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“The Missions of Australia, Van Dieman’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference in 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to the denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion’, with an Annual Conference, affiliated to the Parent English Conference”—(Mins. Brit. Conf. 1854).

The first Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

A Scheme of Annual and General Conferences was determined by the Australasian Conference of 1873.

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913, separation from the General Conference of Australasia having become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration of the President of the General Conference.

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1944	2 Allen, Robert H., B.A., 252 Lyttelton Street, Christchurch 2	132
1969	W.A. Alley, David R., 52 Totara Street, Invercargill	171
1974	3 Amituana'i, Siauala, B.D., 53 Fife Street, Westmere, Auckland 2	D.D. 13
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1956	4 Andrews, Robert S., 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2 (Ph. 837-409)	100
1963	8 Ansell, David H., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	66
1963	W.A. Armstrong, David, C/o Mrs F. Gatman, P.O. Silverdale, Auckland	31
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1953	3 Baker, Frederick J. K., 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth	41
1963	2 Ball, Niven G., 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne	87
1975	1 Bell, Anthony N., 26 Cavendish Street, Ashburton	158
1957	8 Bell, G. Basil W., 19 King Street, Whakatane	63
1944	6 Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Melb.), 54 Clevedon Road, P.O. Box 243, Papakura, Auckland	35
1967	W.A. Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138, Palmerston North (Ph. 85-433)	96
1956	5 Bennett, George L., 23 Landscape Road, Pukekohe	36
1955	2 Bennett, Trevor L., 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland	31

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1951	1	Besant, H. David., B.A., B.D., 115 Main Road, Wainuiomata	110
1954	1	Billinghurst, Noel D., 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara	73
1971	4	Blundell, Warren H., 67 Palmerston Street, Riverton	172
1966	4	Bowden, A. Roy., B.A., Dip.Soc. Wk., 65 Marne Street, Palmerston North	92
1959	1	Bowen, Lewis A., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5	144
1955	4	Boyd, Edward P., 17 Lewis Street, Invercargill P.C.	171
1960	4	Brazendale, Graham, B.A. 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	24
1969	5	Brookes, Norman E., B.A., 82 Murray Place, Christchurch 1	143
1943		W.A. Brown, Clifford G., 1 Armagh Terrace, Marton	95
1941	6	Brown, Harold K., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson (Ph. 84-672)	120
1976	1	Bruce, Dougall, 50 Kitenui Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	13
1951		W.A. Burrough, Amos W., 42 Miro Street, Palmerston North	92
1949	2	Burt, Douglas H., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha	46
1974	3	Burton, Restel A., 60 Mulford Street, Green Island, Dunedin	162
1944		W.A. Bycroft, Leslie F., Methodist Church Centre, 130-134 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000, Australia	83
1955	8	Cable, Wilfred, J., 4 Claude Street, Hamilton, (Ph. 57-229)	51
1951	1	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 3 Goldsborough Avenue, Raumati Beach	119
1944	8	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 20 Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch 4	142
1969	5	Chapman, Wallace C., 4 Myers Road, Manurewa, Auckland	34
1965	4	Chessum, William A., MusB., P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	36
1960	9	Christian, Owen L., 304 Stanmore Road, Christchurch 1	133
1950	4	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 31 Court Road, Tawa. Wellington	106
1965	2	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D., (Hons), 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne (Ph. 6260)	86
1965	1	Clarke, Ian L., A.C.A., 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch 1	142
1942	5	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., P.O. Box 51-102, Pakuranga, Auckland 6 (Ph. 568-470)	17
1947		W.A. Clements, Leslie C., 17e Chem des Prejins, Grand Saconnex 1218, Geneva Switzerland	98
1951	9	Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South	60
1965	4	Collingwood, Ronald C., 33 Johnson Street, Milton	168
1960		Conway, James H., 42 Ngatai Street, Manaia, Phone 8411	77
1969	5	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., 28 Turaki Street, Taumarunui	69
1949	6	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3	15

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1968	8	Couch, Moke A. G., B.A., 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth	[5] 169
1953	2	Craig, Hughan M., 5A William Street, Gore	169
1943	3	Cramond, George W., 67 Shearman Street, Waimate	155
1957	3	Cropp, James F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	158
1962		W.A. Currie, John B., B.A., C/- P.O. Waimarama, Hawkes Bay	84
1973	1	Currie, Lawrence H. 49 Murphys Road, Blenheim	125
1968	3	Curtis, Darrell R., B.A., 9 Mace Street Reefton	127
1941	2	Darvill, Harold A., 18 Matai Road, Hataitai, Wellington 3	101
1940	4	Dawson, John B., B.A., 28 Marion Avenue, Mt. Roskill, Auckland 4	15
1943	5	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland 3	13
1974		W.A. de Zoete, Jan D., 56 Green Lane, Auckland 5	19
1972		W.A. Dickie, Arthur W., 88 Miramar North Road, Wellington 3	101
1959	6	Dine, Mervyn L., 19 Hillside Crescent, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3	14
1940		W.A. Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 47 Kebble Road, Lower Hutt	107
1969	3	Eagle, Brian R. J., 237 Salisbury Street, Christchurch 1	131
1954	7	Eastwood, Eric R., 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata	55
1948		W.A. Eisner, Wilf G., B.A., Tokanui P.B., Te Awamutu	66
1943	26	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., Central Mission P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 66-745)	131
1964	5	Felderhof, Ludwig, 244 Rodney Street, Wellsford	12
1970		W.A. Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei	8
1948	2	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., 8 Ingestre Street, Wanganui	80
1957	1	Fowler, Irwin J., 406 Thames Street, Morrinsville	47
1952	1	George, R. Leslie, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington	104
1964	3	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 12 Selwyn Street, Leeston	147
1952	1	Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Avenue, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10	E.D. 26
1975	2	Gibson, Roger M., P.O. Box 61-171, Otara, Papatoetoe	33
1951	3	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 83 Brougham Street, New Plymouth	72
1958	4	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 22 Hakanoa Street, Hnuty	54
1940	1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 15 Brookfield Terrace, Tauranga	60
1976	1	Glensor, Peter E., 27 Workshop Road, Masterton	114
1950	5	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5104, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1 (Ph. 32-443)	14
1976	1	Goreham, Norman J., 29 Farley Street, Kaikorai, Dunedin (as from 1/9/76)	165
1970	4	Graham, Duncan R., 214 High Street, Dannevirke	89
1956	5	Grant, Ian D., 97 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland 10	27
1973	2	Grant, Stuart, C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons), 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	148
1975	1	Graves, Norma M., C/- St John's Theological College, Meadowbank, Auckland 5	19

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1972	3	Greenwood, Russell J., B.A., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	162
1976	1	Greer, Michael W., 21 Horoeke Street, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt	107
1959	9	Griffith, Keith C., 11 Hobart Street, Miramar, Wellington 3	101
1974	4	Griffiths, William D., 80 Fairburn Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 6	32
1943	4	Grounds, Edmund D., 135 Queen Street, Northcote, Auckland 9 (Phone 489-332)	30
1960	8	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 32 Hammersley Avenue, Christchurch 1	153
1954	8	Grundy, John, M.A., 16 Duncan Street, Tawa, Wellington (Ph. Home TWA 3095, Office 75 Taranaki Street, 50-352)	E.D. 106
1960	1	Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D., (Melb.), 151 Kennedy Road, Napier (as from 1/9/76)	83
1947		W.A. Hall, Allen H., M.A., Dip.Tchg., M.A., Ph.D. (Qld.), 16 Sir Fred Schonnell Drive, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 4067	13
1952	2	Hall, John R., 31 King Street, Waiuku	38
1958	1	Hamlin, R. John, 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth	127
1972	5	Hammond, George M., 436 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3	141
1952	4	Handyside, Alan J., 4 Oroua Street, Te Puke	62
1960	6	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., B.D., 79 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt	107
1969	6	Harkness, Barry G., B.A., B.D., 28 Patrick Street, Christchurch 1	143
1938	6	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	105
1962	1	Hawkey, Graham, E., 79 Arthur Street, Timaru (Ph. 5625)	152
1968	3	Hay, J. Cedric, 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland 10	26
1966	3	Hendry, Richard J., 30 Kelso Street, Tokoroa	57
1954	2	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 4 Geelong Place, Christchurch 5	H.C. 143
1965	1	Herbert, C. Brice, Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia	1
1965	2	Hey, Roger J. E., 1 Chivalry Road, Glenfield, Auckland 10	28
1962	6	Hight, Arnold C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch 1	133
1948	2	Hilder, Basil J., The Manse, Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere, Nelson	123
1948	3	Hopkins, George C., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	78
1962	4	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 801E Queen Street, Hastings	84
1960	6	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 4 Titoki Street, Stoke, Nelson	120
1960	2	Horrell, C. Seton, 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch 2	I.C. 140
1967		W.A. Hosking, Bruce L., B.A., B.Com., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), A.C.A., 272 Tramway Road, Hamilton	49
1959	4	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 106 Rata Street, Lower Hutt, (Ph. 670-652) Office, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington 1 ((Ph. 50-352)	E.D. 107

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1975	2	Jacobson, Patricia M., 49 Bryndwr Road, Christchurch 5	143
1961	2	James, Russell E., 23 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch 2	138
1967	3	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E. (Melb.), 87 Forfar Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin	162
1962	4	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 11 Kakariki Avenue, Mt Eden, Auckland 3, (P.O. Box 5023W) (Ph. Office 71-843, Home 688-207)	D.D. 17
1949	9	Keightley, Clifford J., 2 West End Road, Herne Bay, Auckland 2	16
1957	8	Kitchingman, Henry W., 83 Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe	33
1956		W.A. Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Avenue, Hillmorton, Christchurch 2	141
1961	7	Langley, John E., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	8
1963	3	Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., 120 Colombo Street, Christchurch 2 (Ph. 327-017)	139
1938	13	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 17 Merivale Lane, Christchurch 1 (Ph. Home 558-257, Office 66-049) (P.O. Box 931)	G.S. 131
1953	2	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, 81 Gloucester Street, Greenmeadows, Napier	83
1958	5	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 31 Whitby Street, Mornington, Dunedin	162
1942	24	Lewis John, J., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.), Principal's House St. John's College, 202 St. John's Road, Auckland 5 (Ph. College 580-426)	Th.C. 19
1968	4	Loader, William R.G., B.A., B.D., Dr theol. (Mainz), 14 St Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland 5	Th.C. 19
1939	7	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 33 Clothier Street, Putaruru	56
1957	1	Mabon, John C. F., 39 Cleary Street, Lower Hutt	107
1965		W.A. Mackie, Bruce E., C/- Methodist Central Mission Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	131
1968	5	Malcouronne, Brian J., 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	23
1966	4	Manihera, John I., 101 West Street, Feilding	94
1961		W.A. Marshall, C. Russell, M.P., 283 St Hill Street, Wanganui.	80
1968	5	McIver Graeme M., B.A., 24 Tyne Street, Timaru (Returning to N.Z. June 1976)	154
1953	1	McKay, Archibald W., 179 Regan Street, Stratford	74
1960	4	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7 (Ph. 874-360)	21
1972	2	MacLeod, D. Ian. 3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood	82
1968		W.A. Meredith, John D., 60 Martin Street, Invercargill (Ph. Home 68-416, Office 82-979)	171
1967		W.A. Michie, Laurie A., 84 Aeroview Drive, Beachhaven, Auckland 10	27
1942	8	Morrison, William J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest. (Box 11007) Hamilton (Ph. Home 64-244, Office 69-056)	51
1960	5	Mullan, David, S., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin, (Ph. Office 70-303, Home 44-165)	162

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1964	6	Neal, Barry W., C.F., B.A., Dip.Ed. (B215511 Ch.C1.III Neal, B.W., C/- 1 R.N.Z.I.R., Dieppe Barracks, Singapore, N.Z.F.P.O. 5 C.P.O., Auckland)	C.F. 145
1953	6	Newman, Alan, 48 Hillcrest Avenue, Rotorua	58
1954		W.A. Newton, Alan H.V., Community of Celebration, P.O. Box 903, Woodland Park, Colorado 80863, U.S.A.	49
1959	4	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington	107
1968	3	Norwell, Ian C., P.O. Box 7, Broadwood, Northland	5
1939	9	Oldfield, Charles B., 235 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington 5	99
1949	8	Olds, J. Stanley, 11 Redwood Street, Upper Hutt	109
1946	7	Olds, Norman W., 15 Wiggins Street, Christchurch 8	135
1951		W.A. Olds, O. McLennan, 19 Beach Road, Omokoroa, R.D., Tauranga.	60
1964		W.A. Olsen, Brian L., 83 Manaia Street, Tokoroa	57
1953	3	Osborne, John H., M.A., 994 New North Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	21
1947	8	Parker, Francis H., 15 Penrhyn Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 3 (Ph. 603-970)	H.C. 17
1952	10	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington 1 (Ph. Office 847-699, Home 849-309)	98
1938	5	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9	26
1968	6	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., 5 Albany Street, Dunedin	U.C. 162
1966	2	Pihama, Te Taotahi John, 296 Massey Road, Mangere East, Auckland	[2]
1962	3	Pomeroy, Harold C., B. A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., 12 Poronui Street, Mt Eden, Auckland 3	17
1967	4	Pratt, David C., 72 Pooles Road, Greerton, Tauranga	61
1975	2	Pratt, G. Douglas, B.A., 17 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10	26
1966	3	Prince Donald F., Rolleston Prison, Box 45, Rolleston	P.C. 145
1954	15	Rakena, Ruawhai D., B.A., 28 Mt Albert Road, Auckland 3 (P.O. Box 5023W) (Ph. Office 71-843, Home 867-364)	M.D. 21
1949	6	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 173 St John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland 5	Th.C. 19
1950		W.A. Ramsay, Phillip D., 20 Solar Street, Coorparoo Heights, Brisbane 4151, Queensland	155
1969	3	Rigby, Russell G., B.A., (Hons). 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	171
1955	3	Rigg, Frank S., P.O., Box 120, Silverdale	40
1974	3	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim. (Hons), 193 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 9	25
1962		W.A. Robertson, Ian H., 35 Imlay Crescent, Ngaio, Wellington 4	98
1963	6	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), 52 Monteith Crescent, Meadowbank, Auckland 5 (Ph. Office 588-259, Home 546-473)	Th.C. 19

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1954	3	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 142 North Street, Timaru (Ph. 88-401)	153
1957	6	Russell, Kenneth H., 100 Jed Street, Invercargill, (Ph. 83-539)	171
1962	2	Rutherford, Maynard G., 16 View Road, Hikurangi	7
1971		W.A. Salmon, John B., M.A. (Hons.), L.Th., S.Th. (Hons.), A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 890 George Street, Dunedin	162
1959		W.A. Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher Street, Taupo	59
1956	8	Scammell, Bruce, 100 West Street, Fielding	94
1950	7	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	92
1945	6	Shapcott, Leonard, 162 King Street, Rangiora	149
1975	2	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 817W St Aubyn Street, Hastings	84
1952	4	Shaw, Harry I., 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua	91
1946	10	Shepherd, Trevor, 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton	51
1961	1	Sides, Brian W., 37 Murdoch Crescent, (P.O. Box 711), Whangarei (Ph. 83-542)	8
1938	13	Silvester, John M.A., 179 St. John's Road, Auckland 5 (Ph. 544-788)	Th.C. 19
1971		W.A. Simpson, Ronald N., 14 Highbury Street, Avondale, Auckland	I.C. 21
1975	2	Sinclair, Paul F., 202 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst	93
1964	3	Slinn, Stuart G., 6 Halswell Street, Eketahuna	116
1970	2	Smith, G. Clive, L.Th., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson	122
1951	5	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, (Ph. Home 81-435, Office 83-951)	49
1973	2	Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol. (Melb.), 175 Queen Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	88
1953	2	Stubbs, David G., 54 Leefield Street, Blenheim	125
1954	2	Tahere, Te Awha W., 84 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch 2	[7]
1955	8	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., Waikeria Youth Centre, P.O. Box 400, Te Awamutu	P.C. 66
1961		W.A. Taylor, A. Kerry, 47 Maugham Drive, Bucklands Beach, Auckland	17
1966	2	Taylor, Keith, J., B.A., 7 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn, Wellington	98
1957	10	Taylor, Philip F., 77 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland 6	31
1968	9	Te Whare, Morehu, 519A Mt Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland 4	[2]
1941	6	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 92 Cambridge Street, Levin	117
1955	2	Thornicroft, Neville, The Manse, 15 Wairau Road, Picton, (Ph. 129 Picton)	126
1951	6	Toothill, Harry W., 44 Ottawa Road, Ngaio, P.O. Box 29026 Wellington 4	102
1954	3	Trebilco, David L., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland 3	17
1963	2	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, P.O. Box 5023W, Auckland, (Ph. Office 71-843, Home 115 Queenstown Road, Auckland 6, Ph. 655-453)	O.D. 17
1965	2	Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E., 11 Union Street, Hamilton	[3]

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1962	1	Waine, Frederick, E., 8 Tabak Place, Palmerston North	92
1962	6	Wakeling, W. J., Douglas, 164 High Street South, Carterton	113
1961	4	Wallace, William L., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Road, Christchurch 4	145
1945	3	Watson, Alexander C., 35a Halswell Road, Christchurch 2	140
1965	1	West, Norman J., 8 Cambridge Street, Gonville, Wanganui	80
1966	3	West, Stanley J., 31 Beatty Street, Melville, Hamilton	49
1976	1	White, Graeme R., 5 Naish Street, Balclutha	169
1959	6	Widdup, Robert W., 18 Chapel Street, (Box 5172), Christchurch 5 (Ph. Home 529-782, Office 527-952)	144
1942	6	Willing, Leonard V., 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera, (Ph.6270)	76
1950		W.A. Woodfield, Frank H., 233 Dowse Drive, Lower Hutt	107
1950	4	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5	19
1962	7	Woodley, Alan K., B.A., 34 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland 8 (Ph. Home HSN 69-382, Office HSN 65-591)	23
1941	5	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville, (Ph. 8724)	9
1971	6	Wright, Jack, Okato, Taranaki	79

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1947	1960	Attwood, A. Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi	45
1924	1956	Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10	26
1941	1967	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Road, Wanganui	80
1949	1967	Benny, T. Ralph, P.O. Box 221, Ashburton	158
1923	1946	Blakemore, Albert, Tyler House, 61 Allendale Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	14
1917	1958	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch 5	131
1924	1964	Brown, Hubert G., 36 Brougham Street, Christchurch, 2	140
1931	1966	Carr, Thomas H., 12 Torkar Road, Clarks Beach, R.D. 4, Pukekohe	36
1931	1971	Carr, W. E. Allon, 45 Fir Street, Waterview, Auckland 7	21
1958	1974	Climo, Frederick J., 60 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach	97
1939	1975	Cochrane, Herbert A., 26 Diamond Avenue, Christchurch 2	132
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames	42
1944	1969	Dorrian A. Peter, 2 Attlee Place, Fielding	94
1935	1974	Duder, Clifford L., "Tinopai", 34 Port Albert Road, Wellsford, Northland	12
1916	1957	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27A Lorna Street, New Plymouth	72

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1937	1974	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., (Lond.) Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa	982 40
1934	1969	Goodman, George H., 13 Middleton Road, Hannah Bay, Rotorua	58
1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R., 46 Mulgan Street, Avondale, Auckland 7	21
1940	1975	Greenslade, Lawrence, 30 Richardson Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	21
1931	1971	Greenslade, William W. H., M.B.E., 5 Everest Street, Khandallah, Wellington	98
1939	1968	Grice, Reginald, 105 Queen Street, Cambridge	48
1928	1969	Grocott, John D., B.A., 3 Chislehurst Place, Christchurch 5	142
1928	1968	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway Street, Hamilton	49
1923	1963	Hames, Eric W., M.A., (Fellow of Trinity College), 25 Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland 5	19
1926	1966	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland	13
1960	1963	Henderson, W. John, 43 Abbotsford Road, Waipawa	84
1936	1970	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 20 Woodham Road, Avonside, Christchurch 6	131
1929	1968	Horwood, Leonard C., 12 Weston Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	21
1942	1966	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 41 Paine Street, Judea, Tauranga	60
1919	1954	Jefferson, Alfred E., Flat 2, 8 Shadwell Place, St. Heliers, Auckland 5	19
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey Street, Woodville	90
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron Street, Mornington, Dunedin	162
1940	1975	Jones, Alan O., 72 Puriri Street, Wanganui	80
1916	1954	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon Street, New Plymouth	72
1929	1969	Kent, Arthur T., 13 Esk Street, Tauranga	60
1927	1966	Larsen, Norman P., Flat 2, 308 Market Street, South Hastings	84
1927	1968	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 3	17
1930	1970	Leadley, E. Clarence, 42 Tainui Street, Torbay, Auckland 10	26
1935	1971	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 1 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa	40
1948	1971	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., 88 Ardern Avenue, Whangaparaoa	40
1934	1974	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe Street, Onekawa, Napier	83
1946	1975	McDonald, D. I. Alister, 2 Karaka Street, Beach- lands, Auckland	17
1930	1970	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt Union U.S.A.), 4 Huia Street, Waikanae	119
1946	1971	Moore, Harry, Flat 1, 3 Esmonde Road, Takapuna, Auckland 9	26
1931	1968	Moore, William E., 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland 2	13
1937	1974	Norwell, Leslie T. 36 Raleigh Street, Cambridge	48

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1931	1972	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), Flat 2, 2 Kingsway Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	21
1929	1965	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland 3	13
1930	1971	Parker, J. Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Auckland 5	14
1933	1965	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles Street, Christ- church 5	131
1931	1967	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland 10	26
1955	1974	Peart, Cuthbert F., 79 Clarkin Road, Hamilton	51
1927	1966	Penn, Athol R., Flat 3, 774 Mt Eden Road, Auckland 4	17
1960	1974	Peterson, Frederick D., 270 Whangaparaoa Road, Silverdale, Auckland	40
1925	1968	Peterson, Gordon R.H., 1 Randwick Road, Northland, Wellington 5	99
1927	1966	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Konini Street, Levin	117
1960	1972	Reid, Andrew G., 11 Alexander Road, Algies Bay, Warkworth, R.D. 2	41
1960	1969	Roke, Charles E., Kawhia, King Country	H.M.
1911	1949	Rowe, William, 88 Neale Avenue, Stoke, Nelson	120
1951	1966	Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon Street, Hamilton	51
1916	1955	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis Street, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	21
1941	1970	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 54 Rangitira Road, Birkdale, Auckland 10	27
1952	1976	Spindler, Sydney J., 16 Hood Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui	80
1911	1954	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., 6 Rimu Place, Dargaville	[1]
1946	1971	Thompson, George R., E.D., 1582 Great North Road, Waterview, Auckland 7	21
1951	1971	Thompson, J. Herbert, Flat 1, 109 Gayhurst Road, Christchurch 6	133
1935	1975	Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., 63 Wylie Street, Rotorua	58
1926	1959	Voyce, A. Henry, 17 Prospect Terrace, Milford, Auckland 9	26
1939	1976	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 12 Nahum Street, Paeroa	44
1931	1971	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), 20 Weston Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	21
1943	1976	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 8 Rata Street, Helensville	39
1935	1974	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 113 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8	135

MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Bailey, Ivor, 54 Chester Street West, Christchurch 1	131
Borrie, I. Donald, M.A., S.T.M., 55 Warspite Avenue, Porirua	105
Butler, Ralph W., 151 Kennedy Road, Napier	83
Crawford, Samuel J., Okete, R.D. 1, Raglan	48
Stevens, Ewing C., M.B.E., B.A., 19 Wilson Avenue, St Clair, Dunedin	162
Vickery, John H., 15 Clayburn Road, Glen Eden, Auckland 7	14

RESIDING IN NEW ZEALAND

Chick, H. H., Hihi Street, Ohura, King Country	71
Sarchet, E., 17 Tawa Road, Te Atatu, Auckland	24
(Ministers in full connection with the British Methodist Conference)	

HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Circuit
1928	Coombridge, Roy, 5 Turongo Street, Otorohanga	67
1952	Johnson, Frank L., Waitoki R.D., Kaukapakapa	39
1961	Tardif, A. E., Deborah Bay, Port Chalmers, Otago	163
1939	Wright, H. R., 7 Tor Street, Westown. New Plymouth	72

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
(a) Full Time:			
1962	2	Maaka, Herehere Maihi, 38 Bush Road, Kamo	[1]
1960	7	Makiha, Matu, Methodist Parsonage, 51 Hall Road, Manurewa, Auckland	[2]
1967	3	Toia, Samson, 26 Pirika Street, Dargaville	[1]
(b) Honorary:			
1972		Cassidy, Tohu, Omanaia, P.O. Box 37, via Rawene, Hokianga	[1]
1955		Couch, Wera, P.O. Box 20, Lyttelton	[7]
1972		Gray, Henare Te Huia, Te Kowhai Road, Horotiu	[3]
1952	Ret	Hemara, Hohepa, 65 Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland	[1]
1969		Heremaia, John Hoani, Pariroa Pa, Kararamea, Patea	[5]
		Hunapo, Raka, 82 Vine Street, Mangere East	[2]
1938	Ret	Ihaka, Wiremu Paki, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland 6	[2]
1942		Kawiti, Tawai Te Riri, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	[1]
1946		Kukutai, Waaka, Te Kohanga, via Tuakau, South Auckland	[2]
1964		Livingstone, Para Piripi, Pokere, Northland	[1]
1932		Manihera, Tuteao, 1 Butler Place, Fairfield, Hamilton	[3]
		Martin, Huia, 74 Franklin Road, Otara	[2]
1937		Moke Roi, Post Office, Hamilton	[3]
1972		Morunga, Mack, Whirinaki, Hokianga	[1]
1972		Morunga, Winiata, 33 Clark's Road, Kamo	[1]
1969		Pate, Henare, 10 Amisfield Road, Tokoroa	[3]
1972		Pickering Alan Skinner, Portland, Whangarei, Northland	[1]
1951		Rangitutia Pukerau, Aotearoa, R.D. 7, Te Awa-mutu	[3]
1971		Rogers, Aperahama Tutanekai, 10 Tawa Street, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	[2]
1969		Rogers, Mare, 26 Orr's Road, Kaikohe	[1]
1970		Taha, George, Dawson's Road, Glen Massey, Ngaruawahia	[3]
1962		Taka, Robert, 64 Fourth Avenue, Whangarei	[1]
1970		Tautari, Rewi, Waiomio, via Kawakawa	[1]
1968		Te Hiko, Wiremu Huirama, 31 Manaia Street, Tokoroa	[3]
1946	Ret	Te Huia, Timu, C/- Post Office, Hamilton	[3]

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1967		Te Uira, Phillip, Taharoa, Te Kuiti	[4]
1973		Toki, Te Marunui, 26 Whitley Crescent, Otara	[2]
1962	Ret	Tonga, Te Orahi, P.O. Box 110, Ngaruawahia	[3]
1940	Ret	Tonga, Wiremu, 36 Morris Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton	[3]
		Turner, Charlie, No. 2 R.D., Otorohanga	[4]
1952	Ret	Wilcox, Hone, 81 Premier Avenue, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland 2	[1]
		Wiki, Waha, 7 Smeath's Road, Kawakawa, Northland	[1]
1948		Winikerei, Nguru, Ward Street, Te Kuiti	[4]

DEACONESSSES

1960	W.A.	Sister Pamela Beaumont, 8 McLeod Street, Christchurch 1	133
1948		Sister Grace Clement, 12 John Street, Tokoroa	57
1948		Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, 93 Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch 5	144
1972		Sister Hana Hauraki, 3 Buckland Road, Tuakau	[2]
1962		Sister Edna Jenkin, Miri Bible College, P.O. Box 988, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia	
1963		Sister Barbara Miller, P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga	[3]
1957		Sister Beverley Taylor, 63 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth	72
1964		Sister Shirley Ungemuth, Flat 7, 171 Bayview Road, St Clair, Dunedin	162
1963	W.A.	Sister Shirley Wiki, P.O. Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	[1]
1960		Sister Joan Wedding, Flat 7, 8 Begbie Place, Sandringham, Auckland 3	15
1947		Sister Betty Yearbury, 175 Waihi Road, Hawera	[5]
Probationer			
1975		Diana A. Tana, Taheke, P.O. Hokianga	[1]

RETIRED DEACONESSSES

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	
1913	1937	Sister May Barnett, "Fairhaven," 93 Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch 5	
1968	1973	Sister Atawhai George, C/- Post Office Waihaha, Bay of Islands	
1929	1964	Sister Airini Hobbs, 3 Laings Road, Bucklands Beach, Auckland	
1935	1971	Sister Madeline Holland, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Auckland 3	
1945	1967	Sister Jean A. Miller, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Auckland 3	
1921	1968	Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	
1939	1973	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 102 Sandspit Road, Howick, Auckland	
1964	1972	Sister Constance Sage, 1 Willis Street, Auckland 3	
1928	1966	Sister Rita Snowden, O.B.E., F.I.A.L., Flat 1, 16 Bracken Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9	
1936	1974	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, M.B.E., 40 Oxford Street, Hamilton	
1943	1973	Sister Anne Wilson, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	

MINISTERS SERVING WITH OTHER CONFERENCES/CHURCHES

Glen, Frank G., C.F., R.A.A.F., Myross Bush, R.D. 11, Invercargill.
Campbell, M. Jackson, 68 Kiwi Crescent, Tawa, Wellington
Guthardt, Phyllis, M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Winchester Street, Christchurch

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OVERSEAS DIVISION

NEW ZEALAND STAFF SERVING WITH THE UNITED CHURCH
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Rev. Maxwell L. Bruce, Box 619, Arawa, Bougainville, P.N.G.
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Rev. Robert G. Stringer, Sasamunga Choiseul, B.S.I.P.
Rev. Brian H. Turner, M.A. (Hons.), Rarongo, Theological College via
Rabaul, P.N.G.

Deaconesses

Sister Lucy Money, M.B.E., Sasamunga. via Gizo, B.S.I.P.
Sister Lesley Bowen, Tonu Free Bag, P.O. Kieta, P.N.G.

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Miss Marilyn J. Harkness, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, P.N.G.
Miss Patricia A. Moodie, Tari, S.H.D., P.N.G.
Miss Lynette M. Sadler, Goldie College, Munda, B.S.I.P.

