Working Party was deferred to a later session and this session was closed with the Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1977

THIRD SESSION

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd David Jenkins.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST CONVERSATIONS

Dr Norman Goodall presented the report and made reference to the document, Proposals for Unification, drawing special attention to the sections on Baptism and Ministry.

Dr Goodall moved the following resolutions:

1. The Assembly approves the Proposals for Unification submitted by the Joint Committee for negotiations between the Churches of Christ and the United Reformed Church and agrees to proceed in accordance with them.
2. The Assembly resolves to agree the scheduled amendments as defined in the Proposals for Unification as amendments to the Basis of Union and the Structure of the United Reformed Church to become effective on the date of unification as defined in the Proposals for Unification.

The Revd A.L. Macarthur then seconded these resolutions referring to the fact that he did this with sadness because it should have been done by the late Revd Brian Pratt.

The resolutions were then approved by overwhelming majorities. One vote was recorded against the first resolution, with two abstentions. The second was passed nem.con. with two abstentions.

The Revd J Waller then introduced the following resolution which was seconded by the Revd G. Hooper

The Assembly resolves that -

- a) each District Council and Synod be asked to vote for or against the proposals for union with the Churches of Christ and to send a report on its voting figures to the General Secretary by December 31st 1977 and
- b) the record of voting figures, together with a note of the number of local congregations of the Churches of Christ within the area of each District Council and Synod, should be made available with the papers for the General Assembly of 1978.

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The report of the Finance and Administration Department was presented by the Chairman, Mr L.R. Palmer, and on his motion it was received.

The Revd John White introduced the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee report. On his motion the following resolution was considered:

The Assembly resolves that with effect from July 1st 1977 the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in full charge shall be:

£2,030 per annum for the first ten years of service
£2,080 per annum for the next ten years
£2,130 per annum after twenty years.

A resolution in the name of the Eastern Province was moved as an amendment by Mr Philip Wade, seconded by Mr C. Raggett, viz:

The Assembly resolves that with effect from August 1st 1977

- a) the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in full charge shall be

£2,500 per annum for the first ten years of service
£2,550 per annum for the next ten years
£2,600 per annum after twenty years

- b) the local church shall be responsible for the payment of all heating and lighting costs.

The Assembly further resolves that by careful review of all the resources available to the churches, it ensures that funds are made available for this purpose.

The Honorary Treasurer gave notice of a further amendment which he would move should the present amendment be defeated.

The mover of the amendment was allowed right of reply since this was a Synod resolution. He asked and was given consent to add 'after 1977' the words: 'subject to compliance with Government pay policy'.

On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated, and further consideration of the original resolution was deferred to the next session. The following resolution was then moved and carried:

1. The Assembly resolves that the Scope OV maximum shall be £1,450 per annum from 1st July 1977.

A resolution standing in the names of Mr. L. Palmer and the Revd. J. White was then moved:

The Assembly resolves that in the event of a minister being off duty through illness the amount of any sickness benefit received shall be deducted from the remuneration paid by the central office and the local church concerned shall be entitled to a refund from the assessment of the cost of pulpit supply (on the agreed scale) and any necessary travelling expenses incurred.

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

The Session was adjourned at 1 p.m.

The Assembly resumed its business at 3 p.m.

Minutes The Clerk submitted the Minutes of the second session which were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

The Chairman of the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee gave notice of a further resolution that he would move later with regard to future stipends, and on this assurance the following resolutions were moved and passed:

2. The Assembly resolves that with effect from July 1st, 1977 the minimum rate of stipend payable to a minister in full charge shall be:
£2,030 per annum for the first ten years of service
£2,080 per annum for the next ten years
£2,130 per annum after twenty years
3. The Assembly resolves that with effect from July 1st, 1977 the salary scale for Deaconesses shall be:
£1,930 per annum for the first ten years of service
£1,980 per annum for the next ten years
£2,030 per annum after twenty years

(Note: Of these sums the local church provides £150 per annum towards heating and lighting costs).

4. The Assembly resolves that grants from the fund of the former Congregational Church to retired List 'B' Evangelists shall be paid at the same rates which apply to grants from the Pastors' Superannuation Fund, and gifts from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the former Congregational Church to widows of List 'B' Evangelists shall be paid at the rates which apply to grants from the Pastors' Widows' Fund.
5. The Assembly resolves that the total annual rate of contribution to the Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund and the Presbyterian Ministers and Widows and Orphans Pension Fund shall be 15 per cent of the appropriate basic stipend, the ministers to pay 5 per cent and the Church to pay 10 per cent; the Church contribution to be raised through the Assessment.

On behalf of the Southern Synod Mrs. R. Goodfellow, seconded by the Revd J. White, moved as follows:

6. The Assembly expresses its concern for ministers in retirement and those who will retire before becoming entitled to the full benefits of the Pension Fund, and urges the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to look again at every means of increasing their income.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. L.R. Palmer, seconded by the Revd J. White, then moved the following resolution which was agreed:

7. The Assembly resolves that in view of the preference expressed by ministers to be brought under Class I for Social Security contributions and the decisions already taken by other Churches, the United Reformed Church will support any such proposed change in the status of ministers.

The Revd J. White then introduced and moved the further resolution, seconded by Mr L.R. Palmer, as follows:

8. The Assembly, while not able to accept the resolution of the Eastern Synod to increase the basic stipend as from August 1st, 1977 by £600 per annum, recognises the urgent need to achieve this result as soon as possible and in any case not later than July 1st, 1978, and instructs the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to initiate consultation with Provinces, District Councils and local churches with a view to ensuring an increase in the basic stipend from July 1st 1978 to £2630; £2680; £2730 per annum according to seniority and that the necessary financial resources are available.

This was agreed.

The Revd David Skidmore on behalf of the Thames North Synod moved, and Mr R.S.Martin seconded, that

9. The Assembly resolves that all stipend supplements paid by local churches to a minister up to the amount to which that minister is entitled as children's allowances, unless such allowances are payable out of central funds, shall in future be deductible from the total income of the local church for the purpose of calculating the net assessable income for the Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration.

This was carried.

On behalf of the Wessex Synod Mr David Page then moved, seconded by the Revd G. Long, the following resolution which on being put to the vote was narrowly defeated:

The Assembly instructs the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to arrange that future assessments for the Maintenance of the Ministry Scheme be based more truly on income and not as at present on expenditure, and further that transfers from reserve funds and any balance brought forward should not be treated as income, while transfers to reserve funds and any balance carried forward should not be allowable deductions.

A resolution of Thames North Synod was accepted on behalf of the Committee and agreed without a vote as follows:

10. The Assembly notes the concern expressed by many churches and District Councils about the complexity of the basis of assessment for the Scheme of Ministerial Remuneration, the way in which the scheme has been implemented, and the short time for consultation after the assessments were issued, and instructs the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee to:
 - a) provide a clear definition of 'net assessable income' with a detailed statement of items of income and expenditure, both falling within the definition and falling outside it:
 - b) give careful re-consideration to the rule regarding transfers to and from reserves, since this gives rise to anomalies:
 - c) give advice on re-budgetting to those churches where the assessment has resulted in substantially increased expenditure on the ministry:
 - d) consider the possibility of giving some relief in cases where a church's expenditure is inflated because of such matters as the cost of heating large buildings and the involvement of the church in special mission, and
 - e) submit the proposed basis of assessment for future years, taking account of amendments to District Councils at the earliest possible date so that there can be full consultation and comment before implementation.

The following resolution was moved on behalf of the Committee:

11. The Assembly resolves that the Executive Committee be given authority to determine the rate of assessment for the calendar year 1978.

The Revd Dr W.J.Houston, seconded by the Revd P.W. Beaman, moved as an addendum:

'provided that that part of the assessment which is a charge on income shall not exceed 25p in the pound'.

On being put to the vote the addendum was lost.

The resolution was then agreed as moved, but in answer to an enquiry the Revd E.W. Todd gave assurance that the rate of assessment would in future be submitted for Assembly decision.

The Revd A. Duncan moved, and the Revd W.G.Hughes Edwards seconded, a resolution in the name of the Wessex Province, namely:

The Assembly resolves that stipends and salaries of Provincial Moderators, full-time Officers at Church House and the academic staff of Westminster College shall in future be subject to the debate and decision of the Assembly and instructs the Finance and Administration Department to arrange accordingly. After the Hon. Treasurer had given assurance that information on this matter would be made known, the resolution was put and lost.

UNIFIED APPEAL COMMITTEE

Mr G. Vaughan Davies introduced the Unified Appeal Committee Report.

At this point the Assembly adjourned.

The Assembly resumed at 6 p.m. and took up the business of the Church and Society Department.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY DEPARTMENT

The report was introduced by the Chairman, the Revd J. Johansen-Berg, and on his motion the Report was received.

Questions concerning the Annan Committee on the future of Broadcasting, the re-marriage of divorced people and Job Creation Schemes were addressed to and answered by the Chairman.

The Chairman then moved a resolution concerning a Fund for Ireland, and the Rt Revd A.J.Weir, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland addressed the Assembly on the invitation of the Moderator.

The Revd Michael Hubbard outlined the purposes of the Fund.

The resolution with the agreed deletion of the word 'Northern' was carried in the following form:

1. The Assembly commends to all congregations the British Council of Churches Appeal Fund for projects in Ireland and urges continued prayerful support for all those who work for justice, peace and reconciliation in Ireland.

The following resolutions were then presented to the Assembly by the Chairman and on his motion they were adopted.

2. The Assembly draws to the attention of elders meetings and church meetings, the Report of the Sexual Ethics Working Party and urges them to initiate discussions of these important topics and to consider the pastoral responsibilities which arise.
3. The Assembly commends the discussion paper on Abortion to Districts and church meetings and urges them to send reports on such discussions to the Church and Society Department so that the Department may be able to speak more effectively for the Church in any submission on future legislation.
4. The Assembly alerts congregations in areas where there is nuclear plant to the current debate about the potential danger involved in the development of such plant, and recommends that such congregations seek a meeting with their local Member of Parliament to discuss the issues.
5. The Assembly WELCOMES the current diplomatic initiative of the Foreign Secretary on Rhodesia as outlined to the House of Commons on April 19th, 1977, and EXPRESSES the hope that his discussions on the possibility of the United Kingdom and the United States co-sponsoring a conference to develop a clear timetable for achieving majority rule in 1978 will speedily lead to a just and peaceful settlement.

WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURES (CONTINUED)

The Chairman of the Working Party on Structures moved the following resolution:

9. The Assembly sends the Report of the Working Party on Structures of the United Reformed Church, and the following draft resolutions, to Synods, District Councils and local churches for discussion and comment. (Comments to be sent to the Secretary of the Working Party, the Revd M.G.Hanson, 5 Towers Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 3QE by December 20th, 1977. In the light of these comments resolutions will be brought before the next meeting of the General Assembly for ratification the following year).

The Revd Dr. K. Slack, seconded by the Revd J. Johansen-Berg, moved the following as an amendment:

The Assembly, while warmly thanking the Working Party for the thoroughness of its work and the stimulus of its thinking, resolves:

- a) That the maintenance of a strong General Assembly of adequate size is essential for the national identity of the Church;
- b) That further consideration be given by the Executive Committee, or such body as it shall appoint:
 - i) to means whereby a greater continuity can be secured in membership of the Assembly;
 - ii) to the capacity of Synods, of necessity able to meet but rarely, to discharge the functions assigned to them.

On being put to the vote the amendment was narrowly defeated.

The resolution as submitted was then put to the vote and carried.

The Session closed with the Benediction.

THURSDAY, 5th MAY, 1977

FOURTH SESSION

The General Assembly again convened and was led in worship by the Revd David Jenkins. In the course of this act of worship the Moderator in the name of the Assembly commissioned the Revds M.J.Davies, J.Reardon, R.E.Taylor and E.W.Todd to further periods of service in their respective offices.

Order of Business The Chairman of the Business Committee submitted a draft order of business for the day which, on his motion, was accepted.

Report of the Tellers Mr Martin Ballard, Chairman of the Tellers for the election of a Moderator for the Assembly for 1978, reported that 514 ballot papers had been received and that the Revd J.E.Lesslie Newbigin had been elected. The Moderator received Dr Newbigin amidst warm acclamation and expressed to him the congratulations and good wishes of the Assembly. The Moderator-elect, in accepting the call to serve in this way, expressed his sense of gratitude for the trust the Church had placed in one who was attending his first URC Assembly.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The report of the Stewardship Committee was submitted by the Chairman, Mr R.S.Martin and on his motion, supported by the Revd C.K.Meachin, the report was received.

After discussion the following resolution was moved and adopted:

The Assembly calls upon Synods and District Councils to promote and sponsor Membership Enrichment Training Programmes for ministers, elders and members.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Owing to the death of the Chairman, the Revd B.M. Pratt, the report of the World Church and Mission Department was introduced by the Revd A.L. Macarthur who paid tribute to the ministry of Brian Pratt and to his leadership both as Chairman of the Department and earlier as Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of England Assembly for sixteen years.

The report having been received the Revd M.H. Cressey spoke to the section dealing with the work of the At Home Committee and moved the following resolution which had been amended by consent of the Assembly:

1. The Assembly resolves that at this time closer relations with the Methodist Church be pursued not through bilateral conversation on union but through common participation in the Churches' Unity Commission and other ecumenical bodies and by the development of local co-operation, and to these ends instructs the World Church and Mission Department to foster closer liaison with the appropriate agencies of the Methodist Church, particularly through a liaison group including representatives of the Departments, of the Provincial Moderator and of local joint churches.

An amendment was moved by the Revd E.F. Cattermole, seconded by the Revd M. Hanson, as follows:

The Assembly resolves that at this time closer relations with the Methodist Church be pursued through common participation in the Churches' Unity Commission and other ecumenical bodies and by the development of local co-operation, and to these ends instructs the World Church and Mission Department to foster closer liaison with the appropriate agencies of the Methodist Church, particularly through a liaison group including representatives of Department, of the Provincial Moderators and of local joint churches.

By agreement this was withdrawn and a further amendment, proposed by the Revd D. Hannen and seconded by the Revd E.F. Cattermole, was then discussed: namely, delete in line 2 'not through bilateral conversations' and add to the end of the resolution 'and to inform the Conference of the Methodist Church that the United Reformed Church would welcome an invitation to consider beginning bilateral conversations with a view to union if and when the Conference shall consider the time right for such conversations'.

The amendment was put to the vote and defeated.

The original resolution was then adopted.

TEN PROPOSITIONS OF THE CHURCHES' UNITY COMMISSION In relation to the section of the report dealing with the Ten Propositions of the Churches' Unity Commission Professor Cressey undertook to amend the words 'even some dishonesty' to read 'costly tension' in, the third line of paragraph 5.31 of the draft further response. The following resolutions were then moved and adopted.

2. The Assembly receives the further response to the Ten Propositions of the Churches' Unity Commission prepared by the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee and authorises its transmission to the Churches' Unity Commission as continued interim guidance in its work.

