

The following pages are an extract from The Methodist Church of New Zealand Minutes of the Annual Conference .

The extract contains the reports to Conference for the following three Methodist Children's homes:

- The Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage, Mt Albert and Epsom
- Masterton Methodist Children's Home
- South Island Orphanage and Children's Home

*The Methodist Church of New Zealand*

# MINUTES

of the

# ANNUAL

# CONFERENCE

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1974

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It was agreed to discuss further with the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services, the submissions the Council is making to Government on the need for financial support for Counselling Services.

W. R. LAWS, President.  
W. E. FALKINGHAM, Official Representative.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. E. Falkingham be re-appointed as Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. That Mr E. C. Flyger be re-appointed as Treasurer.
4. That Rev. J. A. Penman be re-appointed Immigration Officer.
5. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. investigate the possibility of taking initiatives with the Department of Labour to facilitate entry of short term work permit immigrants from the Pacific Islands to our Institutions.
6. That in view of the opportunities available for men and women who may feel called of God to express their Christian Faith in the field of Social Services, the M.S.S.A. explore more effective ways of recruiting people with Christian convictions for positions in Methodist Social Service Institutions.

Note: The Order of St. Stephen and the Deaconess order opens up avenues in particular fields. Is the establishment of some such order a possibility in the field of Social Service?

#### QUESTION 42 (b)—City Missions?

### AUCKLAND AREA METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1974

##### AGED CARE

**Whangarei—Kamo Home:** A fourth wing is to be opened on 28th September, bringing the total number of residents up to 44. There are still many, however, on the waiting list.

**Hamilton—Tamahere Home:** This 61-bed Home has had a full complement and an increasing waiting list. Many of the residents are becoming increasingly frail, thus necessitating a great deal more nursing care.

**Auckland—Everil Orr Homes:** Our major complex continues to serve the needs of 181 residents. Miss T. M. Frampton has retired as Matron, and has been followed by Miss Z. M. Miller. Mr W. E. Donnelly retired as Manager, and was succeeded by Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams. Extensions are under way to the staff home, largely to accommodate a number of staff from Fiji and Tonga.

Wesley Hospital continues to have 100% occupancy. Plans are for a 30-bed extension, building of which should commence in 1975.

Franklin Home at Pukekohe is in the course of construction. Thirty residents will live there.

Construction of a 45-bed Home at Campbells Bay is planned to begin in 1975.

A Social Worker with responsibility for aged care is to be appointed. His primary task will be to enable people to live in the community, to organise community and Church assistance to enable them so to do, and to arrange priorities of admission to our Homes and Hospitals for the most needy cases.

Work should begin shortly on a residential club to house 31 people in independent flats on a site adjacent to Wesley Hospital. Costs have been a continual source of anxiety, and our cumulative loss on Wesley Hospital and Everil Orr Homes for the year ending 31st March 1974 was \$52,827. This was brought about largely because in this inflationary situation the hospital daily bed subsidy has not risen in almost 3 years.

#### CHILD CARE

Major emphasis during the year has been in foster home care and the developing and planning of Family Homes. Negotiations regarding the future of Wesleydale are being carried out with the Government. Tribute was paid to Mr and Mrs Bowden, who resigned as Master and Matron of Wesleydale and Mr Bowden as Secretary of the Board. Rev. G. I. Laurenson as the new Secretary brings a wealth of experience to the task.

#### LIFELINE AND INTERCHURCH COUNSELLING CENTRE

This work continues to expand and last year reported 6345 Lifeline calls and 1388 face-to-face interviews.

#### ANGLICAN/METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES

This combines the social work of the Auckland City Mission and the Methodist Central Mission. Brother Michael Thomas, S.S.F., is the Director, and there are 9 Social Workers. The Methodist share of the budget for the first year was \$32,000, which will come from the surplus of the office building.

#### MISSION CENTRE

Plans are being prepared for a Mission Centre in Airedale Street on the site of the old Church, to provide offices and counselling rooms for the A.M.S.S., Interchurch Counselling Centre, and other Church offices, as well as meeting rooms and lounges to assist in the work of the Mission.