Laymen

Mr Eion Field, Tonu Free Bag, P.O. Kieta, P.N.G.
Mr Douglas C. McKenzie, Wesley High School, Salamo, P.N.G.
Mr Ian Shakespeare, Munda. B.S.I.P.
Dr Roger B. Scown, M.B., Ch.B. Dip. Obstr., Helena Goldie Hospital,
Munda B.S.I.P.
Mr J. N. Skelton, Vatnabara Health Centre, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul,
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UNION CHURCH MINISTERS

Mangonui County Union Parish: C. Brice Herbert, Te Reinga Street,
Kaitaia. Ian Miller, 43 Dominion Road, Kaitaia
Kaikohe Union Parish: Murray R. McCaskey, B.A., B.D., 3 de Merle
Street, Kaikohe
South Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish: Rev. Mark Mete, 5 Leaity
Street, Moerewa, Northland
Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish:
North Hokianga Community Church: Ian C. Norwell, P.O. Box 7,
Broadwood, Northland
South Hokianga Co-operating Parish: Neville Drake, Kokohuia Road,
Omapere
Hikurangi Union Parish: Maynard G. Rutherford, 16 View Road,
Hikurangi

Whangarei Uniting Parish: John E. Langley, 149 Kamo Road,
 Whangarei. Brian W. Sides, P.O. Box 711, Whangarei
 Ruawai Union Parish: F. J. Bradley, 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai,
 Northland
 South Kaipara Co-operating Parish: W. G. M. Dixon, Garfield Road,
 Helensville
 Glen Innes Co-operating Parish: Brother David John, S.S.F., 132
 Taniwha Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 6
 Glenfield Co-operating Parish: Roger J. E., Hey, 1 Chivalry Road,
 Glenfield, Auckland 10. D. J. Coles. M.A., B.D., M.Th., Dip. R.E.,
 Ph.D., 470 Glenfield Road, Glenfield, Auckland 10
 Lynfield Community Church: Canon Manga Cameron, 37 The Avenue,
 Waikowhai, Auckland 4
 Avondale Union Parish: John C. McKean, B.A., B.D., 2166 Great
 North Road, Auckland 7
 Te Atatu Union Parish: Graham Brazendale, B.A., 19 Graham
 Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8
 Interim Parish of Glendene: William A. French, 6 Rosewarne
 Crescent, Glendene, Auckland 8
 Birkdale-Beach Haven Union Parish: Donald C. Mence, 293 Rangitira
 Road, Beach Haven, Auckland 10
 Tuakau Union Parish: William T. Earle, B.Sc., B.D., 13 Gibson Road,
 Tuakau
 Thames Union Parish: Glyn E. Thomas, 608 Rolleston Street, Thames
 Hauraki Plains Union Parish:
 Cambridge Union Parish: E. K. Orange, M.A., B.D., 22 Alpha Street,
 Cambridge
 Chartwell Co-operating Parish: Geoffrey C. Crawshaw, 50 Comrie
 Road, Hamilton
 Raglan Union Parish: C. F. Hay, The Manse, Raglan
 Ngaruawahia Union Parish: J. N. King, 1 Galileo Street,
 Ngaruawahia
 Matamata Union Parish: Eric R. Eastwood, 2 Hohaia Crescent,
 Matamata
 Taupo Union Parish: Donald S. Knight, B.A., 16 Wheretia Street,
 Taupo
 St James Union Parish, Greerton: David C. Pratt, 72 Pooles Road,
 Greerton
 Whakatane Co-operating Parish: G. Basil W. Bell, 19 King Street,
 Whakatane
 Opotiki Union Parish: Alan A. Jones, M. A., The Manse, St. John's
 Street, Opotiki
 Turangi Union Parish: I. Bayliss, 4 Hingaia Street, Turangi
 Manaia Union Parish: James H. Conway, 42 Ngatai Stret, Manaia
 Inglewood Union Parish: D. Ian MacLeod, 3 Totara Terrace,
 Inglewood
 Flaxmere Co-operating Parish: William P. Naera, 105 Flaxmere
 Avenue, Hastings
 Mangapapa Union Parish: Niven G. Ball, 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne
 Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa: Murray F. Hall, 87
 Lucknow Street, Wairoa. John A. Stringer, Dip. Theol., 175
 Queen Street, Wairoa
 Woodville Union Parish: Wallace McKenzie, 44 McLean Street,
 Woodville
 Pahiatua Union Parish: Harry I. Shaw, 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua
 Foxton Union Parish: S. R. Wishart, 8 Hulke Street, Foxton
 Wellington South Union Parish: Robert S. Andrews, 22 Mersey
 Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2. Sister Patricia Russ, 11
 Waripori Street, Wellington 2

Ngaio Union Parish: Harry W. Toothill, 44 Ottawa Road, Ngaio, Wellington 4
 Johnsonville Union Parish: J. Malcolm H. Highet, LL.B., 55 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville, Wellington 4
 Newlands Union Parish: R. Leslie George, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington
 Tawa Union Parish: Colin D. Clark, 31 Court Road, Tawa, Wellington. E. A. Johnston, 330 Main Road, Linden, Wellington. D. I. Hollier, 85 Redwood Avenue, Tawa, Wellington
 Taita Union Parish: 73 Molesworth Street, Taita, Lower Hutt
 Wainuiomata Union Parish: H. David Besant, 115 Main Road, Wainuiomata
 Greytown St Andrew's Union Parish: K. G. Wall, The Manse, 61 Main Street, Greytown
 Featherston Union Parish: B. T. Doig, 32 Fox Street, Featherston
 Carterton Union Parish: W. J. Douglas Wakeling, 164 High Street, South, Carterton
 Masterton St Luke's Union Parish: Peter E. Glensor, 27 Worksop Road, Masterton. Ross McD. Durham, 64 Totara Street, Masterton
 St James Masterton Union Parish: A. I. Hewson, 112 High Street, Masterton
 Eketahuna Union Parish: Stuart G. Slinn, 6 Haswell Street, Eketahuna
 Nelson St. Luke's Union Parish: 55 Tipahi Street, Nelson
 Picton Union Parish: Neville Thornicroft, 15 Wairau Road, Picton
 Reefton District Union Parish: Darrell R. Curtis, 9 Mace Street, Reefton
 Buller Union Parish: Campbell Nicol, 50 Wakefield Street, Westport
 Greymouth District Union Parish: R. John Hamlin, 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth. Sue I. Jacobi, 121 Main South Road, Greymouth
 Hokitika Union Parish: Lionel E. Brown, B.A. (Hons.), 118 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika
 New Brighton Union Parish: 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch 7
 Sumner Redcliffs Union Parish: Norman W. Olds, 15 Wiggins Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8
 South East Christchurch Union Parish: Cornelius Van der Kley, 64 St John's Street, Woolston, Christchurch 6
 Lyttelton Union Parish: R. Dudley Ives, 27 Sumner Road, Lyttelton
 Halswell Union Parish: George M. Hammond, 436 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3
 Lincoln Union Parish: Rowlatt M. Rogers, B.A., B.Com., 126 East Belt, Lincoln
 Oxford District Union Parish: Ian E. M. Anderson, 3 Park Avenue, Oxford
 St David's Marchwiell Union Parish: Graeme M. McIver, 24 Tyne Street, Timaru
 Oamaru Union Parish: Clifford M. Russ, 24 Eden Street, Oamaru
 West Harbour United Parish: W. Ian Fleming, B.A., 19 Ascog Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin
 Port Chalmers United Parish: Ian W. McIntosh, 1 Currie Street, Port Chalmers
 West Dunedin Union Parish: Norman J. Goreham, 29 Farley Street, Kaikorai, Dunedin. A. K. T. Bathgate, 31 Balmain Street, Half-way Bush, Dunedin. John Calvert, 99 Centennial Avenue, Wakarī, Dunedin

Corstorphine Concord Union Parish: David J. Wilson, B.A., 149
 Hillhead Road, Corstorphine, Dunedin
 Grants Braes Union Parish:
 Riverton Union Parish: Warren H. Blundell, 67 Palmerston Street,
 Riverton
 Otautau Union Parish: Philip W. Brown, 68 Main Street, Otautau
 Waiono Union Parish: Ivan A. Smith, The Manse, Nightcaps
 Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart Island Co-operating Parish: H. J. Taakens,
 79 Bann Street, Bluff
 Teviot Union Parish: Joy P. Schwass, B.A., 75 Scotland Street,
 Roxburgh
 Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish: D. M. Povey, B.A., 13 Centennial
 Avenue, Alexandra. R. Coates, M.A., 21 Fox Street, Alexandra
 Tamatea (Napier), Ecumenical Appointment: Rinny Westra, 31
 Ranfurly Street, Tamatea, Napier

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNEXION WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1911—Rowe, William (Sup.) | 1931—Carr, Thomas H. (Sup.) |
| „ Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. | „ Carr, W. E. Allon (Sup.) |
| (Sup.) | „ Greenslade, William W. H., |
| | M.B.E. (Sup.) |
| 1916—Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.) | „ Moore, William E. (Sup.) |
| „ Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.) | „ Parker, Gordon (Sup.) |
| „ Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.) | „ Payne, Herbert W. (Sup.) |
| | „ Williams, David O. (Sup.) |
| 1917—Blight, William T. (Sup.) | |
| 1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.) | 1932—Day, Reginald (Sup.) |
| | „ Jenkin, William C. (Sup.) |
| 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.) | |
| „ Hames, Eric W. (Sup.) | 1933—Patchett, Ralph E. (Sup.) |
| 1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.) | |
| „ Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.) | 1934—Goodman, George H. (Sup.) |
| | „ Johnston, Andrew J. (Sup.) |
| 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H. (Sup.) | „ Matthews, Howard C. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.) | 1935— |
| „ Voyce, A. Henry (Sup.) | „ Duder, Clifford L. (Sup.) |
| | „ Luxton, Clarence T. J. (Sup.) |
| 1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.) | „ Thornley, Robert (Sup.) |
| „ Laurensen, George I., C.B.E. | „ Witheford, Arthur R. (Sup.) |
| (Sup.) | |
| „ Penn, Athol R. (Sup.) | 1936—Hopper, Ian H. K. (Sup.) |
| „ Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.) | |
| 1928—Grocott, John D. (Sup.) | 1937—Francis, William R. (Sup.) |
| „ Hailwood, Charlie O. (Sup.) | „ Norwell, Leslie T. (Sup.) |
| 1929—Horwood, Leonard C. (Sup.) | |
| „ Kent, Arthur T. (Sup.) | 1938—Harkness, Howard E. |
| „ Parker, Walter (Sup.) | „ Laws, William R. |
| | „ Petch, Ashleigh K. |
| 1930—Leadley, E. Clarence (Sup.) | „ Silvester, John |
| „ McDowell, M. Alexander | |
| (Sup.) | 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A. (Sup.) |
| „ Parker, J. Wesley (Sup.) | „ Grice, Reginald (Sup.) |
| | „ Lucas, Campbell P. |
| | „ Oldfield, Charles B. |
| | „ Watson, John K. (Sup.) |
| | |
| | 1940—Dawson, John B |
| | „ Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E. |
| | „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M. |
| | „ Greenslade, Lawrence (Sup.) |
| | „ Jones, Alan O. (Sup.) |

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1941—Bell, Charles H. (Sup.)
" Brown, Harold K.
" Darvill, Harold A.
" Thomas, Gordon V.
" Woolford, J. Henry
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick
" Ivory, Arthur H. (Sup.)
" Lewis, John J.
" Morrison, William J.
" Willing, Leonard V.
- 1943—Andrews, Stanley G.
" Brown, Clifford G.
" Cramond, George W.
" Dawson, W. Selwyn
" Falkingham, Wilfred E.,
M.B.E.
" Grounds, Edmund D.
" Williams, J. C. Adwyn (Sup.)
- 1944—Allen, Robert H.
" Bell, R. Graham
" Bycroft, Leslie F.
" Chambers, Wesley A.
" Dorrian, A Peter (Sup.)
" Sherson, Donald G. (Sup.)
- 1945—Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister (Sup.)
" Moore, Harry (Sup.)
" Olds, Norman W.
" Shepherd, Trevor
" Thompson, George R. (Sup.)
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.)
" Clements, Leslie C.
" Hall, Allen H.
" Parker, Francis H.
- 1948—Eisner, Wilf G.
" Hilder, Basil J.
" Hopkins, George C.
" Marshall, Edward M (Sup.)
- 1949—Baker, Edward
" Benny, T. Ralph (Sup.)
" Burt, Douglas H.
" Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
" Ford, Wilfred F.
" Keightley, Clifford J.
" Olds, J. Stanley
" Ramage, Ian C. E.
- 1950—Clark, Colin D.
" Gordon, D. Bruce
" Ramsay, Phillip D
" Schroeder, Leonard P.
" Woodfield, Frank H.
" Woodfield, Owen T.
- 1951—Besant, H. David
" Carter, George G.
" Clucas, Ivan J.
" Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
" Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)
" Stead, Peter A.
" Toothill, Harry W.
" Olds, O. McLennan
- 1952—George, R. Leslie
" Gibson, Loyal J.
" Hall, John R.
" Handyside, Allan J.
" Penman, John A.
" Shaw, Harry I.
" Spindler, Stanley J. (Sup.)
" Thompson, John H. (Sup.)
- 1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
" LeCouteur, E. Raymond
" Craig, Hughan M.
" McKay, Archibald W.
" Newman, Alan
" Osborne, John H.
" Stubbs, David G.
- 1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.
" Eastwood, Eric R.
" Grundy, John
" Heppelthwaite, Ernest
" Newton, Alan H. V.
" Rakena, Ruawai D.
" Rushton, Percy P.
" Tahere, Te Awha W.
" Trebilco, David L.
" Watson, Alexander C.
- 1955—Abbott, William K.
" Bennett, Trevor L.
" Boyd, Edward P.
" Cable, Wilfred J.
" Peart, Cuthbert F. (Sup.)
" Rigg, Frank S.
" Tauroa, Lane M.
" Thornicroft, Neville

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1956—Andrews, Robert S.
" Bennett, George L.
" Grant, Ian D.
" Kitchingham, Owen A.
" Scammell, Bruce
- 1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
" Cropp, James F.
" Fowler, Irwin J.
" Guthardt, Phyllis M.
" Kitchingman, Henry W.
" Mabon, John C. F.
" Reid, Andrew G. (Sup.)
" Russell, Kenneth H.
" Taylor, Philip F.
- 1958—Climo, Frederick J. (Sup.)
" Gilbert, Wilfred S.
" Hamlin, R. John
" Lewis, Evan R.
- 1959—Bowen, Lewis A.
" Dine, Mervyn L.
" Goudge, Stanley R. (Sup.)
" Griffith, Keith C.
" Hosking, John S.
" Noble, Dorothea
" Salter, Lawrence E.
" Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960—Brazendale, Graham
" Christian, Owen L.
" Conway, James H.
" Grundy, Albert A.
" Gust, Warwick
" Hanson, E. Francis I.
" Henderson, W. John (Sup.)
" Hornblow, Maxwell A.
" Horrill, C. Seton
" McKenzie, Ian H.
" Mullan, David S.
" Peterson, Frederick D. (Sup.)
" Roke, Charles E. (Sup.)
- 1961—James, Russell E.
" Langley, John E.
" Marshall, C. Russell
" Sides, Brian W.
" Taylor, A. Kerry
" Wallace, William L.
- 1962—Currie, John B.
" Hawkey, Graham E.
" Hight, Arnold C.
- " Hornblow, Edgar R.
" Jones, Barry E.
" Pomeroy, Harold C.
" Robertson, Ian H.
" Rutherford, Maynard G.
" Waine, Frederick E.
" Wakeling, W. J. Douglas
" Woodley, Alan K.
- 1963—Ansell, David H.
" Armstrong, David
" Ball, Niven G.
" Clarke, Ian L.
" Laws, Derek G.
" Rowe, B. Keith
" Tucker, W. Geoffrey
- 1964—Felderhof, Ludwig
" Gerritsen, Hendrik
" Neal, Barry W.
" Olsen, Brian L.
" Slinn, Stuart G.
- 1965—Chessum, William A.
" Clarke, Edwin B.
" Collingwood, Ronald C.
" Herbert, C. Brice
" Mackie, Bruce E.
" Waaka, Te Napi T.
" West, Norman J.
- 1966—Alexander, Roy M.
" Bowden, A. Roy
" Ferguson, Ronald W.
" Hendry, Richard J.
" Manihera, John I.
" Pihama, Te Taotahi John
" Prince, Donald F.
" Taylor, Keith J.
" West, Stanley J.
- 1967—Bennett, Enid J.
" Jamieson, Colin G.
" Michie, Laurie A.
" Pratt, David C.
- 1968—Allan, Robert A.
" Couch, Moke A. G.
" Curtis, Darrell R.
" Hay, J. Cedric
" Hey, Roger J. E.
" Hosking, Bruce L.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- „ Leadley, Alan J.
 - „ Loader, William R. G.
 - „ McIver, Graeme M.
 - „ Malcouronne, Brian J.
 - „ Meredith, John D.
 - „ Norwell, Ian C.
 - „ Phillips, Donald J.
 - „ Te Whare, Morehu
- 1969—Alley, David R.
- „ — Brookes, Norman E.
 - „ Chapman, Wallace C.
 - „ Corlett, Ashley I.
 - „ Eagle, Brian R. J.
 - „ Ferguson, Ronald W.
 - „ Harkness, Barry G.
 - „ Rigby, Russell G.
 - „ Stringer, Robert G.
 - „ Turner, Brian H.
- 1970—Graham, Duncan R.
- „ Griffiths, William D.
 - „ Smith, G. Clive
- 1971—Blundell, Warren H.
- „ Salmon, John B.
 - „ Simpson, Ronald N.
 - „ Wright, Jack
- 1972—Dickie, Arthur W.
- „ Greenwood, Russell J.
 - „ MacLeod, D. Ian
- 1973—Anderson, Ian E. M.
- „ Currie, Laurence H.
 - „ Grant, Stuart C.
 - „ Stringer, John A.
- 1974—Burton, Restel A.
- „ de Zoete, Jan D.
 - „ Roberts, John H.
- 1975—Bell, Anthony N.
- „ Gibson, Roger M.
 - „ Graves, Norma M.
 - „ Jacobson, Patricia M.
 - „ Pratt, G. Douglas
 - „ Sharp, Gavin B.
 - „ Sinclair, Paul F.
- 1976—Bruce, Dougall H.
- „ Burrough, Amos W.
 - „ Glensor, Peter E.
 - „ Greer, Michael W.
 - „ White, Graeme R.

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Saturday, 1st November, 1975, at the Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia. by the retiring President, Rev. William J. Morrison, after which the Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena was inducted to the Presidency. Mr Geoffrey E. Hill was inducted as Vice-President.

LECTIONARY: 1976-77

(FOR THE OPTIONAL USE OF PREACHERS)

1976

APRIL	MORNING	EVENING
4 5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	Job 19:21-27 Mark 10:35-45	Micah 7:1-9; 18-19 2 Cor. 5:1-19
11 Palm Sunday	Jer. 29:1-14 Mark 11:1-11	Zech. 9:9-12, 16 Phil. 2:1-11
18 EASTER	Exodus 12:21-31 John 20:1-18	Exodus 14:21-31 Mark 16:1-8
25 1st after Easter (Anzac Day)	Wisdom 3:1-9 1 Cor. 15:1-20	Job 19:1-9, 21-29 John 21:1-19

MAY

2 2nd after Easter (Bible Sunday in N.Z.)	Jer. 23:23-32 Luke 4:16-22	Lamentation 3:22-33 John 11:1-16
9 3rd after Easter (Home and Family Day)	Magnificat (No. 7) Hebrews 2:1-10	Isaiah 43:1-13 John 11:17-28
16 4th after Easter	Exodus 32:5-23 1 Cor. 15:35-49	Isaiah 62:1-12 John 11:32-46
23 5th after Easter (Rogation)	Daniel 9:1-10; 16-19 Rev. 3:7-22	Isaiah 65:17-24 Luke 11: 1-13
30 Sunday after Ascension	Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14 Mark 16:9-20	Exodus 24:1-18 Luke 24:36-53

****N.B. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension Day to Pentecost). See passages for Special Days or Prepared Leaflet.

JUNE

6 Pentecost	Ezek. 37:1-14 Acts 2:1-12	Numbers 11:16, 24-29 John 14:15-26
13 Trinity or next after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8 Ephes 1:3-14	Psalms 97 (No. 50) Matth. 28:16-20
20 2nd after Pentecost	Deut. 30:15-20 Matth. 11:2-19	Judges 4:1-22 Acts 9:1-19
27 3rd after Pentecost	Job 5:8-27 Luke 7:36-50	Judges 5:1-12; 24-31 Acts 9:20-31

JULY**MORNING****EVENING**

4	4th after Pentecost	Job 5:8-27 Matth. 12:22-37	Judges 6:1-6; 11-16; 33-40 Acts 14:8-27
11	5th after Pentecost	Job 40:6-24 Matth. 12:38-50	Judges 7:1-8, 16-21 Acts 15:1-20
18	6th after Pentecost	Job 42:7-17 Mark 4:21-41	Judges 14:1-18 Luke 8:26-39
25	7th after Pentecost	1 Sam. 8:4-22 Acts 5:33-42	Ruth 1:1-19a Matth. 9:21-10:1

AUGUST

1	8th after Pentecost	1 Sam. 9:15-19, 25-10:1 Acts 6:1-15	Ruth 2:1-17 Matth. 10:2-15
8	9th after Pentecost (L.P. Sunday)	1 Sam. 12:1-15; 13:15, 23-25 Acts 7:51-8:4	Proverbs 6:6-19 Matth. 10:16-33
15	10th after Pentecost	1 Sam. 15:10-23 Acts 8:26-40	Proverbs 10:1-12 Matth. 10:34-11:1
22	11th after Pentecost	Proverbs 20:1-12 1 Peter 4:7-19	2 Sam. 7:1-17 Mark 6:14-29
29	12th after Pentecost	Proverbs 23:15-26 1 Peter 5:1-11	2 Sam. 12:1-10, 15-23 John 13:1-20

SEPTEMBER

5	13th after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:11-28 Mark 7:24-37	2 Sam. 18:5-15, 24-33 Acts 16:6-15
12	14th after Pentecost	1 Kings 3:4-15 Matth. 15:32-16:4	1 Kings 18:1-19 Acts 16:13-34
19	15th after Pentecost	1 Kings 10:1-13 Mark 8:13-26	1 Kings 18:20-46 1 Cor. 12:4-14; 26-31
26	16th after Pentecost (Christian Citizenship)	Psalms 33:1-11 1 Cor. 3:1-17	1 Kings 19:1-18 1 Cor. 13

OCTOBER

3	17th after Pentecost (World Communion Day)	Psalms 40 (No. 31) 1 John 4:7-5:2	Malachi 3:10-18 Ephesians 2
10	18th after Pentecost	1 Kings 11:43-12:20 John 7:53-8:11	Jer. 1:4-15, 18-19 John 8:12-30
17	19th after Pentecost	Isaiah 30:1-3, 7-17 Colossians 1:21-2:7	Jer. 2:1-13 John 8:31-45
24	20th after Pentecost (Industrial Sunday)	Isaiah 35 (No. 69) Rev. 21:1-7; 10-11a, 22-27	Exodus 35:30-36:1 2 Thess. 3:6-13

***N.B. The Social Principles should be read on this day (See MINUTES 1967, page 113)

31	21st after Pentecost	Isaiah 32:1-5, 16-18 Col. 3:1-17	Jer. 5:1-3, 21-31 John 8:46-59
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NOVEMBER**MORNING****EVENING**

7	22nd after Pentecost	2 Kings 18:13-17, 28-37 1 Tim. 6:6-19	Jer. 6:9-16 Luke 13:22-24; 31-35
14	23rd after Pentecost	2 Kings 19:15-20; 32-36 2 Tim. 1:1-14	Jer. 17: 5-14 Luke 14:15-35
21	Next before Advent	Micah 6:1-8 Hebs. 11:1-16	Eccles. 11:9-12:7 Hebs. 11:23-12:2
28	1st in Advent	Isaiah 1:1-4; 11-20 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11	Malachi 1:1-14 Luke 1:5-25

DECEMBER

5	2nd in Advent	Psalm 19 (No. 23) 1 Peter 1:10-13	Malachi 2:17-3:12 Luke 1:26-38
12	3rd in Advent	Isaiah 25:1-9 2 Tim. 3:1-7, 14-17	Malachi 3:16-4:6 Luke 1:39-56
19	4th in Advent	Psalm 98 (No. 8) Titus 2:11-3:7	Zech. 2:1-5. 10-13 Luke 1:57-80
26	Sunday after Christmas	Ezekiel 11:17-20 Matth. 2:13-23	Josh. 1:1-11, 16-17 1 John 4:1-21

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JANUARY

2	2nd after Christmas	Psalm 103 (No. 51) Phil. 2:1-18	Eccles. 3:1-15 Revelation 3
9	1st after Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-9, 18-22 Matth. 2:1-12	Isaiah 44:6-22 John 1:55-51
16	2nd after Epiphany	Genesis 42:1-20 Matth. 16:13-28	Isaiah 49:14-16, 22-26 1 Cor. 1:1-17
23	3rd after Epiphany	Gen. 45:1-15 Matth. 17:1-13	Isaiah 50:4-10 1 Cor. 1:18-31
30	4th after Epiphany	Gen. 45:16-46:7 Mark 9:14-29	Isaiah 54:1-10 1 Cor. 3:1-13, 16-23

FEBRUARY

6	Septuagesima or 9 before Easter	Gen. 48:1-21 Matth. 17:22-27	Isaiah 57:15-21 Hebs. 12:14-29
13	Sexagesima or 8 before Easter (Covenant Day)	Gen. 17:1-9 Mark 14:17-26	Jer. 31:31-34 Romans 6:1-14
20	Quinquagesima or 7 before Easter	2 Chron. 28:8-15 1 John 3:13-24	Exodus 6:2-9 Luke 19:1-10
27	1st in Lent	Job 2:1-10 Luke 22:28-46	Joel 2:12-17 Hebs. 4:14-5:9

MARCH	MORNING	EVENING
6 2nd in Lent	Job 42:1-9 Acts 2:29-42	Gen. 22:1-18 Romans 6:15-23
13 3rd in Lent	Hosea 14:1-9 Luke 6:27-38	Amos 3:1-6, 8-12 Luke 22:47-71
20 4th in Lent	Amos 5:18-24 Luke 23:1-25	Gen. 29:1-20 1 Peter 2:11-25
27 5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	Amos 8:1-12 Luke 23:26-49	Gen. 32:22-32 1 Peter 3:8-22

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

HOLY WEEK:

Monday:	Isaiah 56:5b-8	Mark 11:15-19
Tuesday:	Jer. 11:18-20	John 6:66-71
Wednesday:	Psalms 55:1-15, 22	Mark 14:53-72
Thursday: (Maundy Thursday)	Exodus 13:3-10	John 13:1-20
Good Friday:	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 or Psalm 22:1-8; 15-18 or Luke 23:26-49 22-24	John 19:1-30 or Luke 23:26-49
Easter Eve:	Job 19:23-27	Mark 15:42-47
Ascension Day:	2 Kings 2:1-15 Luke 24:36-53	Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14 Acts 1:1-14

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension to Pentecost):

2 Chron. 30:1-9; Psalm 122; Psalm 133; Isaiah 55:6-3; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Matthew 16:13-19; Matthew 18:10-21; John 17:20-26; 1 Cor. 3; Ephes. 1:3-23; Ephes. 2:11-22, Ephes. 4:1-16; 1 Peter 2:1-10.

Youth Day: Deut. 8:7-18; 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Proverbs 3:1-7, 11-17; Matthew 19:13-30; Mark 9:33-50; Mark 10:35-45; Luke 2:41-52; Luke 18-30.

Church Anniversary: Gen. 28:10-22; 1 Kings 8:22-30; 1 Chron. 29:1-2, 10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Ezra 3; Col. 1:1-20; Matthew 16:13-28; Ephes. 3:8-21; 1 Peter 1:22-2:10.

Home and Overseas Missions: Isaiah 42:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-13; Jer. 10:1-16; Hosea 14; Jonah 3; Matthew 16:13-28; John 3:1-21; Romans 9:30-10:15; Ephes. 3:1-11.

Harvest Thanksgiving: Gen. 8:15-9:3; Deut. 26:1-10, 16-19; Ruth 2:1-17; Matthew 13:24-33, 36-43; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 12:13-34; John 4:31-38; Galatians 6:6-10.

Spring or Flower Service: Gen. 1; Psalm 65; Psalm 126; Matthew 13:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30.

Lay Preachers' Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; Isaiah 55; Psalm 111; Luke 10:1-20; John 1:35-51; Romans 10:1-15.

Remembrance Sunday (Sunday nearest 11th November): Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15; Wisdom 3:1-9; 2 Samuel 23:13-17; Isaiah 52:7-12; Romans 8:18-35, 37-39; Revelation 14:13-15:4; Revelation 19:6-16; Revelation 7:9-17.

A Dedication Service: Numbers 7:1-11; 1 Chron. 28; Romans 12; Matthew 10:1-23.

Christmas Day: Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Matthew 1:8-25; John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-20; 1 John 3:1-9.

Watchnight or End of Year: Exodus 12:31-36; Eccles. 3:1-15; Psalm 90; Matthew 24:32-51; Luke 12:13-21.

New Year: Psalm 91; Psalm 103; Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Thess. 5; Ephesians 5:1-21.

QUESTION 1.—Who are members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 13 to 21 with such alterations as were reported to Conference and duly recorded in the Journal of Conference.

QUESTION 2 (a)—Who are now ordained as Ministers?

Restel A. Burton	Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.
Patricia M. Jacobson	Paul F. Sinclair
G. Douglas Pratt, B.A.	John A. Stringer, Dip. Theol.
John, H. Roberts,	
B.A., Dip. Crim. (Hons.),	
L.Th.	

QUESTION 2 (b)—Who are now admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?

Restel A. Burton	Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.
Patricia M. Jacobson	Paul F. Sinclair
G. Douglas Pratt, B.A.	John A. Stringer, Dip. Theol.
John, H. Roberts,	
B.A., Dip. Crim. (Hons.),	
L.Th.	

QUESTION 3—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Ian E. M. Anderson	Laurence H. Currie
Anthony N. Bell	Jan D. de Zoete

QUESTION 4—What Preachers are now received on Probation?

Dougall H. Bruce	Michael W. Greer
Peter E. Glensor	Graeme R. White

QUESTION 5—What students are to continue to have Theological Training?

Keith W. Duley	I. Marie Greenwood
Who are continued for a third year.	
M. Joan McIntosh	Terence W. Wall, M.A.
Alan R. Upston	
Who are continued for a second year.	

QUESTION 6—What Candidates are now received for Theological Training?

David Arrowsmith, (accepted at 1974 Conference).
Paul H. Grant, (training deferred for one year).
Andrew Hornblow, M.A.
Colin A. Milner.
Brian N. Small.
Tony Stroobant.
Philip Watson.

QUESTION 7—No longer applies.

QUESTION 8 (a)—What Deaconesses are Ordained at this Conference?
None.

(b)—What Students are received on Deaconess Probation:
Diana A. Tana.

(c)—What Students are to continue to have Deaconess Training?
None.

(d)—What Candidates are now received for Deaconess Training?
None.

QUESTION 9—What Home Missionary Probationers are there and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?
There are none.

QUESTION 10 (a)—What Ministers, Probationers, Deaconesses or Home Missionaries have died since last Conference?

Alfred M. Costain
Charles E. Dickens
L. Gordon Hanna
Albert Jolly

Sister Netta Jones
James W. Parker
Benjamin H. Riseley
Himiona Waata

ALFRED MOORE COSTAIN

Alfred Moore Costain, who died on 16th February, 1975, was born into a Methodist home, rich in Christian traditions, in the Isle of Man, in 1890. He came to New Zealand in 1913 entering the ranks of our Home Missionaries shortly after and serving at Ohura.

At the 1916 Conference he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and was ordained at the 1923 Conference. He served in the following circuits—Auckland East (Remuera), Wanganui (Gonville), Greytown, Paeroa, Roxburgh, Gore, Waimate, Wellington (Thorndon-Karori), Rangiora, Leeston and Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).

Mr Costain has filled many Connexional appointments including that of Conference Precentor (nine years), Secretary of the District, and Chairman of the North Canterbury District.

He was a preacher of more than average gifts. He never doubted his "call" to preach and it was high on his list of priorities. He was a discerning friend and pastor to his people, brotherly, cheerful and always courteous.

Property matters were always of great interest to him and he was for a time Chairman of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Possessed of a fine baritone voice he has given pleasure to many by his singing. He also introduced the New Methodist Hymn Book to the Conference.

In 1921 he married Miss E. A. Clark, of the Isle of Man, and she staunchly supported him throughout the years in the work of the Church.

During retirement in Picton, Mr Costain gave a year as "supply" Minister, and there, as well as at Blenheim and Stoke he continued a very acceptable pastoral and preaching ministry.

In the closing months of his life he bore considerable pain with Christian faith and fortitude. We thank God for Alfred Costain.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord".

CHARLES EDWARD DICKENS

Charles Edward Dickens died peacefully in Christchurch on November 26th, 1974, after a long period of declining health, which he had endured with great patience and courage.

Born in Christchurch in 1902, he spent his boyhood and early working life in that city. His faith was nourished at the Durham Street South Methodist Church. In 1926, in response to the call of his Lord, he entered Dunholme College, and later Trinity, Auckland, to train for the ministry. He was ordained in 1933. During his ministry he served the Church at Huntly, Ngaio, Reefton, Gonville, Thorndon, Dannevirke, Rangiora, St. Albans (Christchurch) and Carterton.