3. The Assembly sends the further response to Synods, District Councils and local churches for discussion, particularly of the two possible ways forward in relation to Proposition VI, and authorises the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee to issue a pamphlet of questions to assist the discussion and the collection of opinion - answers to be submitted to the Committee through the General Secretary by January 31st, 1978.
4. The Assembly instructs the Missionary and Ecumenical Work at Home Committee to draw up a draft definitive response of the United Reformed Church to the Ten Propositions to be voted upon at the Assembly of 1978.

The Revd P. Chesney, seconded by Mr. John Eatwell, then moved and it was agreed that

5. In the light of the need for Synods and District Councils to give a response regarding the Ten Propositions by January 31st, 1978, a previous decision requiring the response to the proposals about the Structures of the URC to be made by December 20th, 1977 should be altered by postponing the date for that response to Easter Day 1978.

The Session was adjourned and business resumed at 3 p.m.

The Revd Boris Anderson introduced the further business of the Department and at his request the Moderator received

The Revd Dr Ching-fen Hsiao - Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
Miss Edith Maxfield - Ellice Islands, Central Pacific
Miss J. Degenhardt - Rajshahi Hospital, Bangladesh.

It had been hoped that Bishop J. Thangamuthu of the Church of South India would be present and address the Assembly, but as the result of an accident during the lunch adjournment he was in hospital with a fractured arm. The Assembly asked that its sympathy be conveyed to the Bishop, and the Moderator-Elect undertook to do this on behalf of the Assembly.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

6. The Assembly welcomes the news that the plan to reorganise the Council for World Mission on a basis of full equal partnership has been accepted by all its member bodies and will now be implemented. It sends its good wishes to the new Council for the success of its inaugural meetings and pledges its willing co-operation with the other member churches in the development of new policies and ways of working together in world mission.
7. The Assembly approves the establishment of annual consultations between the UK member bodies of CWM and welcomes the opportunity this affords for sharing ideas and experience particularly in the spheres of publicity and missionary training.
8. The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church sends warmest greetings to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches on the occasion of its centenary, wishes all success to the centennial consultation at St. Andrews, and prays for God's blessing on the future work and witness of the Alliance.

Minutes The Assistant Clerk submitted the Minutes of the previous day's business, indicated certain corrections that would be made and, on his motion, they were approved.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The report of the Publications and Publicity Committee was moved by the Revd R.T. Brooks, Chairman, who, in speaking of the significance of Reform, paid tribute to the work of the retiring Editor, the Revd Dr John Gregory. On the motion of the Chairman

the report was received and the following resolution agreed:

The Assembly endorses the following recommendations:

- a) That if possible Reform should continue as a self-supporting magazine.
- b) Should declining membership or circulation make this impossible, a subsidy from URC resources would be preferable to any of the following alternatives:
 - i) Changing the editorial policy from that which the Editor and Editorial Board believed best suited to the spiritual health of the Church;
 - ii) Reducing the size of the magazine;
 - iii) Taking its cover price above the equivalent of 15p at September 1976
 - iv) Increasing the advertising ratio above the present level of one-third of any edition and one quarter on average.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

The Assembly resumed consideration of the business of the Finance and Administration Department, and on the motion of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr L. Palmer the following resolution was passed:

12. The Assembly thanks Provinces, Districts and churches for their response to the 1976 Unified Appeal. It urges them to maintain every effort to reach or exceed their Unified Appeal targets in 1977. Assembly notes that 1977 provincial targets are partially based on Maintenance of the Ministry assessment ratios and requests the Unified Appeal Committee to consider whether the 1978 targets should be completely based on Maintenance of the Ministry assessment ratios.

The Chairman of the Treasurership Committee, Mr J.E. Hooper, presented the Accounts for 1976 which were adopted.

The Budget proposed for 1978 was also adopted and on the motion of Mr P. Woods, seconded by Miss Sue Stevenson, the following resolution was agreed:

13. The Assembly notes the concern of FURY at the effect of cuts in sterling grants to overseas churches through CWM and instructs the appropriate committee to take this into account in determining the budget of the Church in future years.

The Revd A.G. Burnham, seconded by the Revd D.G. Stewart, proposed that:

14. The Assembly receives the recommendation of the North Western Synod that there are strong arguments both for and against the ownership by ministers of their own houses and resolves to appoint a committee to reconsider the present practice of providing manses.

This was agreed.

A further resolution, having been amended by agreement, was moved by the Revd D.G. Stewart and seconded by the Revd A.G. Burnham, and passed in the following form:

15. The Assembly receives the recommendation of the North Western Synod that a further appeal be made for funds for the housing of retired ministers if this is found to be required, and instructs the United Reformed Church Retired Ministers' Housing Society to make such appropriate arrangements as may be necessary.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

On the motion of the Revd A.J.G. Walker, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, the further report of that Committee was received and the following resolutions were passed:

9. The Assembly resolves that in cases where a URC member of the Council for World Mission is appointed in that capacity to serve on a Committee of the General Assembly, he shall be regarded as a member ex officio.
10. The Assembly appointed Committees and representatives of the Church for the year 1977-78 as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

The Assembly authorised the Nominations Committee to invite the annual submission of names of those qualified to serve the Church and to indicate the areas in which that service is required.

The appointment of the Revds Boris Anderson, D.McIlhagga and B. Thorogood to St. Andrew's Centennial Consultation of the W.A.R.C. was confirmed.

THANKS The Revd E.W.Todd moved and it was agreed that the Assembly records its thanks to all who had contributed to its work. It expressed its particular thanks to the Minister and the Trustees of the Central Hall, Birmingham for the use of their buildings, to the local Arrangements Committee, to those who had provided hospitality for members of Assembly, to Miss Freda Mole and all who had helped to cater for the Assembly's refreshment and comfort. The Assembly further thanked the office staff for the arrangements made to assist its work, the organist, the Moderator's Chaplain and the Moderator, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk, the Chairman and Secretary of the Business Committee for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

MINUTES The Clerk submitted the Minutes of the day's business in accordance with Standing Orders and these were approved.

CLOSURE The Assembly having in the good providence of God brought its business to completion, the Moderator led the members in praise and prayer, and the Assembly closed to meet again in the Floral Hall, Southport, at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 8th 1978 or at such other time and place as may be duly agreed.

John E. Young Moderator

Arthur L.Macarthur Clerk

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

NOTE: The Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate Past Moderator and the General Secretary are members ex officio of every Standing Committee. The Departmental Chairmen and Secretaries are members ex officio of each Committee within their respective Departments. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Department is a member ex officio of every Committee which has funds.

CHURCH LIFE DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Revd Dr K Slack - 1980
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd D.W. Elliott	VII	Mrs M. Bason
II	Revd R.W. Courtney	VIII	Revd S. Atkins
III	Mrs B. Martin	IX	Revd J.G. Thornton
IV	Revd G. Tillison	X	Miss S. Fairbairn
V	Mr E.G. Leigh Brown	XI	
VI		XII	Revd M. Page

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department, Mrs. R. Goodfellow and the Revds Dr L.C. Green and R.E. Taylor.

Members under 25: Mr I. Ring, Mr D. Snashall

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Chairman: Revd Dr L. Newbigin - 1982
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd Dr E.C. Blackman	Mr H.L. Morris	Revd B.G. Thorogood
Mrs J. Boulind	Revd J.E. Newport	Revd R.J. Way
Revd K.M. Hendry	Revd D.G. Stewart	Revd Dr S.H. Mayor
Revd P.C. Jupp	Revd Margaret Taylor	

together with the Principals of the recognised Colleges in Bangor, Cambridge, London, Manchester, Oxford and Swansea.

Panel for Assessment Conferences

Mrs Margaret Chesney	Revd H.A. Jacquet	Mrs P.E.P. Sessions
Mrs Ruth Clarke	Revd D. McIlhagga	Mr J. Simmonds
Revd G.J. Cook	Revd Barbara Meachin	Mrs E.M. Steel
Revd A. Frost	Revd J.E. Newport	Mr D. Thacker
Mrs R. Goodfellow	Mr R. Norris	Revd I. Thomas
Mrs Gwen Hall	Mrs Beti Onions	Revd E.W. Todd
Revd Kathleen Hendry	Mr D. Pitkeathly	Revd G. Williams
Mrs Mary Herbert	Mr C. Porteous	Revd T.R. Willis
	Revd R.K. Scopes	Revd C. Wilton

together with the General Secretary, the Provincial Moderators and the staffs of the recognised Colleges, and the Chairman of the Ministerial Training Committee.

Westminster#Cheshunt Committee

Revd Professor R. Buick Knox	Revd Principal A.G. MacLeod
Revd A.L. Macarthur	Revd Dr L. Newbigin

together with four appointed by the Governors of Cheshunt College

Board of Studies (Westminster#Cheshunt)

Revd D.W. Ager (Sec. - 1981)	Mr. J.M. Ross	Dr D.A. Sykes
Revd Professor J.E. Fern	Dr G. Stanton	Revd D. Holt Roberts
Revd W.N. Leak	Revd H.M. Springbett	(Chairman - 1979)

together with the College Staff and four appointed by the Governors of Cheshunt College.

Nominations to Teaching Staff (Westminster College)

Chairman: Revd Dr L. Newbiggin
Secretary: Revd R.O. Latham

Principal, Westminster College (Revd A.G. MacLeod)

Professor J.R. Wilkie
Dr D.A. Sykes
Revd K.M. Hendry

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRIES

Chairman: Revd J.W.P. Williamson - 1979
Secretary: The Secretary for Mission

Mr W. Atherton	Miss P.F. Parrish
Mr P. Jones	Revd R. Royston-Bishop
Dr R.D. Jurd	Mrs O. Russell
Revd B.W. Kirk	Revd B.D. Ireharne
	1 vacancy

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

Chairman: Revd Dr J. Huxtable - 1980
Secretary: Revd D. McIlhagga - 1981

Revd Dr I. Fraser	Revd Joan Peters	Revd Dr J.H. Thomas
Revd D.C.M. Gardner	Miss A. Phillips	Revd Professor W.A. Whitehouse
Revd Dr C. Gunton	Mr J.M. Ross	Revd D.G. Wensley
Revd T.C. Micklem	Revd Dr S.H. Russell	Revd Dr B.A. Wren
Revd Dr J.I. Morgans	Revd H.M. Springbett	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman: Revd C.C. Franks - 1979
Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Mrs R. Goodfellow	Revd Dr S.H. Mayor	Revd S.M. Thornton
Revd David Jenkins	Mrs Beti Onions	Revd M.D. Whitehorn
Revd A. McLellan	Mrs G. Page	Mr B. Worrall
	Mrs M. Brymer	

YOUTH WORK

Chairman: Revd J.E. Mather - 1981
Secretary: The Youth Secretary

Mrs S. Ackroyd	Revd R. Diffey	Revd A.K. McNicol
Revd Gillian Bobbett	Revd A.F.T. Evans	Miss R.V. Tully
Miss R. Campbell	Revd I. James	Revd D. Wilson
Mr B. Cox	Mrs K. McIlhagga	

Members under 25:

Mr C. Brann	Miss A. Pagan	Miss S. Stevenson
Mr S. Brown	Miss H. Paton	Mr K. Paterson
Miss L. Carruthers	Miss A. Richards	Mr D. Snashall
Mr H. Faulkner	Miss C. Snelling	Mr P. Woods

CHILDREN'S WORK

Chairman: Revd G. Jenkins - 1983
Secretary: The Christian Education Secretary

Miss M. Burnie	Revd P.E. McIntosh	Mrs D. Wilton
Miss M. Goodwin	Revd Helen Pullin	Revd G.R. Chapman
Revd P. Loveitt	Mrs D. Richmond	

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION DEPARTMENT

Chairman:

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd R.R. Bance	VII	Miss E. Paterson
II	Revd P.S. Killick	VIII	Revd R.A. Irving
III	Mrs R.M. Smith	IX	Revd R.D.C. Cole
IV	Revd D.M. Main	X	Miss H. Barkham
V	Mr J. Thorndyke	XI	Revd J. Weller
VI	Revd E.E.B. Cruchley	XII	Mrs E.M. Steel

together with the Chairmen of Committees within the Department and the Revd Dr N. Goodall and Mrs A.G. MacLeod.

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK AT HOME

Chairman: Revd Professor M.H. Cressey - 1978

Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd D.J.D. Baker	Revd G. Hewitt	Mrs E.M. Steel
Revd G.E. Beck	Revd Dr J. Huxtable	Revd R. Whitehead
Revd P.S. Chesney	Revd D. Marsden	Revd C.L. Taylor
Miss E.M. Gooding	Mrs J. Parker	

MISSIONARY AND ECUMENICAL WORK ABROAD

Chairman: Mr J.E.M. Gilbey - 1979

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd R.R. Bance	Miss V.A. Collins	Revd B. Tettey
Revd D. Batchelor	Mrs R. Cowhig	Revd S.M. Thornton
Revd R.A.H. Bocking	Revd Doris Leyshon	Revd S. Wilton
Miss D.J. Biggs	Revd A. Porter	1 vacancy

MISSION AND OTHER FAITHS

Chairman: Dr D.A. Kerr - 1983

Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd Dr H.D. Beeby	Revd Florence Frost-Mee	Mrs. M. Marsden
Revd P. Chave	Revd Professor J.H. Hick	Revd Dr L. Newbigin
Mr B. Evans	Revd R.H. Lewis	Miss P. Robinson

PERSONNEL

Chairman: Revd A.J. Coates - 1983

Secretary: The Personnel Secretary

Revd Stella Beare	Mrs H. Lidgett	Dr E.J. Welford
Revd G.P. Breeze	Revd J.M. Lloyd	1 vacancy
Revd R.D.C. Cole	Mrs M. MacLeod	
Revd A.S. Dunstone	Revd D.C. Morgan	

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Chairman: Revd J. Johansen-Berg - 1979
 Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I		VII	Mr C. George
II	Revd A. Hodgson	VIII	Mr D. Peck
III	Revd H. Starr	IX	Revd S. Haine
IV	Revd J.R. Parker	X	Revd G.J. Tate
V	Revd D. Morris	XI	Revd D. Forrester
VI	Mrs J. Loveitt	XII	Revd D.T. Francis

together with the Revds A.J. Addy, P. Brain, Mr P.J. Bunker, Mr R. Clarke, Revd D.V. Clarke, Mr A.J. Curry, Mr R. Hine, Revds E.F. Jones, R.W.H. Jones, Dr Alwin Latham

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Chairman: Mr L.R. Palmer - 1979 (Honorary Treasurer of the Church)
 Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Provincial Representatives

I	Revd Dr A.R. Ritchie	VII	Mr J. Henderson
II	Mr G. Butterworth	VIII	Mr P. Hamblin
III	Mr M. Emlyn	IX	
IV	Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	X	Mr R.S. Martin
V	Mr F. Cooper Watson	XI	Mrs C.M. Dickerson
VI	Mr H.E. Greening	XII	Miss M. Jones

together with the Chairmen of the Committees within the Department

TREASURERSHIP

Chairman: Mr J.E. Hooper - 1981
 Secretary: The Chief Accountant

Mr F.H. Bennett	Mr K.M. Kirby	Mr D. Turner
Mr F.H. Brooman	Mr T.W. Macdonald	Sir Alan Wilson
Mr G. Burwood	Mr R.S. Martin	1 vacancy
Mr J.A. Cumming	Mr L. Macro	

MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY

Chairman: Mr R.C.N. Tinsley - 1983
 Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Mr F.H. Bennett	Mr K.L.G. Hales	Revd T. Russell
Mr A.S. Chapman	Revd Kathleen Hendry	Revd P.E. Wadey
Revd Anita Evans	Revd W. Hughes-Edwards	Revd J.D. Waller
Mr J.E.M. Gilbey	Revd R.W.H. Jones	
Mr J.R. Gow	Mr T.N. Kilby	

WELFARE AND EMERGENCIES

Chairman: Revd D.A. Smith - 1982
 Secretary: The General Secretary

Revd J. Hislop	Revd B. Reita Searle
Mr K.E.G. Paddon	Revd L.A. Stringer
Mrs A. Selwyn Roberts	

UNIFIED APPEAL

Chairman: Mr G. Vaughan Davies - 1979
 Secretary: The Chief Accountant

Revd N.J.W. Appleton	Mr B.W. Flynn	Revd J. Ticehurst
Mr C. Beety	Revd S.O. Jones	Mrs M. Wildgoose
Mr M. Emlyn	Mr J.W. Paterson	1 vacancy
Revd L.A. Fleming		

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW AREAS AND CARE OF EXISTING CHURCH BUILDINGS

Chairman: Revd R.G. Walker - 1979
Secretary: The Departmental Secretary

Revd J.L. Armour	Mrs M. Herbert	Mr M. Foster Taylor
Mr C. Bacon	Revd W. Hicks	(Property Consultant)
Mr F. Cooper Watson	Mr R.N. Houston	Revd H. Wickham
Mr W.C. Hammond	Revd A.C. Mellor	Revd J.H. Williams

OTHER COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

Chairman: The Moderator of the General Assembly

Four representatives from each Province, including the Moderators, and two persons appointed by each of the four Departments (other than the Chairmen and Secretaries).