D. B. GORDON, Convener, Auckland Area M.S.S.A.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine be appointed as Assistant Superintendent of the Auckland Central Mission for a further term of four years from 1st February, 1975.
3. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the significant service of Miss T. M. Frampton to the Methodist Church as Matron of the Eventide Home at Company Bay, Dunedin, for eight years, and then as Matron of Tyler House and latterly Matron of the Everil Orr Homes, Auckland Central Mission, for almost eighteen years.
4. That Conference records with gratitude the signal contribution by the late Mr W. J. Court, O.B.E., in the establishment and continuing growth of the Kamo Home in Whangarei.
5. That the Board of Management for the Children's Homes Board be as printed on page 6 herein.
6. That the Board of Management for the Auckland Central Mission for 1975 be as printed on page 5 herein.

#### QUESTION 42 (b)

### WESLEY CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (WELLINGTON)

Verbal report only — received.

abundant life and he was a selfless example to all of us who try to serve in the work he so loved.

There is plenty of evidence that the same spirit of service still pervades every aspect of our work; as fellow workers, we thank God for each other.

DAVE MULLAN } Ministers.  
RUSS BURTON }  
FRANK WILSON, Admin. Officer.

#### GLENWOOD HOME, TIMARU

The Anglican Methodist Home in Timaru provides care for 30 elderly residents. The Board keeps one room for "Holiday Care"—a successful policy to give short-term residential care at Glenwood and let the family have a break.

**Future Policy:** Plans for about 20 Resident Investment Flats for the Elderly are being developed. An Agreement proposed secures the Capital Investment of the Resident. Each year the Board will reduce the capital invested by 5%. When the resident gives up the flat the Board will repay the remaining capital. Glenwood Board is preparing a promotion brochure for these flats and expects there will be considerable interest in Timaru.

The new Flat Development will be centred around a 'Community Room' built adjoining the present home. We desire to create a 'Caring Community' with three styles of living and care: Flats—Residential Home—Hospital; but approval of Government subsidy for the Hospital seems very remote at present.

N. J. WEST, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTION

That the report be received and adopted.

#### QUESTION 42 (c)—Children's Homes?

### MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

#### REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1974

The care of the children has continued without any major policy matters requiring report.

Mr and Mrs Ken Harris resigned as Manager and Matron after serving for a little over a year. Mr and Mrs John Dubbeldam have been appointed to the positions and are now in residence along with their family of four children.

The preparation and planning for the proposed staff house has been proceeding slowly. The project has been approved by the required courts and for government subsidy. Final plans are now awaited. Other work carried out during the year and qualifying for subsidy include provision of background heating for the dormitories and upgrading fire protection standards. A fire alarm system and emergency lighting are yet to be installed.

Some progress has been made in the subdivision of the rear land for sale as fifty residential sections. A few sections are to be retained for possible future developments.

Mr John Thompson joined the Management Committee this year. We have lost the services of Mr Ron Laing through removal from

the district. His contribution during his term on the committee was much appreciated.

The work could not continue without the gifts from church and community groups and financial support through the Methodist Church Budget and direct donations. We record appreciation of the following grants and legacies:

Robert Gibson Methodist Trust \$2000, J. R. McKenzie Trust \$700, Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$125, Lions Club of Masterton \$100, Estate I. McSaveney \$480, Estate T. S. Newcombe \$400.

D. H. SPRINGER, Chairman.  
J. F. CODY, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

### CHILD CARE — SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1974

#### DIAMOND JUBILEE

The 60th anniversary of the founding of the Home was an important occasion, celebrated in April with social gatherings, a re-union, and special services.

#### TRAINING

Staff training and the recognition of appropriate qualifications are receiving more attention. Apart from staff meetings and locally arranged training lectures and seminars, the Master and other staff members have attended courses run by the Department of Social Welfare, as well as taking advantage of the visits of Professor Alan Keith-Lucas.

#### PLANNING

During the past year much attention has been given to planning new developments so that our child care work can keep abreast of modern trends. In addition to the Barrington Street family home unit and four family units at Harewood Road—one for short-term care and three for longer-stay children—a unit for "Monday-to-Friday" care had been successfully started, and a further special unit is under consideration, flexible enough to cater for differing needs as they arise.

It is also hoped to establish a "day-care" centre; to build a recreation hall for the children; to replace various ancillary out-buildings; to provide a home for the Master and Matron and their family; and to erect some family flats for temporary accommodation of families in crises.

Land use policy is being studied in relation to requests for the release of more land for aged-care enterprises.