Charles Dickens was never a man to look for the limelight. He did not see himself as a great preacher or administrator, though he applied himself with diligence to both of these tasks. His role was primarily that of pastor. The marks of his ministry were to be found in his obvious sincerity; his sensitivity to, and deep compassion for people, his willingness to care. Wherever he was stationed, he was a faithful pastor to the people of God, and for this, many have cause to be very thankful for his ministry among them.

During his period at Thorndon he met, and later married, Ruth Alley the widow of a Solomon Island's missionary. Ruth's two sons, Donald and David, were accepted as being his own, and in the years that followed, the whole family became deeply involved in the life of the Circuits, in which Charles Dickens served.

In 1966 he retired early, due to an illness from which he was destined never to recover. The years that followed were very difficult to accept, yet through it all he managed to show a quiet cheerfulness and deep faith, which was communicated to all who met him.

Charles Dickens was, above all, a humble, sensitive, devoted Christian, who did not spare himself in the service of his Lord and the Church which he loved.

On the 28th of July this year, his wife Ruth also passed on to be with her Lord.

To Donald and David and their families we extend our sympathy in this their double loss.

L. GORDON HANNA

Throughout a ministry limited in years Gordon Hanna gave himself with characteristic devotion to his church and his Lord. His early years had not been easy but he steadfastly refused to allow difficulties to daunt him or warp his nature. Denied all but elementary education in his youth he avidly pursued learning when doors finally opened for him, giving him a disciplined and cultivated mind never divorced from a warm sympathy for people and their welfare.

He served in the following circuits: Hikurangi, Rakaia-Methven, Hokitika, Eltham, Hawera, and finally in the Epsom Church of the Auckland East Circuit. It was during this later ministry that a throat affliction denied him the power to preach and forced his early superannuation. In the world of journalism he still found avenues through which to continue his service to the church and he will be well remembered for his labours on the Board of the paper then known as the "N.Z. Methodist" where his expert knowledge and judgement were invaluable. More recently he moved into the post of secretary to the Board of the Auckland Children's Homes — a task that struck a very responsive chord within him — and of Business Manager to the "New Citizen".

In 1939 he married Dora Lewis whose family associations with Methodism go back many years. She proved to be not only a loyal and helpful wife but a deeply loved lady of the parsonage. Their family of four children gives eloquent testimony to the home life and guidance received.

Two features seem to have fused to give Gordon Hanna's life its exceptional quality and vigour. One was his conception of God as the active agent of all good and both the source and director of history in its on-going purpose. This was no merely academic notion for Gordon Hanna but a deep conviction, a living experience and a focus for his reading, his selfless service and his gospel for others. The other thread was the rich devotional life from which he drew his inner integrity, his quiet but firmly held convictions and the grace that illumined all his associations. Here he found himself at one not only with His Lord but also with the church's rich heritage of liturgy and with the world of men and women to whose need the whole gospel is addressed.

It was at work that the blow struck, in a heart attack from which he did not recover. His service continues beyond our present ken and his praise now finds even more fitting expression in the immediate presence of the Lord whom he had known and served so well while among us.

ALBERT JOLLY

The sudden death of Albert Jolly on 25th January, 1975, came as a shock to all who knew him, especially to the communities of Waihi and Waihi Beach where he had for two years responded to the requests of four denominations to "supply" during vacancies of varying periods. Despite declining health, causing him to retire early in 1972 to their home in Waihi Beach, Albert brought the vigour and confidence of his faith and experience to the congregations of the district. He gave of himself magnificently to a continuation of his ministry right up to the day of his death. Through his pastoral and administrative skills he won the affection and confidence of the people of the Waihi Beach United Church, who came to regard Albert as "their" minister. He had a particular interest in the plans for the erection of a Sunday School building.

Albert was a gifted man of God and he used these gifts to preach a gospel relevant to the needs of the day. He was a fluent speaker, and could capture the imagination of the youngest child with his vivid story telling or win the admiration of the intellectual with his profound sincerity and understanding of human needs. He will be remembered as a minister who had a strong sense of churchmanship and concern for the dignity of worship combined with an ecumenical outlook, and as one who gave of himself cheerfully and willingly in the service of others.

During his years as a Circuit Minister, Albert used his administrative abilities to initiate several new Church buildings, and today in Pirongia, Onehunga, Papatoetoe and East Tamaki, the Christian witness is being maintained with adequate facilities for the worship of God.

While he was stationed in the Greytown-Featherston Circuit, Albert married Ruth, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Hedley White. With their combined interests and understanding of Parsonage life they maintained a loyal and sacrificial contribution to the Christian ministry.

It is with a deep sense of loss that Ruth and family — Christina, Janet and Michael—mourn his passing.

There had always been a desire to return to the place of his birth in Preston, Lancashire, and this became a reality in August 1974 when Albert and his wife spent 3 months overseas, visiting relations and friends in England and Canada. This was a wonderful experience and one which he greatly enjoyed.

At the Waihi Beach United Church, many friends from Circuits in which he had served and members of the Waihi Rotary Club joined with the local congregation on 28th January, 1975, to pay their tributes and give thanks for this man whose life has been marked by a deep concern for people.

JAMES WILLIAM PARKER

The Rev. James W. Parker, enjoying good health throughout his life, died at his home on 14th August, 1975, in his 92nd year, a few months after he and Mrs Parker had celebrated the 70th Anniversary of their marriage. A large and representative congregation met in the Central Mission Church to share with the family their gratitude for a long and full life.

James W. Parker a uniquely individual person, was born in Silverdale, Lancashire, England. He came to New Zealand with a brother in 1902 and secured employment in Kaitaia, where he met his future wife and they were married in the Anglican Church in December, 1904. After employment in Waiuku, he and his wife offering for Home Missionary service, were sent to Rawene and served the Hokianga area from 1909-1913. In a period of pioneering demanding circuit-riding often uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous with the absence of roads and because such roads as were formed were primitive, he secured an oil-burning launch which he named the "John Wesley". The Minutes of Conference record that "typical of his work was his traversing by launch the tortuous waterways of the Hokianga, ministering to the many scattered families thereon".

In 1914 the Parker family was stationed at Kimbolton for two years and then at Apiti. Becoming a candidate for the ordained ministry, Mr Parker was sent as a Probationer to Eketahuna in 1918. After ordination he served at Springston, Cambridge, Mahurangi and Frankton, superannuating in 1950.

J. W. Parker was not known as a "Connexional man". A bluff, strong man, fitted by his North Country heritage to tackle the hard, pioneering role, he was probably at his best in the solitary task, living by his own strength and being judged by his own strict standards, and in sharing in the practical concerns of men in their basic situations. Outspoken and forthright he carried these traits into his preaching, not so much concerned to "make friends" as to "influence people" for the kingdom of God. The Conference record states, "He has ever been a strong, evangelical preacher and a strong reformer. His pulpit ministrations and his pastoral work have both been richly blessed of God".

Greatly blessed in his marriage the Rev. J. W. Parker would have been a much less effective minister without the loyal and dedicated support of his wife, a strong, intelligent woman, with a great capacity for loving and caring for people, beginning with their nine children, a tightly-knit family who have cherished their family links. It is not surprising that J. W. Parker, valuing highly the educational opportunities which were never his, encouraged his family to high educational attainment and to achieve leading roles in the world of industry and commerce, as well as in the church. It is understood that a strong discipline was exercised on the children when young, the harshness of which was tempered by the mother's influence.

There was a special affinity between J. W. Parker and the Rev. Wesley Parker, one of his sons. During his father's retirement Wesley included his parents in each of the Churches where he ministered; the people of Kingsland, the Central Mission, and lately of Panmure, have warm memories of the Rev. J. W. Parker, being associated in ministry with his son, and of the close bond that obviously existed between the two. Wesley Parker's absence in Australia provided the only significant gap in the family at the funeral service, where J. W. Parker's other five sons carried their father's casket in proud and triumphant thankfulness, and where Wesley was represented by his son, John Parker.

J. W. Parker was one of a large company of Methodist "gospel warriors" of an earlier era. He was one of the men of faith who through faith subdued kingdoms, established justice, and saw God's Kingdom fulfilled. Of him the words from Revelation are appropriate . . . "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them".

BENJAMIN HENRY RISELEY

Born into a Christian family, his parents being in active membership with the Salvation Army, Ben Riseley lived a life of active, practical Christian service. At first involved, together with his wife Emma, in the life and work of the Salvation Army, he later moved into the work of the Methodist Church under the ministry of the Rev. L. C. Horwood in helping to build up the newly commenced Sunday School at Somerfield in what has now become one of the strongest suburban Churches in Christchurch.

Ben Riseley became a successful business man, building up a Motor Body Building Company in Christchurch, which became noted for faithful construction work.

In 1938, motivated by what they had seen of the movement of Hitler's forces in Nazi Germany, he and his wife felt compelled to take stock of their lives and decided to make some constructive contribution to the building of a better world. Approaching the then General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson, regarding the possibility of service, they were called upon at the following Conference to take up an appointment at Cromwell in Central Otago as a Home Missionary Supply.

After a year, Ben Riseley applied to be accepted as a Home Missionary Probationer and was accepted. He then commenced a four years' course of study which he fulfilled with credit. Two of the years were served at Cromwell and two at Maori Hill, Dunedin.

Making application as a Candidate for the Ministry, he was accepted for training and appointed to the St Jude's Church, Auckland, as the Supply Pastor. While there he completed his three years' College course and was placed on probation for two years. He was attached to the Auckland Central Circuit in which he opened the Point Chevalier Church, and also spent some time under the Superintendency of the late Rev. E. T. Olds in the development of a roving ministry with a Mission Van.

Subsequently he served in the Sanson-Rongotea and Kaiapoi Circuits with distinction, before moving to Wellington where he was given the exacting task of leading the Social Service arm of Wesley Church, with important developments of the Wesleyhaven project in the Hutt Valley and the general outreach in Social Service throughout the lower half of the North Island. In all this he was assisted in no small degree by his wife.

In 1946 he was appointed Auckland Methodist Hospital Chaplain, serving a total of five years the last three of which were on a joint arrangement with the Presbyterian Church to share the work in the Auckland Hospitals.

After his retirement he and his wife took an extended holiday in Australia where he was quickly sought after by Church leaders to give various terms of supply service; his work is spoken of with great appreciation.

He used his private means to enable him to tackle certain appointments where the Church was not able to provide the normal requirements of a Parsonage. As a result he left his mark in improved buildings, Parsonages and Churches in every place where he served. His works live on after him.

We give thanks to God for a life of faithful service given sacrificially and joyfully.

SISTER NETTA JONES (nee Gittos)

Sister Netta was a niece of the late Rev. William Gittos of honoured memory. Her death during this Conference has ended a long and significant life of service to the Maori people.

Her first appointment was in the King Country but the rise of the Ratana Movement and the growth of Ratana Pa which brought a large new community of permanent and semi-permanent residents as well as huge gatherings of visitors from far and near, raised for the Church the question of the moral and spiritual care of the horde of children.

Sister Netta was chosen to go there and commence a ministry of teaching and welfare work and Christian guidance.

Gradually this work grew and in time the school which she commenced with the help of several fine young Maori helpers, became the largest Maori school in the country.

The people were reluctant to accept Government control of the school, but eventually this was merged into the Native School System. This was agreed to on condition that the school should remain open to the ministrations of the Methodist Deaconess and other church workers.

This in itself is a tribute to the personal esteem in which Sister Netta was held. This relationship has continued to this day and is maintained still by the Methodist Ministers from Wanganui.

When the M.W.M.U. opened Kurahuna Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and Hygiene in 1931 at Onehunga, after a short term of leadership under a Miss Clarke, Sister Netta was appointed Matron to take over and she gave long years of characteristic service which was terminated by her retirement.

She retained a deep interest in the Maori work and to the last she has been a friend and much respected counsellor of the Maori staff who were glad to turn to her for help from her vast experience.

Sister Netta was a motherly soul, firm, wise and patient.

After her retirement she married, and with her husband, Mr Jones, she had several years of happy companionship but he predeceased her.

Of recent years she lived at the Everil Orr homes as a loved and respected resident. She maintained all possible contact with the church life and work.

Towards the end her health declined and her memory was less clear and her death is now a release from increasing disability.

We extend our sympathy to her nieces and nephews who will have many proud memories, and we thank God for the life of a good woman, a loved fellow-worker, and a mother and sister in the Faith.

HIMIONA WAATA

The Maori Division and the whole church share a sense of loss with the widow, family and people of Himiona Waata who died during the year. Himiona lived at Whananaki in the Tai Tokerau Circuit and was a member of the Ngati-wai and Ngati-whakahiki sub-tribes.

The strong recommendation by his family and the community at Whananaki that he be appointed an Honorary Home Missionary was an expression of the regard with which he was held by everyone and a recognition of his devotion and loyalty to the church. He was so appointed in 1958.

Until the time of his death he exercised a Christian ministry with humility, but also with the vigour and diligence which he likewise gave to his farming and sporting activities. In addition to being a preacher and pastor amongst his own people he frequently attended Hui-a-Tau, Maori Policy meetings and other seminars and meetings of the church both within and beyond the Northland District. It was his joy to attend Conference on several occasions. His was a pleasing personality, a quiet, strong faith and a deep loyalty to Methodism, whose life and witness he graced.

Himiona's own loyalty and devotion were matched and shared by his wife, Ena, and their family who on many occasions assumed the daily chores of farming to allow him both to travel and make his contribution to the life, witness and service of the church.

No reira, e Himi, koutou ko te tokomaha kua momotu atu
ki tawhiti nui, tawhiti roa, tawhiti pamamao.

Haere huihui atu koutou, haere, haere, haere.

QUESTION 10 (b)—What Laypersons who have occupied positions of Leadership in the Conference have died during the year?

Edwin A. Astley

E. Laurence F. Buxton

William E. Donnelly, M.B.E., B.A.

Malcolm E. Hayman

Norman Packham

Elizabeth C. Purdie

EDWIN ALLEN (DON) ASTLEY

Death brought an end to the life of Edwin Allen Astley, at the age of 77, a life of dedicated service both to the Church and to the business community. Born into a family rich in Methodist tradition—he was a grandson of the Rev. C. H. Schnackenberg, a pioneer Methodist Missionary in N.Z.—Don spent his early life through to 1937 in the Mt Albert Methodist Church. In 1926 he married Winifred Mary Pearce of Invercargill, who was his constant supporter for 45 years.

With their family—John, Mary and Douglas, they moved to St Heliers in 1937, and there began an active association with Wesley Church, Mission Bay, that continued to his death. Don Astley was an original Trustee and Member of Wesley Church, serving for many years as Treasurer or Secretary, as well as playing an active role in both Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, and as a member of the Choir. In all this he had the strong support and backing of his wife and of the family who have continued this active involvement in the life of the Church.

In the business world he found his place in the firm of E. Astley & Sons of which he became a joint Managing Director. Under this

joint leadership the firm continued to develop on the sound foundations already laid. As a result of the careful husbanding of resources, especially through times of economic hardship, the firm came to hold a leading place in the leather trade. The business was always conducted with Christian integrity and honesty.

For 25 years Don Astley gave distinguished service as a member of the Auckland Central Mission Board of Trustees, 20 years of this as Treasurer. As one of the members of the Executive of the Trust, together with the late Rev. A. Everil Orr and the late Mr Russell Garlick, he assisted in formulating and guiding the policy of the Mission. This association was broken by the sudden death of both Mr Orr and Mr Garlick in August 1971, Don continuing as Treasurer until his retirement in 1973. He remained a member of the Trust Board until his death. The death of these two associates and close friends, following a month after the death of his wife, had a very great effect upon his life. Despite the love and concern of his family and of many friends he felt his loneliness keenly.

We give thanks to God for the faithful and effective service of E. A. (Don) Astley.

E. LAURENCE F. BUXTON

With the death of Laurence Buxton, at the age of 74 following a motor accident, New Zealand Methodist lost one of her finest laymen.

Coming from a Methodist family at New Brighton, Mr Buxton went on to hold almost every office open to a layman in the Methodist Church.

He was most actively associated with Wesley Church, Gonville, in Wanganui, where he worshipped from 1928-1972 and served as Sunday School Superintendent, Bible Class leader, Trustee, Circuit Steward and organist. He was a gracious and accepted lay preacher until the end of his life.

He served on numerous Connexional Committees and was elected Vice-President, taking office with Rev. C. O. Hailwood at the Christchurch Conference in 1954. All these positions he held with grace, enthusiasm and distinction..

His 19 months of "retirement" as a member of the Trinity congregation Palmerston North bore the same marks, and he remained the kindly unassuming friend of a multitude of people.

Professionally, Mr Buxton served with equal distinction.

In 1928 he was appointed bacteriologist to the Wanganui Hospital. There the tiny new department grew under his hand until at his retirement in 1955 it had several sections, a substantial staff, and a blood transfusion unit.

He was one of the founding fathers to the New Zealand Association of Bacteriologists (now Medical Laboratory Technologists) in 1945, and he was honoured by becoming its first President, its first Life Member and one of its only three Fellows in 1968.

Mr Buxton was also president of the Wanganui Crippled Children's Society. He established the Wanganui Bible Class competitions, and was deeply involved in ecumenical affairs. He married Mary Derret a loyal companion and helpmeet; their family consists of Ian, Graham, Bruce and Maragaret (Mrs Lang).

Laurie Buxton was the kind of unconscious exemplar of the Gospel we in our best moments would wish to be.

WILLIAM E. DONNELLY, M.B.E., B.A.

The death of Mr W. E. Donnelly on 15th September this year brought to a close a life of long and distinguished service to Church and community, both in New Zealand and in Fiji.

Mr Donnelly came into the more active work of the Methodist Church after considerable experience with the Student Christian Movement, in which he had been President of the Auckland Training College Branch, member of the General Committee, Secretary of an Annual Conference, and Chairman of a Commission to overhaul the structure and work of the N.Z.S.C.M.

In his teaching work after leaving Training College he sought appointments in schools in districts where as a Christian layman he could assist the Church in leadership. This was notably so in Rāwene, Te Kuiti and Whakatane.

After periods of service as District Organiser of the Methodist Young Men's Bible Class Unions in the South Auckland and Auckland Districts, Mr Donnelly became Travelling Secretary of the M.Y.M.B.C.M. In this his chief contribution was in the development of leadership, particularly expressed in the distribution of literature and the organisation and leading of Leadership Retreats and Schools. He wrote the Easter Camp Studies for 1930 and 1931. He then spent five years teaching in the Bay of Plenty, during which Bible Class work there was stimulated.

Mr and Mrs Donnelly were accepted by the Australian Methodist Church for missionary service and went to Fiji. Here Mr Donnelly was a member of the Fiji Synod. He was Headmaster of the Suva Methodist Boys' School, then the first Headmaster of the LeLean Memorial School, and acting Principal of the Navuso Agricultural School.

On his return to New Zealand after some 11½ years in Fiji, Mr Donnelly spent seven years in Gisborne, where he was a regular member of the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Synod, before moving to Auckland in 1954 to become the foundation Principal of the New Remuera Intermediate School. Here he was associated with the new Methodist cause at Glen Innes, and became Circuit Steward of the Auckland East Circuit, a member of the Auckland Synod, the Boards of the Overseas Mission Department and Wesley College, the Faith and Order Committee and the Trinity College Council. He represented the Synod at Church Council.

In 1960, at the call of the Chiefs of Fiji, Mr Donnelly returned to Fiji to establish the Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Memorial School which has become recognised as one of the finest educational institutions of that land. He was a member of the first Conference of the Fijian Methodist Church as an independent Conference in 1964, before returning to New Zealand.

Mr Donnelly served the New Zealand Church as Executive Officer of the Overseas Mission Department in 1965 until Rev. G. G. Carter was able to assume his office. He resumed membership of the Boards and Committees with which he had previously been associated, and also joined the Board of Management of the Central Mission and the Structure of the Church Committee and was appointed Chairman of the Methodist Commission on its work in the Inner City. He was Vice-President of the Church at the 1967 Conference, and represented the Church at the 4th Annual Assembly of the East Asia Council of Churches. In 1970 Mr Donnelly was again in Fiji to establish a Department of Christian Stewardship. He served for several years on the President's Committee of Advice and the Pastoral Committee, was Chairman of the Overseas Mission Board

for five years and of the Wesley College Board for two years, and was the first Manager of the Everil Orr Homes. For many years Mr Donnelly was an automatic nomination for any committee of the Auckland Synod concerned with the welfare of Pacific Islands people in Auckland. He served the Church in his care for visitors from Fiji and was Liaison Officer for the Samoan People at Synod. His M.B.E. was awarded for his service in Fiji.

Mr Donnelly was a local Preacher for fifty years, and through this and his other positions he had the opportunity of leading Services in all Synodal Districts and most Circuits. He was always welcomed as a thoughtful and convincing preacher.

We honour the fine selfless services of a leading layman of our Church, remembering particularly his contribution to the Pacific Islands people and to Youth Work and Christian Education. We pay tribute to him as a splendid example of a Christian citizen and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, the former Miss Ella Fowler who ably supported him in his many fields of service, and to his family.

MALCOLM EDGAR HAYMAN

Malcolm Edgar Hayman passed away quietly, following a heart attack, in his own home on 25th March, 1975. Max, as he was affectionately known, was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ and a most loyal churchman.

He farmed in the Waimate district and expressed his Christian stewardship as a hard worker and a wise tiller of the soil. With his wife, Vera, and the members of their family, he took an active part in the Waimate Methodist Church. He was a Circuit Steward for twenty-five years and regularly represented his Circuit at both Synod and Conference. All ministers appointed to the Waimate Circuit found in Max a wise and understanding friend and supporter.

One project in South Canterbury stands supremely as a monument to Max's dedication, vision and toil. It is the Gunn's Bush camp. It was Max who discovered this property and who led in securing it and raising funds for its purchase and development. He gave many hours, and the use of his farm machinery, to the clearing of the land then worked with others in the erection of buildings. In all he set a high standard and insisted that all work and facilities be of the best quality.

It is appropriate that the South Canterbury District has placed a plaque in one of the halls at the Camp to pay tribute to Max's contribution.

On retirement Max and Vera moved into the Christchurch South area where both at St James', Cashmere, and St Mark's, Somerfield, Max continued to serve the Church in a practical way and to share the benefit of his experience and wise counsel.

To his wife, Vera, and members of the family—John, Margaret and Alan—we extend sympathy in the personal loss that Max's passing has brought to them.

NORMAN PACKHAM

The recent death of Norman Packham meant the loss from the Auckland District of one of its most active Lay Preachers. He preached for 48 years, for 40 years as a Methodist Lay Preacher who was always available and willing to conduct services at personal sacrifice to himself and sometimes at short notice. As well as being

a Methodist preacher, he conducted services in Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist and Anglican churches, and for the Salvation Army with which he was associated as a boy.

Norman Packham came to New Zealand under an emigration scheme conducted by the Salvation Army, and after some years in the Waikato he moved to Auckland. His particular "localised" ministry was in the Great North Road Church, where he was Sunday School teacher and Superintendent for many years, and where he met Miss Olga Baird, a member of the Sunday School staff, who became his wife. There are two children, Ronald and Diana.

Norman's preaching had a note of authority which derived from his wide reading and his deep fellowship with his Lord and Master. In the last five years, following his first major operation, a new note was discernible in his preaching which called for new commitment to the Christian way of life and which brought a new vision of God's love and care.

He was an able administrator, serving for 40 years on the Executive of the Auckland Branch of the N.Z. Lay Preachers Association, for two terms as branch president. A special recognition of his 40 years service on the executive was made just before his last entry to hospital, when several members of the Auckland executive spent a joyous evening in the Packhams' home and presented him with a tastefully designed Diploma.

His experience fitted Norman Packham to be Dominion President of the Lay Preachers Association, a post he held at his death. He also served as editor of the magazine "The Preacher". He struggled to maintain a balance between radical and conservative thought and, while leaning towards the latter, he remained a liberal-minded man.

In all his activities in the service of the church, which included executive service and leadership of the N.Z. Methodist Men's Fellowship, Norman had the active support of his wife Olga. She was his chauffeur, his typist, and his severest critic. During the last five years of his life in particular they established an extraordinarily close relationship in their marriage, and it became in a sense some of "the best years of their lives".

Norman Packham served in the Y.M.C.A. during World War II, and later became employed in the Credit Department of the Farmers Trading Company. Here he enjoyed a warmth of fellowship and high regard.

The Lay Preachers thank God for a dedicated colleague who provided them with challenge, good humour, and inspiration. They are thankful for the deep fellowship and friendship they enjoyed with him, and for the life, the work, and the witness of Norman Packham.

MISS ELIZABETH CATHERINE PURDIE

With the death of Miss Elizabeth Catherine Purdie on 10th December, 1974, Methodism lost one of its choicest and well loved servants. Born in Dunedin 91 years ago, of Presbyterian stock, she early came under the influence of Methodism and was an ardent Methodist for the rest of her days. First at Trinity Dunedin, then at Roslyn, her contribution spread throughout New Zealand in the Bible Class movement, Deaconess House, the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, the Methodist Women's Fellowship, and out into the Pacific.

She spent a good deal of her time at home, caring for sick and aging parents, busy at dressmaking, and prominent in the life of the Roslyn Methodist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher,

Bible Class leader, active in the women's work, and went about doing good. Rev. G. G. Carter in the 150th Anniversary history 'A Family Affair' says, "The Stamp Fund owes much to Miss Purdie. Earlier the Rev. T. Coatsworth had written in the 'Open Door' urging people to collect stamps as a source of revenue. It was not until 1935 that the Dominion Executive (M.W.M.U.) then located in Dunedin, appointed Miss Purdie as Dominion Stamp Secretary. Within three years £110 was raised, and now in the 1970's the sum is measured in thousands of dollars."

A major contribution that Miss Purdie made to her church was through her period of Superintendent of Deaconess House, Latimer Square, Christchurch. Sister Rita Snowden in a history of the Order writes, "In 1942 Miss Purdie from Dunedin was appointed Lady Superintendent. Miss Purdie, out of a background of Bible Class experience and a deep interest in the women's missionary work of our church, had much to give to all students in residence. She gave fine service for four years." Down the years Miss Purdie was an encourager, a supporter, and 'mother' to many of our deaconesses.

She held office in the Methodist Women's Missionary Union as Dominion Secretary, and Dominion President 1952-55. She was President of the Otago District Council and is credited with the idea of forming the District Councils to bring the women's work together on a regional basis. She continued her interest within the Methodist Women's Fellowship and was proud to be elected the only Life Member of the M.W.F.

A quiet and reserved person, Elizabeth Purdie was an adviser and helper to many down the years. She was greatly admired, honoured, respected and loved for a life of service to her Lord and His Church.

She ended her days peacefully at the Company Bay Eventide Home, Dunedin.

QUESTION 11 (a)—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

William Rowe
Eruera Te Tuhi
Robert E. Fordyce
Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage
William T. Blight
Alfred E. Jefferson
Albert Blakemore
Eric W. Hames
John H. Bailey
Hubert G. Brown
Gordon R. H. Peterson
G. Raymond Harris
A. Henry Voyce
Norman P. Larsen
George I. Laurenson
Athol R. Penn
Ivo M. Rayor
John D. Grocott
Charlie O. Hailwood
Leonard C. Horwood
Arthur T. Kent
Walter Parker
E. Clarence Leadley
M. Alexander McDowell

J. Wesley Parker
Thomas H. Carr
W. E. Allon Carr
William W. H. Greenslade
William E. Moore
Gordon Parker
Herbert W. Payne
David O. Williams
Reginald Day
William C. Jenkin
Ralph E. Patchett
George H. Goodman
Andrew J. Johnston
Clarence T. J. Luxton
Ian H. K. Hopper
Reginald Grice
Charles H. Bell
Arthur H. Ivory
A. Peter Dorrian
Donald G. Sherson
Harry Moore
George R. Thompson
A. Francis Attwood
Edward M. Marshall
T. Ralph Benny

Idris J. Ruck
 John H. Thompson
 W. John Henderson
 Charles E. Roke
 Andrew G. Reid
 Frederick J. Climo
 Clifford L. Duder
 William Robert Francis
 Howard C. Matthews

Leslie T. Norwell
 Cuthbert F. Peart
 Frederick D. Peterson
 Arthur R. Witheford
 Herbert Alexander Cochrane
 Lawrence Greenslade
 Alan Osmond Jones
 Robert Thornley

QUESTION 11 (b)—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Stanley R. Goudge
 D. I. Alister McDonald
 Sydney J. Spindler

John K. Watson
 J. C. Aldwyn Williams

STANLEY RICHARD GOUDGE

With the premature retirement of Stan Goudge, Methodism loses one of her most loyal ministers.

Born in Masterton, the twin son of Mr and Mrs Ray Goudge, a well-loved and respected Methodist couple, Stan was brought up in a Christian home. Educated in Masterton, Stan felt called to the ordained ministry while in the sixth form at Wairarapa College. Determined to enter Trinity College for theological training with a good general education behind him, Stan studied at Victoria University College and graduated Bachelor of Arts. He knew what hard work was as he worked in part-time employment during his years as a university student.

Stan entered Trinity College in 1956 and was appointed as a probationer minister to Mosgiel in 1959. Ordained at Invercargill in 1960 he was stationed at Huntly 1961-62. In 1963 he requested to be left without pastoral charge, but receiving the assurance that his call was to the ordained ministry he again took up ministerial duties in the Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit. Appointed to Epsom, Auckland East, in 1968 Stan served there for six fruitful years, and in 1974 he moved to the West Dunedin Union Parish with responsibility for the Kaikorai and Country pastorates.

Very few would have known of the agony and pain he suffered since he injured his back several years ago. Always putting his work and family first, Stan continued to serve his Lord with zeal and devotion. He has served the Methodist Church with loyalty and understanding, not only in the pastorate but on the Faith and Order Committee, the Trinity College Council and the Ecumenical Committee.

In his pastoral work Stan served his people with feeling and sensitivity. He was a listener and a leader. He related to people with openness and friendliness and this made him a firm favourite with all ages and he has been able to make his worship services a meaningful experience for all. Determination and sincerity have been marks of Stan Goudge's ministry. He has been concerned for people, but also for church buildings and always took good care to ensure that the buildings for which he was responsible were in the best possible condition. Always willing to help and advise younger men in the ministry, many benefited from his experience.

Stan's wife, Marie, has shared fully in her husband's ministry, adding to it her own graciousness and musical talent.

To Stan and his family the Church says thank you for devoted service. We know that although illness has forced Stan to retire

from the active ministry, he and his family will continue to give of themselves in love and service no matter in what sphere they may be.

D. I. ALISTER McDONALD

Rev. D. I. A. McDonald under medical advice was recommended to retire from the active work at the beginning of 1975.

Alister was the third son of Mr William McDonald, a Home Missionary who died in service in the year 1940. At the time, Alister was a student at the N.Z. Bible Training Institute in Auckland. After the death of his father he was persuaded to leave the B.T.I. to serve as a Home Missionary Supply in his father's place at Waikouaiti, and later at Mosgiel.

In 1941 he went as Home Missionary Probationer to Murchison for one and a half years. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and studied at Trinity Theological College during the years 1943-45. He served his probation at Putaruru and was ordained at the Executive Conference in 1949.

In 1947 he married Miss Alice McMillan. His wife and family have supported him loyally and ably.

Following his ordination Rev. Alister McDonald served in the Springston Circuit, from where he moved to an appointment as a missionary in the British Solomon Islands.

The record states . . . "Rev. D. I. A. and Mrs McDonald served for ten and a half years in the Solomons. They assumed charge of the large Choiseul Circuit where they spent themselves devotedly until their departure. Their service always entailed the hardships of considerable isolation. They left in Choiseul a people who had grown in grace and who had been well-nurtured in both the privileges and the duties of Church membership. Under their guidance and encouragement, the Choiseul people accepted the missionary challenge to serve outside their own circuit.

During his term he served for a period as Secretary of the Solomon Islands District Synod, and during absences of District Chairmen he carried, on several occasions, the responsibilities of Acting-Chairman. During these periods the McDonald family lived at Munda. The Choiseul people and the Solomon Islands District view them with affection and gratitude, and praise God for what He has done through them."

On their reluctant return from missionary service, the Conference appointed them to Hikurangi, followed by Orakei, Glen Innes and Mahurangi.