Members ex officiiis. The Moderator-elect of the General Assembly, the immediate past Moderator the Clerk and General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Legal Advisers, the Chairmen of the Business, Applications and Nominations Committees, the Chairmen and Secretaries of the four Departments, the Secretary of the Nominations and Business Committees.

BUSINESS

Chairman: Revd H.S. Ross - 1978
Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Clerk and General Secretary, the Deputy General Secretary, the Assistant Clerk, the Chairmen of the four Departments and the Chairmen of the Nominations and Applications Committees.

APPLICATIONS

Chairman: Revd H.M. Springbett - 1979
Secretary: The General Secretary

together with the Moderator, the Moderator-elect, the immediate past Moderator, the Legal Advisers, and the Chairmen of the Applications Committee of each Province (or his deputy).

NOMINATIONS

Chairman: Revd A.J.G. Walker - 1979
Secretary: The Administrative Secretary

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

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Chairman: Revd E.A. Banyard - 1983
Secretary: The Secretary for Publications and Publicity

Revd D.W. Ager	Revd T.C. Mickletham	Mrs J. Loveitt
Mr R. Caffyn	Mrs P. Pavitt	Mr T. Ian M. Smith
Revd T.A. Chadwick	Revd C.E.C. Richards	1 vacancy
Revd Dr R. Duce	Mrs M. Schofield	

together with the Departmental Secretaries *ex officiiis*.

Editorial Advisory Board

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Revd K. Wadsworth and Mr R.L. Broughton - 1980

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Chairman: Mr R.S. Martin - 1981
Secretary: Revd C.K. Meachin

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Mr A.E. Checkland	Mr L.R. Palmer	
Revd Stella Beare		

DEPLOYMENT

Chairman: Revd A.G. Burnham - 1983
Secretary: Revd J.N. Beard - 1981

Revd D.J.D. Baker	Revd G.E.H. Roper	Revd E.W. Todd
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Revd R.O. Latham	Revd T. Russell	Miss A.J. Welford
Revd A.L. Macarthur	Mr R.C.N. Tinsley	

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Revd Dr N. Goodall	Revd Dr J. Huxtable
Revd Professor M.H. Cressey	Revd A.L. Macarthur
Revd Dorothy Havergal-Shaw	Revd Dr K. Slack

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ON OTHER BODIES

1. CHURCH BODIES

British Council of Churches

Dr C. Binfield, the Revus Professor M.H. Cressey, Dr J. Huxtable, J.P. Reardon, A.L. Macarthur
1 vacancy

Churches' Consortium on Industrial Mission: The Revds J.P. Reardon, R.F. Taylor
Community and Race Relations Unit - Churches' Consultative Group: Revd J.P. Reardon

British Churches Housing Trust: Mr M. Foster Taylor, Mr C. Bacon

Churches' Group on Ministry to Children: Revds C.K. Forecast, D.A. Pratt

Christian Aid Scholarships Committee: Revd P.C. Jupp

Women's Inter Church Consultative Committee: Mrs S.M. Tull

Consultative Committee for Local Ecumenical Projects in England: Revds P.S. Chesney,
A.L. Macarthur

(Appointed by the British Council of Churches on the nomination of the URC)

Divisions:

Ecumenical Affairs: Revds Professor M.H. Cressey, M.J. Davies, A.L. Macarthur

Community Affairs: Revd J. Johansen-Berg, Mr R. Clarke, Dr C. Binfield

International Affairs: Revds B. Anderson, J.P. Reardon)

Free Church Federal Council

The representatives to the British Council of Churches (above), together with Mrs J. Armour,
Mrs R. Goodfellow, Mrs J.T. Morgan, the Revds R.H. Norman and R. Whitehead (1 vacancy)

Chaplaincy Board: Revds H.A. Jacquet, L.A. Stringer

Education Committee: Revds Aubrey D. Lewis, C.K. Forecast and M.D. Whitehorn

Joint Education Policy Committee: Revd M.D. Whitehorn

Churches' Unity Commission

Revds Professor M.H. Cressey, C.A. Haig, A.L. Macarthur, Dr K. Slack, Mrs E.M. Steel.

2. OTHER COMMITTEES AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund: Mr F.J. Braybrooks (Trustee), Mr L. Macro (Hon. Treasurer),
Revd R.L. Richards, Mrs E. Salisbury
Boys' Brigade URC Council of Companies: Revds M.J. Davies, H. MacLagan
British Lessons Council: Revds E.S. Allen, D.H. Hilton, C.K. Forecast, G. Jenkins
Christian Education Movement: Revd R. Tomes
Church Hymnary Trust: Mr J. McVitie, Mr A.G. Wilson
Churches' Council on Gambling: Revds J.P. Reardon, A. Whillis
Churches' Main Committee: Mr N.A. Pooler, Mr M. Foster Taylor, Revd E.W. Todd
Churches' Advisory Panel of the Boys' Brigade: Revd M.J. Davies
Churches' Council for Health and Healing: Revds C.K. Meachin, A. Whillis
Girl Guides' Religious Advisory Panel: Revd Gillian Bobbett
Inter-Church Drama Consultative Group - 'Radius': Miss S. Fairbairn
International Consultation on English Texts: Revd D. McIlhagga
Joint Committee on the New English Bible: Revd Professor J.C. O'Neill (alternate:
Joint Editorial Board 'Partners in Learning': Revd C.K. Forecast Revd R.K. Scopes)
Joint Liturgical Group: Revds R.A. Davies, D. McIlhagga
National Christian Education Council: Revds D.H. Hilton, C.K. Forecast
National Council of Social Service: Revd J.P. Reardon
Scouts' Religious Advisory Board: Mr D.M. Jones, Revd P. Poulter
Scout and Guide Fellowship (URC): Revd M.J. Davies
Society for the Ministry of Women: Revd Barbara Meachin
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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

NOTES

1. On the 5th January 1977 The Charity Commissioners made an order following the provisions of the United Reformed Church Act 1972 in which the assets of the former Congregational Church were apportioned between the United Reformed Church and those former Congregational Churches that had not joined the United Reformed Church. The consequences of this division were not anticipated in the accounts in previous years except for income received on the assets apportioned to Non Uniting Churches since the date of the union. However, since the order of the Charity Commissions is now known, full provision has been made in these Accounts for the assets passing to the Non Uniting Churches which consists of 18.2% of the assets of the former Congregational Church as at 5th October 1972 with the exception of assets held for the Congregational Ministers' Pension, Congregational Pastors' Superannuation and Congregational Pastors' Widows' Funds. The basis of valuation for apportionment purposes has been a valuation of freehold and leasehold property made at 31st December 1975. The Non Uniting Churches share of the properties has been purchased by the United Reformed Church for cash, and investments have been divided in specie.

The order of the Charity Commissioners brought into being a number of new capital funds and combined the funds of many Sundry Trusts administered by the Congregational Union of England and Wales Incorporated. The provisions of the order have been reflected in these accounts. In many cases the original cost of the assets of the Sundry Trusts have not been readily ascertainable and in such cases the cost of such assets has been taken as the valuation made at the 31st December 1975 in respect of freehold property and a valuation as at the 31st December 1976 in respect of investments.

2. Except as stated above, all assets are included in the balance sheet at cost. Depreciation has been provided on the cost of fixed assets at various rates, so as to write off their cost over their expected useful life. No provision has been made for depreciation on property.
3. Westminster College and buildings and contents are not included in the balance sheet on page 9, since the College was originally a gift to the Church and its value is not readily ascertainable.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

1975 £		1976 £
586,440	Proceeds of Unified Appeal and Appeal for The Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	651,453
	Other Income	
10,574	Tavistock Bookshop Profit	2,123
1,522	URC Insurance Co.Ltd.	3,385
29,154	Dividends and interest	37,418
<u>4,941</u>	Sundry Income	<u>3,539</u>
		46,465
<u>632,631</u>		<u>697,918</u>
	General Allocations	
	Overseas Missions	300,000
274,313	Less Sums specifically received	<u>11,853</u>
3,000	Church Extension	5,000
10,000	Westminster College	20,000
77,125	Maintenance of the Ministry	92,550
17,334	Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund	20,000
	Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows'	
9,000	Supplementary Fund	6,000
<u>10,000</u>	Welfare and Emergencies	<u>11,000</u>
		442,697
<u>400,772</u>		<u>442,697</u>
	Departmental Costs:	
		Costs Income Net
16,725	General Secretary, Staff, Expenses	19,441 574 18,867
11,157	Assembly Costs	11,994 - 11,994
37,886	Moderators	55,246 4,348 50,898
11,026	Grants	10,298 - 10,298
24,454	Church Life Department General	31,646 1,959 29,687
9,703	Deaconess	7,575 - 7,575
11,545	Youth	10,449 206 10,243
7,536	World Church & Mission Department	16,309 6,584 9,725
6,789	Church and Society Department	7,755 160 7,595
35,442	Finance and Administration Department	45,625 8,059 37,566
17,566	Legal and Professional Costs	10,528 - 10,528
29,037	General Office Costs	36,056 1,606 34,450
10,633	Publications, Printing and Stationery	17,525 5,482 12,043
<u>1,412</u>	Information Service	<u>2,064</u> 83 1,981
		<u>282,511 29,061 253,450</u>
<u>230,911</u>		
<u>631,683</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>696,147</u>
<u>£948</u>	Net Surplus in year carried to Accumulated Fund	<u>£1,771</u>

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
CAPITAL FUNDS					
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION					
	326,923				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Maintenance of the Ministry					
Fund - Revenue				15,541Dr	
Ministerial Training Fund				419Dr	
General Fund - Revenue				85,226Dr	
Charles Davey Blake Trust				46,169Cr	
A.M.Wills Trust				964Cr	
Mrs.A.M.Harris Trust				116Cr	
Miss K.P.Kirsop Trust				82Cr	
Cost of CIF Units transferred to					
Non Uniting Churches			55,529		
Profit on sale of property		8,489			
Sum paid to Non Uniting Churches					
in respect of property					
owned 5th October 1972			50,030		175,998
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	1,007				1,007
TRAINING AND MISSION	607				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Ministerial Training Fund				607Dr	
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Central Fund				231,668Cr	
Sir Frank Alexander Trust				35,794Cr	
Alderman Perry Trust				95Cr	
George Salisbury Holiday Fund				538Cr	
Sir James Carmichael Fund				2,126Cr	
Pastors Insurance Aid Society				3,214Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of the former					
Presbyterian Church					
Glendyne				4,355Cr	
Lamont				366Cr	
Muter				10,788Cr	
Lady Nivison				763Cr	
Samuel White				177Cr	286,431
Cost of CIF Units transferred to					
Non Uniting Churches			3,453		
MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Kings Weigh House Trust				33,588Cr	
West Hill Bursary				419Cr	
Training and Mission				607Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of the former					
Presbyterian Church					
Forward Fund				10,600Cr	45,057
Cost of CIF Units transferred to					
Nin-Uniting Churches			157		
Carried forward	328,537	8,489	109,169	280,636	508,493

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
Brought forward	328,537	8,489	109,169	280,636	508,493
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Arthur Clegg Bowdler				22,198Cr	
Church Aid Fund				49,922Cr	
Church Building Fund				88,320Cr	
Hassell Trust				289Cr	
Perry Trust				47Cr	
Kingsley Chapel Trust				362Cr	
Upper Bangor Church Fund				152Cr	
Wistow Church Fund				21Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of former Presbyterian Church Forward Fund				10,600Cr	171,911
HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Homes for Retired Ministers Trust				239,954Cr	
Fen Place				52,670Cr	
D. Evans Fund				925Cr	
G.M. Lenwood Fund				333Cr	
Other transfers				4,502Cr	
Sums paid to Non Uniting Churches in respect of property owned 5th October 1972			31,643		266,741
WELFARE FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme P.E.B. Trust				2,798Cr	2,798
FOWLER RELIEF IN NEED FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme A.H. & Muriel Fowler Trust				10,917Cr	10,917
MINISTERS SCHOOLS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Schools Fund				39,033Cr	39,033
FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme A.H. & Muriel Fowler Trust				10,916Cr	
E.M. Howell Trust				278Cr	
J.H. Howell Trust				1,052Cr	12,246
	<u>328,537</u>	<u>8,489</u>	<u>140,812</u>	<u>815,925</u>	<u>1,012,139</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS					
Home Churches Fund	2,397				2,397
Maintenance of the Ministry	15,295			15,295Dr	
Training and Mission	492			492Dr	
Church Relations	80				80
Central Administration	89				89
Retirement Housing	7,176			7,176Dr	
	<u>25,529</u>			<u>22,963</u>	<u>2,566</u>