#### STATISTICS

In the last twelve months the Social Worker has been in touch with 33 families, involving 102 children. In addition, 88 children were admitted to care (26 are still in our care), and of these 38 were placed in foster homes. The number leaving our care was 62. At 30th June the numbers of children with us were:

Harewood Road	.....	.....	.....	49
Barrington Street	.....	.....	.....	6
Foster homes	.....	.....	.....	24

## DONATIONS

Once again we are most grateful for help from many sources, through donations in cash or in kind, particularly the gift of furniture, etc. by the North Christchurch Lions Club, grants from the J. R. McKenzie Trust, and an anonymous donation of \$2,500.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.  
N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1975 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 43—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to—

- (a) The Connexional Office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1974

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office has taken a keen interest in the Connexional Office and has been concerned for the welfare of the General Secretary in his Presidential Year and the need for adequate staffing.

#### Financial Position:

The Annual Financial Statements are being presented to Conference along with this Report. They reveal an excess of income over expenditure of \$1,430 compared with last year's surplus of \$800. The improvement was brought about by the willingness of the General Purposes Trust Board to pay an increased administration charge—\$6,800 as against \$4,800 previously agreed to by Conference.

#### Removal Expenses Fund:

The total cost of removals for the year ended June 30, 1974 was \$12,471. The grant from the Connexional Budget was \$8,000 and the excess of expenditure over income was \$4,545.

This was the first year of removals after the Parsonage Furnishings changeover and reflected the higher costs that were anticipated as a result of ministers owning their own furniture.

#### Analysis of Removals Paid by Fund

	No.	Total Cost	Average	1972/73 Average
North Island Changes .....	15	\$3,418	\$229	\$139
South Island Changes .....	8	1,861	232	199
Inter-Island Changes .....	11	7,346	668	537
	34	\$12,625	\$371	
Union Parishes .....	3			
No Claim to Date .....	1			
	38			

#### Contingent Fund:

The demands on this Fund continue to increase. The total expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1974, amounted to \$22,883. The grant from the Connexional Budget was \$24,200. The excess of income over expenditure was \$2,149.

## Children's Fund:

The Children's Fund was discontinued as from June 30, 1974, but an endeavour is being made to keep the register of children in our parsonages up-to-date.

## The General Treasurer:

Mr C. R. Hasseldine, B.Com., A.C.A., tendered his resignation as General Treasurer as from July 31, 1974, and has taken up another position. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted the resignation.

Opportunity was taken at a representative gathering of Boards and Committees connected with the Connexional Office to convey the thanks of the whole Church to Mr Hasseldine for his efficient and gracious service over the past 6½ years. The Vice-President, Mr E. G. Heggie, was present and spoke.

A special resolution of appreciation and thanks is being submitted to Conference.

## Office Staffing:

The Board advertised the position of General Treasurer on four occasions in the months of June and July and had earlier advertised for applications for a new position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, closing May 31.

At the time of writing this Report (August 1, 1974) no appointment has been made to either position.

The Board is very much aware of the urgent need to make satisfactory arrangements for the staffing of the Office to meet the long-term requirements of the Church and to provide immediate relief for the General Secretary in the last three months of his Presidential year.

The Board will be reporting further to Conference.

## The General Secretary:

The Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., is completing the fifth year of his second term of service as General Secretary. He will complete 40 years of service on January 31, 1978, and intends to retire at that date.

With the unanimous approval of Church Council, the Board of Management requests Conference 1974 to designate Mr Laws for re-appointment at the 1975 Conference for a further term of two years commencing February 1, 1976.

A suitable recommendation is appended.

## Minutes of Conference:

The Board has considered the format and size of the Minutes of Conference which continues to increase in volume and cost each year.

The Board is aware that, in the interests of economy and utility, some Church Conferences publish a Conference Agenda and a separate Year Book which contains necessary information like names and addresses, chronological lists, etc., and the resolutions passed by the Annual Conference without the republication of the Reports in the Agenda.

The Board would welcome an expression of opinion from Synods on this method.

The total cost of the 1973 Minutes of Conference was \$3614.00. For some years now, the cost to purchasers has been 50 cents. The Board recommends that the free list be largely dispensed with and that the cost of Agendas and Minutes be increased to \$1.00 each. It is suggested that \$2.00 be included in the Registration fee for