During their time at Beachlands, Alister and Alice McDonald have continued to exercise a Christian ministry with their home as a base. There are hopes for further useful service at Panmure.

Alister McDonald has become a Supernumerary minister with the respect of his brethren, the thanks of many whom he and his wife have served in the Solomon Islands and New Zealand.

SYDNEY JAMES SPINDLER

In spite of Syd. Spindler's early retirement because of ill health, he has made an outstanding contribution to our local churches. Each Circuit where he has served has been left stronger and happier than he found it.

This record is all the more notable because the work of ordained ministry did not come easily to Syd. Spindler. He worked hard to maintain the high standard in the pastorate and pulpit and in ad-

ministration that he set for himself. This work was often made more onerous for him because of his difficulty in accepting the fact that he had more than average gifts and graces for ministry. He always drove himself hard. His parishioners and his fellow ministers were never in doubt about his gifts and his suitability for the work to which he was called.

Syd. Spindler was born in Feilding and educated in New Plymouth. After service in the army overseas during the 2nd World War, he established himself in the profession of display art — a flair that enhanced many a local church project. It needed a very compelling call to take him from that very promising career in an occupation that he loved. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1948, attended Trinity Theological College and was ordained at the Christchurch Conference in 1954. The circuits he served in were: Huntly, Dannevirke, Auckland Central Mission, Greymouth, Opunake and Wanganui. Each of these remembers him warmly and gratefully. Huntly set the key-note for his whole ministry. During his years of probation there, the first parsonage was acquired along with sections for a new church and plans, material and finance for the building. In Greymouth he was largely instrumental in establishing "Dixon House" which developed into a community and combined churches, geriatric home.

In his first circuit he met and in 1953 married Margaret Clarke of Taupiri who has made her own contribution to the churches and continues to be a wonderful support for her husband and their three children.

A physical disorder diagnosed in 1972 and further complications in 1974 forced Syd Spindler's retirement at this 1975 Conference.

The Conference records its thanks for his fine service; its recognition that his ministry has been greatly beneficial to the church; and its prayers and best wishes for better health as he settles in his own home, and works in Wanganui.

JOHN K. WATSON

John Kellett Watson began life in England on 24th March, 1911, being born at South Milford in Yorkshire. His parents, Rev. and Mrs T. F. Watson, served overseas in South Africa as well as in England before they finally came to New Zealand. Their son John came to N.Z. with them when aged 10.

In Wellington Mr Watson served in the Post Office and also commenced a lifelong athletic interest by participation in the Wesley Harrier Club.

Obedying the call to the ministry, he was received for training in 1936 and spent the next three years under the tutorship of Rev. Drs. H. Ranston and C. H. Laws and the Rev. W. T. Blight.

After serving a short probationary period at Shirley-Richmond in Christchurch he enlisted as a private in the Army and for 4½ years was overseas in World War II. In the latter part he served as one of our Chaplains in the Middle East forces and was awarded the Military Cross.

He returned to minister to Cashmere and Somerfield in Christchurch, following which he was appointed a Youth Director, serving in this capacity in the South Island for 6 years. Then followed a circuit ministry at Trinity (Dunedin), Sanson-Rongotea, Otorohanga, Richmond, New Brighton and finally at Paeroa.

At the close of his service as Youth Director, Conference expressed "its deep sense of gratitude for his devoted and painstaking work." Throughout his whole ministry, Mr Watson has been esteemed

for these very qualities, serving in every place with great devotion as a soldier and servant of his Lord. He has served with steadfastness in the face of opposition, with courage and with tenacity of purpose, yet as a humble man, as one who had no desire other than to serve his Master and his Church to the fullest of his abilities — and beyond them if necessary.

He has been a diligent pastor, a tireless worker and a sincere evangelist who has commended his Lord to his people. His has been a fighting ministry using the weapons of pen and voice and vote in the Lord's battle.

A special word of appreciation is also due to Mrs Watson. Before marriage she served the Church connexionally on the staff of the Youth Office in Wellington, and since marriage has maintained an active church interest especially in youth and women's work and in the social issues where her voice has been heard in the courts of the Church.

John Watson has been actively supported by his wife Stella and also by his family, one of whom is offering as a candidate for the ministry, to his great joy.

Although Mr Watson will continue in part-time service, we hope for him some respite from the 'battlefront' and yet continuing usefulness 'behind the lines' as he would dearly wish.

Mr and Mrs Watson go into retirement with the respect and goodwill of the church.

J. C. ALDWYN WILLIAMS

Aldwyn Williams was born and brought up in Willowby in Mid-Canterbury and worked on the family farm, there receiving experience which was invaluable later in rural Circuits.

He served 18 months at Hikurangi as a Home Missionary before offering as a candidate for the ministry, entering Trinity College in 1935. He has ministered in Circuits as far afield as Roxburgh — Central Otago, Willowby, Linwood (Christchurch East, where he was largely responsible for the planning of the new Wainoni Church); Gisborne (7 years), and latterly, Kingsland in the Auckland Central Circuit.

Aldwyn's strength has been most clearly evident in his pastoral ministry. He has a warm outgoing personality and a winning smile, and has always been able to relate to people — including those outside his immediate congregation. He has preferred to minister as friend to friend rather than as an authority figure. The same warmth and caring comes through in his preaching.

While he has always given assiduous pastoral care to his congregations, he has never taken a narrow view of his ministry. He has played a representative part in each local community in which he has been stationed; has been a much loved Bible-in-Schools teacher; valued organiser for Corso and similar appeals; a loyal member of each local ministers' fraternal; he has been widely used in Marriage Guidance and in troubled human situations. In Auckland he has been a hard working member of the Inter Church Counselling team, and a part-time chaplain at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He has many friends, among the Pacific Island community, who have been glad of his practical help and friendship.

Aldwyn has a gift for practical affairs, and has always given attention to the maintenance and care of property, both in terms of Trust administration, and in the use of hammer, paint brush, and lawn mower. He moves easily among men, and has been an active member of the various Men's Fellowships.

Aldwyn has been the ideal colleague in his various circuits — loyal, hard working, co-operative and capable, a bearer of goodwill wherever he goes.

Mrs Williams (Miss Florence Penhall of Taranaki) has given herself unstintingly as a partner in her husband's ministry, as hostess of a parsonage much given to hospitality; and also in her own right as a women's leader and an exponent of ecclesiastical needlework.

When Mr and Mrs Williams complete their term in the active ministry, they intend to move to Helensville where no doubt their ministry will continue to be exercised and blessed. The whole Church is grateful for them.

QUESTION 11 (c)—What Supernumeraries return to regular work?
None.

QUESTION 12—What Deaconesses are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

May Barnett

Airini Hobbs

Rita F. Snowden

Jean A. Miller

Margaret Nicholls

Madeline Holland

Constance Sage

Atawhai George

Dorothy Pointon

Anne Wilson

Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

None.

QUESTION 13—What Home Missionaries are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

Roy Coombridge

H. R. Wright

A. E. Tardif

Frances L. Johnson

(b) Placed on the Retired List,

None.

QUESTION 14—(a) Is any Minister or Probationer designated for Overseas Missions?

None.

(b) Is any Deaconess designated for Overseas Missions?

None.

QUESTION 15—What Ministers or Probationers or Deaconesses are transferred to or received from any other Conference?

Stanley G. Andrews (from Fiji Conference)

Norman J. Goreham (from British Conference)

Sister Pamela V. Beaumont (from U.C.P.N.G.S.I.)

QUESTION 16—(a) What Ministers who were formerly members of the Conference are now exercising their ministry in other Churches overseas, such as Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

Maxwell L. Bruce

Alan J. Leadley

Robert G. Stringer

Brian H. Turner

(b) What Ministers does the Conference now release to exercise their ministry in other Churches overseas with the right to return

to the Conference on the completion of their service in those Churches?

None.

(c) What Ministers does the Conference now release to exercise their ministry in other Churches within New Zealand, such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service?

M. Jackson Campbell, Director of Communications in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Phyllis M. Guthardt

QUESTION 17—(a) What Deaconesses who were formerly employed by the Conference are now employed in other Churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

Sister Lesley H. Bowen

Sister Lucy H. Money

Sister Edna Jenkin

(b) What Deaconesses does the Conference now release for employment in Church overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of such service?

None.

(c) What Deaconesses are left without appointment?

Sister Pamela V. Beaumont

Sister Shirley Wiki (married Sister)

QUESTION 18—What Ministers are not available for Stationing this year?

That the names of ministers not available for Stationing be listed in only two categories (as suggested in 1974 Minutes of Conference, p. 77) as follows:—

(a) Those employed in another church or church related position?

Stanley G. Andrews

David Armstrong

Enid J. Bennett

Edward P. Boyd

Clifford G. Brown

Leslie F. Bycroft

Leslie C. Clements

Jan D. de Zoete

Norma M. Graves

Allen H. Hall

C. Seton Horrill

Bruce E. Mackie

Barry W. Neal

Alan H. V. Newton

O. McLennan Olds

Donald J. Phillipps

Donald F. Prince

Philip D. Ramsay

Ronald N. Simpson

Lane M. Tauroa

(b) Those not employed in another church or church related position?

William K. Abbott

David R. Alley

Amos W. Burrough

Ashley I. Corlett

John B. Currie

Arthur W. Dickie

Haddon C. Dixon

Wilf G. Eisner

Ronald W. Ferguson

Bruce L. Hosking

Owen A. Kitchingman

C. Russell Marshall

John D. Meredith

Laurie A. Michie

Brian L. Olsen

Ian H. Robertson

Lawrence E. Salter

A. Kerry Taylor

Frank H. Woodfield

QUESTION 19—Are there any objections to any Minister, Probationer, Deaconess, or Home Missionary?

Dealt with in another form.

QUESTION 20—(a) What Ministers who were in full connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of the Conference?

John G. Hayhurst (who has voluntarily resigned).

Robert Te Whare (who has voluntarily resigned).

(b) What persons who were Deaconesses now cease to be recognised as Deaconesses?

None.

QUESTION 21—(a) What are the arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, Candidates for the Ministry, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, Lay Preachers and Students at the School for Christian Workers?

For information concerning training and study programmes for students and probationers; for Maori Division and the Deaconess students and probationers; for Maori Division and the Deaconess Order inquiries should be directed through the Secretary for Examinations:—Rev. W. A. Chessum. Address: P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe. Applicants will be given relevant information and put in touch with the persons concerned.

Enquiries about Lay Preachers' Training should be made direct to the Education Division, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington 1.

Candidates for the Ministry

1. Initial enquiries should be made through the Convener of the District Candidate Assessment Committee or the Chairman.

2. Candidates who intend to proceed should register with the National Assessment Convener; P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin, and shall attend an Assessment Course in August.

QUESTION 21—(b) Who have gained the Diploma of the School for Christian Workers?

None.

QUESTION 21—(c) What is the Report of the Committee on Ministry?

Several new developments in ministry have emerged during the year and are receiving the attention of the Committee.

With the Faith and Order Committee and the Deaconess Board, new complementary reports on the Diaconate have been prepared: "New Forms of Ministry for the Seventies" and "Presbyter and Deacon". These reports have been submitted to Synods and will be presented to Conference by the Faith and Order Committee and Deaconess Board.

Recruitment of Samoans in this country for the New Zealand ministry is being considered and guidelines have been drawn up in consultation with the Rev. Siauala Amituana'i and the Development Division.

As requested by Conference (1973 Minutes p. 148 Resolution 3) the Committee has given some attention to the scope and role of ministry that the church expects in sector ministries. A sub-committee located in Hawkes Bay, convened by the Rev. E. Hornblow, has

submitted a report. However, because it discusses inter alia the relationship of chaplains in the armed forces to the Army system, and this will be the subject of a separate study sought by the Church Council, the Committee will delay the publishing of the Hawkes Bay report and its recommendations.

In conjunction with the Auckland Diocese of the Anglican Church the Committee is exploring the development of a ministry, trained, ordained, unpaid. It is envisaged that such a community ministry will be required to meet the demands of mushrooming new suburbs in our major cities.

To provide a more effective appraisal of candidates for Ordination in the shortened period of Probation of one year which came into effect in 1975, a new system which involves the appointment of District Assessors of Probationers was instituted. With some amendments to the procedures, in the light of this year's experience, the new system would appear to be helpful both to Probationers and the church in assessing their progress and readiness for Ordination.

The Rev. B. K. Rowe is completing his first year as Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry. Mr Rowe reports direct to the Joint Board of Theological Studies and the Executive of this Committee is kept advised of developments. Mr Rowe has made a significant beginning to the task of assisting clergy to clarify their educational needs—putting them in touch with resources they need and in providing resources where none exist. Mr Rowe has made himself available to groups of clergy, individual clergy and has provided leadership in a large number of clergy schools. We are particularly encouraged by the way in which he has sought to relate continuing education directly to the mission of the church, most notably in the consultation on Union and Co-operating Parishes and the School of Rural Ministry.

PETER A. STEAD,
Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approve the following Guidelines for Recruitment of Samoans for the New Zealand Methodist Ministry:

(I) That the Candidate offers for the general ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (which may include ministry in a Samoan or a European or a mixed congregation) on the understanding that he will serve under the direction and policy of the New Zealand Conference as a minister in full connexion in the New Zealand Conference.

(II) The in all respects his Candidature be considered according to the procedures adopted by the New Zealand Methodist Conference.

(III) The Samoan Policy Committee shall consult with the District Samoan Committee, in respect of the candidacy.

It is important—

(a) that the Candidate is able to speak both English and Samoan.

(b) that he has an appreciation of Samoan culture and an empathy with his own people in their difficulties as they adapt to life in New Zealand and of their expectations.

(c) that he is familiar with the ways of life in New Zealand.

(IV) That the Candidate be a resident in New Zealand.

(V) That the Candidate himself recognises a call from God to this Ministry.

3. That the Committee continue to explore the development of a Community Ministry.

4. (a) That the Rev. D. S. Mullan be re-appointed as National Assessment Convener for 1976.

(b) That the Methodist representative on the Joint Assessment Committee be the Rev. D. S. Mullan.

(c) That the February Assessment Course for Candidates for the Ministry be discontinued.

5. That the Rev. E. B. Clarke be thanked for his services as Secretary for Examinations for the past two years.

6. That the Rev. W. B. Chessum be appointed Secretary for Examinations.

7. That Oral Examiner for 1976 be the Rev. J. B. Salmon.

8. That the Board of Studies for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

9. That the Methodist representative on the Joint Committee for Continuing Education be the Rev. B. K. Rowe.

10. That the Convener of the Committee on Ministry be the Rev. P. A. Stead—the Executive to be asked to nominate a suitable deputy to Church Council.

11. That the following ministers be congratulated on gaining degrees and diplomas and that these be printed in the Minutes of Conference—B.A.: The Rev. Moke Couch; Dip. Crim. (Hons.): The Rev. J. H. Roberts, B.A.; L.Th.: The Rev. J. H. Roberts, B.A.

12. That the following be referred to the Committee on Ministry—"That Conference, concerned not to lose contact with Ministers who either fully or partially withdraw from the Circuit ministry, invites such ministers, where appropriate, to contribute their various skills to the continuing life of the Church, and asks the Committee to facilitate this".

13. That the Committee on Ministry again investigate the matter of the listing of Ministers not available for stationing and bring forward recommendations to Conference 1976.

14. That Rev. Amos W. Burrough be reinstated in full connexion with the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

QUESTION 22—(a) Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation or division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station, or does it originate any proposal having reference thereto?

AUCKLAND:

Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish on the approved Guidelines involving part of the Anglican Parochial District of Howick, part of the Presbyterian Parish of Howick and part of the Methodist society of Pakuranga in the Auckland East Circuit, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Auckland Synod and the Development Division. The boundaries to be as defined in the Agreement with the boundaries of the Auckland East Circuit adjusted accordingly.

Papakura and Manurewa Circuits

That the Papakura Circuit be reformed into two Circuits from 1 February 1976, to consist of the Papakura Circuit and the Manurewa Circuit, and that the boundary be along Pope's Road to the Takahini Motorway exchange.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Morrinsville and Te Aroha Circuits

With the consent of the President the Springsdale area has been incorporated into the Te Aroha Circuit from the Morrinsville Circuit as from 1 July, 1975.

Hamilton Circuit and Raglan Union Parish

That the Conference endorse the action of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod in approving that the Te Uku congregation and the Methodist Trust of Moon Memorial Church within the Hamilton Circuit be incorporated into the Raglan Union Parish as from 31 July, 1975.

Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Co-operating Parish on the approved Guidelines involving the Anglican Parochial District of Hauraki Plains and the Hauraki Plains Union Parish.

Whakatane Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Anglican Parochial District of Whakatane and the Whakatane society of the Whakatane-Kawerau Methodist Circuit, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

Kawerau Circuit

That the Kawerau Methodist society be constituted as a Circuit and be supervised by the Superintendent of the Te Puke Methodist Circuit.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Opunake Co-operating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Co-operating Parish on the approved Guidelines involving the Opunake Methodist Circuit and the Presbyterian Parish of Opunake.

Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the approved Guidelines involving the Eltham-Kaponga Methodist Circuit and the Presbyterian Parish of Eltham, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and the Development Division.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit

That the Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit be altered, such that the area north of a line from the source of Tukituki River at the Ruahine Ranges, following the river to the Waipukurau Borough boundary, around the south of the Borough, thence eastwards along Farm Road and Long Range Road to the coast, be merged with the Hastings Circuit, and the area south to be merged with the Dannevirke Circuit.

WELLINGTON:

Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the approved Guidelines involving the Anglican Parish of Hataitai-Kilbirnie and the Hataitai society of the Wellington East Circuit, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Wellington Synod and the Development Division. The boundaries to be as defined in the Agreement with the boundaries of the Wellington East Circuit adjusted accordingly.

Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating parish on the approved Guidelines involving the Upper Hutt Methodist Circuit and the Presbyterian Parishes of Iona, St. Andrew's and St. David's in Upper Hutt, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendations of the Wellington Synod and the Development Division.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Allenton Union Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Union Parish between the Allenton society of the Ashburton Circuit and the Trinity Presbyterian Parish. The boundaries to be as defined in the Agreement with the boundaries of the Ashburton Circuit adjusted accordingly.

Geraldine Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the approved Guidelines involving the Geraldine Methodist Circuit and the Geraldine Presbyterian Parish, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the South Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the approved Guidelines involving the Milton-Lawrence Methodist Circuit and the Tokomairiro Presbyterian Parish. That the Parish be inaugurated on 4 July, 1976.

Note: The Co-operating Parish Agreement supersedes the "Joint Ministry" Agreement concluded between the two parties in 1973.

Balclutha Circuit

That approval be given to the Agreement between the Balclutha Methodist Circuit and the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish by which the Minister of the Circuit shares with the Presbyterian Minister of the St. Andrew's Parish a joint Ministry, and by which the Presbyterian Parish will make a grant from its funds to the Balclutha Circuit, it being agreed that the arrangement shall be reviewed annually.

QUESTION 22—(b) What new Districts, Circuits or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

See Question 22 (a).

QUESTION 22—(c) What other agreements affecting Circuits and/or use of buildings are approved by the Conference?

AUCKLAND:

Manurewa

That Conference gives general approval to the Manurewa Church's overall development plans and encourages further planning in liaison with both the Auckland Ecumenical Planning Committee and the South Auckland Joint Regional Committee.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Sydenham Circuit

That the Christchurch (Sydenham) Circuit be renamed Beckenham-Sydenham Circuit.

QUESTION 23—(a) Does the Conference sanction any change in the status of any Circuit, Home Mission Station, Union or Co-operating Parish?

AUCKLAND:

Manurewa Circuit

That the staffing be two ordained Ministers.

Papakura

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

Glen Innes Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Presbyterian.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Presbyterian.

Chartwell Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister and one part-time ordained Minister.

Whakatane Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be two ordained Ministers, one Anglican and one Methodist.

Kawerau Circuit

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Opunake Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Methodist.

Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Presbyterian.

WELLINGTON:

Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Anglican Priest and an ordained Methodist Minister serving part-time.

Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be four ordained Ministers initially, one Methodist and three Presbyterians.

NELSON:

Hokitika Union Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Christchurch South Circuit

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Allenton Union Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Presbyterian.

Ashburton Circuit

That the staffing be two ordained Ministers.

Geraldine Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be a Presbyterian.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be two ordained Ministers, one Methodist and one Presbyterian.

QUESTION 23—(b) To what Circuits/Union, Co-operating Parishes are additional preachers appointed?

Buckland's Beach Co-operating Parish; Chartwell Co-operating Parish; Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish; Whatatane Co-operating Parish; Opunake Co-operating Parish; Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating Parish; Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish; Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish; Allenton Union Parish; Geraldine Co-operating Parish; Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish.

QUESTION 23—(c) From what Circuits/Union, Co-operating Parishes are preachers withdrawn?

Glen Innes Co-operating Parish; Waipawa-Waipukurau; Wellington East; Hokitika Union Parish; Christchurch South Circuit.

QUESTION 24—What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

See Question 22a above.

QUESTION 25—(a) What Circuits are due to provide standard Parsonages?

See resolution 2 Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

QUESTION 25—(b) What Circuits are suitable for the training of a Probationer?

Blenheim—2nd.

QUESTION 26.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
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NEW ZEALAND

President—Rev. RUAWAI D. RAKENA, B.A.
Vice-President—Mr GEOFFREY E. HILL, M.P.S.
Secretary—Rev. WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D.

STATION MINISTERS, 1976

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in the Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 177 and [1] to [7] Maori Circuits is a Circuit. The Minister first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a probationer, in which instance the Chairman of the District is Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and the Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference).

I. NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1. **Mangonui County Union Parish—**
C. Brice Herbert.
Presbyterian appointment (Ian Millar).
2. **Kaikohe Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Murray R. McCaskey).
3. **South Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (A. Robert Cooper).
4. **Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment.
5. **North Hokianga Community Church—**
Ian C. Norwell.
6. **South Hokianga Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (Ian C. Nairn).
7. **Hikurangi Union Parish—**
Maynard G. Rutherford.
8. **Whangarei Uniting Parish—**
John E. Langley
Brian W. Sides (Raumanga).
Ronald W. Ferguson (without appointment—see Question 18).
9. **Dargaville—**
J. Henry Woolford, M.A. (who shall supervise the Paparoa Circuit).
10. **Ruawai Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (F. Bradley).
11. **Paparoa—**
One wanted.
12. **Port Albert—**
Ludwig Felderhof.
Clifford L. Duder (Sup.).

Maori Circuit—

[1] Tai Tokerau—

One wanted—(Acting—Herehere Maaka).
Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.).
14 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
BRIAN W. SIDES (Chairman of the District).
MRS G. WILLIAMS (Financial Secretary).

II. AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Development Division—

Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Superintendent).
Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.

Maori Division—

Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki). (President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand)

Overseas Division—

W. Geoffrey Tucker (General Secretary).

Education Division—

Loyal J. Gibson.

Board of "The New Citizen"—

Rev. John Bluck, M.A., B.D. is a priest of the Church of England serving as Editor of "The New Citizen".

The College of Saint John the Evangelist

Methodist Staff:

John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Tutor in Old Testament) Principal.

John Silvester, M.A. (Tutor in Systematic Theology) Vice-Principal.

Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A. (Tutor in Pastoral Theology).

B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Tutor in Religious Education), Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry (Ecumenical Appointment).

William R. G. Loader, B.A., B.D., Dr theol. (Mainz) (Associate Tutor in New Testament).

Anglican Staff:

Canon W. Merlin Davies, B.A., Warden.

Watson, J. W. Rosevear, M.A., M.Th., L.Th., (Tutor in New Testament) Sub-Warden.

George A. W. Armstrong, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Tutor in Systematic Theology).

John T. Tamahori, B.A., L.Th. (Fellow in Maori Studies).

Kenneth N. Booth, M.A., M.Th., Ph.D. (Tutor in Church History and Liturgics).

John N. Thomson, Dip. Dram. Art, L.R.A.M., F.T.C.L. (Speech Director).

J. Wells, B.A. (Hons.), A.R.C.O. (Music Director).

John H. T. Curnow, M.A., Dip. N.Z.L.S., A.N.Z.L.A. (Librarian)

Auckland Hospital Chaplain—

Francis H Parker.

13. Auckland Central—

W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.

Dougall Bruce.

One wanted.

A Deaconess.

Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.

John Silvester, M.A.

Allen H. Hall, M.A., Dip. Tchg., M.A., Ph.D. (Qld.) (without appointment—see Question 18).

G. Raymond Harris (Sup.).

- William E. Moore (Sup.).
Walter Parker (Sup.).
14. **Auckland Central Mission—**
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
Mervyn L. Dine.
One wanted (Minister for Aged Care—Supply: John H. Vickery,
Associated Churches of Christ). (Chaplain to Everil Orr
Homes).
A Deaconess.
Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
J. Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Sup.).
Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D. (Sup.).
15. **Balmoral-Roskill—**
John B. Dawson, B.A.
Gordon A. R. Cornwell.
Lynfield Community Church—Anglican Appointment (Canon
Manga Cameron).
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Development Division)
W. Geoffrey Tucker. (Overseas Division).
16. **Auckland West—**
Clifford J. Keightley.
17. **Auckland East—**
R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
David L. Trebilco.
Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S.
One wanted.
Francis H. Parker (without appointment—see Question 28 (c)).
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A. (United College of St John).
A. Kerry Taylor (without appointment—see Question 18).
D. I. Alister McDonald (Sup.).
George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.).
Athol R. Penn (Sup.).
18. **Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment.
19. **Orakei—**
Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.
William R. G. Loader, B.A., B.D., Dr theol. (Mainz).
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
Norma Graves (without appointment—see Question 18).
Jan D. de Zoete (without appointment—see Question 18).
20. **Glen Innes Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment. (Brother David John S.S.F.).
21. **Mt. Albert—**
John H. Osborne, M.A., (Warden of the Deaconess Order).
Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division—Tumuaki).
Ronald N. Simpson (without appointment—see Question 18).
Lawrence Greenslade (Sup.).
Ernest E. Sage (Sup.).
Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.).
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Sup.).
W. E. Allon Carr (Sup.).
George R. Thompson (Sup.).
Stanley R. Goudge, B.A. (Sup.).
22. **Avondale Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (John C. McKean).

23. **Henderson—**
 Alan K. Woodley, B.A. (who shall supervise the Kaipara Circuit).
 Brian J. Malcouronne.
Interim Parish of Glendene—
 William A. French (Anglican).
24. **Te Atatu Union Parish—**
 Graham Brazendale, B.A.
 Presbyterian appointment (William J. Millward).
25. **Devonport—**
 John H. Roberts, B.A., Dip. Crim. (Hons.), L.Th.
26. **Takapuna—**
 Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
 J. Cedric Hay.
 G. Douglas Pratt, B.A.
 Loyal J. Gibson (Education Div.).
 A. Henry Voyce (Sup.).
 Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).
 E. Clarence Leadley (Sup.).
 John H. Bailey (Sup.).
 Harry Moore (Sup.).
27. **Birkenhead—**
 Ian D. Grant.
 Laurie A. Michie (without appointment—see Question 18).
 Donald G. Sherson, B.A. (Sup.).
28. **Glenfield-Albany Co-operating Parish—**
 Roger J. E. Hey.
 Anglican appointment (David Coles, M.A., B.D., M.Th., Dip.R.E., Ph.D.).
29. **Birkdale-Beach Haven Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (Donald C. Mence).
30. **Northcote—**
 Edmund D. Grounds.
31. **Onehunga—**
 Philip F. Taylor.
 Trevor L. Bennett.
 David Armstrong (without appointment—see Question 18).
32. **Otahuhu—**
 William D. Griffiths.
33. **Papatoetoe—**
 Henry W. Kitchingman.
 Roger M. Gibson.
34. **Manurewa—**
 Wallace C. Chapman.
 One wanted.
 Family Home Chaplain: Wallace C. Chapman.
35. **Papakura—**
 R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theo.M.
36. **Pukekohe—**
 George L. Bennett.
 Thomas H. Carr (Sup.).
 Wesley Training College, Paerata: Teacher-Chaplain, William A. Chessum, Mus.B.
37. **Tuakau Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment.
38. **Waiuku—**
 John R. Hall.
39. **South Kaipara Cooperating Parish—**
 Anglican appointment (W. G. Murray Dixon).
 J. C. Aldwyn Williams (Sup.).

40. **Whangaparaoa—**

Frank S. Rigg.
Frederick D. Peterson (Sup.).
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup.).
Clarence T. J. Luxton (Sup.).
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D. (Sup.).

41. **Mahurangi—**

Frederick J. K. Baker.
Andrew G. Reid (Sup.).

[2] **Tamaki—**

Morehu Te Whare (Sup.).
Te Taotahi Pihama (Chaplain to Seamer House).
One wanted.
4 Home Missionaries.
1 Deaconess.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

EDMUND D. GROUNDS (Chairman of the District).

HENRY W. KITCHINGHAM (Deputy Chairman—South Auckland Sub-District).

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, B.A. (Deputy Chairman—North Shore).

A. TURNER, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).

III. WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

42. **Thames Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (Glyn Thomas).
One wanted.
Reginald Day (Sup.).

43. **Hauraki Plains Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment.

44. **Paeroa—**

One wanted.
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (Sup.) Supply.

45. **Waihi—**

One wanted (Supply: O. McLennan Olds).
A. Francis Attwood (Sup.).

46. **Te Aroha—**

Douglas H. Burt.

47. **Morrinsville—**

Irwin J. Fowler.
One wanted.

48. **Cambridge Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (E. K. Orange).
One wanted.
Reginald Grice (Sup.).
Leslie T. Norwell (Sup.).

49. **Hamilton—**

Peter A. Stead, B.A.
Stanley J. West.
Roy M. Alexander.
Alan H. V. Newton (without appointment—see Question 18).
Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M., A.C.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).

50. **Raglan Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (C. Hay).

51. **Hamilton East—**

Trevor Shepherd.
Wilfred J. Cable.

- William J. Morrison, M.A.
Cuthbert F. Peart (Sup.).
Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
52. **Chartwell Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (G. Crawshaw).
53. **Ngaruawahia Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (J. N. King).
54. **Huntly—**
Wilfred S. Gilbert.
55. **Matamata Union Parish (Methodist, Associated Churches of Christ)—**
Eric R. Eastwood.
56. **Putaruru—**
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
57. **Tokoroa—**
Richard J. Hendry.
Brian L. Olsen (without appointment—see Question 18).
58. **Rotorua—**
Alan Newman.
One wanted.
George H. Goodman (Sup.).
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
59. **Taupo Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (Donald J. Knight).
Lawrence E. Salter (without appointment—see Question 18).
60. **Tauranga—**
Ivan J. Clucas.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
One wanted.
O. McLennan Olds (without appointment—see Question 18).
Arthur T. Kent (Sup.).
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
61. **St. James Union Parish, Greerton—**
David C. Pratt.
62. **Te Puke—**
Allan J. Handyside (who shall supervise the Kawerau Circuit).
63. **Whakatane Co-operating Parish—**
G. Basil W. Bell.
64. **Kawerau—**
One wanted.
65. **Opotiki Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (Alan Jones).
66. **Te Awamutu—**
David H. Ansell.
One wanted.
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
67. **Otorohanga—**
Edward Baker.
68. **Te Kuiti—**
One wanted.
69. **Taumaranui—**
One wanted.
Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th. (Supply).
70. **Turangi Union Parish—**
Presbyterian Appointment (I. Bayliss).
71. **Ohura—**
One wanted.

H. H. Chick is a Minister from the British Methodist Conference resident in New Zealand.

- [3] **Waikato**—
Te Napi T. Waaka, O.B.E. (Superintendent and Chaplain to Te Rahui Hostels).
One wanted.
10 Home Missionaries.
1 Deaconess.
- [4] **Rohe Potae**
Robert Te Whare.
4 Home Missionaries.
1 Deaconess.

KAWHIA—

A Home Missionary.
Charles E. Roke (Sup.).

COROMANDEL—

A Home Missionary.
WILLIAM J. MORRISON, M.A. (Chairman of the District).
PETER A. STEAD, B.A., Deputy Chairman (Waikato).
IVAN J. CLUCAS, Deputy Chairman (Bay of Plenty).
C. R. SHOOSMITH, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).