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS					
General Purposes	117,121				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Manning Legacy			659		
Capital Fund				85,226Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of former Presbyterian Church					
Manse Repair Fund				1,480Cr	
United Appeal				10,817Cr	
Blair Legacy				1,507Cr	
Car purchase loans				192Cr	
Legacies		27,200			
St.Nicholas Church, Ipswich		6,500			
Provision for VAT			6,213		
Provision for Poplar debt			7,599		
Profit on sale of motor car		500			
Net surplus in year		1,771			237,843
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND					
Balance at 1st January 1976 of Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the former					
Congregational Church	57,978				
Presbyterian Church	128,472				
Former Presbyterian Fund Balance maintained separately			1,235		
Transferred from Funds of former Presbyterian Church					
Johnson Trust				1,134Cr	
Williamson Milne Trust				648Cr	
Blair Trust				745Cr	
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund				15,541Cr	
Pastors Aid Insurance Society				1,962Cr	
Carmichael Trust				630Cr	
Alexander Trust				7,229Cr	
Central Fund				20,427Cr	
Church Aid Fund				4,575Cr	
G.Salisbury Trust				218Cr	
Alderman Perry Trust				44Dr	
A.M.Wills Fund				105Dr	
A.M.Harris Trust				8Dr	
Hinchcliffe Legacy				377Dr	
Assessments and Contributions received	1,054,677				
Allocation from Unified Appeal	92,550				
Other Income	6,135				
Stipends paid			1,028,927		
Grants to Provinces			107,115		
Other grants			13,926		
Allocation to pension fund			12,500		228,684
Special Fund (M.O.M.)				15,295Cr	
Motor car grants			2,150		13,145
Carried forward	303,571	1,189,333	1,180,324	167,092	479,672

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
Brought forward	303,571	1,189,333	1,180,324	167,092	479,672
MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Kings Weigh House				985Cr	
Training and Mission Fund				492Cr	1,477
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Alderman Perry Fund				21Dr	
A.C.Bowdler Fund				41,689Cr	
Church Aid Fund				8,500Cr	
Kingsley Chapel Fund				43Dr	
Wistow Church Fund				5Cr	
Upper Bangor Church Fund				610Cr	
Faulkner/Chilton Legacies				96Dr	
Church Building Fund				41,456Cr	92,100
HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Fen Place				4,060Cr	
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund				20,511Cr	
Lenwood				13Dr	
Retirement Housing Fund		5,179		7,176Cr	36,913
WELFARE FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Special Emergencies Fund				1,135Cr	
Welfare Fund (including P.E.B.Fund)				15,744Cr	16,879
FOWLER RELIEF IN NEED FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
A.H. & Muriel Fowler Fund				1,879Cr	1,879
MINISTERS SCHOOLS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Schools Fund				5,845Cr	5,845
FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
A.H. & Muriel Fowler Fund				4,899Cr	
J.H.Howell Fund				1,035Cr	
E.M.Howell Fund				268Cr	6,202
	<u>303,571</u>	<u>1,194,512</u>	<u>1,180,324</u>	<u>323,208</u>	<u>640,967</u>

MOVEMENT IN EX PRESBYTERIAN FUNDS YET TO BE ALLOCATED - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

	Maintenance of the Ministry	Home Church	Overseas Mission	Church Extension	Christian Approach to Jews	Inter Church Relations	Col/Lege	Youth	Womens Missionary Association	Womens Home Church	Sundry Assembly Funds	Trust Funds	Total
Balance 1st January 1976													
General Funds			32344		14803		9992	13563	29500	10839			111041
Funds for Special Objects		104554	46438	197577	15185	1739	29558	1316	9863		262058		668288
General Endowment Fund	18977	6290	20851				97570		6361				150049
Endowment Fd.Special Objects		4242	12914				66428		2524	1160		80415	167683
	18977	115086	112547	197577	29988	1739	203548	14879	48248	11999	262058	80415	1097061
Add Legacies			1000	5429			800		1176	776			9181
Allocation from Unified Appeal				5000			20000						25000
Excess of Receipts over Payments		1301	5333	13921	822	156	6978	10	3887	714	11629	2102	46853
Transfer from other Fds	1235												1235
Profit of Sale of Investment.		(729)					636						(93)
	20212	115658	118880	221927	30810	1895	231962	14889	53311	13489	273687	82517	1179237
Less Excess of Payments over Receipts		6020	6179				19905			101	144	952	33301
Transfer to other Funds	18977	22593					1000				12605		55175
	1235	87045	112701	221927	30810	1895	211057	14889	53311	13388	260938	81565	1090761
Balance 31st December 1976													
General Funds	1235		35010		15625	1895	10388	13563	33328	12329			123373
Funds for Special Objects		77640	42572	221927	15185		35545	1326	10869		260938		666002
General Endowment Fund		4783	20851				98207		6361				130202
Endowment Fd.Special Objects		4622	14268				66917		2753	1059		81565	171184
	1235	87045	112701	221927	30810	1895	211057	14889	53311	13388	260938	81565	1090761

CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
328,537	Capital Funds	Pages 37/38 1,012,139
25,529	Special Funds	Page 38 2,566
303,571	Unexpended Income Funds	Pages 39/40 640,967
<u>1,097,061</u>	Ex Presbyterian Funds, yet to be classified	Page 41 <u>1,090,761</u>
<u>£1,754,698</u>		<u>£2,746,433</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
	Fixed Assets at cost	
67,460	Church House	67,460
201,737	Freehold Property	457,744
10,150	Leasehold Property	32,650
-	Freehold Ground Rents	<u>15,439</u> 573,293
26,468	Motor Cars, Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	<u>55,895</u>
	Less Sums written off	<u>24,603</u> 31,292
	Quoted Investments - at cost	
	Market Value	Market Value
325,648	281,904 Common Investment Fund	705,231 799,968
539,130	525,022 Investment Pool	503,508 535,644
28,420	<u>31,454</u> Other quoted Investments	<u>66,466</u> 68,643
	<u>£838,380</u>	<u>£1,275,205</u> 1,404,255
2,500	Unquoted Investments - at cost	7,600
	Loans and Advances	
76,124	Churches	133,377
5,326	Ministers	<u>3,912</u> 137,289
32,610	Net Assets of Tavistock Bookshop	27,733
	Current Assets:	
333,234	Sundry Debtors	297,476
1,096,143	Cash at Bank, on call and short term deposit	<u>1,406,708</u>
		1,704,184
(190,982)	Less Sundry Creditors	425,497
<u>(799,270)</u>	Balance held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>713,716</u> 1,139,213 564,971
<u>£1,754,698</u>		<u>£2,746,433</u>

CENTRAL ACTIVITIES - STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

SOURCE OF FUNDS				APPLICATION OF FUNDS	
Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure				Acquisition of Property	
Central Activities	1,771			Per Charity Commissioners' Order*	262,290
Adjustment for items not involving movement of funds:				Other	44,082
Depreciation	6,513				
Grants re property & loans	<u>3,739</u>	10,252		Acquisition of Other Fixed Assets	
		<u>12,023</u>		Per Charity Commissioners' Order*	1,365
Maintenance of the Ministry		26,067		Other	<u>12,411</u>
Retirement Housing Fund		5,179			
Ex Presbyterian Funds		<u>37,552</u>	80,821	Acquisition of Quoted Investments	513,406
				Per Charity Commissioners' Order*	9,176
				Other	<u>522,582</u>
Charity Commissioners' Order*				Acquisition of Loans	
Total Assets introduced	992,517			Per Charity Commissioners' Order*	67,746
<u>Less</u> paid to Non-Uniting Churches for share of assets not transferred in specie		<u>96,813</u>	895,704	Allocation to Pension Fund from the Maintenance of the Ministry	<u>12,500</u>
					922,976
Proceeds from sale of				CHANGE OF LIQUIDITY	
Property	18,811			As at 31st December 1976	
Other Fixed Assets	2,440			Cash and Debtors	1,704,184
Investments	<u>6,332</u>	27,583		Provisions adjusted	<u>13,812</u>
Tavistock Bookshop			4,877	Deduct: creditors	<u>1,717,996</u>
					1,139,213
Repayment of loans and advances	11,593			As at 31st December 1975	578,783
<u>Less</u> advances made		<u>1,325</u>	10,268	Increase in net liquid funds	<u>439,125</u>
					139,658
Legacies and gifts					
Legacies	36,381				
Proceeds of sale of St. Nicholas Church	6,500				
Proceeds of sale of motor car	<u>500</u>	43,381			
		<u>£1,062,634</u>			<u>£1,062,634</u>
* NET ASSETS ACQUIRED FOLLOWING CHARITY COMMISSIONERS' ORDER				Property	262,290
				Other	1,365
				Quoted Investments	513,406
				Loans	67,746
				Cash	147,710
				To Non-Uniting Churches	<u>(96,813)</u>
					<u>£895,704</u>

COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £	Units	1976 £
CAPITAL AT 1st January 1976	1,675,527	1,749,560
Units issued in year	18,193	<u>15,314</u>
		1,764,874
Units cancelled in year	(178,600)	156,628
Loss on sale of investments		<u>86,522</u>
		243,150
1,749,560	CAPITAL AT 31st December 1976	1,521,724
	1,515,120	
	Special Reserve Fund	
	Balance at 1st January 1976	11,241
<u>11,241</u>	Underwriting commission received	<u>2,521</u>
		<u>13,762</u>
<u>£1,760,801</u>		<u>£1,535,486</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
1,579,353	Investments at cost	1,476,000
180,000	Money on short term deposit	75,000
<u>1,448</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>(15,514)</u>
		59,486
<u>£1,760,801</u>		<u>£1,535,486</u>
	The units in issue at 31st December 1976 were	
	valued as follows:	
1,362,367	Market Value of investments	1,269,222
<u>181,448</u>	Uninvested cash (including short term deposit)	<u>59,486</u>
<u>£1,543,815</u>		<u>£1,328,708</u>

1,675,527	Units in issue	1,515,120
£0.92139	Unit Value	£0.87697

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

159,565	Dividends and Interest received	147,117
	Distribution made	
	1,675,527 Units at £0.0875	146,617
	18,193 Units at £0.0275	<u>500</u>
<u>159,565</u>		<u>147,117</u>
£ -		£ -

Note. Distributions were made in the year as follows:

January to March	£0.0149	25,019
April to June	£0.0267	44,719
July to September	£0.0184	30,812
October to December	<u>£0.0275</u>	<u>46,567</u>
	<u>£0.0875</u>	<u>£147,117</u>

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		Units	1976 £
396,525	CAPITAL AT 1st January 1976	554,969	724,144
327,577	Write up value of investments at 13th December 1974 to cost		-
-	Units issued in year	20,783	21,229
-	Units cancelled in year	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>(2,757)</u>
<u>42</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	573,067	742,616
724,144		<u>573,067</u>	<u>41,232</u>
<u>158</u>	Special Reserve Fund Balance at 1st January 1976		<u>158</u>
<u>£724,302</u>			<u>£701,542</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:		
722,051	Investments at cost		673,910
5,835	Income Tax Recoverable		-
<u>(3,584)</u>	Balance with Bankers		<u>27,632</u>
<u>£724,302</u>			<u>£701,542</u>

The units in issue at 31st December 1976 were valued as follows:

588,818	Market value of investments	560,753
<u>2,251</u>	Uninvested cash	<u>27,632</u>
<u>591,069</u>		<u>588,385</u>

554,969	Units in issue	573,067
£1.065	Unit Value	£1.027

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

61,257	Dividends and interest received	59,454
	Distribution made	
	554,969 Units at £0.1070	593,65
	2,542 Units at £0.0351	89
<u>61,257</u>	18,241 Units at nil	<u>-</u>
£ -	(1975 £0.1104)	£ -

Note. Distributions were made in the year as follows:

January to March	£0.0163	9,021
April to June	£0.0322	17,898
July to September	£0.0234	12,978
October to December	<u>£0.0351</u>	<u>19,557</u>
	<u>£0.1070</u>	<u>£59,454</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS' AID FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
53,197	Balance at 1st January 1976	63,310
8,621	Add Net excess of income over expenditure in year	7,706
<u>1,500</u>	Legacy	<u>55</u>
63,318		71,071
<u>8</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>-</u>
63,310		71,071
	ENDOWMENT FUND	
31,250	Balance at 1st January 1976	32,250
<u>1,000</u>	Add Amount received in year	<u>1,000</u>
<u>£95,560</u>		<u>£104,321</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
71,455	Investments at cost	71,455
	M.V. 1975 £70,272	
	1976 £67,257	
<u>24,105</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>32,866</u>
<u>£95,560</u>		<u>£104,321</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

	Dividends and interest	
3,623	General Fund investments	3,692
<u>2,997</u>	Endowment Fund investments	<u>2,904</u>
6,620		6,596
850	General interest	<u>3,311</u>
1,166	Receipts from Trusts	9,907
8,000	Allocation from Unified Appeal	1,082
<u>160</u>	Donations	<u>4,500</u>
16,796		51
(1,178)	Less Grants	15,540
<u>(6,997)</u>	Allocation to Pension Fund	930
<u>£8,621</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>6,904</u>
		<u>7,834</u>
		<u>£7,706</u>

WIDOWS' SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
7,595	Balance at 1st January 1976	8,309
1,000	Add Legacies received in year	31
<u>(286)</u>	Net surplus in year	<u>351</u> 8,691
<u>£8,309</u>		<u>£8,691</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
4,058	3501 Pool Units	4,058
	M.V. 1975 £3,729	
	1976 £3,595	
<u>4,251</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>4,633</u>
<u>£8,309</u>		<u>£8,691</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

386	Dividends	374
250	General interest	425
1,000	Allocation from Unified Appeal	1,500
<u>98</u>	Donations	<u>102</u>
1,734		2,401
<u>2,020</u>	Less Grants paid	<u>2,050</u>
<u>£(286)</u>	Net Surplus in year	<u>£351</u>

PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
291,478	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	291,478
11,879	ACCUMULATED FUND Balance at 1st January 1976	30,246
3,398	Legacies received in year	1,652
4,021	Legacies Equalisation Fund	-
<u>10,948</u>	Net excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>9,890</u> <u>41,788</u>
<u>£321,724</u>		<u>£333,266</u>
308,342	REPRESENTED BY: 338470 CIF Units	320,000
	MV 1975 £299,102	
	1976 £296,831	
<u>13,382</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>13,266</u>
<u>£321,724</u>		<u>£333,266</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

30,775	Dividends from Common Investment Fund	28,787
2,277	Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	3,398
<u>245</u>	Other income	<u>1,281</u>
33,297		33,466
<u>22,349</u>	<u>Less grants</u>	<u>23,576</u>
<u>£10,948</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£9,890</u>

PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
158,302	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	158,302
25,790	ACCUMULATED FUND Balance at 1st January 1976	43,658
11,730	Legacies Equalisation Fund	-
3,016	Legacies received in year	2,656
<u>3,122</u>	Net excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>2,433</u>
<u>£201,960</u>		<u>£207,049</u>
196,344	REPRESENTED BY: 211771 CIF Units	200,000
	M.V. 1975 £191,122	
	1976 £185,719	
<u>5,616</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>7,049</u>
<u>£201,960</u>		<u>£207,049</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