IV. TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

72. **New Plymouth**—
Geoffrey T. Gilbert (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel).
One wanted.
Supply—Sister Beverley Taylor.
One wanted.
Robert E. Fordyce, S.B.St.J. (Sup.).
Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
73. **Waitara**—
Noel D. Billinghamurst.
74. **Stratford**—
Archibald W. McKay.
William K. Abbott (without appointment—see Question 18).
75. **Eltham-Kaponga**—
One wanted. (Supply: Alan O. Jones).
76. **Hawera**—
Leonard V. Willing.
77. **Manaia Union Parish**—
James H. Conway.
78. **Opunake Co-operating Parish**—
George C. Hopkins.
79. **Okato**—
Jack Wright.
80. **Wanganui**—
Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A.
Norman J. West.
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
Alan O. Jones (Sup.).
Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.).
C. Russell Marshall (without appointment—see Question 18).
81. **Taihape**—
One wanted.
82. **Inglewood Union Parish**—
D. Ian MacLeod.
- [5] **Taranaki**
Moke A. G. Couch, B.A. (New Plymouth—Superintendent and Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea).
1 Home Missionary.

1 Deaconess.

LEONARD V. WILLING (Chairman of the District).

A. K. SURREY, J.P. (Financial Secretary).

V. HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

83. Napier—

Warwick Gust, B.A., B.D.

E. Raymond Le Couteur.

One wanted.

Howard C. Matthews, B.A. (Sup.).

Leslie F. Bycroft (without appointment—see Question 18).

Tamatea—

Presbyterian appointment—Rinny Westra.

84. Hastings—

Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B.

Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.

Norman P. Larsen (Sup.).

John B. Currie, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).

W. John Henderson (Sup.).

85. Flaxmere Co-operating Parish—

Anglican appointment (W. P. Naera).

86. Gisborne—

Edwin B. Clarke, M.A., B.D. (Hons.) (Melb.).

87. Mangapapa Union Parish—

Niven G. Ball.

88. Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa—

Presbyterian appointment.

John A. Stringer, Dip. Theol (Melb.)

89. Dannevirke-Norsewood—

Duncan R. Graham.

90. Woodville Union Parish—

Presbyterian appointment (W. McKenzie).

William C. Jenkin (Sup.).

91. Pahiatua Union Parish—

Harry I. Shaw.

92. Palmerston North—

Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.

Frederick E. Waine.

One wanted.

A. Roy Bowden, B.A., Dip.Soc.Wk.

Amos W. Burrough (without appointment—See Question 18).

93. AshhurstBunnythorpe—

Paul F. Sinclair.

94. Feilding-Oroua—

Bruce Scammell.

John I. Manihara.

A. Peter Dorrian (Sup.).

95. Marton—

Clifford G. Brown.

96. Sanson-Rongotea—

Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D.

97. Foxton Union Parish—

Presbyterian appointment (S. R. Wishart).

Frederick J. Climo (Sup.).

EDWIN B. CLARKE, M.A., B.D. (Chairman of the District).

LEONARD P. SCHROEDER, B.A., B.D. (Deputy-Chairman).

EDGAR R. HORNBLow, LL.B. (Deputy-Chairman).

L. A. DAVIS (Financial Secretary).

VI. WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Education Division—

Director: John Grundy, M.A.

Associate Director: One wanted.

Associate Director of Finance and Stewardship: John S. Hosking.
M.A., Dip.Mus.

98. **Wellington Central—**
John A. Penman, B.A.
Keith J. Taylor, B.A.
A Deaconess.
William W. H. Greenslade, M.B.E. (Sup.).
Leslie C. Clements (without appointment—see Question 18).
Ian H. Robertson (without appointment—see Question 18).
99. **Wellington West—**
Charles B. Oldfield.
Gordon R. H. Peterson (Sup.).
100. **Wellington South Union Parish—**
Robert S. Andrews.
Associated Churches of Christ appointment.
101. **Wellington East—**
Keith C. Griffith.
Harold A. Darvill, B.A. (part time—Maori Division).
Arthur W. Dickie (without appointment—see Question 18).
102. **Ngaio Union Parish—**
Harry W. Toothill.
103. **Johnsonville Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (J. M. Highet).
104. **Newlands Union Parish—**
R. Leslie George.
105. **Porirua—**
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
One wanted. (Supply: I. Donald Borrie, Presbyterian).
Porirua Hospital Chaplain (Presbyterian appointment—W. B. Glassey).
106. **Tawa Union Parish—**
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
Presbyterian appointment.
Associated Churches of Christ appointment (D. I. Hollier).
John Grundy, M.A. (Director of the Education Division).
107. **Lower Hutt-Petone—**
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
John C. F. Mabon.
Michael W. Greer.
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (part time).
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. (Education Division).
Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (without appointment—see Question 18).
Frank H. Woodfield (without appointment—see Question 18).
108. **Taita Union Parish—(Under Lower Hutt-Petone Circuit)**
One wanted.
109. **Upper Hutt—**
J. Stanley Olds.
One wanted.
110. **Wainuiomata Union Parish—**
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
One wanted.
111. **Greytown St Andrew's Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (K. G. Wall).
112. **Featherston Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (B. Doig).
113. **Carterton Union Parish—**
W. J. Douglas Wakeling.

114. **Masterton St Luke's Union Parish —**
 Peter E. Glensor.
 Presbyterian appointment (R. Durham).
 Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Peter E. Glensor.
 Stanley G. Andrews, M.A. (Dip.Ed.).
115. **St James Masterton Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (A. Ian Hewson).
116. **Eketahuna Union Parish—**
 Stuart G. Slinn.
117. **Levin—**
 Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
 Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.).
118. **Otaki—**
 One wanted.
119. **Paraparaumu—**
 George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.
 M. Alexander McDowell, D.D. (Sup.) (who shall supervise Otaki Circuit).
- [6] **Wellington Circuit—**
 Harold A. Darvill, B.A.
 JOHN A. PENMAN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
 TREVOR J. MARTIN, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- VII. NELSON DISTRICT**
120. **Nelson—**
 Harold K. Brown.
 Maxwell A. Hornblow.
 William Rowe (Sup.).
121. **Nelson St Luke's Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment.
122. **Waimea—**
 G. Clive Smith, L.Th.
123. **Motueka—**
 Basil J. Hilder (shared ministry with Moutere Hills Presbyterian Parish).
124. **Murchison—**
 One wanted.
125. **Blenheim—**
 David G. Stubbs.
 Laurence H. Currie.
126. **Picton Union Parish—**
 Neville Thornicroft.
127. **Reefton District Union Parish—**
 Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. (who shall supervise Murchison Circuit).
128. **Buller Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (Campbell Nicol).
 One wanted (Methodist appointment).
129. **Greymouth District Union Parish—**
 R. John Hamlin.
 Presbyterian appointments: One wanted. Sue Jacobi.
130. **Hokitika Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (Lionel E. Brown).
 HAROLD K. BROWN (Chairman of the District).
 O. M. SMITH, F.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- VIII. NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**
- General and Conference Secretary and Authorised Representative—**
 William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
- General Treasurer—**see Question 28.
- Finance Manager—**see Question 28.
- Hospital Chaplain—**
 Ernest Heppelthwaite

131. Christchurch Central Mission—
 Wilfred E. Falkingham, M.B.E.
 One wanted. (Supply: Ivor Bailey—a minister from the British Conference).
 Brian R. J. Eagle.
 William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (General and Conference Secretary).
 Bruce E. Mackie (without appointment—See Question 18).
 William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.).
 Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).
 H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (Sup.).
132. Christchurch South—
 Robert H. Allen, B.A. (who shall supervise the Oxford District Union Parish).
 Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.).
133. Christchurch East—
 Arnold C. Hight.
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
 Owen L. Christian.
 J. Herbert Thompson (Sup.).
134. New Brighton Union Parish—
 Presbyterian appointment.
135. Sumner-Redcliffs Union Parish—
 Norman W. Olds.
 Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (Sup.).
136. South East Christchurch Union Parish—
 Presbyterian appointment (Cornelius Van der Kley).
137. Lyttelton Union Parish—
 Presbyterian appointment (Dudley Ives).
138. Christchurch (Opawa)—
 Russell E. James.
139. Beckenham-Sydenham.
 Derek G. Laws, F.C.A.
140. Christchurch (Spreydon)—
 Alexander C. Watson.
 C. Seton Horrell (without appointment—see Question 18).
 Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
141. Halswell Union Parish—
 George M. Hammond
 Owen A. Kitchingman (without appointment—see Question 18).
142. Christchurch (Riccarton)—
 Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
 Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A.
 John D. Grocott, B.A. (Sup.).
143. Christchurch (St. Albans)—
 Barry G. Harkness, B.A., B.D.
 Norman E. Brookes, B.A.
 Patricia M. Jacobson.
 Ernest Heppelthwaite (without appointment—see Question 28c).
 Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D. (see Question 16(c)).
144. Christchurch (Papanui)—
 Robert W. Widdup.
 Lewis A. Bowen.
 South Island Children's Home—Chaplain: Robert W. Widdup.
145. Hornby—
 William L. Wallace, B.A.
 Barry W. Neal, C.F., B.A., Dip.Ed. (without appointment—see Question 50).
 Donald F. Prince (without appointment—see Question 18).

146. **Lincoln Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Rowlatt M. Rogers).
147. **Leeston—**
Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D.
148. **Kaiapoi—**
Stuart C. Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.).
149. **Rangiora—**
Leonard P. Shapcott.
One wanted.
150. **Greendale—**
Robert A. Allan.
151. **Oxford District Union Parish —**
Ian E. M. Anderson.
- [7] **Otautahi-Te Waipounamu—**
Te Awha Tahere (Superintendent).
One Home Missionary.
ROBERT W. WIDDUP (Chairman of the District).
MRS R. W. PRICE, B.Com., A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- IX. SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**
152. **Timaru (Bank Street)—**
Graham E. Hawkey (who shall supervise Temuka Circuit).
153. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)—**
Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Geraldine Circuit)
154. **St David's Marchwiell Union Parish—**
Graeme M. McIver, B.A.
155. **Waimate—**
George W. Cramond.
Philip D. Ramsay (without appointment—see Question 18).
156. **Geraldine (Joint Use of Buildings)—**
One wanted.
157. **Temuka—**
One wanted.
158. **Ashburton—**
James F. Cropp.
Anthony N. Bell.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.).
159. **Allenton Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment.
160. **Oamaru Union Parish (Church of Christ-Methodist)—**
Associated Churches of Christ appointment (Clifford M. Russ).
PERCY P. RUSHTON, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of the District).
Z. V. LURAJUD (Financial Secretary).
- X. OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT**
161. **Dunedin Central Mission—**
David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed.
A Deaconess.
162. **Dunedin—**
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
Colin G. Jamieson, Dip.R.E. (Melb.).
Restel A. Burton.
John B. Salmon, M.A., L.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., S.Th. (Hons.)
(Part-time, with permission to study).
Russell J. Greenwood, B.A.
One wanted. Supply: Ewing C. Stevens, M.B.E., B.A.
David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Superintendent, Dunedin Central Mission).

A Deaconess (Dunedin Central Mission).
Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D. (without appointment—see Question 18).

Andrew J. Johnston (Sup.).

163. **Port Chalmers United Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Ian W. McIntosh).
164. **West Harbour United Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (W. Ian Fleming).
165. **West Dunedin Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (John Calvert) (Wakari).
One wanted (Presbyterian appointment) (Halfway Bush-Brockville).
One wanted (Supply: Norman J. Goreham) (Kaikorai).
166. **Corstorphine-Concord Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (David J. Wilson, B.A.).
167. **Grants Braes Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Ian Mirriman).
168. **Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish—**
Ronald C. Collingwood (who shall supervise Balclutha Circuit).
169. **Balclutha—**
Graeme R. White (shared ministry with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish).
170. **Gore—**
Hughan M. Craig.
171. **Invercargill—**
Kenneth H. Russell.
Russell G. Rigby, B.A. (Hons.).
One wanted (St Mark's).
Presbyterian appointment.
One wanted.
John D. Meredith (without appointment—see Question 18) (who shall assist in the circuit).
David R. Alley (without appointment—see Question 18).
172. **Riverton Union Parish—**
Warren H. Blundell.
173. **Otautau Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Philip W. Brown).
174. **Waiono Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Ivan Smith).
175. **Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart Island Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (Hendrik J. Taakens).
176. **Teviot Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Joy Schwass, B.A.).
177. **Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointments: D. Povey, B.A., R. Coates, M.A.
KENNETH H. RUSSELL (Chairman of the District).
DAVID S. MULLAN, M.A. (Deputy Chairman).
ALLAN J. WOOD, A.C.A., A.C.I.S., A.N.Z.I.M. (Financial Secretary).

XI. SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

XII. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

These Districts are now in the United Church of Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands and the names of the Ministers and Deaconesses from the Methodist Church of New Zealand now serving in these Churches overseas are recorded in the Conference Journal.

QUESTION 27 (a).—How are the Deaconesses employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing years?

1. HOME WORK

(a) In Circuits:

Auckland Central—Sister Joan Wedding.
New Plymouth—Sister Beverley Taylor (Supply).

(b) In Institutions and City Missions:

Christchurch Central Mission—One wanted.
Christchurch Central Mission—One wanted.
South Island Children's Home, Christchurch—Sister Rona Collins.
Central Mission, Dunedin—Sister Shirley Ungemuth.

2. MAORI DIVISION

In Circuits:

Tai Tokerau Maori Circuit—
Probationer Diana Tana.
Tamaki Maori Circuit—
Sister Hana Hauraki.
Waikato Maori Circuit—
Sister Grace Clement.
Rohe Potae Maori Circuit—
Sister Barbara Miller.
Taranaki Maori Circuit—
Sister Betty Yearbury.
Wellington Maori Circuit—
One wanted.
Otautahi-Te Waipounamu—
One wanted.

3. OVERSEAS WORK

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None.

5. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

- (a) Resting: Sister Pamela Beaumont.
(b) With Permission to Serve with other Organisations:
Sister Edna Jenkin (with the Borneo Evangelical Mission).
(c) Married Sisters: Sister Shirley Wiki.

6. ON PROBATION

None.

7. RETIRED DEACONESSSES

Sister May Barnett.
Sister Rita Snowden, O.B.E., F.I.A.L.
Sister Margaret Nicholls, M.B.E.
Sister Airini Hobbs
Sister Jean Miller
Sister Madeline Holland
Sister Constance Sage
Sister Atawhai George
Sister Anne Wilson
Sister Dorothy Pointon
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, M.B.E.

QUESTION 27 (b).—How are the Overseas Missionary Sisters stationed for the ensuing year?

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

QUESTION 28.—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

(a) HOME MISSIONARIES

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Maori Circuit:

Whirinaki—Mack Morunga.
Omanaia—Tohu Cassidy.
Waima—One wanted.
Kaikohe—Mare Rogers.
Whangaroa—One wanted.
Waiomio—Tawa Te Riri Kawiti, Rewi Tautari, Hone Wilcox
(Retired).
Pokere—Para Piripi Livingstone.
Kamo—Herehere Maaka, Winiata Morunga.
Whangarei—Robert Taka, Alan S. Pickering.
Onerahi—Hohepa Hemara (Retired).
Dargaville—Samson Toia.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland Central (3rd)—One wanted.
Auckland Central Mission—Minister for Aged Care. Supply: John
H. Vickery, Associated Churches of Christ.
Auckland East (Panmure)—One wanted.
Papakura-Manurewa (Homai)—One wanted.

Maori Circuit:

Panmure—Wiremu Paki Ihaka (Retired).
Te Atatu—Operahama T. Rogers.
Otara—Te Marunui Toke—Huia Martin.
Mangere—Raka Hunapo.
Manurewa—Matu Makiha.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kututai.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

Thames Union Parish—One wanted.
Waihi—One wanted—Supply: O. McLennan Olds.
Rotorua (2nd)—One wanted.
Tauranga (3rd)—One wanted.
Te Awamutu (2nd)—One wanted.
Otorohanga—R. Coombridge (Retired).
Te Kuiti—One wanted.
Taumaranui—One wanted. (Supply: Ashley I. Corbett, L.th.).
Ohura—One wanted.
Kawhia—One wanted.
Coromandel—One wanted.

Maori Circuits:

(a) Waikato:

Frankton—Tumu Te Huia (Retired).
Hamilton—Wiremu Tonga (Retired), Tuteao Manihera, Roi Moke.
Ngaruawahia—Henare Te H. Gray, Te Orahia Tonga (Retired).
Tokoroa—Wiremu Huirama Te Hiko, Henare Pate.
Glen Massey—George Taha.
Aotearoa—Pukerau Rangitutia.

(b) King Country:

Otorohanga—Charlie Turner.
Taharoa—Philip Te Uira.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

New Plymouth (2nd)—One wanted. Supply: Sister Beverley
Taylor. H. R. Wright (Retired).
Hawera (Patea)—Presbyterian-Methodist Co-operation.
Eltham-Kaponga—One wanted.
Taihape—One wanted.

Maori Circuit:

Pariroa Pa—John Hoani Heremaia.

HAWKES-BAY MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier (3rd)—One wanted.

Palmerston North (3rd)—One wanted.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Porirua (2nd)—One wanted. (Supply: Rev. I. D. Borrie, Presbyterian).

Upper Hutt (2nd)—One wanted.

Otaki—One wanted. (Supply arrangement with Anglican Church).

NELSON DISTRICT

Murchison—One wanted.

Buller Union Parish—Methodist appointment—One wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch Central Mission (2nd)—One wanted. (Supply: Ivor Bailey, Minister of the British Conference).

Riccarton (3rd)—One wanted.

Rangiora (2nd)—One wanted.

Maori Circuit:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Geraldine—One wanted.

Temuka—One wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Dunedin (6th)—One wanted. (Supply: Ewing C. Stevens, Presbyterian), A. E. Tardiff (Retired).

West Dunedin Union Parish—One wanted (Presbyterian appointment).

Grants Braes Union Parish—One wanted (Presbyterian appointment).

Invercargill (3rd)—One wanted. (Presbyterian appointment).

Invercargill (4th)—One wanted.

(b) LAY WORKERS

Board of Management of Connexional Office: General Treasurer—One wanted.

Investment Board—Administration Division:

Finance Manager (Executive Officer, Investment Board) D. J. Janus, LL.D. (Utrecht), F.S.C.A. (Eng.).

(c) LIST OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

The following list will be a guide to those wishing to notify ministers in the cities in particular of those from other areas who are patients in the various city hospitals. The list is not complete. It refers only to the main public institutions. In smaller centres, not listed, those concerned should write to the resident Minister.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT—

Whangarei Base—Rev. M. Cranch (Ecumenical appointment).

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Auckland—Rev. F. H. Parker.

Mater—

Middlemore—Rev. J. G. Drummond (Presbyterian).

Wesley Geriatric—Rev. A. R. Penn.

National Women's and Greenlane—Rev. J. R. Battersby (Presbyterian).

Carrington and Oakley Hospitals—Rev. R. R. Welsh (Presbyterian).

Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital and Cornwall—Rev. T. H. Carr.

Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. W. T. Earle.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY—

Waikato Hospital—Rev. R. M. Alexander.

Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)—Rev. A. Newman.

Tokanui Psychiatric—Rev. D. H. Ansell.

Tauranga—Rev. J. Kinloch.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth—Rev. G. F. Gilbert.

Wanganui—Rev. N. J. West.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Napier—Rev. Patricia Preest (Ecumenical Chaplain).

Hastings—Rev. Patricia Preest.

Gisborne—Rev. E. B. Clarke.

Palmerston North—Rev. L. P. Schroeder.

Lake Alice—Rev. C. G. Brown.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Public Hospital—Rev. R. S. Andrews.

Lower Hutt Public Hospital—Rev. E. F. I. Hanson.

Silverstream—Rev. M. W. Greer.

Wesley Hospital, Wesleyhaven—Rev. J. C. F. Mabon.

Porirua—Rev. W. B. Glassey (Presbyterian-Methodist).

Bowen—Rev. H. W. Toothill.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson Public Hospital—Rev. G. C. Smith.

Ngawhatu Psychiatric—Rev. M. A. Hornblow.

Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika)—Rev. L. Brown.

Grey Hospital (Greymouth)—Rev. R. J. Hamlin.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch Hospital—Revs. H. J. Crawford and D. Morrell.

Princess Margaret Hospital and National Women's Hospital—

Rev. J. Edgar and Rev. M. Finney.

Coronation Hospital—Rev. D. G. Laws.

Sunnyside Hospital—Revs. I. B. Wilson, W. D. Harding, H. G. Brown.

Burwood Hospital—Rev. O. L. Christian.

Templeton Hospital—Rev. E. Heppelthwaite.

Calvary Hospital—Rev. B. G. Harkness.

St George's Hospital—Rev. N. E. Brookes.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Oamaru Hospital—Rev. C. M. Russ.

Timaru Hospital—Rev. K. S. Cree (Presbyterian).

Ashburton Hospital—Rev. J. F. Cropp.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dunedin Public Hospitals and Cherry Farm Psychiatric Hospital
—The Ecumenical Chaplain.

Kew Hospital (Invercargill)—Rev. R. G. Rigby.

QUESTION 28 (d).—Authority to Administer the Sacraments?

(1) What Probationers are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

Ian E. M. Anderson

Anthony N. Bell

Dougall Bruce

Laurence H. Currie

Peter E. Glensor

Michael W. Greer

Graeme R. White

(2) What Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Laymen are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

Sister Joan Wedding

Sister Patricia Russ

Sister Beverley Taylor

Sister Barbara Miller

Sister Grace Clement

Sister Hana Hauraki

Sister Betty Yearbury
 Sister Shirley Ungemuth
 F. L. Johnson
 J. H. Fruin
 C. A. M. Stevens
 J. V. Salisbury
 R. N. Glucas
 G. E. Brown
 N. R. Downey
 R. C. Gardiner
 C. W. Haliwell
 G. Nelson
 K. W. Nelson
 H. J. Voice

R. M. White
 Mrs A. B. Beeston
 Mrs S. I. Salisbury
 Para Livingstone
 Samson Toia
 Tawai Te R. Kawiti
 Te Arahi Tonga
 Rewi Tautari
 Mare Rogers
 Henare Gray
 Tuteao Manihera
 Henare Pate
 Wiremu Te Hiko

QUESTION 29 (a).—Who is elected as President of the Church for the ensuing year?

Peter A. Stead, B.A.

(b) Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply?

(c) Who is elected as Vice-President for the ensuing year?

Vera I. Dowie.

QUESTION 30.—Who are elected as District Chairmen for the ensuing year?

Northland: Rev. Brian W. Sides
 Auckland: Rev. Edmund D. Grounds
 Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. William J. Morrison
 Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. Leonard V. Willing
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. Edwin B. Clarke.
 Wellington: Rev. John A. Penman.
 Nelson: Rev. Harold K. Brown.
 North Canterbury: Rev. Robert W. Widdup
 South Canterbury: Rev. Percy P. Rushton
 Otago-Southland: Rev. Kenneth H. Russell

QUESTION 31.—Who are elected and/or appointed for the ensuing year as—

(a) General Statistical Secretary?

Superintendent of Development Division

(b) Secretaries of Synods?

Northland: Rev. J. Henry Woolford
 Auckland: Rev. Ian H. McKenzie
 Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. Wilfred J. Cable
 Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. James H. Conway
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. Enid J. Bennett
 Wellington: Rev. Robert S. Andrews
 Nelson: Rev. Neville Thornicroft
 North Canterbury: Rev. Derek G. Laws
 South Canterbury: Rev. Graham E. Hawkey
 Otago-Southland: Rev. John D. Meredith

(c) (i) District Financial Secretaries?

Northland: Mrs G. Williams, 14 Lake Road, Kaitaia.
 Auckland: Mr A. Turner, A.C.A.
 129 Exmouth Road, Northcote, Auckland, 9.
 Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Mr C. R. Shoosmith, A.C.A.,
 Thames Road, Paeroa.
 Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr A. K. Surrey, J.P.,
 36 Seymour Street, Waitara.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr L. A. Davis,
 P.O. Box 68, Napier.

Wellington: Mr T. J. Martin, A.C.A.,

P.O. Box 3846, Wellington.

Nelson: Mr. O. M. Smith, F.C.A.,

P.O. Box 140, Blenheim.

North Canterbury: Mrs R. W. Price, B.Com., A.C.A.,

21 Waiau Street, Christchurch, 2.

South Canterbury: Mr Z. V. Lurajud,

25 Pukatea Street, Timaru.

Otago-Southland: Mr A. J. Wood, A.C.A., A.C.I.S., A.N.Z.I.M.,

47 Arthur Street, Invercargill

(d) (ii) District Statistical Secretaries?

QUESTION 32.—Who are appointed as members of Standing Committees and their Conveners—

(a) Committee of Privileges?

The President, Vice-President, General and Conference Secretary, the President's Legal Adviser, Ministers and Layman to be appointed. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

Committee of Exigency?

To be appointed as required.

(b) President's Committee of Advice:

Vice-President, General and Conference Secretary, the President, Legal Adviser, ex-President, President-Elect, ex-Vice-President; the Rev. J. A. Penman, Messrs E. G. Heggie, and C. Fenwick.

(c) Pastoral Committee:

The President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary, ex-President, Principal of the Theological College. Consultant: Superintendent of the Development Division.

QUESTION 33—Who are appointed as members of Synod Standing Committees? (no longer applies)

QUESTION 34—What is the report of the General Statistical Secretary? (no longer applies)

QUESTION 35—What is the Report of the Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met at the City Mission Camp, Otaki on May 19-21, 1975.

The President, Rev. W. J. Morrison, presided.

LOCATION AND DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 1976:

It was agreed to recommend to Conference as follows:—

(a) **Church Council:** May 17-19—City Mission Camp, Otaki. To be followed by sessions for District Chairmen May 19-20.

(b) **Council of Mission:** Consideration of Budget allocations, etc. July 9-11, Christchurch.

(c) **October Committees:** Church Council, Budget and Stationing—October 4-7, Wellington.

(d) **Conference 1976:** Wellington, Saturday, November 6.

THEMES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 1976:

Various suggestions were made concerning themes that might be discussed. The following were agreed upon:

(1) Implications of the 1976 Anglican vote on the 1971 Plan for Union. The Convener of the Church Union Committee to arrange for the preparation of a memorandum.

(2) **N.Z.M.S.S.A.:** The involvement of local churches in Social Service. Where is the Church going institutionally? Where is the local Church going on social welfare? The executive of N.Z.M.S.S.A. to prepare a memorandum.

(3) Ministers who have withdrawn from the ministry in recent years—how we action ministers without appointment. Rev. P. A. Stead, convener of the Committee on Ministry, to arrange for the preparation of a memorandum.

(4) What Methodism is affirming. Mr G. E. Hill, Convener, and Mr A. J. Johnson and two others (preferably women) to prepare a memorandum.

REPRESENTATION OF METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AT WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FIFTH ASSEMBLY, TO BE HELD AT NAIROBI, KENYA, NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 10, 1975:

The Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the 1973 Conference had nominated the Rev. R. D. Rakena (substitute Rev. Lane Tauroa) and this information had been conveyed to the National Council of Churches. Mr Rakena expressed his concern that Church moneys should be spent on ensuring representation at overseas assemblies at a time when a shortage of finance was resulting in retrenchment of workers.

While respecting Mr Rakena's concern, Church Council unanimously re-affirmed its desire that he should represent the New Zealand Church at the Assembly and counselled him to make the necessary preparations.

It was noted that the World Council of Churches had approved of an additional representation in the person of Rev. Norma M. Graves. The General Secretary stated that provision was being made through the Overseas Travel Fund for the travel costs of the President-Elect and some moneys would be available from Connexional funds to help meet the travel costs of Rev. Norma Graves.

REPRESENTATIVES TO WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL 1976 TO BE HELD IN DUBLIN FROM AUGUST 17-26:

The New Zealand Church is entitled to send five representatives to the Conference, but it was usual for the expenses of only the principal representatives to be paid from the Overseas Travel Fund. As the Rev. W. Gust was planning to return to New Zealand August/September 1976, it was decided to inform him that Church Council would be willing to nominate him to Conference for appointment as representative of our Church at the World Methodist Council if he could fit in attendance before his return to New Zealand.

PROGRAMME OF PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR 1975-76:

Mr Rakena briefly indicated some of the emphases that he hoped to make during his Presidential year and, in the absence of Mr Hill, Mr Grundy spelt out some of the points that had been made at the March meeting of the Council of Mission.

Mr Hill had expressed the wish that if he was to serve the Church as Vice-President some special use should be made of his services and it had been recommended to him that he ought to engage in congregational dialogue on the issue of ministry, relationship of the home and the family to the Church. It had also been recommended to him that he takes part in Schools of Theology on the theme of Ministry, the particular focus being that of a layman speaking with ministers. The Vice-President-Elect had indicated his willingness to work in with the Directors of the various Divisions.

Rev. R. D. Rakena (President-Elect) raised the question of the Acting President being the Vice-President rather than the immediate past President or one of his predecessors. It was felt that this was a valid question and it was agreed to ask the 1975 Conference to refer the issue of the Acting President being the Vice-President rather than the ex-President, to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

POLICY OF METHODIST APPOINTMENTS TO ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCIES:

The Rev. R. J. Hamlin, C.F. was associated with Church Council for this session and introduced the memorandum which had been prepared by Rev. R. F. Clement, Senior Chaplain. The memorandum referred to the doctrinal basis for Armed Services Chaplaincies, pragmatic considerations and to the Methodist proportion of clergy appointed to Armed Services Chaplaincy.

The report was received.

It was agreed to recommend to Conference:

"That as a possible alternative to the present system of Chaplaincy to the Armed Forces, the Methodist Church seek to provide ministry for the Armed Forces and that it consult with other participating Churches and the Armed Forces as to the most suitable way of providing this pastoral, sacramental and prophetic ministry and that the Committee on Ministry be asked to undertake this dialogue."

SUCCESSOR TO GENERAL SECRETARY:

The Rev. W. R. Laws, General Secretary, drew the attention of Church Council to the fact that over the years there had been discussion within the Church as to whether the office of General Secretary was more suitably filled by a minister or a layman. To date the General Secretary had always been a minister. The necessity for this had been questioned by the Special Committee for the appointment

of the Investment Board and Finance Manager. In 1974 the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Synod, while approving of the re-appointment of the present General Secretary for a further term of two years, had asked that when the time came for the appointment of his successor consideration be given to the appointment of a layman instead of a minister.

The General Secretary pointed out that in the normal course of events, if his successor was to be a minister, the minister would need to be designated at the 1976 Conference for appointment at the 1977 Conference. To avoid confusion of the issues involved and to keep it free from personal considerations, the General Secretary felt that the issue as to whether the next General Secretary should be a minister or a layman should be discussed at the 1975 Synods and resolved at the 1975 Conference.

It was agreed to ask the Board of Management of the Connexional Office to raise this issue with the 1975 Synods and in doing so to accompany the matter with a statement of the arguments for and against the appointment of a minister or a layman.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON THE EFFECT OF SO MANY UNION PARISHES ON THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

1. Union Parishes have been a valuable pioneering form of inter-church co-operation.

Methodist involvement in Union Parishes has resulted in:

(a) The retention of Ministry and the continuation of congregational life in rural areas faced with declining population.

(b) The extension of the Church into new housing areas. If it had chosen to act independently of other churches, Methodism's sphere of involvement would have been severely restricted because of limited financial and staff resources.

(c) A constitutional commitment to one or more of the Negotiating Churches. Through the experience of being bound together by a specific agreement, Methodists have come to understand their own ethos and policy and the characteristics of the other participating churches, in a way not possible through occasional combined services and shared services over holiday periods.

2. Limitations of Union Parishes as a basis of co-operation for the future.

Over recent years the limitations of the Model Agreement, which forms the basis of all Union Parishes, have clearly emerged.

Because a Union Parish is regarded as a legal entity by each of the participating denominations, and the agreement acknowledges the forms of Ministry practised by the respective Churches, it has as a form of co-operation been unacceptable to the Anglican Church.

Further, the dominant Parish structures tend to be those common in Presbyterian Churches, and Methodist lay people and ministers within Union Parishes have found the forms of Parish organisation restrictive on the customary styles of leadership.

3. Future forms of co-operation.

Because of the exclusive nature of the Union Parish Model Agreement, the Methodist Church has sought to widen its co-operation to include the most inclusive forms of local co-operation possible. It has welcomed the Joint Commission on Church Union "Guidelines on Co-operating Parishes" because it is a basis of co-operation acceptable to the five negotiating Churches.

Also it is becoming clear that there is a need for some transitional inter-church structures.

To date the many administrative difficulties experienced by Union parishes and the respective denominational courts as they have sought to relate to the Parishes, have been handled through a variety of consultations.

Some form of interim inter-church organisation will be necessary in the future to co-ordinate the existing programmes of the participating churches. In addition, there is need for such structures to provide resources appropriate to the distinctive needs of local churches actively engaged in co-operative ventures.

DIVERSITY OF BELIEF

Synods are asked to reflect upon this summary of the report on **Diversity of Belief** which was specially prepared for Church Council by Revs. Dr J. J. Lewis and B. Keith Rowe. Comments and suggestions should be sent to: **The General Secretary, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch.**

DIVERSITY OF BELIEF IN THE CHURCH:

Unanimity of belief has never existed in the Church and each generation has contributed to the frequent shifts of theological expression. The last two decades however have witnessed rather wilder swings of the theological pendulum than the Church has been accustomed to, and some people have been bruised in the process. Intellectual, personal, social and even economic pressures have each played their part in this oscillation in theological positions. The situation today is that only the most extreme sectarian groups can make any claim to near unanimity of belief. The main stream expressions of the church Methodism among them, present to the world a somewhat confused pattern of belief, practice and action. This outward confusion may be creative insofar as it involves a fresh appraisal of the Church's story and mission, but at the point of action and evangelism it is inhibiting. IS there any direct connection between our arrested growth as a Church and the diversity of belief (sometimes mutually contradictory belief) which is such an obvious mark of our Church today?

Theological Debate and the Search for Truth:

Truth may well be, not in the middle of the theological spectrum, but in the extremes, if held in tension. But many find such tension difficult to live with. Theological discussion today sees the resurfacing of old and dull controversies, the spread of both scepticism and credulity, a polarisation between verticalism and horizontalism. Characteristic actions are differently interpreted. The breaking of bread for some is sacramental, for others a symbolic sharing in hospitality. Ministry for some involves presence as well as action, for others it is solely functional. In an attempt to banish the mysterious, there is a loss of the sense of wonder. If the mission of the Church is the humanisation of the world and the affirmation of the personal, if redemption is the release of the purposes inherent in creation, is there still a sense in which the Church must stand over against the world as we continue to spoil it? Is there a Christian pessimism to set within a Christian optimism which regards nothing human as beyond recovery? Is there still a sense in which man is addressed in mercy and in judgement, and offered out of death the promise of new life? Or does it matter any more what we believe? It is here that integrity is involved. Is everything for the Christian permitted? To delve more deeply, if celebration is the enjoyment of the goodness of this world, is there still a place for worship in response to the

loving action of God made visible through uncalculating service and suffering, pouring out life into the life of men?

The Claims and Limits of Diversity:

THE CLAIMS

1. **FAITH** takes many forms—the form is influenced by personal background, society and (though we may not always recognise it) by simple prejudice. Our task is to nurture Faith, rather than to produce “correct” belief. “Faith” is a commitment, a way of life, a response to God, a way of looking at life. Belief is the shape Faith takes under the need to explain and justify itself.

2. The **MYSTERIOUS**, the Holy, is never able to be captured—in either words or thoughts. We touch the mysterious at different points and there will always be room for diversity in our reports of our dealings with God. We are pilgrims on the march and no formulations of our belief are final. God is always bigger than and beyond our formulations.

3. The **EXPERIENCE** that people have of God differs from person to person. We cannot force a person's experience into an alien mould in the interests of some “correct” belief. We cannot ride roughshod over another's experience. Respect for another's experience, even though it is alien to our own, means we must be prepared to live with a wide diversity.

4. Even though we may take the affirmation “Jesus is Lord” as our starting point the **ACTIONS** which flow from this will be seen differently by different people. There is room for difference in understanding of the church's mission and the

THE LIMITS

BUT the rational formulation of beliefs is important. We are foolish to fly in the face of reason's constraints. Faith does not exist in isolation from belief—each influences the other and if one is weak the other suffers.

BUT we belong to a tradition in which the mysterious has been responded to in every generation. We build upon the response of others and are enriched by it thus becoming part of the Church's corporate response to God.

BUT in an age which highlights experience we must also affirm that the Christian Faith offers a tradition, a framework, in the light of which we are invited to view our experience. The framework is flexible, and accommodating but it does guard us against the idiosyncratic experience. The Christian community provides us with a setting within which our experiences may be set over against the experiences of others. Within the community we are helped to check on experience, to recognise our prejudices and to enrich others by sharing our experience.

BUT there are guidelines for Christian action against which we may test any specific action. Our actions are a response to both our memory of Jesus and also to our dream of a future in which the qualities we saw in Him may find their fulfilment in

specific form of Christian action.

5. There are diversities of **GIFTS**.

We are not all the same and must have freedom to develop the gifts within us. Our individuality needs expression and encouragement.

a new society and a new creation. Any actions which overlook the demands of love or justice or which use people for our selfish ends need to be labelled as anti-Christian.

BUT our gifts are given not solely for our individual edification but for the upbuilding and enrichment of the whole body—the total community of Faith. Our individuality finds its fulfilment in community.

THE CLAIM OF THE TOTAL LIVING TRADITION.

Christian understanding and experience will always be wider than that of the individual and indeed of a Denomination. The Church is called to be catholic because it is for all people, and for all times, with the fullness of Christian faith and truth. No one expression has ever been able to contain it. Christian life and thought are rooted in history, reaching back into the experience of the Hebrew people who set out on an exodus and a pilgrimage in response to a dream of faith, centred in Jesus of Nazareth who did not grasp at equality with God but who has become life and hope for men, developed in the long story of the Church in many contexts and cultures. A rich diversity of affirmation and action, statement and restatement, symbol and song present a multi-coloured mosaic of the Christian witness. The community of faith has gathered in an innumerable company from all ages and all peoples. But whether in the pragmatic West or the contemplative East, in the exuberance and vigour of Africa or Polynesia, there has been within the Christian message to the world a recognisable centre and an inner consistency of spirit and quality of life, sometimes tarnished sometimes indelibly clear, that have enabled men to say: "This is Christian".

The Church has always had its standards and points of reference. The hymn sought to capture poetically the mood of affirmation, petition and celebration. The creed sought to capture in words central convictions. Liturgies gave dramatic presentation and opportunity for involvement in the liberating movement of the story of salvation. The Bible records in poetry and prose in situation and symbol, in developing understanding and interpretation, a people's experience of God bringing cosmos out of chaos, light from darkness, nationhood from slavery, and the fulfilment of world community in the city of light. In the fallibility of the Church, the form often became the prison, the point of reference a dragging anchor, the joyful witness as a dead idol. In the power of the Spirit the dead could be brought to life. Some hymns survive and others are being added. When it ceases to attempt to define the indefinable, the creed, shaped to meet its own situation, can give the audacity and reality of words to conviction. The biblical record, understood in its own contexts, helps to shape the questions and release insights that leap into contemporary relevance. In its understanding of itself, its message and its mission, the Church has never been able to dispense with the witness coming out of the past yet always contemporary in its claim upon the life of the world. Without it, the Church would be unable to declare to men that in the love of God they are forgiven. that life can be made whole again, that before the world is an open door of hope.

It is still the inestimable privilege and responsibility of the believing community to affirm in word as well as in deed its faith in the living God, in whom all things find origin and meaning, whose boundless love is shown forth in Jesus the true man; to affirm its faith in Jesus who in overcoming evil with good and in breaking through death into life is liberator and Lord, to affirm its faith in the Community of the Spirit set in the world to serve, to affirm its faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God seen in Jesus, not even death itself; to affirm its faith that finally all that God has begun will be brought to fulfilment.

In the final analysis we do not ever possess truth. Rather it takes hold of us.

SO, WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR THE CHURCH?

(a) In **BAPTISM** a child becomes part of a lively and diverse Catholic Church. We offer to that child the opportunity, in ways appropriate to the child's capacity, to explore a whole range of experience, belief and action which are embraced by the Church.

(b) In **CONFIRMATION** a person's response to God is recognised by the Church, which expresses its confidence in that person. Our confidence is not in the correctness of the person's belief but in the genuineness of the person's commitment to the way of Jesus and to His Church. In confirmation training and indeed throughout youth, people need assistance to bring their faith into conscious belief form — but their faith commitment is always of prior importance.

(c) In **ORDINATION** we recognise a person's ability to take leadership in the Church through the ministry of Word and Sacraments. We do not seek "correct belief" of ordinands — an adherence to a party line — but we do look for "adequate belief" — that is, belief which recognises the claims of both tradition and contemporary experience and which illuminates rather than obscures the meaning of existence under God. In ordaining a minister we are interested not only in what he believes but also whether he has the ability:

- to nurture faith in others;
- to assist them to bring their faith to the level of coherent belief;
- to live with diversity of belief and to assist the members of a congregation to appreciate one another and to care for one another even though they may disagree doctrinally;
- to appreciate the Church beyond his parish and beyond his particular understanding of faith.

WHAT OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION?

Pluralism threatens the ability and willingness of members of the same congregation to work together on common projects. Does our acceptance of pluralism in the Church's life mean that anything goes and that people may do anything in the name of the Church? There is a diversity of actions which genuinely arise from a response to God, but there are some actions and some understandings of mission which lie outside of a genuinely "Christian" form of action, any action or programme which violates the personhood of another, which reflects other than the love and search for justice which belongs to our idea of God and His Kingdom will be avoided by a consciously Christian group. Forms of evangelism which manipulate people, which play upon immature forms of guilt or which proselytise in the interests of a narrow or bigoted understanding of the Faith are ruled out. Forms of mission which invite people to escape from the world so they may save their "soul" is ruled out by our understanding of the Incarnation.

Within any congregation there may be diversity of action, moulded by the differing interests and concerns of its members. We need to live with such diversity of action but we must bring our action constantly under the scrutiny of the Gospel for it is easy to do what we want, and to twist the gospel so that it serves our interests.

Where the local congregation offers a genuine fellowship in the gospel the new disciple will be given the ideal setting for growth in faith and in tolerance of diversity. The main issue in making disciples is less a matter of deciding exactly what form of gospel we will present than a matter of developing a genuine gospel-shaped community which is the setting in which discipleship is formed and which is itself good news. In this fellowship diversity is appreciated and the individual's partial grasp of faith is supplemented by the insights of others.

DIVERSITY AND THE MINISTER

The ordained minister often feels the pressure from different groups in the congregation. Unless he has an adequate, flexible and coherent belief he may easily become a pawn of the various "pressure groups" in the congregation. If he has an appreciation of the breadth of the Christian tradition he will be able to tolerate diversity more easily. In practical terms the minister needs skill in handling conflict in a creative way and of encouraging an atmosphere of trust and honesty within which people may feel free to say just what they think or believe, without the fear they will be branded as heretical or second class Christians.

Where does the minister's integrity come into all this? Sometimes the minister's personal opinions must be laid aside in the interests of a greater good. He may be asked to undertake actions which he would not choose to do but yet which belong to the church's broader tradition. There is a point where we must sometimes say "no"—but this comes not so much at the point of defending personal prejudice but when, in our judgement the nature of the gospel would be obscured or violated. The latter is not always easy to identify and we will frequently need the help of fellow Christians if we are to make a faithful response.

Our initial and continuing education for ministry needs to give increasing attention to the ways in which ministry may be exercised in a pluralistic Church.

The Church and the Ministry have been through a period when there was sometimes greater certainty over what we don't believe than those positive things we affirm. It is now time for modest affirmation. We must avoid the temptation to claim more belief than we should but we should clearly state our positive belief. Faith is built upon positive affirmation rather than doubt alone.

Diversity in the Church is not new. It has been a mark of the Church since its first days. But only when Christians have forgotten the integrating core provided by the memory and presence of Jesus or have embraced some form of exclusive dogmatism as a defence against diversity has the resultant conflict been destructive.

Pluralism is likely to continue. As laissez-faire individualism it is self-defeating. As opportunity to indulge in constant novelty and innovation it can become a new captivity and give rise to personal cults. As witness to the many-sidedness of truth, as in humility it points beyond cherished positions, it can turn men to the greatness and goodness of God and the sheer wonder of life. It is God in Jesus who finally makes disciples of men.

In the Christian way, commitment is still the condition of knowing, and inner discipline the essence of freedom. Diversity is creative only as it relates to the centre and serves the true goal of all living.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

A paper was prepared by Miss Jean Angus and developed through Board discussion. It promoted some very useful discussion and confirmed that the Division has broad support from Church Council members in its Children's Ministry policy.

The paper gave full explanations of various alternative programmes in the different sections, and described also Education Division training and publishing work for children's and family-based ministry. The summary statement of the paper read—

Pre-school:

1. Where the local church is able to provide adequate equipment and leadership for a play-based pre-school programme, the CLC nursery programme is recommended. Where this is not possible, a "child-care" emphasis should be followed on a Sunday morning. By "childcare" is meant a programme based on play, and the reading of stories, including selected Bible stories (e.g. CLC Bible Stories for Children).

2. The local church should support the Play Centre Movement and the Kindergarten Association in their locality, by (i) encouraging parents to enrol their children; (ii) encouraging parental involvement; (iii) where appropriate, offering the use of church buildings.

3. That for pre-schoolers the church should give its priority to ministering to them in their home situation by helping parents to be with their children religiously and to understand how the faith is communicated to them.

Peer Group Learning:

4. That we recognise the value of the Sunday School for progressive teaching to understand the faith, as a place for peer group learning, and for developing Christian identity and a sense of belonging.

5. That the local church also be helped to consider ways of developing alternative and/or supplementary styles of peer group educational programme.

All-Age Learning:

6. That emphasis should be given to exploring additional ways of involving children in the community of the church through all-age learning experience.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Three papers were prepared for consideration by Church Council—

1. "Some Basic Statements to Guide our Directors in Youth Ministry"

This included articles—

"Beyond the latest to the real questions"—B. K. Rowe (CEH Nov. 1971)

"Ministry with Youth"—Denholm Grierson ("On the Move", August 1974 p. 16-17)

"Principles to Guide our Ministry to and with Youth"—John Mallison ("On the Move", August 1974, pp. 3-4)

The Board of the Methodist Education Division summarised these statements to three essential principles and added a fourth:

(i) That youth ministry is principally an activity of the local church.

- (ii) That youth ministry is an integral part of the total community life of the local congregation.
- (iii) That a church community should commit itself to offer youth full participation in shaping its worship, mission and life styles.
- (iv) That the local church youth ministry needs the stimulus and support of inter-group and district or regional youth activities: the Education Division working through Synods intend to give more emphasis and guidance in this.

2. "Some Policy Issues about Youth Ministry"

The Board of the Methodist Education Division reported on the following matters:

(a) Youth Participation in the Church's Decision-making Processes:

A primary and consistent concern of the Youth Department, Christian Education Department, and now the Education Division has been that young people shall have adequate opportunities to share in the planning and leadership of their own activities. As a church, we have tried to maximise participation, involvement and responsibility — always of course supported by adult counsel.

Also, we have intended to provide young people with a "say" as "full laity in the setting of priorities and goals for the church's ministry". Our law provides for youth participation in the local church courts, and a place on national Committees and Boards. The fact, however, is that our experience here has not been successful. By and large, young people haven't been inclined to attend and participate positively in the regular meetings of the church which they are entitled to attend.

We need to try other possibilities. The Education Division has published a special paper (April 1975 CEH), advocating a deliberate testing by the church of a consultative style of decision-making at all levels of the Church's life. The paper is not limited to consultation with youth, but the role of youth in our decision-making processes was very much in our concern. For involvement in decision-making beyond the local church, we are thinking most particularly of young people aged 15-25.

The Division will welcome reaction to the paper from local churches, Synods, national Boards and Committees.

In addition, at a recent Board meeting, it was decided to co-ordinate pilot experiments in six Circuits, two Synods, and two National Boards/Committees to test ways of implementing the policy paper on a consultative style of decision-making. A report will be presented to the Board by March 1976.

(b) Youth Ministry Beyond the Local Scene:

When in 1969, the Conference altered its understanding of CYMM membership from 13-30 years to "13-18 years (with flexibility on the basis of similar maturity and interests and subject to local needs", see Mins. 1969, page 132), it was recognised:

- (a) That youth ministry is an activity of the local congregation principally.
- (b) That the local congregation needs some support through regional activities and the training resources of Education Division working through Synods.

These principles remain the understanding of the Board. Point (a) is developed in the paper by Keith Rowe (CEH Nov. 1971). Point (b) has been somewhat neglected, especially the emphasis on regional activities.

(i) DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

It is obvious that youth sponsored and youth led activities beyond the local church must be limited. In 1969, the guideline was "that CYMM liaison and activity at district level be maintained through a district structure suited to the particular district. Responsibility for aiding and encouraging local CYMM groups to rest more with the DEC." (Min. 1969, p. 133)

In practice, in 1975 apart from District camping (generally under Synod oversight), Methodist youth activity at District level is almost non-existent, although a few encouraging signs of renewal are appearing in a few Districts.

The Board recognises that district youth activity for 13-18 year olds can never be extensive, but believes that young people need stimulus beyond the local group. Inter-group contacts and district functions have a significant purpose, and it is intended to promote these with Synods wherever possible.

(ii) NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In 1969, the relevant guideline was "That overall responsibility for guiding and initiating CYMM activity be vested in a modified Youth Committee of the Board including a number of older CYMM'ers elected by the movement, and replacing the present National CYMM Council. A Director of the Department to continue as Executive Officer of CYMM and Convener of the Youth Committee". (Mins. 1969, p. 133)

In practice, this has not been satisfactory. The following minute from a Board meeting (May 1974) sets out the Board's current viewpoint. "While in the immediate past we have had a national youth executive charged with a wide variety of tasks, at this point we see no real need for this group, and that particular tasks such as organising a national youth project can be done satisfactorily by a task group charged with that single responsibility."

(iii) WINTER SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CONFERENCES

From a number of sources (though not youth or young adults themselves), we have been prodded into re-examining whether a revival of Winter Schools and National Youth Conferences is timely. In the past, both have played a very significant part in developing leadership for youth ministry in our church.

Rev. John Grundy reported that three Working Committees have been established in Auckland (Convener, Roger Hey), Hawke's Bay (Convener, Duncan Graham) and Christchurch (Fred Johnston), with the following order of reference:

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- (i) the needs and possibilities for intergroup and district youth programmes;
- (ii) how to stimulate more active District responsibility in this area;
- (iii) possible District structures to sustain this activity;
- (iv) any other matters which are considered important.

YOUTH CONFERENCES

- (i) the need, value and practicability of holding Youth Conferences for 15-25 year olds;
- (ii) whether they should be regional/national, Methodist/ecumenical;
- (iii) possible aims;
- (iv) any other matters which are considered important.

These Committees will report by mid-September, and the Convener and a young person from each will meet with some Board

representatives during October to prepare a common paper as a basis for forming Board policy.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Mr G. Hill has been invited to include in his Vice-Presidential duties for 1976 the convenership of a Christchurch based Committee—

- (i) to encourage Synods to hold Leadership Schools during 1976;
- (ii) to see them as an important avenue for personal leadership during his Vice-Presidential term;
- (iii) to provide course, leadership and resource suggestions.

3. Evangelism with Youth: Education needs to be Evangelical

In its widest sense, evangelism is an important aspect of the church's educational ministry. Education always seeks to introduce its participants into a particular community's ways of thinking and living. And through Christian education, the church encourages its participants to share its faith and life. Freely chosen opportunities for response—in understanding, in service and life style—to Jesus as Saviour and Lord must always be part of the church's educational work. It is appropriate that Christian education is evangelical—in the sense that new knowledge leads to new understandings and new understandings to new commitments and new actions (and in the reverse order).

In this sense, our educational ministry with and for youth needs to be unashamedly evangelical in emphasis.

See Keith Rowe's article (CEH Nov. 1971) where the educational questions are thoroughly evangelical.

—How can we and they together share in mission?

—How can we build a strong sense of community in our congregation?

—How can we help young people to arrive at their own expression of Christian life?

The Development Division's current emphasis on "making disciples" is most welcome and timely. Specially welcome is the attention being given to discovering through local church, lively and relevant ways to proclaim Gospel to youth and involve youth in witness. If the local church itself is not committed to mission there is no sense in challenging youth to be committed to Jesus through the church. This work in the Development Division illustrates a truth about contemporary Methodist Connexional structure which the church as a whole is slow to recognise—viz. we no longer have a Youth Department, and the Education, Development, Maori, Overseas and Administration Divisions all have significant contributions and responsibilities in guiding our church's youth ministry and its evangelical expressions.

For the future, it is hoped that our strategies in evangelism will involve:

- a new priority for evangelism in our youth ministry;
- a continued educational emphasis, but without being limited to this in a narrow sense;
- the local church community as central to our evangelical emphasis;
- the integration of youth into a total church strategy for evangelism;
- an emphasis in leadership training which will help youth communicate their faith to their peers.

W. J. MORRISON, President.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Summary of the Report on the Effect of Union Parishes on the life and ministry of the Methodist Church be received and resource material be made available for study on request.

3. That Conference endorses the 1974 Conference resolution which requested that in future forms of co-operation, the basis of Agreement be the J.C.C.U. Guidelines on Co-operating Parishes.

4. That the Development Division initiate consultations between the Negotiating Churches to interpret the concerns of the Methodist Church represented in the report on the "Effect of Union Parishes", e.g.—

- (i) Encouraging Union Parishes to widen their co-operation to include other negotiating Churches.
- (ii) Interpreting the Methodist Conference preference for co-operating Parish Guidelines rather than the model Union Parish Constitution.
- (iii) The orientation of clergy and congregations to the ethos and practices of the participating denominations in co-operative ventures.
- (iv) The formation of appropriate interim National/Regional structures to serve the interests of Union/Co-operating Parishes.

5. That the Report on Church's Ministry with Children and Young People be given general approval and referred to Leaders' Meetings and District Education Committees for study.

6. That the Report on "Diversity of Belief" be given approval and submitted to local church meetings for study.

7. In response to the desire expressed by the Wellington Synod for an improved form of report from Church Council, Conference appoints a special committee (Convener, Rev. J. A. Penman) to investigate and consult with groups in setting out guidelines for preparation of material for consideration at Church Council and disseminating to Synods and Circuits.

8. That the two lay members of the Council for Mission for 1976 be Mrs M. Fisher and Mr G. E. Hill.

9. That the Methodist Church continue to provide ministry to the Armed Forces and that it consult with other participating Churches, the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council and the Armed Forces as to the most suitable way of providing this pastoral, sacramental and prophetic ministry and that the Committee on Ministry together with the Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee share in this dialogue and in so doing to consider possible alternative methods to the present chaplaincy system.

10. That the following be referred to Church Council:—"Recognising the many values and benefits received during Conference 1975, consideration be given to the idea of making every third Conference a residential function".

11. That Church Council undertake a review of the roles, term of office and method of appointment of the President and the Vice-President of the Methodist Church.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of

(a) Welfare of the Church Committee?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

1. Settlement of the Ministry (1974 p. 107 res. 5)

Conference 1973 indicated that it wished the Welfare of the Church Committee to facilitate a vote in Conference as to whether the option of issuing and accepting invitations should be retained in our procedures for settlement of the ministry. Accordingly Synods were advised that such a vote would be made possible at Conference 1974. All Synods took the opportunity to consider the issues carefully. Northland, Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Taranaki-Wanganui, Wellington, and Otago-Southland finally voted in favour of the change. Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Nelson, North Canterbury, South Canterbury expressed themselves in favour of the status quo or of some more radical revision of our procedures. A summary of Synod replies was included in the supplementary agenda for Conference 1974. Last Conference, however, chose only to receive this Committee's factual statement of the position and referred the matter back.

It should be understood that, while this Committee generally favours the change, especially in view of Synod responses, our primary concern is that Conference should have the opportunity it asked for to make a decision. We therefore feel bound to resubmit last year's resolutions. Resolution 2 establishes the principle. Resolution 3 responds to the expressed desire of some Synods that procedures of consultation be spelt out. Should Conference accept the principle it may then choose to adopt or modify Resolution 3, or else to leave such details to the good sense of the parties involved.

The Committee on Ministry, to whom also this matter was referred by Conference 1974, may have some comments or proposals to make. Our Committee does not believe it would be appropriate at this time to attempt a major positive reconstruction of our settlement procedures. That might be justified if it became clear that Church Union was to be indefinitely delayed.

2. Statistical Returns (cf. 1973 p. 114 res. 10)

While the action of the 1973 Conference in severely pruning the annual statistical returns has been generally well received, it has been pointed out that there is now no basis for checking on the number of lapsed members. We see justice in this criticism, and suggest that the situation may easily be remedied, without sacrificing the principles on which the earlier recommendations were based, by adding one further category to the returns: number removed from the electoral roll by death. It will then be possible for anyone interested to calculate by difference the number removed for reasons other than death, and on a national basis (since effective transfers in and out of circuits should balance) this figure will give a close indication of the number of members lost to the Church. (The figure will also be slightly affected by the nett gain or loss in transfers between countries and between denominations.)

3. Conference Handling of Reports

This Committee is concerned at the way Conference has handled matters affecting the welfare of the church and its ministry over recent years. Often presented in the dying moments of Conference the Welfare of the Church Committee report has regularly received scant or hasty attention, and on one occasion was omitted altogether.

We believe that whenever any report requires major decisions of principle or practice it should be given reasonable priority.

G. R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

E. R. LEWIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received, and sections 1 and 2 be adopted.
2. That as from January 1976, for an experimental period of five years, circuits no longer have the right to issue invitations nor ministers to accept them; but that all other provisions for ministers and circuits to consider, and if so desired opt for, a change of appointment continue in force.

3. In the event of a change being decided on:

- (a) Circuits shall be encouraged to communicate in writing a description of the character of the appointment and the Circuit's hopes concerning an appointment, from the Quarterly Meeting to the District Chairman, who shall represent them to the Stationing Committee.
- (b) Ministers shall be encouraged to communicate their needs, goals, and hopes, in writing to the District Chairman, who shall represent them to the Stationing Committee.
- (c) District Chairmen and District Representatives on the Stationing Committee shall undertake such further consultations with ministers and circuits as is necessary to ensure that their interest can be well represented to the Stationing Committee.
- (d) District Chairmen may initiate consultations between Circuits and Ministers, especially when a vacancy occurs in a co-operative venture or a Circuit team ministry.

4. That the statistical information in the Annual Returns to be furnished by each circuit and tabulated in the Minutes of Conference comprise:

- (a) members on the electoral roll at 30th June;
- (b) members at 30th June previous year (as in previous returns);
- (c) members removed from the electoral roll by death;
- (d) number of infant baptisms;
- (e) number of adult baptisms;
- (f) number of confirmations.

5. That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the special Wellington Committee and the Board of Publications be asked to consider and report to Conference 1976, on the issues raised in Wellington Synod:—

To look into the whole question of the publication of reports for study at circuit level, considering as it does the role of the Board of Publications.

Synod has experienced difficulty in processing a number of reports from Church Council, Connexional Divisions, Boards and Committees. We are conscious of the difficulties being experienced by circuits and parishes and congregations in handling both the presentation of material, and the numbers and volume of reports. Apart from this problem of improving and rationalising within our membership, we are conscious of the need to improve our communication with the wider community.

Therefore to investigate and report on ways of improving our performance in this area by

- (a) a separate Connexional Communications department; or
- (b) assigning this function to an existing Division; or
- (c) co-operating in the activities of other denominations in the communication field.

6. That the Committee be as printed on pages 5f herein.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of

(b) New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association?

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1975

Meetings of the Dominion Executive were held regularly during the year. Mr A. V. Wilson resigned from the Executive, and was replaced by Mr F. Tugia. This appointment gave us three Samoan members on the executive.

Tribute: We record with a deep sense of sorrow the passing of our President and Editor, Norman Packham. His wide knowledge of lay preaching affairs has been of immense help to the Association, and his editorship of the magazine has brought many appreciative comments from Ministers and lay preachers. His devotion and diligence as a preacher were widely known, and his preaching ability, along with his concern for people brought to congregations a new realisation of God's love and care. We note that the Auckland branch presented him with a special diploma commemorating 40 years of service to their Branch Executive, and we join with them in thanking God for the work and witness of His servant. A suitable Minute has been recorded, and a full tribute will appear in the September issue of "The Preacher" magazine.

President: Colin H. Verry, the senior Vice-President, was elected to the Presidency. The President's Bible was presented to him by Mr Arch. Barrington, Vice-President of Conference.

Examination Results were as follows:

Subject	Pass	Fail	Total
Theology	4 (7)	— (4)	4 (11)
Old Testament	2 (6)	4 (—)	6 (6)
New Testament	— (3)	— (1)	— (4)
Homiletics	4 (2)	1 (—)	5 (2)
The Church	4 (3)	1 (1)	5 (4)
	<hr/> 14 (21)	<hr/> 7 (6)	<hr/> 21 (27)

(Last year's figures in parenthesis)

Accreditations: We welcome the following members who have gained their accreditation certificates this year: W. E. Elderton, Ngaio Union Parish, No. 417; G. A. Kane, Centre Bush Parish, Southland, No. 418; R. M. Dick, Papatoetoe, No. 419; George Barke, Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish, No. 420; Avis Garner, Lower Hutt-Petone, No. 421.

Long Service Diplomas were awarded to: W. Collins, Cambridge, 25 years; H. W. Beaumont, Christchurch, 50 years; F. R. Silby, Christchurch, 52 years; A. J. Heatherley, Hamilton, 27 years; A. A. L. Hutching, Dargaville, 40 years; E. A. Crane, Gisborne, 35 years; T. F. Whimster, Hamilton, 26 years; B. T. Smith, Hamilton, 34 years; K. C. Lewis, Hamilton, 26 years; F. R. Chibnall, Hamilton, 28 years; G. C. H. Prentice, Wanganui, 25 years; A. H. Jellyman, Blenheim, 27 years.

Branches: Taranaki-Wanganui Branch celebrated their 50th birthday this year, a special function being arranged.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty Branch held their annual weekend School, the leader being Rev. Duncan Graham.

Auckland Branch held two Schools (March and October), also their A.G.M. and Dinner with a guest speaker. Contact has been made with Presbyterian lay preachers, and Anglican lay readers.

Occasional newsletters are sent to all Branches, or to contact people in Circuits.

Finance: During the year we re-invested the \$2000 with the Prince Albert College Trust for a 6 year term at 9½% interest. Following the decision of the last Annual General Meeting, we have started the Investment Fund Account, this comprising the old Benevolent Fund plus any monies which are available for investment. Any requests for benevolent assistance can be met from the current account. Levies from Branches only totalled \$26.50. this represents a total of 106 financial members of the Association.

Future of the Dominion Executive: North Canterbury Branch have agreed to take the Dominion Executive responsibilities as from 1st February 1977. Auckland Branch is prepared to carry on until that date.

The Preacher: We consider that this quarterly magazine is our main task, and 850 copies are distributed to lay preachers and Ministers. Due to financial pressure, we may have to curtail either the size of the magazine, or the distribution. A further report on this will be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November.

For the Dominion Executive,

C. H. VERRY, President.

ALAN B. BAILEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Association be received and adopted.

QUESTION 36 (d)—What are the Reports of:

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1975

It is with pleasure that we present the 12th Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship in this International Women's Year.

Tribute:

Early in December we were saddened by the death at 91 of Miss Elizabeth Purdie, the only Life Member of the M.W.F. Miss Purdie gave faithful and devoted service to the Women's organisations of the Methodist Church for many years and maintained a keen interest in the Fellowship until shortly before her death. Miss Purdie was largely responsible for the success of the Stamp Fund which still provides assistance for our workers at home and overseas. We give thanks to God for her life of service.