18,608	Dividends from Common Investment Fund	18,271
2,277	Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	3,397
<u>985</u>	Other income	<u>425</u>
21,870		22,093
<u>18,748</u>	<u>Less grants</u>	<u>19,660</u>
<u>£3,122</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£2,433</u>

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
959,002	Balance at 1st January 1976	997,094
894	Add Legacies received in year	2,565
<u>43,700</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>23,664</u>
1,003,596		1,023,323
<u>6,502</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>77,338</u>
997,094		945,985
	ENDOWMENT FUND	
5,359	Balance at 1st January 1976	5,359
<u>-</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>2,245</u>
<u>£1,002,453</u>		<u>£949,099</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
946,812	Investments at cost - General Fund	938,253
5,359	Endowment Fund	<u>3,114</u>
	M.V. 1975 £831,115	
	1976 £850,476	
38,491	Balance with Bankers	8,059
<u>12,096</u>	Debtors	<u>-</u>
		8,059
<u>(305)</u>	Less Creditors	<u>327</u>
<u>£1,002,453</u>		<u>£949,099</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

77,560	Dividends and interest	
327	General Fund investment	81,214
6,975	Endowment Fund investments	164
34,696	General interest	<u>-</u>
12,500	Premiums	81,378
6,997	Contributions from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	40,909
<u>518</u>	Allocation from Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	12,500
	Donations	6,904
139,573		<u>118</u>
(82,932)	Less Pensions	141,809
(10,441)	Refunded contributions	105,676
<u>(2,500)</u>	Office charges	9,184
		<u>3,285</u>
<u>£43,700</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£23,664</u>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
524,039	Balance at 1st January 1976	628,568
	Legacy received	279
106,119	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>109,977</u>
		110,256
<u>(1,590)</u>	<u>Less</u> loss on sale of investments	<u>45,038</u> 65,218
<u>£628,568</u>		<u>£693,786</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
456,671	Investments at cost	520,362
	M.V. 1975 £388,508	
	1976 £468,366	
176,063	Balance with Bankers	173,746
<u>(4,166)</u>	<u>Less</u> Creditors	<u>322</u> 173,424
<u>£628,568</u>		<u>£693,786</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

49,618	Dividends and Interest	65,002
76,618	Contributions from Ministers and Churches	71,273
<u>17,334</u>	Central Church Funds	<u>20,000</u> 91,273
143,570		156,275
<u>(34,648)</u>	<u>Less</u> Pensions paid	41,212
(1,662)	Premium refunds to members on withdrawal	1,617
-	Commutation payment	224
(692)	Transfer values paid on withdrawal	<u>1,148</u>
		44,201
<u>(449)</u>	Management expenses	<u>2,097</u> 46,298
<u>£106,119</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£109,977</u>

STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
46,746	Balance at 1st January 1976	47,161
	<u>Less</u> loss on investment realised	4,532
<u>415</u>	Excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>329</u>
<u>£47,161</u>		<u>£42,300</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
47,477	Investments at cost	43,436
	M.V. 1975 £51,067	
	1976 £46,607	
1,935	Debtor	-
<u>(2,251)</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>(1,136)</u>
<u>£47,161</u>		<u>£42,300</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

4,073	Dividends from investments	3,069
<u>897</u>	Contributions	<u>876</u>
<u>4,970</u>		3,945
4,495	Pension Payments	3,149
-	Payments made to deceased member's estate	1,065
<u>60</u>	Reinsured Life Assurance	<u>60</u>
<u>4,555</u>		<u>4,274</u>
<u>(£415)</u>	Net excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>£329</u>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
100,882	Balance at 1st January 1976	95,753
	<u>Less</u> loss on investment realised	1,985
<u>5,129</u>	Excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>7,251</u> <u>9,236</u> 86,517
95,753		
	REVENUE RESERVE	
	Management Fund	
<u>2,500</u>	Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>2,500</u>
<u>£98,253</u>		<u>£89,017</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
118,565	Investments at cost	114,870
	M.V. 1975 £95,143	
	1976 £92,643	
(20,312)	<u>Less</u> Balance with Bankers	25,678
<u>-</u>	Sundry creditor	<u>175</u> <u>25,853</u>
<u>£98,253</u>		<u>£89,017</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

1,500	Allocation from Home Churches Fund	1,500
9,036	Interest from investments	9,089
<u>1,924</u>	Premiums	<u>112</u>
12,460		10,701
17,586	<u>Less</u> Annuities paid	17,435
-	Premiums refunded	513
<u>3</u>	Administration costs	<u>4</u> <u>17,952</u>
17,589		
<u>£5,129</u>	Excess of Expenditure over income	<u>£7,251</u>

CENTRAL FUND FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
270,200	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	270,200
12,847	REVENUE RESERVES Contingencies Funds Balance at 1st January 1976	12,847
<u>336</u>	Special Emergencies Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>336</u> <u>13,183</u>
283,383		283,383
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches:	
	Cost of 51,455 CIF Units	51,496
	Cash	<u>40</u> 51,536
	Sums credited to Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	
	Cost of 231,481 CIF Units	231,668
	Cash	<u>179</u> <u>231,847</u> <u>283,383</u>
<u>£283,383</u>		£ -
283,164	REPRESENTED BY: Investment (1975 282,936 CIF Units)	-
<u>219</u>	M.V. 1975 £260,694 Balance with Bankers	<u>-</u>
<u>£283,383</u>		£ -
	 Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976	
13,853	Net dividends from Common Investment Fund Units	20,248
<u>13,853</u>	Sum transferred to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>20,248</u>
<u>£ -</u>		£ -

CHURCH AID FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
61,046	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	61,046
	REVENUE RESERVES	
	Accumulated Fund	
-	Balance at 1st January 1976	2,004
-	Transfer part income for year	497
2,004	Legacies received in year	<u>619</u>
		3,120
	Contingencies Fund	
7,386	Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>7,386</u> <u>10,506</u>
		71,552
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches	
	Cost of 12,736 CIF Units	12,925
	Cash	<u>205</u> 13,130
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund	
	Cost of 57,567 CIF Units	<u>58,422</u> <u>71,552</u>
<u>£70,436</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
71,347	Investments (1975 70,303 CIF Units M.V. £65,145)	-
<u>(911)</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>-</u>
<u>£70,436</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976	
3,484	Dividends from Common Investment Fund Units	5,072
-	<u>Less</u> Transfer to Accumulated Fund	<u>497</u>
<u>£3,484</u>	Sum transferred to Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>£4,575</u>

CHURCH BUILDING FUND (INCORPORATING THE ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY)

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
105,303	Balance at 1st January 1976	105,303
	Sale proceeds of Churches	<u>2,304</u>
		107,607
	ACCUMULATED ACCOUNT	
33,079	Balance at 1st January 1976	33,079
	Surplus in year to date	<u>11,673</u>
		44,752
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches:	152,359
	Cash value of certain assets	9,205
	Cost of 6,947 CIF Units	6,955
	Cost of £3,637 7½% Cardiff stock 1977	3,674
	Cash	<u>2,749</u>
		22,583
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund:	
	Loan Balances	67,746
	Cost of Ground Rents	15,439
	Cost of 31,254 CIF Units	31,292
	Value of £16,363 7½% Cardiff Stock 1977	<u>16,528</u>
		131,005
	<u>Less</u> Cash transferred from Church Extension Fund	1,229
		<u>129,776</u>
		152,359
<u>£138,382</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
15,439	Freehold ground rents at cost	-
38,247	Investments (Value 1975 £35,202)	-
20,202	Quoted Investments (Value 1975 £18,000)	-
67,340	Loans to Churches	-
986	Debtors	-
(3,832)	Balance with Bankers	-
<u>£138,382</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976	
2,997	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	3,783
1,162	Interest on other investments	1,668
840	Loan interest	5,926
4,289	Rents and Ground Rents	4,337
<u>2,462</u>	Other income	<u>609</u>
		16,323
11,750	Grants to Churches	4,650
<u>5,216</u>		<u>11,673</u>
<u>£6,534</u>	Surplus in year	<u>£11,673</u>

WELFARE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
300	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	300
	REVENUE RESERVE	
	Accumulated Fund	
4,026	Balance at 1st January 1976	9,392
499	Add Legacies received in year	200
<u>4,898</u>	Surplus in year to date	<u>6,388</u>
9,723		16,280
	Less Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches	
	Cost of 364 CIF Units	364
(31)	Cash	<u>172</u> 536
	Sums credited to New Welfare Fund	
	Cost of 1,636 CIF Units	1,636
	Cost of £250 3½% War Loan	50
	Cash	<u>14,058</u>
		<u>15,744</u> <u>16,280</u>
<u>£9,692</u>		£ -

REPRESENTED BY:

	Investments	
2,000	(1975 2,000 CIF Units value £1,843	
50	£250 3½% War Loan value £61)	-
33	Debtors	-
<u>7,609</u>	Balance with Bankers	-
<u>£9,692</u>		£ -

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

158	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	153
208	Other interest	918
1,990	Donations	2,285
<u>10,000</u>	Allocation from Central Funds	<u>11,000</u>
12,356		14,356
<u>7,458</u>	Less Grants	<u>7,968</u>
<u>£4,898</u>	Surplus in year	<u>£6,388</u>

ARTHUR CLEGG BOWDLER FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
25,274	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	25,274
	Capital Introduced	<u>788</u>
		26,062
14,649	CAPITAL RESERVE Special Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	14,649
27,112	REVENUE RESERVE Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	30,813
3,721	Surplus in year to date	4,314
838	Creditors written back	<u>-</u>
		<u>35,127</u>
		75,838
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches	
	Cost of 9,848 CIF Units	9,867
(858)	Cash	<u>2,084</u> 11,951
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund	
	Cost of 44,303 CIF Units	44,387
	Cash	<u>19,500</u> 63,887
		<u>75,838</u>
<u>£70,736</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
54,254	Investments (1975 54,151 CIF Units Value £49,894)	-
<u>16,482</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>-</u>
<u>£70,736</u>		<u>£ -</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

4,248	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	3,878
<u>843</u>	Sundry income	<u>1,988</u>
5,091		5,866
<u>1,370</u>	<u>Less</u> Grants paid	<u>1,552</u>
<u>£3,721</u>	Surplus in year	<u>£4,314</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS (FEN PLACE)

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
63,919	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	63,919
5,000	REVENUE RESERVES Special Legacy Balance at 1st January 1976	5,000
	Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	1,681
	Legacies received in year	<u>4,663</u>
1,681	<u>Less</u> deficit in year to date	6,344 <u>351</u> <u>5,993</u>
		74,912
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches	
	Cash in respect of certain assets	15,140
	Cost of 1,019 CIF Units	1,329
	Cash	<u>1,713</u> 18,182
	Sums credited to Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	
	Cost of 4,585 CIF Units	5,978
	Cost of certain property	<u>61,830</u>
		67,808
	<u>Less</u> sums credited from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	11,078
		<u>56,730</u> <u>74,912</u>
<u>£70,600</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
60,465	Freehold property at cost	-
1,565	Furniture and Equipment at cost, less depreciation	-
7,307	Investments (Value 1975 £5,163)	-
21	Debtors and Payments in advance	-
2,174	Balance with Bankers	-
(932)	<u>Less</u> Sundry Creditors	-
<u>£70,600</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976	
16,514	Rents	23,524
755	Visitors fees	644
750	Garden Party	640
2,608	Dividends and Interest	1,837
<u>1,576</u>	Other income	<u>1,278</u>
22,203		27,923
(9,259)	<u>Less</u> Staff Salaries	11,672
(5,798)	Provisions and Laundry	7,387
(3,590)	Maintenance	1,996
(6,134)	Rates, Lighting heating and insurance	5,974
<u>(763)</u>	Sundry expenses	<u>1,245</u> <u>28,274</u>
<u>£3,341</u>	Deficit in year	<u>£351</u>

TAVISTOCK BOOKSHOP

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
26,036	Balance at 1st January 1976	32,610
<u>10,574</u>	Net Profit in year to date	<u>2,123</u>
36,610		34,733
<u>4,000</u>	Less sums withdrawn	<u>7,000</u>
<u>£32,610</u>		<u>£27,733</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
3,115	Furniture Fittings and Equipment at cost	3,112
<u>1,475</u>	Less Depreciation	<u>1,559</u>
1,640		1,553
	Stock at lower of cost or market value	24,487
	Less provision for unsold books	<u>1,125</u>
19,860		23,362
10,721	Debtors	8,542
25	Cash in hand	45
9,577	Balance at Bank - current account	2,765
<u>7,000</u>	Balance at Bank - deposit account	<u>-</u>
48,823		34,714
<u>16,213</u>	Less Creditors	<u>8,534</u>
<u>£32,610</u>		<u>£27,733</u>

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

100,724	Sales	81,447
(89,276)	Stock and purchases	80,590
<u>20,985</u>	Less closing stock	<u>24,487</u>
32,433	Gross trading profit	56,103
(13,909)	Less Salaries and wages	25,344
(4,725)	Carriage and postage	14,786
(183)	Depreciation	4,546
	Other expenses, including rent, advertising, audit etc.	173
<u>(3,407)</u>		<u>4,174</u>
10,209		23,679
<u>365</u>	Interest received	1,665
<u>£10,574</u>	Net Profit in year	<u>458</u>
		<u>£2,123</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

Accounts for the year to the 31st December 1976

We have examined the accounts of the United Reformed Church together with the notes thereon set out on pages 35 to 60. These have been prepared under the historical cost convention. In our opinion the accounts together with the statement of sources and application of funds are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the funds and are in accordance with the information and explanations given to us, and with the books of account.