Membership:

Our annual returns show a membership of 8038 within 19 districts; 5669 of these are affiliated to 202 Methodist Fellowships

and 2369 to 75 Union Fellowships. Northland District has recently formed a union with the Association of Presbyterian Women in their area, and to them we extend our good wishes that they may find this new venture a stimulating and rewarding experience.

All districts in their annual reports have shown a practical caring concern for the community and its needs through many avenues of social service activities and loyal and faithful support for the work of the Church at home and overseas.

President's Visits

Early in her term of office, Dorn Herbert was privileged to visit the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and during the year she has visited many of the Districts to speak about her visit. She has greatly appreciated the opportunity this has given her of meeting members in their own groups. On some occasions other members of the Executive have been able to accompany her. Mrs Herbert and some of the Executive were also pleased to attend the Association of Presbyterian Women's Annual Conference which this year was held in Dunedin.

National Executive Meetings:

The Executive has met regularly each month with extra meetings as required and is very grateful to Lucretia Spittle and Catherine Sheat who have regularly travelled from Gore and Milton to attend meetings.

Church Courts:

We were represented at Church Conference by the President and she and Doris Johnstone attended Church Council in May. We appreciated the opportunity of being represented at this important meeting of the church.

Communication:

President's letters and bulletins have been distributed regularly and have been favourably received, but it has sometimes been felt that information does not always get through to the local fellowship. As a result of a motion passed at Convention last year, the Executive prepared a Questionnaire which was distributed to each group throughout the country. The replies received have been given the Executive a valuable insight into the concerns of the local groups.

Kurahuna Grants and Scholarships:

This year the sixty-eighth girl has been assisted in direct aid and many more girls have received educational assistance through M.W.F. grants to the Maori Educational Foundation. In academic, sporting and personal achievements, all results are most encouraging. Work is proceeding on the production of a Brochure.

M.W.F. Annual Report, 31 August, 1975:

Stamp Fund:

The total raised from the sale of stamps for the year has been \$4,865.29, an increase of \$737.52 on last year's total. Our grateful thanks go to all those who undertake the time-consuming and painstaking task of preparing the stamps for sale, thus enabling us to provide grants for the little extras that are so much appreciated by the workers both in New Zealand and overseas.

Finance:

As the Annual Accounts show, the women of the Fellowship have been very generous in their giving during the year. During the final three months the 1974 Special Objective was open, a further \$1,695.74 was raised to help support the ministry of the Rev. Siauala Amituana'i. The response for the 1975 Special Objective for the Rea

Mea Hostel in Port Moresby has been outstanding. At 31 August 1975, \$10,930.61 had been received, a truly remarkable total when it is realised that it was raised over only six months. Our warmest thanks to all who helped to raise this fine sum.

This year for the first time, the Fellowships have been paying directly into the Connexional Budget. As was to be expected, there have been problems in the changeover, caused mainly through misunderstanding by some Fellowships and also by some Circuit Treasurers, but the result has been most satisfactory. As far as we can judge, \$22,000 approximately has been paid into the Connexional Budget.

Support for the Medical and Educational Fund has been a little hesitant, but at 31 August, \$2,122 had been received. The Fellowships have also contributed \$24,000 to local church trusts etc., \$7,550 to other church bodies and \$9,000 to other organisations.

We were pleased to receive the bequest of \$4,000 from the estate of the late Miss F. H. Tolley. This has now been invested and the interest will be paid to the Rangiatea Hostel.

Missions:

Our Missions Convener, Edith James, has enthusiastically encouraged support for the Fellowship's mission activities, and new allocations for both New Zealand and overseas workers have been prepared.

We were glad to have the opportunity as an Executive of meeting with the Rev. Geoff Tucker when he was in Dunedin and it was good to talk with Sister Pat Moodie when she was home on furlough.

Te Roopu Wahine:

Dorn Herbert enjoyed meeting the members of the co-ordinating committee at their Hui-a-Tau in October, and she and Mrs Johnston, during a visit to Taranaki, spent a night on a marae with some of the T.P.R. ladies. We have been kept in touch with their activities through correspondence and minutes.

Union:

The President and Secretary were pleased to be able to attend a meeting of the leaders of the other churchwomen's groups in Christchurch. At this meeting it was agreed that the Committee should be formally known as the Joint Committee of Women's Organisations in the Negotiating Churches, and official terms of reference were agreed upon.

Joint Programme Committee:

Through Lucretia Spittle, the Executive has been kept in close touch with the work of the Programme Committee and that of the Joint Committee. The opportunity that geographical location has provided for the Methodist and Presbyterian Committees to combine their activities has been appreciated, and some worthwhile material has been produced. Regretfully, this arrangement will cease with the transfer of the Presbyterian Committee to Central Otago next year. Mrs James and her committee have asked to be relieved next year also, and to them we extend our warmest thanks for their worthy contribution to the life of the Fellowship.

National Council of Women:

Jeanette Gibson represented the National Executive at the N.C. W. Special Executive Meeting held in Wellington to inaugurate IWY, and was most warmly welcomed. Within the Executive Margaret Hughes has taken a special interest in the work of the N.C.W. and has ensured that we have been kept in touch with their activities. We have regularly received Circulars and reports and have partici-

pated in two questionnaires—on Health Services and on Abortion, Contraception and Voluntary Sterilisation.

National Council of Churches

Many of the groups throughout the country are actively involved in the activities of the Women's Committee of the NCC, and assist with World Day of Prayer Services. We were glad to endorse the 'Water for Women' project for IWY, and are pleased that many Fellowships have supported it.

World Federation:

Gwenyth Crosbie has been appointed corresponding secretary and it has been most helpful to have this first hand contact with other Federation members. World Executive members are now preparing for the 1976 Assembly to be held in Dublin from 20-24 August and it is hoped that the President will be able to represent the N.Z.M.W.F. at that gathering.

CORSO:

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Mrs Beryl Williams who had been our representative on the CORSO Committee for several years, and we record here our grateful thanks for fine service she gave to the Fellowship in this way. She will be replaced on the committee by Mrs Mavis Bannerman of Wellington.

International Women's Year:

This has been International Women's Year, and we have been most interested to read of the various activities that have been held in all parts of the country, many on an ecumenical basis. We were grateful to Marie Smith and Alison Cundall of Wellington for representing the National Executive at the United Women's Convention and for the full report which they forwarded us. A special letter from the President was sent to all groups within the Fellowship with suggestions of ways in which they could support I.W.Y.

Thanks:

We record with gratitude our thanks to the Maori and Overseas Division of the Church and to the General Secretary, Rev. W. R. Laws. for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year. Thanks also to those serving in leadership in the Fellowship; to Mrs Price as immediate Past President, and to all members of the M. W.F. for their thoughtfulness and loyal support, which makes the Fellowship a vital part of the life of the Methodist Church.

DORN HERBERT, President.
PEG WILSON, Secretary

RESOLUTION

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 37—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Christian Education?

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

1. EDUCATING IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

(a) Conference approval of the 1974 Annual Report committed the Division to "a major deliberate educational programme to help develop the community of the Church in faith, love and service".

Community is basic to the church's life, worship, and mission.

Worship is the celebration of a community which has found itself to be a people for whom God cares and through whom he continues his work of reconciling love. Evangelism depends on community for its effectiveness, for community embodies the Gospel and enriches and motivates the sharing of it with others. And Christian education assumes Christian community as the setting for its work of nurture.

Fundamentally, community is a gospel happening in society and church—dependent on God and not human ingenuity. It is an "accident of grace" which links us into the biblical mystery of God's election of a people. ("How odd of God to choose the Jews.")

But there still is need to plan and work to realise the gift.

The educational questions which the Division has asked itself, and commends to the churches for constant application are:

What needs to be done if the experience of community in the church is to be deepened?

What will a Christian education programme look like if it is planned from the perspective of Christian community?

What are the signs of a flourishing Christian community?

What can be done educationally to encourage and nurture these signs?

These questions need to be asked of our established learning and fellowship groups at all age levels and also of the worship and wider life of the congregation. Unless a growing sense of belonging, identity and purpose is being built into the worship fellowship and outreach rituals of our life together, and mutual sharing, support and a concern for others are being developed, it is hard to see how the Gospel can be lived deeply or communicated effectively.

(b) Progress with our 1975 objectives

In February, objectives for the Division's 1975 programme were approved by the Board and distributed for information to the Synods. This Annual Report is written before many of these can be achieved, or even started. But attention is given here to a few completed tasks.

(i) Introduction and Interpretation of the emphasis in the Church.

Two programmes were completed.

In March-May, each Synod and Union District Council was visited by a staff or Board member to interpret the general principles of the community building section of the 1974 Annual Report, to help District leaders to identify some practical implications when a church views its Christian education task from the perspective of community building, to invite District commitment to the local phase of the interpretation programme, to outline the objectives which the Division had prepared for 1975, and to invite Districts to develop priorities for their own "education in Christian community" thrust.

In July-August, seven Regional training meetings were held. The nine hour training sessions were designed to interpret the needs and principles of a community building focus for the local Christian education task, to help local leaders to evaluate their present programmes from this focus, and to invite them to identify new possibilities for attention. The meetings set out to equip District selected visiting teams to visit local churches for these purposes, and the staff and Board members who led them were impressed by the quality of the people chosen by Districts for this assignment.

(ii) Publications: The Division gives a high priority to its publishing programmes. This enables it to disseminate ideas and possible programmes for local church use, and to report what is happening in particular churches to other churches.

The major publications in the February-August periods are:

- *to make changes in the format of the **Christian Education Handbook** so that it can serve as the basic local church resource from the Division to develop understanding and skills for educating in Christian community. The first issue in the new style appeared in April, and the intention is to publish three issues a year. The material is divided into six sections (educators, members, partners, celebrators, servants, and miscellaneous). Each section is printed on different coloured paper for convenient filing in a supplied folder. The Handbook is posted free to the Minister and a local contact person in every Methodist and Union Parish church. An objective has been set of doubling the number of subscribers at \$1.50 for three issues, and an encouraging start has been made with this. Also bulk sale to other Christian Education Departments is offered. Three Departments have joined this programme to date.

- *a six session study resource prepared by the Evangelism Task Group has been published by the Division and titled "**Building Christian Community**". It uses the successful format of "Creative Listening" and it is designed for leaders or committed members of a local church to train them to be effective "community builders".

- *three packets of worship material have been published under the title "Celebrating our Community". Sub-titles are: Packet 1, Four Family Cluster experiences; Packet 2, Four Family Worship Services; Packet 3. Lay participation in preparing and leading worship—four examples.

(c) **Special Activities, 1975**

The 1975/76 Connexional Budget outcome meant that the Division had to reduce its full time staff from three persons to two in the Planning and Training Section. A Budget equivalent of an extra half staff member was granted, and this has allowed the development of a Special Activities Account in our budget. By this means the Division is able to buy special services from gifted people, to support some pilot projects, to encourage selected developments, and to subsidise some publications. In 1975/76 while we regret the loss of a staff person, we welcome the opportunity to put some money into activities which the Division regards as especially significant for the future.

Examples in the current Budget are:

- *subsidising the Family Cluster Laboratory at Otaki in August.
- * financing support staff for a series of Values Clarification seminars planned for later this year.

- *financial travel for support staff and for resources in the Regional Training events described elsewhere in this Report.

- *bringing together representatives of working committees which are examining (i) the Lay Preachers' course and exams, and the place of the layman in preparing and leading worship.

- and (ii) the needs and possibilities for youth work structures and activities beyond the local church, and future Youth Conference policy.

- * financing the attendance of selected Methodist representatives at ecumenically planned Hans Reudi—Weber Bible Study Training courses in March 1976.

- *supporting Mr Geoff Hill as he seeks to foster Leadership Schools as an important aspect of his 1976 vice-presidential role.

- *preparing and subsidizing the publication of a booklet "Samoan and Palagi in Christian community," and developing some training events to consider its learning.

*helping Districts to use professional teachers more effectively in continuing leadership training.

*preparing and publishing jointly with other Christian Education Departments kitset material for CLC Revision interpretation programmes in the local church.

*providing better art work for our publications.

2. C.L.C. REVISION 1976

After a very extensive evaluation programme in 1974 the following conclusions provided the basis for the 1976 revision.

*Generally, there was widespread acceptance and approval of the C.L.C. All grades except the most recently produced nursery materials have been revised for 1976.

*More explicit use of the Bible was desired by teachers. The Bible, or a book of bible stories, is now a basic resource for each grade and the Bible itself is used more directly in the sessions.

*Concern was expressed at the somewhat divisive nature of Christian education groups in the church, and the gap between educational sessions and worship. "The New Beginnings" theme for older children through to adults is based on nine pivotal characters—Abraham, Moses, Elijah, David, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Jesus, Peter and Paul. While still providing for graded study sessions, this new course presents new possibilities for occasional shared educational sessions and for integrated worship services which link the educational programme to common worship themes. We emphasise the significance of this to the "educating in Christian community" focus.

*The lesson materials were often confusing for inexperienced teachers because too much material was supplied and too many choices were given. The revised lessons are simplified, and teachers' magazines will be published twice a year to facilitate session planning and to provide regular and fresh information about educational possibilities in the church.

*It was apparent that the CLC had assumed unrealistically that one hour was available for the lesson in a closely graded class. New materials will be more flexible, assuming a 45 minute Sunday school session, but mindful of the materials' use in a wider variety of settings e.g. camping situations, family contact groups, "Worship in the Round" and family cluster groupings.

*The grade names were confusing. The new names will allow each class to choose its own name and will not conflict with New Zealand school terminology. Grades are named alphabetically for ordering purposes.

3. Staff

(a) Jean Angus

Miss Angus concluded her term in the Division at the end of August to undertake a course in Clinical Pastoral Counselling at Porirua. She will leave New Zealand during early 1976 to seek a position in her home church, the United Church of Canada. For nearly five years Miss Angus has won her way into the affection of many New Zealanders, and also has given gifted professional leadership in children's, women's and general Christian education fields. She leaves her mark on many lives and has made a significant contribution to our church during her appointment.

(b) Loyal J. Gibson

A report was presented to Synods in August, accompanied by the resolution that Rev. L. J. Gibson be appointed as an Associate

Director in the Planning and Training Section from February 1976 and be resident in Auckland.

The nature of the appointment was described, emphasising (i) the provision of field services in the three northern districts in cooperation with ecumenical Christian education colleagues, and (ii) cooperation with St John's Theological College and the Development, Overseas, and Maori Divisions so that their educational functions are supported by and coordinated with this Division.

The personal qualities being sought were also outlined. These included a proven ability to be a catalyst for "community building" in the local church, to give a lead on the practice of theology and the theology of Christian education, and to initiate, develop and action ideas.

There can be no doubt that Mr Gibson commends himself to all Synods, but two Synods have expressed concern at the appointment of a key Circuit minister to this Connexional responsibility. The Board appreciates this concern, but wishes to point out:

*it is committed to carrying through a major educational thrust for community building, which requires experienced and skilled leadership.

*it is convinced that this appointment is consistent with the Church's stated strategy (e.g. see Mins 1970, pages 104-107 "Strategy, outreach and pastoral effectiveness of the Methodist Church"), and that the Division has a key role in the equipping of the local church for the tasks we keep declaring are our aim. For the Division to be effective, the best people are needed.

*this appointment does not increase the number of ministers in Connexional appointments. In fact, the Division's staff strength has been reduced by one in the last twelve months, and Mr Gibson is a replacement for Mr Rowe.

To the best of our knowledge, no suitable lay person is both suitable and available.

*It is the Board's carefully considered judgement that this position is critically important at this time, that it should be filled by a person who has the confidence of the church and who can be a credible stimulator for building Christian community in the local church.

The Board points out that Mr Gibson welcomes this invitation as an opportunity for a vital Christian ministry, and that the Church Council after full discussion gave its unanimous support to the designation. However, the Board does recognise that the Methodist Church needs to review its practices regularly, and during 1976 will be pleased to explore ways in which its staff positions might in the future be combined with part-time Circuit and/or District responsibilities.

(c) John S. Hosking

Synods unanimously supported the nomination that Rev. J. S. Hosking be designated at the 1975 Conference for re-appointment in 1976 for a further term.

4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The Churches' Education Commission was established in 1972, and brought together the former NCC Commission on Christian Education and the N.Z. Council for Christian Education. It has extensive and developing responsibilities on the churches' behalf in the whole field of public education. However, religious education in the Schools remains a critically important priority.

In 1973, the Commission sought and received the consent of the churches to "enter into new dialogue with the Department of Education aimed towards a wide-ranging review of all matters relevant to religious and moral education in N.Z. State Schools". (see Mins 1973, p. 125). Since then a lot of thinking and discussion has taken place—in the Commission, its Committees, its constituent and affiliated bodies, and with the Department of Education. In 1974, the Department convened a Conference at Hogben House on moral and religious education, and a group of people selected from a good range of educational and theological viewpoints was surprised and gratified at the amount of shared thinking and consensus. In April 1975, seeking to clarify the churches' negotiating position with the Department and needing clearer guidelines to establish its own priorities for activity, the Churches' Education Commission prepared a policy statement, "Religious Education in Schools". The statement gave a lot of satisfaction to Commission members, who have struggled for a number of years with internal tensions over the issues. It signified a way ahead which gives hope that the churches can develop new styles for serving the N.Z. community through the public schools system. The Commission now seeks the churches' support for its proposals.

The Board supports the policy statement and seeks Conference approval for the resolutions set out below.

There are many important issues involved. but the Board emphasises three.

(a) A new situation calls for new responses:

It has become increasingly obvious that the "Nelson" system does not and cannot provide adequate coverage for religious education through our schools. The Commission is currently researching the actual proportion of N.Z. children presently taught under the "Nelson" system. It is probable that less than 30% are included, and it is futile to base our future strategy on a resolve to "try harder".

Consider:

- *the rise in school population.
- *the increasing difficulties in maintaining satisfactory standards of voluntary teaching in a changing education scene.
- *the increase and diversification of demands on the time of the Christian ministry
- *the concept of the education of the whole person challenges the half hour slot for religious instruction.

On the other hand, it seems timely to encourage the Education Department in the development of resources and guidelines for moral and religious education, and a thorough review of the secular clause.

Consider:

- *the most encouraging degree of consensus in approach reached at the Education Department's Hogben House Conference on moral and religious education in schools.
- *the concerns expressed through the Education Development Conferences that teaching about moral and spiritual values should be an important part of a school's programme
- *after the initial negative protest, the substantially positive response to the booklet "Human Development and Relationships in the Curriculum," and the new possibilities for local development of such courses in the schools
- *the recently published guidelines for a Social Studies syllabus

(Forms 1-4) which promise a significant advance in values education in our schools.

(b) Moral and religious education needs to be an integral part of the N.Z. public school curriculum:

Religious education, when viewed as evangelism or nurture, is clearly a responsibility of the church. These responsibilities cannot be given away to others. However, evangelism and nurture are not appropriate activities for the school context, and a more limited definition of religious education is needed here. It is appropriate for a school curriculum to include opportunities for pupils "to understand and appreciate the beliefs by which people live," and in N.Z. where the Christian faith has been a pervasive influence through our cultural heritage and history, it is important that particular emphasis should be given to understanding and appreciating the Christian faith. In that sense of religious education, the school is the appropriate body to assume responsibility. The classroom teacher has a key role in shaping and helping to clarify values and moral attitudes, and this responsibility cannot be left as at present to the weekly classroom visitor. This understanding about what is appropriate religious education in the school setting and the need for a consequent development of initiative and responsibility by the education authorities in the fields of moral and religious education are major policy changes proposed in the Commission's statement.

(c) The church has new styles of cooperation to learn with the school and the community in public education.

The new policy proposes a transfer of some responsibility from the voluntary visitor to the classroom teacher. But this should not be taken to mean that the policy argues for the church opting out of involvement in this field. Rather, it means that the church has new lessons to learn about how to cooperate with school and community for lively moral and religious education. (The same lessons are currently being applied in the field of T.V. and radio.) In our educational system which is seeking to give a needed new emphasis to quality of life, the worth of the person, and the importance of human relationships and moral values, the churches have a lot to offer. We have wide experience and many skills built up over a long background of working with and for people. Also, where young people are seeking to establish their own value systems and to make their own life commitments, clear expressions of faith and conviction from a diversity of visitors to the school, including Christians, are appropriate. Obviously too, within the particular field of religious education, the churches will have a lot to offer to complement the teacher in the classroom.

Already, many voluntary teachers are experimenting with new styles within the "Nelson" system, and others are cooperating with classroom teachers and whole schools in most interesting ways. The Commission needs to establish clear policies which encourage and facilitate such initiatives. New models of classroom/community cooperation need to be made widely known so that imagination is fired to new options of programme.

It is obvious that N.Z. education is moving towards more local variety consistent with broad agreed curriculum guidelines. The day of the nationwide uniform system is behind us. "The Commission's task will be to seek to discover, evaluate and promote a variety of curriculum resources appropriate to diverse community situations, and encouraging the involvement of suitable people." It is envisaged that some local communities will choose to continue with the present

system, and the Commission will endeavour to help these programmes function as effectively as possible. Also, "the Commission will need to confer with the Department of Education concerning the formulation of procedures which will ensure that all matters affecting the curriculum in social education, especially in its religious, moral and personal aspects, are subject to continuing consultation between school and community." It is important that local and district churches are prepared to play a full part in these developments.

5. STEWARDSHIP

(a) Staff

During the past year, the field work has been serviced by the Associate Director (Stewardship) and Mr Bruce McCallum.

In addition, because of the demand for programmes and the inability of the Section to find part-time staff, an approach was made to a number of circuit ministers to determine their willingness and availability to conduct one Stewardship Mission. A team of six was trained over a three day period in May and each has been allocated one programme.

This new development, whilst it was initiated to meet a crisis situation, may be seen as a logical extension of the practice of circuit ministers being freed from normal local duties for a short period to conduct Missions of an evangelical, expository or educational nature.

The Section is at the moment seeking replacement staff for Mr Bruce McCallum who resigned as from the end of the Second Term 1975. It is envisaged that the Director (Stewardship), one full time Field Staff person and part-time staff will be the 1976 staff complement.

(b) Results

The results in Stewardship Programmes so far this year have been particularly encouraging. To date the average pledge has increased by 10% in relation to the 1974 results. However, with double figure annual inflation still with us, the need to keep the challenge of responsible Christian giving in today's world constantly before the church is still paramount.

(c) Alternative Programmes

Since our church began offering stewardship services to local circuits over 15 years ago, the traditional programme has served us well. It has become increasingly obvious however, that new approaches are required also. As a result of pilot experiments and subsequent evaluation and alterations in structures, two alternative programmes are offered for 1976, in addition to the programme format that has been well tried over the years.

Each of the new programmes relies heavily on local leadership with the Director exercising more of a trainer role. One programme focuses on a series of house groups, the other on a long and demanding evaluation of a church's present goals and a challenge to finance these specific goals. It needs to be emphasised that both programmes confront congregations with the need for giving that matches the requirements of the day.

(d) Promotion

The 1974 Conference provided a sum of \$1500 for the purposes of promoting the Connexional Budget and gave the Stewardship

Section the responsibility for the task. The Stewardship Committee of the Board is at present planning strategies for the expenditure of this money in a way that will inform and stimulate the church as well as evoking a meaningful response.

(e) Finance

The financing of the work of the Section is derived from two sources—a grant from the Connexional Budget and fees for Stewardship services. The basic principle applied in requests for support from the Budget is the provision of stipend and housing costs for the Associate Director (Stewardship).

This year has seen a change in the basis for charging fees. Whereas previously charges were made on a strict basis, the new structure takes into account the size of the church engaged in the programme and the results of the Mission. To date this change has meant a loss of some income to the Section, but on the other hand it has been of material assistance to the smaller circuits. This to a large degree justifies the alteration, but with rapidly rising costs, the position will be kept under review to ensure both that our own operating costs are covered, and the charges kept within the reach of churches.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Epworth Bookroom

The Church continues to be exceptionally well served by Mr Glyn Jones and his staff in Epworth Bookroom. Because of the larger than anticipated drop in Joint Board sales in the final year of the first CLC phase, there was a deficit in 1974/75 Accounts. However, with the CLC Revision 1976, Epworth Bookroom has been chosen as the N.Z. agent for all Joint Board publications, and this will mean a substantial rise in Bookroom sales. We look forward to 1975/1976 as a turning point in Bookroom fortunes, and anticipate that this new development will also widen opportunities for selling religious books to ecumenical customers through New Zealand.

(b) Special Report on children's and youth ministry

Special reports were prepared for the Church Council in May. Summaries are included in the Church Council report.

(c) Order of St Stephen

The 105th member accepted into the Order was Miss Bertha Zurcher. Miss Zurcher however is a first in that she gave a post-retirement year of service. As a medical social worker, she was well equipped to establish a home support service under the Methodist Social Services Centre in Palmerston North. Working out of a caravan, Miss Zurcher was able to give care to forty children in their own homes when their parents were in situations of crisis.

At present, Miss Heather Smith is working as a circuit assistant in Papanui, Christchurch, and Miss Cathryn Gabites is assisting in the Masterton Children's Home.

FREDERICK E. WAINE, Chairman
JOHN GRUNDY, Director

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the personal qualities and leadership contribution of Miss Jean Angus as she

terminates her position as an Associate Director in the Education Division.

3. That Conference approves the appointment of Rev. L. J. Gibson for an initial three year term as an Associate Director in the Education Division.
4. That Conference designates Rev. J. S. Hosking for appointment at the 1976 Conference for a second term as an Associate Director (Stewardship) in the Education Division.
5. That Conference encourages local churches to examine the new opportunities for Christian education provided by the Christian Life Curriculum Revised, and in particular recommends the New Beginnings course in 1976 for older children, youth and adults as one means of integrating Christian education with worship, and increasing an understanding of the Bible and its basic message.
6. That Conference supports the Churches Education Commission in its policy to encourage the Department of Education to assume more initiative and responsibility for curriculum and teacher training in the area of values and religious education.
7. That Conference recognises that the Churches' Education Commission is presenting a new role for the church in public education, and expresses its support to that body as it seeks to implement these developments.
8. That Conference commends the use of the Kitset available from Churches' Education Commission.
9. That the following resolution, with background notes, together with other reports on developments in training for lay ministry, be referred to Church Council for co-ordinated study and report: "That Synod expresses its concern to Conference with regard to the present role of the lay ministry within the life of the Church, with the purpose of seeking a review of the present position and formulating an updated policy and strategy for the future".
10. (a) That the Stewardship section be asked to consult with the Administration and Overseas Divisions to prepare a report for Church Council on Methodist involvement in overseas aid and development.
(b) That the Overseas Division implement a programme of Education on Methodism's role in the area of Overseas Aid, Development and Mission.
11. That Board members of Education Division for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

QUESTION 38—(a) What are the Resolutions of Conference in regard to Public Questions?

METHODIST PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

I. ABORTION LAW REFORM:

The controversial amendments to the Hospitals Act, effective from 1st September, 1975, limit legal abortions to public hospitals, or licensed private hospitals approved by the Director General of Health for this purpose. From the aspect of legality, the measure gives rise to uncertainty, and on other grounds there is apprehension as to its effect. Undoubtedly, much will depend on the interpretation

of the new provisions at law and their administration, also the extent to which the service provided by the Medical Aid Centre, previously located in Remuera, will be able to continue within the framework of the amended legislation.

Although the Hospitals Amendment Act is less restrictive than originally proposed, nevertheless the grounds on which it was criticised in last year's report still apply. The Committee therefore welcomes the Government's decision to set up a Royal Commission on Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion and has made submissions to the Commission in line with the Report to the 1974 Conference.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL FILES:

(1) Matters arising from the Police Seizure of Medical Files at the Auckland Medical Aid Centre

A. The Use of Search Warrants

Traditionally, the Common Law has always regarded search warrants with a certain amount of distaste and originally limited them to searches for stolen goods. On the one hand, the Court has always sought to protect the freedom of the individual. The security of his home is not to be broken except for the most compelling reason. On the other hand, the interests of society at large in finding out wrongdoers has to be considered. The hands of the Police should not be unnecessarily shackled in the detection of crime.

In N.Z. the issue of search warrants has been controlled by statute throughout most of the Dominion's history. The first statutory provision was S. 121 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1861. It limited the search to stolen property, and this was continued in the Acts of 1882, 1908 and 1927. The Criminal Code Act of 1893 also contained provisions for search warrants, which were repeated by the Act of 1908 (S. 365). These two streams of statutory authority were brought together in S. 198 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.

The relevant sections of S. 198 are as follows:

SEARCH WARRANTS—(1) Any magistrate or Justice or any Registrar (not being a constable) who, on an application in writing made on oath, is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for believing that there is in any building, aircraft, ship, carriage, vehicle, box, receptacle, premises or place—

- (a) Any thing upon or in respect of which any offence punishable by imprisonment has been or is suspected of having been committed; or
 - (b) Any thing which there is reasonable ground to believe will be evidence as to the commission of any such offence; or
 - (c) Any thing which there is reasonable ground to believe is intended to be used for the purpose of committing any such offence—
- may issue a search warrant in the prescribed form.

2. Every search warrant shall be directed either to any constable by name or generally to every constable. Any search warrant may be executed by any constable.

3. Every search warrant to search any building, aircraft, ship, carriage, vehicle, premises or place shall authorise any constable at any time or times within one month from the date thereof to enter and search the building, aircraft, ship, carriage, vehicle, premises, or place with such assistants as may be necessary, and if necessary, to use force for making entry, whether by breaking open doors or otherwise; and shall authorise any constable to break open any box or receptacle therein or thereon, by force if necessary.

4. Every search warrant to search any box or receptacle shall authorise any constable to break open the box or receptacle by force if necessary.

5. Every search warrant shall authorise any constable to seize anything referred to in subsection one of this section.

6. In any case where it seems proper for him to do so, the Magistrate, Justice or Registrar may issue a search warrant on an application made on oath orally, but in that event he shall make a note in writing of the grounds of the application.

7. Every search warrant may be executed at any time by day or by night.

8. It is the duty of every one executing any search warrant to have it with him and to produce it if required to do so.

cf. 1908, No. 32, ss 61, 365(1), (1a), (2); 1922, No. 35, s.4; 1927, No. 37, ss.27 277, 278. 279; 1955, No. 67, s.2.

Whereas with the previous statutes, the form of the search warrant was set out in the schedules to the Act, with the Summary Proceedings Act of 1957, it was the consequent Summary Proceedings Regulations 1958 (S.R. 1958/38) which set out the form of the warrant.

It authorises the executing officer to seize "Anything which there is reasonable ground to believe will be evidence as to the commission of the offence". This means that the constable executing the warrant now has a greater measure of discretion. Whereas prior to the Summary Proceedings Act of 1957, the officer was limited in his seizure to those things which were within the description set out in the warrant, the form of the warrant now authorizes him to seize anything which there is reasonable ground to believe will be evidence as to the commission of an offence (being the offence earlier set out in the warrant).

The reason for this change was obvious as Lord Denning comments in *Chic Fashions (West Wales) Ltd. v. Jones* (1968) 2 Q B.299.

"Test it this way: suppose the constable does not find the goods mentioned in the warrant, but finds other goods which he reasonably believes to be stolen. Is he to quit the premises and go back to the magistrate for another search warrant to cover these other goods? If he went away, I should imagine that in nine cases out of ten, by the time he came back with a warrant, these other goods would have disappeared. The true owner would not recover them. The evidence of the crime would have been lost. That would be to favour thieves and to discourage honest men . . ."

This change is not to be misconstrued as giving the police the right to obtain a general warrant. The N.Z. Courts, as with the Courts of Australia and Canada, have sternly set their face against general warrants. This was confirmed in the recent Judgement of the Court of Appeal relating to the seizure of the files from the Auckland Medical Aid Centre. As " . . . There was certainly no evidence before the Magistrate on which he could be satisfied that there were reasonable grounds that all the records described in the warrant or even all those of interviews with women seeking abortions, would be evidence as to the commission of 'an offence of abortion'. At most there were reasonable grounds for belief that some of the records would be evidence of such an offence. That being so it was in my opinion his duty to ensure, in the particular circumstances of the present case, that the warrant authorised the seizure only of such records as in fact would be evidence of such an offence . . ."