186 City Road,
London, EC1V 2NU
May 1977

ROBSON RHODES
Chartered Accountants

LEGACIES RECEIVED IN YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

1. CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

The late A.D.Ball	988
" " Miss A.M.Beer	2,200
" " Mrs.B.Davis	229
" " E.H.Douglas	4,703
" " Miss E.Erlebach	500
" " G.M.Gerard	700
" " Revd.J.S.Hutton	100
" " D.A.B.Marples	12,000
" " B.W.Piper	3,733
" " M.M.Russell	79
" " T.Smith	1,468
" " E.Smithen	500

£27,200

2. OVERSEAS MISSION

The late W.D.Taylor	<u>£1,000</u>
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3. CHURCH EXTENSION

The late H.H.Callister	<u>£5,429</u>
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4. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

The late J.S.Maclean	250
" " J.Ord	50
" " E.Smithen	500
	<u>£800</u>

5. WOMENS MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

The late M.E.M.Frood	776
" " M.W.D.Paton	400
	<u>£1,176</u>

6. WOMENS HOME CHURCH ASSOCIATION

The late M.E.M.Frood	<u>£776</u>
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7. RETIRED MINISTERS' AID

The late J.Ord	<u>£55</u>
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8. WOMENS SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

The late J.Ord	<u>£31</u>
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9. PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

The late P.W.Townsend	200
" " S.Bestwick	92
Tax recovered	1,360

£1,652

10. PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND

The late Mrs. G.Beard	100
" " Miss M.M.J.Bailey	279
" " Miss N.Deary	389
" " Miss W.H.Leach	237
" " J.L.Morgan	1,285
" " Miss A.Stafford	101
" " P.W.Townsend	200
" " D.S.Twigg	65
	<u>£2,656</u>

11. MINISTERS' WIDOWS' and ORPHANS PENSION FUND

The late J.Brand	742
" " A.P.Cudlipp	14
" " Miss L.E.Dickson	1,109
" " E.Smithen	500
" " A.Wight	200
	<u>£2,565</u>

12. CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS PENSION FUND

The late Miss M.M.J.Bailey	<u>£279</u>
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13. CHURCH AID

The late S.F.Starkey	<u>£619</u>
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14. WELFARE FUND

The late P.W.Townsend	<u>£200</u>
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15. FEN PLACE

The late Miss E.Selby	500
" " M.B.Wadey	2,463
" " P.W.Townsend	200
" " E.M.Saunders	1,500
	<u>£4,663</u>

16. UNIFIED APPEAL

The late A.S.Dewey	1,000
" " C.S.C.Wood	3,094
	<u>4,094</u>
" " A.W.West (C.W.M.)	2,000
	<u>£6,094</u>

17. SUNDRY TRUSTS

	<u>£500</u>
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TOTAL LEGACIES

£55,695

BUDGETS 1977 AND 1978

	Actual 1976	Budget 1976	Budget 1977	Budget 1978
DEPARTMENTS				
Assembly and Central Services				
Central Secretariat	18,867	17,910	19,201	20,100
Assembly costs	11,994	13,000	14,000	15,000
Moderators	50,898	49,016	55,774	64,700
Professional Fees	10,528	12,000	13,000	18,100
Grants	<u>10,298</u>	10,500	11,500	13,000
Church Life Department				
General	29,687	33,258	38,350	37,600
Deaconess	7,575	9,116	10,500	10,000
Youth	<u>10,243</u>	10,468	12,575	13,500
World Church and Mission Department				
General (Including C.W.M.)	297,872	306,250	338,325	359,350
Church and Society Department				
General	7,595	8,908	9,600	10,200
Finance and Administration Department				
General	37,566	45,000	51,175	56,400
Publications and Publicity	12,043	19,216	17,175	16,000
Information Service	1,981	1,600	1,800	2,600
General Office costs	<u>34,450</u>	<u>31,534</u>	<u>42,425</u>	<u>49,550</u>
	541,597	567,776	635,400	686,100
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry				
Contributions to Ministerial				
staff salaries			(42,000)	(49,000)
			593,400	637,100
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Church Extension	5,000	5,000	5,500	4,000
Theological Training	20,000	20,000	20,000	35,000
Maintenance of the Ministry				
contributions to Professors'				
salaries			(5,000)	(9,000)
Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows'				
Supplementary Fund	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
Welfare and Emergencies	11,000	11,000	12,000	10,000
Maintenance of the Ministry	112,550	112,550	-	-
Contingencies	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>696,147</u>	<u>732,326</u>	<u>641,900</u>	<u>692,100</u>
UNIFIED APPEAL	651,453	661,426	600,000	648,000
Other Income	<u>46,465</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>44,100</u>
	697,918	701,426	640,000	692,100
Deficit		30,900	1,900	-
Surplus	1,771			

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**THE
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
1977**

ACCOUNTS

2nd to 5th May 1977

**THE CENTRAL HALL
CORPORATION STREET
BIRMINGHAM**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

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At the time that these accounts were finalised for printing the audit was not complete. The Auditors do not believe that any substantial adjustments will be necessary.

The Chairman of the Treasurership Committee and the Chief Accountant will be available in Room 21 of the Central Hall between 1.30 and 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday May 4th to answer any questions about these accounts in an informal atmosphere.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

NOTES

1. On the 5th January 1977 The Charity Commissioners made an order following the provisions of the United Reformed Church Act 1972 in which the assets of the former Congregational Church were apportioned between the United Reformed Church and those former Congregational Churches that had not joined the United Reformed Church. The consequences of this division were not anticipated in the accounts in previous years except for income received on the assets apportioned to Non Uniting Churches since the date of the union. However, since the order of the Charity Commissions is now known, full provision has been made in these Accounts for the assets passing to the Non Uniting Churches which consists of 18.2% of the assets of the former Congregational Church as at 5th October 1972 with the exception of assets held for the Congregational Ministers' Pension, Congregational Pastors' Superannuation and Congregational Pastors' Widows' Funds. The basis of valuation for apportionment purposes has been a valuation of freehold and leasehold property made at 31st December 1975. The Non Uniting Churches share of the properties has been purchased by the United Reformed Church for cash, and investments have been divided in specie.

The order of the Charity Commissioners brought into being a number of new capital funds and combined the funds of many Sundry Trusts administered by the Congregational Union of England and Wales Incorporated. The provisions of the order have been reflected in these accounts. In many cases the original cost of the assets of the Sundry Trusts have not been readily ascertainable and in such cases the cost of such assets has been taken as the valuation made at the 31st December 1975 in respect of freehold property and a valuation as at the 31st December 1976 in respect of investments.

2. Except as stated above, all assets are included in the balance sheet at cost. Depreciation has been provided on the cost of fixed assets at various rates, so as to write off their cost over their expected useful life. No provision has been made for depreciation on property.
3. Westminster College and buildings and contents are not included in the balance sheet on page 9, since the College was originally a gift to the Church and its value is not readily ascertainable.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

1975 £		1976 £
586,440	Proceeds of Unified Appeal and Appeal for The Congregational Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	651,453
	Other Income	
10,574	Tavistock Bookshop Profit	2,123
1,522	URC Insurance Co.Ltd.	3,385
29,154	Dividends and interest	37,418
<u>4,941</u>	Sundry Income	<u>3,539</u>
<u>632,631</u>		<u>46,465</u>
		697,918
	General Allocations	
	Overseas Missions	300,000
274,313	Less Sums specifically received	<u>11,853</u>
3,000	Church Extension	288,147
10,000	Westminster College	5,000
77,125	Maintenance of the Ministry	20,000
17,334	Congregational Ministers' Pension Fund	92,550
	Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows'	20,000
9,000	Supplementary Fund	6,000
<u>10,000</u>	Welfare and Emergencies	<u>11,000</u>
<u>400,772</u>		<u>442,697</u>
	Departmental Costs:	
		Costs Income Net
16,725	General Secretary, Staff, Expenses	19,441 574 18,867
11,157	Assembly Costs	11,994 - 11,994
37,886	Moderators	55,246 4,348 50,898
11,026	Grants	10,298 - 10,298
24,454	Church Life Department General	31,646 1,959 29,687
9,703	Deaconess	7,575 - 7,575
11,545	Youth	10,449 206 10,243
7,536	World Church & Mission Department	16,309 6,584 9,725
6,789	Church and Society Department	7,755 100 7,595
35,442	Finance and Administration Department	45,625 8,059 37,566
17,566	Legal and Professional Costs	10,528 - 10,528
29,037	General Office Costs	36,056 1,606 34,450
10,633	Publications, Printing and Stationery	17,525 5,482 12,043
<u>1,412</u>	Information Service	<u>2,064</u> 83 1,981
<u>230,911</u>		<u>282,511</u> <u>29,061</u> <u>253,450</u>
<u>631,683</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>696,147</u>
<u>£948</u>	Net Surplus in year carried to Accumulated Fund	<u>£1,771</u>

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
CAPITAL FUNDS					
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION					
	326,923				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Maintenance of the Ministry					
Fund - Revenue				15,541Dr	
Ministerial Training Fund				419Dr	
General Fund - Revenue				85,226Dr	
Charles Davey Blake Trust				46,169Cr	
A.M.Wills Trust				964Cr	
Mrs.A.M.Harris Trust				116Cr	
Miss K.P.Kirsop Trust				82Cr	
Cost of CIF Units transferred to					
Non Uniting Churches			59,139		
Profit on sale of property		8,489			
Sum paid to Non Uniting Churches					
in respect of property					
owned 5th October 1972			50,030		172,388
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	1,007				1,007
TRAINING AND MISSION	607				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Ministerial Training Fund				607Dr	
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Central Fund				231,668Cr	
Sir Frank Alexander Trust				35,794Cr	
Alderman Perry Trust				95Cr	
George Salisbury Holiday Fund				538Cr	
Sir James Carmichael Fund				2,126Cr	
Pastors Insurance Aid Society				3,214Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of the former					
Presbyterian Church					
Glendyne				4,355Cr	
Lamont				366Cr	
Muter				10,788Cr	
Lady Nivison				763Cr	
Samuel White				177Cr	289,884
MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Kings Weigh House Trust				33,588Cr	
Westhill Bursary				419Cr	
Training and Mission				607Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of the former					
Presbyterian Church					
Forward Fund				10,600Cr	45,214
Carried forward	328,537	8,489	109,169	280,636	508,493

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
Brought forward	328,537	8,489	109,169	280,636	508,493
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Arthur Clegg Bowdler				22,198Cr	
Church Aid Fund				49,922Cr	
Church Building Fund				88,320Cr	
Hassell Trust				289Cr	
Perry Trust				47Cr	
Kingsley Chapel Trust				362Cr	
Upper Bangor Church Fund				152Cr	
Wistow Church Fund				21Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of former Presbyterian Church Forward Fund				10,600Cr	171,911
HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Homes for Retired Ministers Trust				239,954Cr	
Fen Place				47,450Cr	
D.Evans Fund				925Cr	
G.M.Lenwood Fund				333Cr	
Other transfers				4,502Cr	
Sums paid to Non Uniting Churches in respect of property owned 5th October 1972			31,643		261,521
WELFARE FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme P.E.B.Trust				2,798Cr	2,798
FOWLER RELIEF IN NEED FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme A.H. & Muriel Fowler Trust				10,917Cr	10,917
MINISTERS SCHOOLS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Schools Fund				39,033Cr	39,033
FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
A.H. & Muriel Fowler Trust				10,916Cr	
E.M.Howell Trust				278Cr	
J.H.Howell Trust				1,052Cr	12,246
	<u>328,537</u>	<u>8,489</u>	<u>140,812</u>	<u>810,705</u>	<u>1,006,919</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS					
Home Churches Fund	2,397				2,397
Maintenance of the Ministry	15,295			15,295Dr	
Training and Mission	492			492Dr	
Church Relations	80				80
Central Administration	89				89
Retirement Housing	7,176			7,176Dr	
	<u>25,529</u>			<u>22,963</u>	<u>2,566</u>

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
UNEXPENDED INCOME FUNDS					
General Purposes	117,121				
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Manning Legacy			659		
Capital Fund				85,226Cr	
Transfer from Trusts of former Presbyterian Church					
Manse Repair Fund				1,480Cr	
United Appeal				10,817Cr	
Blair Legacy				1,507Cr	
Car purchase loans				192Cr	
Legacies		27,200			
St. Nicholas Church, Ipswich		6,500			
Provision for VAT			6,213		
Provision for Poplar debt			7,599		
Profit on sale of motor car		500			
Net surplus in year		1,771			237,843
MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND					
Balance at 1st January 1976 of Maintenance of the Ministry Fund of the former					
Congregational Church	57,978				
Presbyterian Church	128,472				
Former Presbyterian Fund Balance maintained separately			1,235		
Transferred from Funds of former Presbyterian Church					
Johnson Trust				1,134Cr	
Williamson Milne Trust				648Cr	
Blair Trust				745Cr	
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme					
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund				15,541Cr	
Pastors Aid Insurance Society				1,962Cr	
Carmichael Trust				630Cr	
Alexander Trust				7,229Cr	
Central Fund				20,427Cr	
Church Aid Fund				4,575Cr	
G. Salisbury Trust				218Cr	
Alderman Perry Trust				44Dr	
A.M. Wills Fund				105Dr	
A.M. Harris Trust				8Dr	
Hinchcliffe Legacy				377Dr	
Assessments and Contributions received	1,054,677				
Allocation from Unified Appeal		92,550			
Other Income		6,135			
Stipends paid			1,028,927		
Grants to Provinces			107,115		
Other grants			13,926		
Allocation to pension fund			12,500		228,684
Special Fund (M.O.M.)				15,295Cr	
Motor car grants			2,150		13,145
Carried forward	303,571	1,189,333	1,180,324	167,092	479,672

DETAILS OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

Year ended 31st December 1976

	Balance 1.1.76 CR	Net Income CR	Net Expenditure DR	Transfers	Balance 31.12.76 CR
Brought forward	303,571	1,189,333	1,180,324	167,092	479,672
MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Kings Weigh House Training and Mission Fund				985Cr 492Cr	1,477
CHURCH EXTENSION FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Alderman Perry Fund A.C.Bowdler Fund Church Aid Fund Kingsley Chapel Fund Wistow Church Fund Upper Bangor Church Fund Faulkner/Chilton Legacies Church Building Fund				21Dr 41,689Cr 8,500Cr 43Dr 5Cr 610Cr 96Dr 41,456Cr	92,100
HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Fen Place Homes for Retired Ministers Fund Lenwood Retirement Housing Fund				9,280Cr 20,511Cr 13Dr 7,176Cr	42,133
		5,179			
WELFARE FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Special Emergencies Fund Welfare Fund (including P.E.B.Fund)				1,135Cr 15,744Cr	16,879
FOWLER RELIEF IN NEED FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme A.H. & Muriel Fowler Fund				1,879Cr	1,879
MINISTERS SCHOOLS FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme Schools Fund				5,845Cr	5,845
FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND					
Transfer per Apportionment Scheme A.H. & Muriel Fowler Fund J.H.Howell Fund E.M.Howell Fund				4,899Cr 1,035Cr 268Cr	6,202
	<u>303,571</u>	<u>1,194,512</u>	<u>1,180,324</u>	<u>328,428</u>	<u>646,187</u>

MOVEMENT IN EX PRESBYTERIAN FUNDS YET TO BE ALLOCATED - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

	Maintenance of the Ministry	Home Church	Overseas Mission	Church Extension	Christian Approach to Jews	Inter Church Relations	College	Youth	Womens Missionary Association	Womens Home Church	Sundry Assembly Funds	Trust Funds	Total
Balance 1st January 1976													
General Funds	128472		32344		14803		9992	13563	29500	10839			239513
Funds for Special Objects		104554	46438	197577	15185	1739	29558	1316	9863		262058		668288
General Endowment Fund	18977	6290	20851				97570		6361				150049
Endowment Fd.Special Objects		4242	12914				66428		2524	1160		80415	167683
Add Legacies	147449	115086	112547	197577	29988	1739	203548	14879	48248	11999	262058	80415	1225533
Allocation from Unified Appeal			1000	5429			800		1176	776			9181
Excess of Receipts over Payments				5000			20000						25000
Transfer from other Fds. Profit of Sale of Investment.		1301	5333	13921	822	156	4978	10	3887	714	11629	2102	44853
							1000						1000
							636						636
Less Excess of Payments over Receipts	147449	116387	118880	221927	30810	1895	230962	14889	53311	13489	273687	82517	1306203
Transfer to other Funds	146214	6749	6179				19905			101	144	952	34030
		22593									12605		181412
	1235	87045	112701	221927	30810	1895	211057	14889	53311	13388	260938	81565	1090761
Balance 31st December 1976													
General Funds	1235		35010		15625	1895	10388	13563	33328	12329			123373
Funds for Special Objects		77640	42572	221927	15185		35545	1326	10869		260938		666002
General Endowment Fund		4783	20851				98207		6361				130202
Endowment Fd.Special Objects		4622	14268				66917		2753	1059		81565	171184
	1235	87045	112701	221927	30810	1895	211057	14889	53311	13388	260938	81565	1090761

CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975				1976
£				£
328,537	Capital Funds	Page 4/5		1,006,919
25,529	Special Funds	Page 5		2,566
303,571	Unexpended Income Funds	Page 6/7		646,187
<u>1,097,061</u>	Ex Presbyterian Funds, yet to be classified	Page 8		<u>1,090,761</u>
<u>£1,754,698</u>				<u>£2,746,433</u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
Fixed Assets at cost				
67,460	Church House		67,460	
201,737	Freehold Property		457,744	
10,150	Leasehold Property		32,650	
-	Freehold Ground Rents		15,439	573,293
26,468	Motor Cars, Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		55,895	
	Less Sums written off		<u>24,603</u>	31,292
Quoted Investments - at cost				
Market Value				
325,648	281,904	Common Investment Fund	705,468	799,968
539,130	525,022	Investment Pool	503,508	535,644
28,420	<u>31,454</u>	Other quoted Investments	66,466	<u>68,643</u>
	<u>£838,380</u>		<u>£1,275,442</u>	1,404,255
2,500	Unquoted Investments - at cost			7,600
Loans and Advances				
76,124	Churches		133,377	
5,326	Ministers		<u>3,912</u>	137,289
32,610	Net Assets of Tavistock Bookshop			27,733
Current Assets:				
333,234	Sundry Debtors		297,476	
1,096,143	Cash at Bank, on call and short term deposit		<u>1,406,708</u>	
			1,704,184	
(190,982)	Less Sundry Creditors	425,497		
	Balance held for Provinces and Congregations	<u>713,716</u>	<u>1,139,213</u>	564,971
<u>(799,270)</u>				
<u>£1,754,698</u>				<u>£2,746,433</u>

COMMON INVESTMENT FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £	Units	9176 £
CAPITAL AT 1st January 1976	1,675,527	1,749,560
Units issued in year	18,193	<u>15,314</u>
		1,764,874
Units cancelled in year	(178,600)	156,628
Loss on sale of investments		<u>86,522</u>
		243,150
1,749,560	CAPITAL AT 31st December 1976	1,521,724
	Special Reserve Fund	
	Balance at 1st January 1976	11,241
11,241	Underwriting commission received	<u>2,521</u>
		13,762
<u>£1,760,801</u>		<u>£1,535,486</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
1,579,353	Investments at cost	1,476,000
180,000	Money on short term deposit	75,000
<u>1,448</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>(15,514)</u>
		59,486
<u>£1,760,801</u>		<u>£1,535,486</u>
	The units in issue at 31st December 1976 were valued as follows:	
1,362,367	Market Value of investments	1,269,222
<u>181,448</u>	Uninvested cash (including short term deposit)	<u>59,486</u>
<u>£1,543,815</u>		<u>£1,328,708</u>
	1,675,527 Units in issue	1,515,120
	£0.92139 Unit Value	£0.87697

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

159,565	Dividends and Interest received	147,117
	Distribution made	
	1,675,527 Units at £0.0875	146,617
<u>159,565</u>	18,193 Units at £0.0275	<u>500</u>
		147,117
<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ -</u>

Note. Distributions were made in the year as follows:

January to March	£0.0149	25,019
April to June	£0.0267	44,719
July to September	£0.0184	30,812
October to December	<u>£0.0275</u>	<u>46,567</u>
	<u>£0.0875</u>	<u>£147,117</u>

INVESTMENT POOL

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		Units	1976 £
396,525	CAPITAL AT 1st January 1976	554,969	724,144
327,577	Write up value of investments at 13th December 1974 to cost		-
-	Units issued in year	20,783	21,229
-	Units cancelled in year	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>(2,757)</u>
<u>42</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	573,067	742,616
724,144			<u>41,232</u>
<u>158</u>	Special Reserve Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	573,067	701,384
<u>£724,302</u>			<u>158</u>
			<u>£701,542</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:		
722,051	Investments at cost		673,910
5,835	Income Tax Recoverable		-
<u>(3,584)</u>	Balance with Bankers		<u>27,632</u>
<u>£724,302</u>			<u>£701,542</u>

The units in issue at 31st December 1976 were valued as follows:

588,818	Market value of investments	560,753
<u>2,251</u>	Uninvested cash	<u>27,632</u>
<u>591,069</u>		<u>588,385</u>

554,969	Units in issue	573,067
£1.065	Unit Value	£1.027

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

61,257	Dividends and interest received	59,454
	Distribution made	
	554,969 Units at £0.1070	593,65
	2,542 Units at £0.0351	89
<u>61,257</u>	18,241 Units at nil	<u>-</u>
<u>£ -</u>	(1975 £0.1104)	<u>£ -</u>

Note. Distributions were made in the year as follows:

January to March	£0.0163	9,021
April to June	£0.0322	17,898
July to September	£0.0234	12,978
October to December	<u>£0.0351</u>	<u>19,557</u>
	<u>£0.1070</u>	<u>£59,454</u>

RETIRED MINISTERS' AID FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
53,197	Balance at 1st January 1976	63,310
8,621	Add Net excess of income over expenditure in year	7,706
<u>1,500</u>	Legacy	<u>55</u>
63,318		71,071
<u>8</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>-</u>
63,310		71,071
	ENDOWMENT FUND	
31,250	Balance at 1st January 1976	32,250
<u>1,000</u>	Add Amount received in year	<u>1,000</u> 33,250
<u>£95,560</u>		<u>£104,321</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
71,455	Investments at cost	71,455
	M.V. 1975 £70,272	
	1976 £67,257	
<u>24,105</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>32,866</u>
<u>£95,560</u>		<u>£104,321</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

	Dividends and interest	
3,623	General Fund investments	3,692
<u>2,997</u>	Endowment Fund investments	<u>2,904</u>
6,620		6,596
850	General interest	<u>3,311</u> 9,907
1,166	Receipts from Trusts	1,082
8,000	Allocation from Unified Appeal	4,500
<u>160</u>	Donations	<u>51</u>
16,796		15,540
(1,178)	Less Grants	930
<u>(6,997)</u>	Allocation to Pension Fund	<u>6,904</u> 7,834
<u>£8,621</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£7,706</u>

WIDOWS' SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
7,595	Balance at 1st January 1976	8,309
1,000	Add Legacies received in year	31
<u>(286)</u>	Net surplus in year	<u>351</u> 8,691
<u>£8,309</u>		<u>£8,691</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
4,058	3501 Pool Units	4,058
	M.V. 1975 £3,729	
	1976 £3,595	
<u>4,251</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>4,633</u>
<u>£8,309</u>		<u>£8,691</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year
ended 31st December 1976

386	Dividends	374
250	General interest	425
1,000	Allocation from Unified Appeal	1,500
<u>98</u>	Donations	<u>102</u>
1,734		2,401
<u>2,020</u>	Less Grants paid	<u>2,050</u>
<u>£(286)</u>	Net Surplus in year	<u>£351</u>

PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
291,478	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	291,478
11,879	ACCUMULATED FUND Balance at 1st January 1976	30,246
3,398	Legacies received in year	1,652
4,021	Legacies Equalisation Fund	-
<u>10,948</u>	Net excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>9,890</u> <u>41,788</u>
<u>£321,724</u>		<u>£333,266</u>
308,342	REPRESENTED BY: 338470 CIF Units	320,000
	MV 1975 £299,102	
	1976 £296,831	
<u>13,382</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>13,266</u>
<u>£321,724</u>		<u>£333,266</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

30,775	Dividends from Common Investment Fund	28,787
2,277	Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	3,398
<u>245</u>	Other income	<u>1,281</u>
33,297		33,466
<u>22,349</u>	Less grants	<u>23,576</u>
<u>£10,948</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£9,890</u>

PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
158,302	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	158,302
25,790	ACCUMULATED FUND Balance at 1st January 1976	43,658
11,730	Legacies Equalisation Fund	-
3,016	Legacies received in year	2,656
<u>3,122</u>	Net excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>2,433</u> <u>48,747</u>
<u>£201,960</u>		<u>£207,049</u>
196,344	REPRESENTED BY: 211771 CIF Units	200,000
	M.V. 1975 £191,122	
	1976 £185,719	
<u>5,616</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>7,049</u>
<u>£201,960</u>		<u>£207,049</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

18,608	Dividends from Common Investment Fund	18,271
2,277	Allocation from Harrison Longhurst Will Trust	3,397
<u>985</u>	Other income	<u>425</u>
21,870		22,093
<u>18,748</u>	<u>Less grants</u>	<u>19,660</u>
<u>£3,122</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£2,433</u>

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
959,002	Balance at 1st January 1976	997,094
894	Add Legacies received in year	2,565
<u>43,700</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>23,664</u>
1,003,596		1,023,323
<u>6,502</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>77,338</u>
997,094		945,985
	ENDOWMENT FUND	
5,359	Balance at 1st January 1976	5,359
<u>-</u>	Less loss on sale of investments	<u>2,245</u>
<u>£1,002,453</u>		<u>£949,099</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
946,812	Investments at cost - General Fund	938,253
5,359	Endowment Fund	<u>3,114</u>
	M.V. 1975 £831,115	941,367
	1976 £850,476	
38,491	Balance with Bankers	8,059
<u>12,096</u>	Debtors	<u>-</u>
(305)	Less Creditors	8,059
<u>£1,002,453</u>		<u>327</u>
		<u>7,732</u>
		<u>£949,099</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

	Dividends and interest	
77,560	General Fund investment	81,214
327	Endowment Fund investments	164
6,975	General interest	<u>-</u>
34,696	Premiums	81,378
12,500	Contributions from Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	40,909
6,997	Allocation from Retired Ministers' Aid Fund	12,500
<u>518</u>	Donations	6,904
139,573		<u>118</u>
(82,932)	Less Pensions	141,809
(10,441)	Refunded contributions	105,676
<u>(2,500)</u>	Office charges	9,184
<u>£43,700</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>3,285</u>
		<u>£23,664</u>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' PENSION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
524,039	Balance at 1st January 1976	628,568
106,119	Legacy received	279
	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>109,977</u>
<u>(1,590)</u>	<u>Less loss on sale of investments</u>	<u>110,256</u>
<u>£628,568</u>		<u>45,038</u> <u>65,218</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
456,671	Investments at cost	520,362
	M.V. 1975 £388,508	
	1976 £468,366	
176,063	Balance with Bankers	173,746
<u>(4,166)</u>	<u>Less Creditors</u>	<u>322</u> <u>173,424</u>
<u>£628,568</u>		<u>£693,786</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

49,618	Dividends and Interest	65,002
76,618	Contributions from Ministers and Churches	71,273
<u>17,334</u>	Central Church Funds	<u>20,000</u> <u>91,273</u>
143,570		156,275
(34,648)	<u>Less Pensions paid</u>	41,212
(1,662)	Premium refunds to members on withdrawal	1,617
-	Commutation payment	224
(692)	Transfer values paid on withdrawal	<u>1,148</u>
<u>(449)</u>		44,201
	Management expenses	<u>2,097</u> <u>46,298</u>
<u>£106,119</u>	Excess of income over expenditure in year	<u>£109,977</u>

STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
46,746	Balance at 1st January 1976	47,161
<u>415</u>	Less loss on investment realised	4,532
	Excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>329</u>
<u>£47,161</u>		<u>£42,300</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
47,477	Investments at cost	43,436
	M.V. 1975 £51,067	
	1976 £46,607	
1,935	Debtor	-
<u>(2,251)</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>(1,136)</u>
<u>£47,161</u>		<u>£42,300</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

4,073	Dividends from investments	3,069
<u>897</u>	Contributions	<u>876</u>
4,970		3,945
4,495	Pension Payments	3,149
-	Payments made to deceased member's estate	1,065
<u>60</u>	Reinsured Life Assurance	<u>60</u>
4,555		4,274
(£415)	Net excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>£329</u>

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
100,882	Balance at 1st January 1976	95,753
	<u>Less</u> loss on investment realised	1,985
<u>5,129</u>	Excess of expenditure over income in year to date	<u>7,251</u> <u>9,236</u> 86,517
95,753		
	REVENUE RESERVE	
	Management Fund	
<u>2,500</u>	Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>2,500</u>
<u>£98,253</u>		<u>£89,017</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
118,565	Investments at cost	114,870
	M.V. 1975 £95,143	
	1976 £92,643	
(20,312)	<u>Less</u> Balance with Bankers	25,678
<u>-</u>	Sundry creditor	<u>175</u> <u>25,853</u>
<u>£98,253</u>		<u>£89,017</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the year
ended 31st December 1976

1,500	Allocation from Home Churches Fund	1,500
9,036	Interest from investments	9,089
<u>1,924</u>	Premiums	<u>112</u>
<u>12,460</u>		<u>10,701</u>
17,586	<u>Less</u> Annuities paid	17,435
-	Premiums refunded	513
<u>3</u>	Administration costs	<u>4</u> <u>17,952</u>
<u>17,589</u>		
<u>£5,129</u>	Excess of Expenditure over income	<u>£7,251</u>

CENTRAL FUND FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Balance Sheet 'as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
270,200	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	270,200
12,847	REVENUE RESERVES Contingencies Funds Balance at 1st January 1976	12,847
<u>336</u>	Special Emergencies Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>336</u> <u>13,183</u>
283,383		283,383
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches:	
	Cost of 51,455 CIF Units	51,496
	Cash	<u>40</u> 51,536
	Sums credited to Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	
	Cost of 231,481 CIF Units	231,668
	Cash	<u>179</u> <u>231,847</u> <u>283,383</u>
<u>£283,383</u>		£ -
283,164	REPRESENTED BY: Investment (1975 282,936 CIF Units)	-
	M.V. 1975 £260,694	-
<u>219</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>-</u>
<u>£283,383</u>		£ -
	Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976	
13,853	Net dividends from Common Investment Fund Units	20,248
<u>13,853</u>	Sum transferred to the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>20,248</u>
<u>£ -</u>		£ -

CHURCH AID FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
61,046	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	61,046
-	REVENUE RESERVES Accumulated Fund	
-	Balance at 1st January 1976	2,004
2,004	Transfer part income for year	497
	Legacies received in year	<u>619</u>
		3,120
7,386	Contingencies Fund Balance at 1st January 1976	<u>7,386</u> 10,506
		71,552
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches Cost of 12,736 CIF Units	
	Cash	12,925
		<u>205</u> 13,130
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund Cost of 57,567 CIF Units	<u>58,422</u> 71,552
<u>£70,436</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
71,347	Investments (1975 70,303 CIF Units M.V. £65,145)	-
<u>(911)</u>	Balance with Bankers	<u>-</u>
<u>£70,436</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976	
	Dividends from Common Investment Fund Units	5,072
	<u>Less</u> Transfer to Accumulated Fund	<u>497</u>
	Sum transferred to Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	<u>£4,575</u>

CHURCH BUILDING FUND (INCORPORATING THE ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BUILDING SOCIETY)

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
105,303	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
	Balance at 1st January 1976	105,303
	Sale proceeds of Churches	<u>2,304</u>
		107,607
33,079	ACCUMULATED ACCOUNT	
	Balance at 1st January 1976	33,079
	Surplus in year to date	<u>11,673</u>
		<u>44,752</u>
	Less Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches:	152,359
	Cash value of certain assets	9,205
	Cost of 6,947 CIF Units	6,955
	Cost of £3,637 7½% Cardiff stock 1977	3,674
	Cash	<u>2,749</u>
		22,583
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund:	
	Loan Balances	67,746
	Cost of Ground Rents	15,439
	Cost of 31,254 CIF Units	31,292
	Value of £16,363 7½% Cardiff Stock 1977	<u>16,528</u>
		131,005
	Less Cash transferred from Church Extension Fund	<u>1,229</u>
		<u>129,776</u>
<u>£138,382</u>		<u>£ 152,359</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
15,439	Freehold ground rents at cost	-
38,247	Investments (Value 1975 £35,202)	-
20,202	Quoted Investments (Value 1975 £18,000)	-
67,340	Loans to Churches	-
986	Debtors	-
(3,832)	Balance with Bankers	-
<u>£138,382</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 1976	
2,997	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	3,783
1,162	Interest on other investments	1,668
840	Loan interest	5,926
4,289	Rents and Ground Rents	4,337
<u>2,462</u>	Other income	<u>609</u>
11,750		16,323
<u>5,216</u>	Grants to Churches.	<u>4,650</u>
<u>£6,534</u>		<u>£11,673</u>

WELFARE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
300	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Balance at 1st January 1976	300
	REVENUE RESERVE	
	Accumulated Fund	
4,026	Balance at 1st January 1976	9,392
499	Add Legacies received in year	200
<u>4,898</u>	Surplus in year to date	<u>6,388</u>
9,723		16,280
	Less Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches	
(31)	Cost of 364 CIF Units	364
	Cash	<u>172</u> 536
	Sums credited to New Welfare Fund	
	Cost of 1,636 CIF Units	1,636
	Cost of £250 3½% War Loan	50
	Cash	<u>14,058</u>
		<u>15,744</u> <u>16,280</u>
<u>£9,692</u>		£ -
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	Investments	
2,000	(1975 2,000 CIF Units value £1,843	-
50	£250 3½% War Loan value £61)	-
33	Debtors	-
<u>7,609</u>	Balance with Bankers	-
<u>£9,692</u>		£ -
	Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976	
158	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	153
208	Other interest	918
1,990	Donations	2,285
<u>10,000</u>	Allocation from Central Funds	<u>11,000</u>
12,356		14,356
<u>7,458</u>	Less Grants	<u>7,968</u>
<u>£4,898</u>	Surplus in year	<u>£6,388</u>

ARTHUR CLEGG BOWDLER FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £			1976 £
25,274	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
	Balance at 1st January 1976		25,274
	Capital Introduced		<u>788</u>
			26,062
14,649	CAPITAL RESERVE		
	Special Fund		
	Balance at 1st January 1976		14,649
27,112	REVENUE RESERVE		
3,721	Accumulated Fund		
838	Balance at 1st January 1976	30,813	
	Surplus in year to date	4,314	
	Creditors written back	<u>-</u>	<u>35,127</u>
			75,838
(858)	Less Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches		
	Cost of 9,848 CIF Units	9,867	
	Cash	<u>2,084</u>	11,951
	Sums credited to Church Extension Fund		
	Cost of 44,303 CIF Units	44,387	
	Cash	<u>19,500</u>	<u>63,887</u>
<u>£70,736</u>			<u>£ -</u>
54,254	REPRESENTED BY:		
<u>16,482</u>	Investments (1975 54,151 CIF Units Value £49,894)		-
	Balance with Bankers		<u>-</u>
<u>£70,736</u>			<u>£ -</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976

4,248	Dividends on Common Investment Fund Units	3,878
<u>843</u>	Sundry income	<u>1,988</u>
5,091		5,866
<u>1,370</u>	Less Grants paid	<u>1,552</u>
<u>£3,721</u>		<u>£4,314</u>

HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS (FEN PLACE)

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976			
1975			1976
£			£
63,919	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
	Balance at 1st January 1976		63,919
	REVENUE RESERVES		
	Special Legacy		
5,000	Balance at 1st January 1976		5,000
	Accumulated Fund		
	Balance at 1st January 1976	1,681	
	Legacies received in year	<u>4,663</u>	
		6,344	
1,681	<u>Less</u> deficit in year to date	<u>351</u>	<u>5,993</u>
			74,912
	<u>Less</u> Sums credited to Non Uniting Churches		
	Cash in respect of certain assets	15,140	
	Cost of 1,019 CIF Units	1,329	
	Cash	<u>1,713</u>	18,182
	Sums credited to Homes for Retired Ministers Fund		
	Cost of 4,585 CIF Units	5,978	
	Cost of certain property	<u>61,830</u>	
		67,808	
	<u>Less</u> sums credited from Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	<u>11,078</u>	<u>56,730</u>
			<u>74,912</u>
<u>£70,600</u>			<u>£ -</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:		
60,465	Freehold property at cost		-
1,565	Furniture and Equipment at cost, less depreciation		-
7,307	Investments (Value 1975 £5,163)		-
21	Debtors and Payments in advance		-
2,174	Balance with Bankers		-
(932)	<u>Less</u> Sundry Creditors		-
<u>£70,600</u>			<u>£ -</u>
	Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 1976		
16,514	Rents		23,524
755	Visitors fees		644
750	Garden Party		640
2,608	Dividends and Interest		1,837
1,576	Other income		<u>1,278</u>
			27,923
22,203	<u>Less</u> Staff Salaries	11,672	
(9,259)	Provisions and Laundry	7,387	
(5,798)	Maintenance	1,996	
(3,590)	Rates, Lighting heating and insurance	5,974	
(6,134)	Sundry expenses	<u>1,245</u>	<u>28,274</u>
(763)			
<u>£3,341</u>	Deficit in year		<u>£351</u>

TAVISTOCK BOOKSHOP

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1976

1975 £		1976 £
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
26,036	Balance at 1st January 1976	32,610
<u>10,574</u>	- Net Profit in year to date	<u>2,123</u>
36,610		34,733
<u>4,000</u>	Less sums withdrawn	<u>7,000</u>
<u>£32,610</u>		<u>£27,733</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
3,115	Furniture Fittings and Equipment at cost	3,112
<u>1,475</u>	Less Depreciation	<u>1,559</u>
1,640		1,553
	Stock at lower of cost or market value	24,487
	Less provision for unsold books	<u>1,125</u>
19,860		23,362
10,721	Debtors	8,542
25	Cash in hand	45
9,577	Balance at Bank - current account	2,765
<u>7,000</u>	Balance at Bank - deposit account	<u>-</u>
48,823		34,714
<u>16,213</u>	Less Creditors	<u>8,534</u>
<u>£32,610</u>		<u>£27,733</u>

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1976

100,724	Sales	81,447
(89,276)	Stock and purchases	80,590
<u>20,985</u>	Less closing stock	<u>24,487</u>
32,433	Gross trading profit	56,103
(13,909)	Less Salaries and wages	25,344
(4,725)	Carriage and postage	14,786
(183)	Depreciation	4,546
	Other expenses, including rent, advertising, audit etc.	173
<u>(3,407)</u>		<u>4,174</u>
10,209		23,679
<u>365</u>	Interest received	1,665
<u>£10,574</u>	Net Profit in year	<u>458</u>
		<u>£2,123</u>

LEGACIES RECEIVED IN YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976

1. CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

The late	A.D.Ball	988
" "	Miss A.M.Beer	2,200
" "	Mrs.B.Davis	229
" "	E.H.Douglas	4,703
" "	Miss E.Erlebach	500
" "	G.M.Gerard	700
" "	Revd.J.S.Hutton	100
" "	D.A.B.Marples	12,000
" "	B.W.Piper	3,733
" "	M.M.Russell	79
" "	T.Smith	1,468
" "	E.Smithen	500
		<u>£27,200</u>

2. OVERSEAS MISSION

The late	W.D.Taylor	<u>£1,000</u>
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3. CHURCH EXTENSION

The late	H.H.Callister	<u>£5,429</u>
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4. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

The late	J.S.Maclean	250
" "	J.Ord	50
" "	E.Smithen	500
		<u>£800</u>

5. WOMENS MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

The late	M.E.M.Frood	776
" "	M.W.D.Paton	400
		<u>£1,176</u>

6. WOMENS HOME CHURCH ASSOCIATION

The late	M.E.M.Frood	<u>£776</u>
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7. RETIRED MINISTERS' AID

The late	J.Ord	<u>£55</u>
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8. WOMENS SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

The late	J.Ord	<u>£31</u>
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9. PASTORS' SUPERANNUATION FUND

The late	P.W.Townsend	200
" "	S.Bestwick	92
	Tax recovered	1,360
		<u>£1,652</u>

10. PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND

The late	Mrs. G.Beard	100
" "	Miss M.M.J.Bailey	279
" "	Miss N.Deary	389
" "	Miss W.H.Leach	237
" "	J.L.Morgan	1,285
" "	Miss A.Stafford	101
" "	P.W.Townsend	200
" "	D.S.Twigg	65
		<u>£2,656</u>

11. MINISTERS' WIDOWS' and ORPHANS PENSION FUND

The late	J.Brand	742
" "	A.P.Cudlipp	14
" "	Miss L.E.Dickson	1,109
" "	E.Smithen	500
" "	A.Wight	200
		<u>£2,565</u>

12. CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS PENSION FUND

The late	Miss M.M.J.Bailey	<u>£279</u>
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13. CHURCH AID

The late	S.F.Starkey	<u>£619</u>
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14. WELFARE FUND

The late	P.W.Townsend	<u>£200</u>
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15. FEN PLACE

The late	Miss E.Selby	500
" "	M.B.Wadey	2,463
" "	P.W.Townsend	200
" "	E.M.Saunders	1,500
		<u>£4,663</u>

16. UNIFIED APPEAL

The late	A.S.Dewey	1,000
" "	C.S.C.Wood	3,094
" "	A.W.West (C.W.M.)	4,094
		<u>2,000</u>
		<u>£6,094</u>

17. SUNDRY TRUSTS

		<u>£500</u>
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TOTAL LEGACIES

£55,695

PROPOSED BUDGETS 1977 AND 1978

	Actual 1976	Budget 1976	Budget 1977	Budget 1978
DEPARTMENTS				
Assembly and Central Services				
Central Secretariat	18,867	17,910	19,201=	20,100
Assembly costs	11,994	13,000	14,000	15,000
Moderators	50,898	49,016	55,774	64,700
Professional Fees	10,528	12,000	13,000	18,100
Grants	<u>10,298</u>	10,500	11,500	13,000
Church Life Department				
General	29,687	33,258	38,350	37,600
Deaconess	7,575	9,116	10,500	10,000
Youth	<u>10,243</u>	47,505	10,468	12,575
World Church and Mission Department				
General (Including C.W.M.)	297,872	306,250	338,325	359,350
Church and Society Department				
General	7,595	8,908	9,600	10,200
Finance and Administration Department				
General	37,566	45,000	51,175	56,400
Publications and Publicity	12,043	19,216	17,175	16,000
Information Service	1,981	1,600	1,800	2,600
General Office costs	<u>34,450</u>	31,534	42,425	49,550
	541,597	567,776	635,400	686,100
<u>Less</u> Maintenance of the Ministry				
Contributions to Ministerial				
staff salaries			(42,000)	(49,000)
			593,400	637,100
GENERAL ALLOCATIONS				
Church Extension	5,000	5,000	5,500	4,000
Theological Training	20,000	20,000	20,000	35,000
Maintenance of the Ministry				
contributions to Professors'				
salaries			(5,000)	(9,000)
Retired Ministers' Aid and Widows'				
Supplementary Fund	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
Welfare and Emergencies	11,000	11,000	12,000	10,000
Maintenance of the Ministry	112,550	112,550	-	-
Contingencies	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
	696,147	732,326	641,900	692,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				
UNIFIED APPEAL	651,453	661,426	600,000	648,000
Other Income	46,465	40,000	40,000	44,100
	697,918	701,426	640,000	692,100
Deficit		30,900	1,900	-
Surplus	1,771			

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

"The Church in the Economic Crisis"

Nearly twelve months ago, a leaflet was prepared and circulated showing the total amount raised by the Churches and how it was spent. An estimate for 1976 based on these figures was also prepared. Since then, the 1975 accounts have been received and examined which show that the income raised to meet the normal costs of the churches totalled about £5,850,000. In the light of this further information we must assume that the previous estimate of expenditure for 1976 (£5.90m) was substantially exceeded. The amount of £3m. included for cost of ministry was probably right, but expenditure on buildings and other local costs must have increased.

The following table shows actual figures for 1975 (so far as information is available), a revised estimate for 1976 and new forecasts for 1977 and 1978. The estimates for 1978 are based on the assumption of a 10% increase in the basic stipend, a continued fall in the number of ministers in line with the recent trend, and some fall in the rate of inflation.

	1975	1976	1977	1978
	£ million			
Ministry	2.7	3.	3.25	3.39
Buildings	2.1	2.4	2.65	2.85
Other local costs	.45	.51	.55	.57
Central activities	.20	.23	.25	.27
Overseas	.30	.33	.35	.37
Provinces - districts	.10	.10	.15	.15
	5.85	6.57	7.20	7.60

After allowing for income received from endowments and rents the average amount required per head of membership in 1975 was about £29. In 1976 this will have increased to £34, and if membership continues to decline in line with the recent trend £38.50 will be needed in 1977 and £42 in 1978.

These are the plain facts; and not only is the membership declining but the average age is increasing. The situation demands that giving to the Church must, at least, increase as the members' income increases; but even this is not enough. We need first of all a more definite personal commitment and sense of stewardship on the part of every member. This will show itself in;

- i) A more responsible approach to ministerial remuneration: under recent "pay policy" ministers are again among the lowest paid people in the country.
- ii) A new attitude to Church buildings. We are retaining more than we can afford or need, and the grounds for retention in many cases should be critically examined.

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