However, some questions still remain.

What do the words of S.198(5) "anything referred to in sub-section (1)" refer to? To the things covered by (a), (b) and (c) in sub-section 1, or those things covered by the opening words of the section? The Court of Appeal is divided on this. McCarthy P. would permit seizure of material which there is reasonable grounds to believe will afford evidence at the time of the search. Richmond would not: he relates s.s.5 to the whole of s.s.1 so that the police may only seize material within the contemplation of the magistrate when the warrant was issued. In any future re-writing of the law this important point will need to be clarified.

Are the present safeguards of the freedom of the individual from unwarranted search for and seizure of property sufficient?

The safeguards are—(1) that a judicial officer must be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for issuing a warrant at all.

(2) That warrant is only valid for a month. (3) That the owner of the building can require the search warrant to be produced. The questions which concern us are—can the householder really assess its validity? Can he really know and enforce its limits on an enforcing officer? It is realistic to talk of a man's ability to call his lawyer? This is not always as easy as some people seem to assume. How realistic is the "judicial officer" protection when the judicial officer may be a local "known to be friendly to the police" J.P. Questions such as these must be considered in any rewriting of the law.

B. The Admissibility of illegally obtained evidence

The whole question of what should be done about evidence wrongfully seized is an important one. In N.Z. at the present time the Courts have a discretion to admit illegally obtained evidence if it is relevant and if it does not "operate unfairly against the accused". Evidence is virtually never excluded on this basis. One author has only been able to find four Commonwealth cases where appellate courts have held that a lower court should have exercised its discretion to exclude such evidence. We are concerned that in the Auckland Medical Aid Centre case the police were not compelled to return all of the files and they were allowed continued access to those files that had been unlawfully seized. Furthermore, nothing was done to compel the police to return any photo-copies of the files they might have made.

We believe that urgent consideration should be given to a change in the law, which would not only exclude from a trial evidence wrongfully seized (and any other material which springs from the wrongful seizure), but which would also require the police to return to the owner evidence and any copies of evidence, obtained pursuant to an invalid warrant.

C. The Confidentiality of Medical Records

The Rules relating to the admissibility of evidence are very complex and it would be almost impossible to draft legislation which would provide protection for records that did not constitute admissible records, whilst at the same time leaving records that are admissible within the grasp of the police, through the Search Warrant provisions.

These difficulties are further aggravated in cases where the doctor and patient have both committed offences, or where the doctor, unbeknown to the patient, has committed a criminal offence.

While the Committee has some sympathy with the idea that search warrant provision should not extend to doctor, lawyer and clergy records, we are of the opinion that the disadvantages of such a law would far outweigh its advantages. We maintain that it would

be inconsistent with the general rule relating to privileges that communications made for a criminal purpose are not protected.

It has been suggested that the Summary Proceedings could be amended by inserting the following proviso into section 198(1) namely—

“Provided that records kept by any solicitor, medical practitioner, clergyman or psychologist in his professional capacity concerning or about any person consulting him in that capacity, shall not be examined or seized under the authority of a warrant issued under this section unless the seizure and examination is consented to by the Attorney General by his endorsement on the warrant.”

This suggestion is worthy of serious consideration as it would provide a measure of protection and it would place authorisation of any search under both legal and political scrutiny, thus ensuring that such authorisation would never be given lightly.

D. Medical Privilege

The Committee suggests that Section 8(2) of the Evidence Act 1908 be replaced by the following provisions:

“(2) A medical practitioner or psychologist shall not, without the consent of his patient, divulge in any proceedings (unless the sanity or testamentary capacity of the patient is the matter in dispute) any communication made to him in his professional character by such patient and necessary to enable him to treat such patient in respect of a mental or emotional problem, or for drug dependency.

(2a) The consent referred to in sub-section (2) of this section may be given by the patient's personal representative—

(a) Where the patient is dead, or

(b) Where the patient is a ‘committed patient’, or ‘Special patient’ within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1969.

(2b) Where a patient is a minor under the age of 18 years and is neither a ‘committed patient’ or ‘special patient’, such consent may be given by the patient's guardian.”

Section 8(3) be amended to read:

“(3) Nothing in this section shall protect any communication made for any criminal purposes.”

Such a change would clarify the present Act and makes its interpretation less confusing and uncertain. It would also bring such definitions as “medical practitioner” up to date and widen its scope to include mental and emotional problems and drug dependency.

The Committee believes that where criminal proceedings are involved, the Doctor should not be protected, as is the case under our existing law.

We would answer those who suggest that people who are in need of medical treatment may be inhibited from obtaining that treatment by the fear that something they may say to their doctor may later be made public or used against them in criminal proceedings, by asking just how often in fact does this occur? We suggest that only in a few instances would a person at the time of seeking medical treatment fear disclosure by the doctor of his medical confidences in court. Generally speaking, a person's medical condition is not of any legal significance nor is it a matter of strict confidence. Invariably, in those rare circumstances where a person at the time of consulting a doctor does fear for the disclosure of confidences in a court room, medical treatment is so intrinsically valuable that few if any would be willing to forego it.

The Torts and General Law Committee has suggested that privilege be extended to all those cases where the offence concerned was

the product of some underlying medical condition, e.g., petty theft (kleptomania) or indecent exposure. However, these offences do involve victims.

If the police are unable to obtain vital evidence and a conviction fails as a result, then justice suffers to some extent or other. Moreover, while some conditions (e.g., kleptomania) give rise to relatively petty forms of criminal behaviour, there are others (e.g., some types of sexual deviance) that may manifest themselves in serious crimes such as sexual assault. For these reasons, the Public Questions Committee is not in favour of any change in the law at this stage.

The question of the position of a woman seeking an abortion has been discussed. There are some who claim that this offence falls within "the victimless" category. The committee feels that there is little to be gained by any discussion at this time. We think that the real question here is whether or not the community is prepared to sanction abortion. If it is prepared to sanction abortion, then the problem resolves itself, at least as far as abortions completed within the appropriate period are concerned. On the other hand if the community is not prepared to sanction abortion and it remains a criminal offence, then there seems to us to be no good reason why the criminal law should not take its normal course.

III. HOMOSEXUAL LAW REFORM (Resolution 8, p. 154, 1974 Minutes):

The submissions presented by the Public Questions Committee to the Select Committee on the Crimes Amendment Bill 1974, can now be appended as part of this Report. The representations were well received in the Select Committee hearings. Rejection of the homosexual law reform proposals by the legislature therefore came as a disappointment, particularly in view of the more receptive climate which now prevails in the community in support of reform in this area. Expression of this disappointment has been conveyed to the Minister of Justice and the hope reaffirmed that the Government will be prepared of its own volition, to initiate further action for reform, thereby avoiding reliance on a Private Members Bill as the means for change.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL, 1974

Introduction

The Methodist Public Questions Committee welcomes the introduction of the Crimes Amendment Bill, 1974, Clause 4, which proposes "to make homosexual acts committed in private between consenting males 21 years or over no longer criminal offences. If the proposed amendment becomes law it will go a long way towards removing a gross injustice to a much misunderstood minority. In these submissions the Methodist Public Questions Committee strongly supports the proposal under the following headings:

1. Methodist Conference Advocacy of Homosexual Law Reform.
2. Increased Support for Homosexual Law Reform.
3. Nature of Homosexuality, and some Implications for Homosexual Law Reform.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee opposes the suggested provision of Clause 2 to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for indecency between man and boy, and raises some questions concerning the age of consent for homosexual acts.

1. Methodist Conference Support for Homosexual Law Reform

The Methodist Conference in 1961 adopted a statement on "Factors Involved in the Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices"

(Minutes, pp 94-6). This was reaffirmed in 1967 (Minutes, p. 114, Res. 5), and in 1968 (Minutes, p. 145, Res. 14 b).

Conference, 1968, also "expressed its regret that Parliament did not assent to the petition for the amendment of the Crimes Act, 1961, to provide that Sections 141 and 142 shall no longer apply to consenting adult males who perform homosexual acts in private". (Minutes, p. 145, Res. 14 a).

Conference, 1969, resolved "That the Methodist Church continue to press for necessary law reform concerning homosexual acts between consenting adults and that it supports the work of the Homosexual Law Reform Society as it attempts—through reasoned argument and well-documented facts—to make such legislation possible". (Minutes, p. 154, res. 12).

The 1961 Methodist Conference report was important in that it was the first official church comment on homosexuality in New Zealand, and that it supported law reform. Thirteen years later, although the situation remains the same in that the law has not been amended, there is a more favourable climate in the community supporting law reform.

2. Increased Support for Homosexual Law Reform

a. Since the Methodist statement in 1961, official support for homosexual law reform has come from some Anglican dioceses, the Associated Churches of Christ, the Society of Friends and the Presbyterian Church. The Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches, after its Commission on Church and Society had studied the proposal, declared its support for the objectives of the New Zealand Homosexual Law Reform Society.

b. The New Zealand Homosexual Law Reform Society was formed in 1967 "to promote reform of the law whereby homosexual acts between consenting adults in private shall not constitute a criminal offence". The Society has had widespread support from leading citizens and professional people.

c. The Labour and National Parties, through their annual Conferences, have supported Homosexual Law Reform, although neither the previous National Government nor the present Labour Administration have been prepared to draft the necessary legislation to initiate such a change. It is deeply regretted that the matter has had to come before the House as a Private Member's Bill.

d. New Zealand will not be pioneering with radical social legislation when the law on homosexuality is changed, but following behind an increasing number of other countries who have initiated reform.

The Wolfenden Report, 1957, Appendix III, listed Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Sweden as European countries in which homosexual behaviour between consenting adults in private is not punishable. Since then there has been reform of the law on homosexuality, as the Preamble in part acknowledges, in Czechoslovakia (1962), England and Wales (1967), Federal Republic of Germany (1969), Canada (1970), eight states of the United States of America (1962 onwards), South Australia (1972), Australian Capital Territories (1974).

3. Nature of Homosexuality, and Some Implications for Homosexual Law Reform

a. Homosexuality is a condition; not a pattern of behaviour. A homosexual is a person who is sexually attracted to members of the same sex. It is probable that about 5 per cent of the male population is homosexual, or about 50,000 men in New Zealand, and a slightly smaller proportion of women.

Although the majority of the community is heterosexual, or sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex, many people have slight homosexual tendencies, and others have passed through a homosexual phase in the course of their development. "There can be no possible doubt that homosexual behaviour is potential within every man. Kinsey discovered that no less than thirty-seven per cent of males have had some homosexual experience". A. Storr, "Sexual Deviation", p. 82 (Pelican Books, 1964).

Homosexuals, male or female, are widely distributed through the whole community and are found in all walks of life. However, it is often the homosexual who indulges in criminal activities, or the aggressive "gay" person who enjoys advertising his sexual orientation that gets the greater publicity and consequently is wrongly regarded as typical of all homosexuals.

It is impossible to find an analogy that is not open to misinterpretation, but sometimes it is considered helpful to see homosexuality as a minority condition similar to lefthandedness. "It could occur in many different types from the most intelligent to the least. Some would make heavy weather of their difficulty, while others might flaunt it and even be proud of it. Others still may feel uneasy at being different, ashamed and almost guilty, and try to hide it. Some will adapt quite readily while others will try desperately to change and be like the majority. Finally, other people may well try to change them and even consider they need special help." F. E. Kenyon, "Homosexuality", p. 4 (British Medical Association, undated).

b. There is no one simple explanation of the cause of homosexuality that accounts for all cases. A great deal more research is needed before this question can be answered with certainty. Where the experts are at variance the layman must walk circumspectly.

There appears to be at least three factors of importance in discussions of the causes of homosexuality.

- i. Constitutional causes—hormonal balance, genetic factors, etc. Early indications of success in this line of research have not been sustained by later investigations.
- ii. Parent-child relationships—a disturbed psycho-sexual development may arise from an abnormal relationship with either, or both, of the parents.
- iii. External factors.

Whatever differences there might be in assigning weight to the above factors in the cause of homosexuality, there would be agreement that it arises from factors over which the individual has little or no direct control.

c. The above understanding of the nature and cause of homosexuality means that some common assumptions are erroneous. Some of these false statements are listed below:—

- i. "All homosexuals are readily identifiable—homosexual men are effeminate and homosexual women are masculine in appearance." A small group may be distinguished by this criteria, but as a generalisation it is highly misleading. Many people would be amazed to discover that some of their acquaintances are homosexual. Their lives appear indistinguishable from many of their associates, and it is not suspected that they have chosen to hide their particular sexual propensity from family and friends.
- ii. "Homosexuality is a dirty perversion in which some people make a deliberate and conscious choice of members of their own sex in order to gratify an uncontrolled sexual appetite." This unsupported assumption ignores the generally accepted explanations of the cause and nature of homosexual behaviour, and is insensi-

tive to the fact that sexual relations with the opposite sex are often as distasteful to the homosexual as the homosexual relationship is to the heterosexual. The injustice of the present law is that male homosexuals are discriminated against for a sexual orientation they did not choose.

iii. "Homosexuality is a synonym for sodomy".

Many homosexuals reject sodomy as an appropriate expression of sexual intimacy, and sodomy is as likely to take place within marriage as between homosexual males.

iv. "Homosexual males ought to refrain from homosexual acts."

However desirable self-control may be as a virtue to be aimed at, it is unrealistic to suggest that life long sexual abstinence, homosexual or heterosexual, can be achieved by more than a minority. And it is unjust to make such abstinence mandatory on a significant, even if a minority, group in the community. Marriage is not a viable option for most homosexuals, although a few are in heterosexual marriages.

d. Some people oppose homosexual law reform because they believe that this is evidence of a further increase in permissiveness in society, that it encourages lower moral standards, and that it implies moral approval of homosexual behaviour.

Current support for homosexual law reform can with greater accuracy be claimed to arise from a better understanding of the nature of sexuality in general, and of homosexuality in particular; a desire to see the homosexual freed from needless anxiety to enable him to make his contribution to society alongside his heterosexual brethren; and the intention to accept him in a non-judgmental manner as a fellow citizen.

Further, it is wrong to equate morality with legality. Other acts, such as adultery, widely considered as reprehensible, are not illegal. The support of homosexual law reform leaves open the question of what moral judgment ought to be made concerning homosexuality.

The Wolfenden Report (par. 61) makes a strong affirmation on "the importance which society and the law ought to give to individual freedom of choice and action in matters of private morality". It states:—

"Unless a deliberate attempt is to be made by society, acting through the agency of the law, to equate the sphere of crime with that of sin, there must remain a realm of private morality and immorality which is, in brief and crude terms, not the law's business. To say this is not to condone or encourage private immorality. On the contrary, to emphasise the private and personal nature of moral or immoral conduct is to emphasise the private and personal responsibility of the individual for his own actions, and that is a responsibility which a mature agent can properly be expected to carry for himself without the threat of punishment from the law."

e. There is nothing in the teaching of Jesus concerning the homosexual. The Gospels present Jesus as "the friend of publicans and sinners" who warmly accepted people that the community despised or did not understand, and who affirmed by his carefree relationship with them their true humanity, as real and as fragile as any of their neighbours.

Elsewhere in the Bible homosexuality receives only scant and incidental reference. It is condemned in the Old Testament law. In the New Testament epistles it has brief, though condemnatory, comment. The Biblical writers cannot be expected to show an under-

standing of the nature of homosexuality that has only become possible through modern medical and psychological research.

The Christian's concern for the homosexual must be seen together with a responsibility to preserve marriage for all who are able to enter into it as a joyous relationship where two people can give creative expression to their sexual impulses in a lifelong relationship. From such an unreserved commitment to each other children may be born and brought up in a stable home. Although this ideal may be achieved in its fullness only rarely, it is the norm which should be kept before the heterosexual majority of the population. But this is completely unrealistic for and impossible of achievement by the homosexual.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee's statement on "Human Sexuality" (1970 Conference Minutes, pp. 141-2) states that "the key aspect of sex is **relationship** and therefore the central moral criterion should be one of **responsibility**. This concern for the effects of our actions on the well-being of others should permeate our lives; it has particular application to sexual expression. It seems to be a unifying concept which makes sense of the bewildering mosaic of practice, prohibition, distaste and enthusiasm which makes up our sexual attitudes. Judgment for action in any situation needs to be governed by the question, "Is this a responsible action?" In this light, some behaviour usually abhorred may take on a degree of moral responsibility that we have previously ignored; an example of this may be found in stable and affectionate relationships existing between homosexuals, even though such permanence may not be very common. Any relationship which is governed by exploitation is immoral in the true sense of that much abused word, and so rape inside or outside marriage is always wrong, as is child molesting, which by its nature cannot be a responsible decision by both parties."

The Christian attitude towards the homosexual should be one of acceptance as a person. Insofar as the homosexual is misunderstood by many in the community and discriminated against by the law, the Christian has an obligation to seek to understand his situation and to work to remove the unnecessary injustices under which he labours. The Church has a responsibility to advocate that there be available in the community specialist help for the homosexual who is **voluntarily** seeking to change his sexual orientation, and for the homosexual who needs supportive counselling in resolving difficulties in his relationship with other people. For the rest the Christian must be content to let the homosexual make his own judgments and to live the kind of life he chooses, with non-discriminatory law. This is the basic human right the Christian—and the non-Christian—takes for granted for himself, and should be alert to preserve for others.

4. Age of Consent

The Crimes Amendment Bill follows the Crimes Act, 1961, in specifying the age of twenty-one years for determining when it is legal for a consenting adult male to perform homosexual acts in private. There is justification for reducing this age to eighteen years, or alternatively to sixteen years.

The voting age is now eighteen years. If a person of eighteen years is considered capable of making a responsible judgment on important community issues, that same eighteen year old male ought to have the right to make an equally responsible decision concerning his sexual activity.

The 1967 British Royal Commission on issues involved in determining the age of responsibility in a majority report stated, *inter alia*:

- i. The historical reasons for twenty-one years as the age of responsibility are not relevant to contemporary society;
- ii. Most young people today mature earlier than in the past;
- iii. By eighteen years most young people are ready for adult responsibilities and rights.

In support of reducing the age to sixteen years in the proposed amendment it is noted that a girl of sixteen years may consent to carnal knowledge with a man. It is difficult to find reasons that would permit such a girl to make a decision concerning her sexual conduct with either a male or a female (for female homosexuality does not come within purview of the law) but yet deny that same right and responsibility to a sixteen year old male.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee favours substituting eighteen years for twenty-one years in Clause 3, but would not oppose the alternative suggestion of sixteen years. It is stressed again (see 3d.) that the question at issue is that of legality and not morality, nor the establishment of community norms. It emphasises "the private and personal responsibility of the individual for his own actions, and that is a responsibility which a mature agent can properly be expected to carry for himself without the threat of punishment from the law." (Wolfenden Report, par 61).

5. Penalty for Indecency between Man and Boy

The Methodist Public Questions Committee does not support Clause 2 of the Bill which provides for the increase of maximum penalty from ten to fourteen years for indecency between man and boy, and does not believe that such an amendment will in fact "give greater protection to male children under 16 years from being sexually molested by males 21 years and over", as stated in the Explanatory Note" to the Bill.

Paedophilia, or the sexual deviation in which a man, or a woman, is exclusively attracted to children is a rare phenomenon, but when a case is reported, especially if it is accompanied by violence, the general public reaction is one of disgust. It may be tempting to try to gain increased public support for the main provision of the Bill in Clause 3 by making sterner provisions for penalty in indecent assaults against children, but it overlooks the fact that homosexuality and paedophilia are unrelated offences, and arise from a different motivation. The Wolfenden Report notes that "a man who has homosexual relations with an adult partner seldom turns to boys . . ." (par 57) and more recent investigations confirm this conclusion.

"The adult who makes a sexual assault upon a child requires medical and psychiatric investigation rather than punishment. The older man who commits such an offence for the first time is very often suffering from cerebral arteriosclerosis or some other organic affliction which has damaged his brain and impaired his control. The younger person who feels a compulsive attraction towards children does so as a result of a disorder of his emotional development which may be treatable by psychotherapy, but which in any case is most unlikely to be influenced by punishment. Sexually deviant people are already burdened with an excessive load of guilt and inferiority, and to punish them by imprisonment without treatment is likely to increase rather than to diminish the chance of their offence being repeated. Anthony Storr, "Sexual Deviation" p. 108 (Pelican, 1964).

The Methodist Public Questions Committee believes that the professional judgment of a psychiatrist such as Anthony Storr is more in keeping with the gospel emphasis on personal renewal, and

therefore on the treatment of the offender, than is the more severe punishment provided for in Clause 2.

IV. THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN NEW ZEALAND

This report has been variously described as "timid and bitsy", "the most feeble and least thorough-going report ever produced by a statutory body", and "soft common-sense". The Committee's word is "disappointing".

Some of the joint submissions made by the Public Questions Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches (1974 Minutes, pp. 133-137) were supported by the Royal Commission, e.g. no Sunday trading, but for the most part their recommendations were ignored. On the other hand the Royal Commission suggests a lowering of the drinking age to 18 years, the creation of "a special ancillary licence", the extension of hours on Friday and Saturday nights and New Year's Eve, the introduction of wine cafes and wine bars, the sale of liquor on domestic air services, the reduction of the age of barmaids to 18 years, and a host of other recommendations.

General Comments

1. The approach of the Royal Commission seems to have been to amend a clause here and a recommendation there instead of attempting to stand off to view the question in its wider social setting, which presumably is the function of a Royal Commission. One example is the Justice Department's proposal which was not taken seriously, that the whole licensing system be dismantled and replaced by a simpler one involving less protection for the trade.

2. The Royal Commission did not take seriously enough the mass of evidence presented to it which showed clearly the present consequences of alcohol abuse. It is not alone in this for, as a recent editorial commented: "... facts about the appalling social harm of our drinking habits stare us in the face; but we avert our eyes, and cannot bring ourselves even to begin to apply a remedy for the situation." The recommended extension of hours, notably at weekends and at times when the traffic accident rate is at its peak, illustrates the manner in which the Royal Commission has chosen to ignore the evidence presented to it. It seems obvious that any increase in drinking hours will lead to an increase in overall consumption of liquor, and therefore an increase in offences, problems associated with liquor and the difficulties faced by the Police in regard to alcohol related offences.

3. The Committee regrets that the Royal Commission report says little about the need for stronger liquor laws. It endorses Dr Sharples recent comment: "The fact remains, however, that problems arising from too much drink at taverns loom large in our society. Crime, anti-social offences, acts of violence, domestic upheavals and welfare problems are too often the result of the proverbial 'skinful of booze'. The need for tighter controls on the supply of liquor must be viewed as a social priority even if it may not be our own personal preference . . . The laws in this regard are quite laughable. A hotel manager may be prosecuted if his barman serves an intoxicated person. But there is no law prohibiting any other customer from supplying him with alcohol in the tavern premises. And even if a prosecution does result the hotel licence which is held by the breweries is never in jeopardy: only the manager is held responsible. Thus there is no legal pressure upon the breweries to tighten the supply of liquor to its patrons".

Education

The Committee welcomes the Royal Commission's recommendation on education, but believes that it does not even begin to go far enough in its scope.

The Royal Commission recommended "That some competent body . . . produce information material on the temperate use of alcohol in attractive display poster form . . . and make it freely available to all liquor outlets, work places, schools etc. It could be regularly reproduced through the mass media . . ."

The Committee reiterates that an education program aimed at reducing the over-all consumption of alcohol needs to be introduced. Such a program could include informative, factual and entertaining T.V. documentaries about drinking and drinking problems, adult extension courses, a sponsored campaign to enlist business management in a drive to reduce pressures on business men to drink heavily, and hard hitting information about drinking and driving. A more comprehensive program of adult education is needed in both primary and secondary schools. This should include providing children and young people with factual information on motives for drinking and different drinking and non-drinking practices to encourage a more objective attitude towards alcohol. It remains to be seen whether an Alcoholic Liquor Council is set up, and if it takes seriously its responsibility in this area.

Control of Hours and Conditions of Sale

The Committee regrets that the Royal Commission has recommended some extension of hours for the sale of liquor, especially at weekends. The Committees stated "We believe that to extend hours at this stage would lead to an increase in the social ills associated with alcohol. We believe that an extension of hours will increase the difficulties faced by the police with regard to alcohol related offences." The Committee still holds to that view.

The Lowering of the Drinking Age to 18 years

In spite of strong concern expressed by the Police Department and the Ministry of Transport the Royal Commission favoured a lowering of the drinking age to 18 years.

"The Police do not favour a lowering of the age . . . unless the means of applying this law is improved . . . It is considered that if the age were lowered to 18 years without an improvement in the means of applying the law, a greater number of 15 to 17 year olds would enter bars . . ."

The Ministry of Transport stated that ". . . the age of experimental drinking often coincides with the age of early driving experience. Any change to this situation would have wide social effects which would need to be very carefully evaluated. Until this is completed, retention of the present limit, or at most a slight relaxation is favoured."

The Royal Commission supported their recommendation by stressing two facts: the lowering of the voting age to 18 years; in England, Scotland and in some states of Australia the legal age for public drinking is 18 years. This ignores the clear evidence that in South Australia a greater number of 15 to 17 year olds have entered bars since the legal drinking age was reduced from 21 years to 18 years in 1971.

The Royal Commission also favoured the introduction of identity cards, with a photograph of those 18 years and over. Some who gave evidence to the Royal Commission favoured identity cards, but it is unlikely that any government would be prepared to introduce them. The use of identity cards is rejected by many people as

an infringement of personal rights and savouring of dictatorship. But to lower the drinking age without some effective means of identification of under age drinkers would be to continue the present real problem that faces hotel keepers and barmen in this regard.

A concomitant of legislation to lower the drinking age to 18 years should be stringent restrictions placed on advertising. The type of advertising that seeks to glamorise alcohol, or suggests that you are not in the social swim unless your hand is around a glass, should be prohibited.

Sunday Trading

The Royal Commission stated: "... that hotels and tavern bars should not be permitted to open for the sale of liquor to the public on Sundays", but at the same time it recommended a number of exceptions to the ban on Sunday trading. It is suggested that Golf and Bowling Clubs should be able to apply for permits to sell or dispose of liquor to their members and permitted visitors on a Sunday and that ancillary licences be introduced to enable "social, educational, musical, artistic, recreational or cultural" organisations to sell liquor on any day including Sunday. The Committee views such suggestions with dismay, and believes that they could be the first steps towards the introduction of Sunday trading.

Drinking and Driving

The decision of the Royal Commission to "... refrain from drawing any conclusions or making any recommendation on this topic" shows a clear lack of responsibility. The high road toll and the clear evidence of the high accident risk of the drinking driver are matters of urgent public concern. The reason given by the Royal Commission that this topic is constantly under review by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Road Safety is a weak excuse that evades the real issue.

The Public Questions Committee reiterates its recommendations to the Royal Commission in the strong belief that such measures are necessary to reduce the injury and death on our roads.

- (a) That the maximum alcohol blood level should be 50 mg per 100 ml and that consideration should be given to making it an offence for teenagers to drive with any alcohol in their blood.
- (b) Law enforcement officers should be given authority to use breath blood level testing devices when they stop suspected drink-drive offenders. Random spot checks should be made in the same way as they are made for drivers' licences and warrants of fitness.
- (c) Magistrates should direct drivers and other offenders to accepted treatment facilities where evidence of a drinking problem is present.
- (d) Alcohol education should be included in all driver training and defensive driving courses.
- (e) Provision should be made for more traffic officers during the high risk hours.

Other Matters Raised by the Royal Commission

(a) Marae Community Licence

The Committee joins with those who are strongly opposed to this recommendation. It agrees with Maori welfare officers and church leaders who claim that "the abuse of alcohol" is the major social evil which faces the urbanisation of their people today.

(b) Violence in Taverns and Hotels

The Committee acknowledges that the Royal Commission has suggested some alterations to the Sale of Liquor Act, but does not believe that they go far enough. It is not sufficient to recommend the exclusion of: "Any person who the licensee or manager has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to cause injury to any person or damage to any property . . ." Stronger legislation is needed which would allow the police to be effective in dealing with those taverns which are known as trouble spots. If such premises were closed down for certain periods, or if their licences were placed in jeopardy, steps would be taken by the management to ensure that drinks would not be served on the premises.

(c) Neighbourhood Taverns

Characteristically, while this was probably the most frequently supported proposal in the submissions made to the Royal Commission, all that the report can say is that "neighbourhood taverns should be encouraged" without indicating how this should be done.

(d) Alcoholism

The Committee urges that action be taken as soon as possible on the recommendations concerning alcoholism. The recommendations included: the location of treatment centres near general hospitals, the provision of outpatient clinics, and the encouragement of medical and scientific research projects relating to alcohol.

Alcoholism is a serious social problem. The number of individual alcoholics is now estimated at 80,000 with some 300,000 persons directly or indirectly affected. The funding of research into alcoholism and the treatment of alcoholics could be appropriately funded by a special tax on alcoholic beverages and urgent consideration should be given to such a scheme.

In conclusion, the Public Questions Committee endorses the remarks of Dr Peter Sharples of the Auckland Race Relations Conciliators Office:

"Prime responsibility for some positive action must come from the breweries and the Government—the two agencies who benefit annually from our drinking habits to the tune of millions of dollars . . . A large portion of the responsibility for the production of New Zealand drunks must fall on the breweries' shoulders. They are the owners of most taverns and hotels. While they are supplying the "public need" they must surely realise the damage that drunks from their taverns are creating in society. They have the moral obligation to their community to take greater precautions against the spawning of so many drunks . . . the breweries should be prepared to minimise to a far greater degree the number of social casualties which are a by-product of their enterprise".

V. TASK FORCES

Resolutions 6, 7 (a) and (b) and 11, Pages 153-154 1974 Minutes.

Conference 1974 commended to the Public Questions Committee, the use of Task Forces in districts, as a means of distributing the work load. Acting on this advice, the Committee has referred both Resolutions 6 and 7 to the Auckland Synod's Public Questions Committee for its views. These are awaited. Useful material has been received from the North Canterbury Synod Task Groups—on religious education in schools, advertising and church investments.

VI. OTHER SUBJECTS

A number of other subjects are receiving the Committee's attention and include: Sanctity of Life, Censorship, Advertising and

Ethics, Religious Education—Its Wider Meaning, The General Status of Women in Society.

VII. N.Z. INTER CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Rev. C. D. Clark continues to represent the Committee on the Inter Church body and during 1975 carries the responsibility of Chairman. Mrs K. Loncar and Mr I. Crabtree are co-representatives. Rev. G. R. Peterson maintains a good service to the Council as Secretary-Treasurer. During the year, the Council has in particular, directed its attention to:—

(a) Moral Standards: In considering a pronouncement on desirable moral standards, the Council acknowledges the intrinsic difficulties which such a task imposes. It recognises the tension existing between who would speak to members within the Christian family and those who would include people outside these standards of morality. It emphasises the application of Christian principles in all areas of life and the need to exercise and develop these within the total concerns and witness of the Church.

(b) Royal Commission of Inquiry into Sale of Liquor: The Council's submissions received some measure of support from the Royal Commission. The Council is continuing a watching brief and is consulting with the Public Questions Committees of constituent members for this purpose.

(c) Membership: An application from the Apostolic Church for membership of the Inter Church Council has been approved.

(d) Subjects under consideration: (i) A statement entitled "A Christian View of N.Z.'s Future". This emphasises human rights, justice and the quality of life. (ii) Privacy of records held by doctors, ministers, counsellors and social workers. (iii) Homosexuality and law reform. (iv) Rugby Tour of South Africa 1976.

(v) Women's International Year.

C. D. CLARK, Chairman.

R. E. SULLIVAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference confirm the action taken on its behalf by the Public Questions Committee in presenting submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on the Sale of Liquor Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and to the Royal Commission on Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion.
3. That Conference urge the Government to promote extensive and sustained public education on the use and abuse of alcohol, this being even more essential if the legal drinking age is lowered to 18.
4. That Conference urge Government to require, by legislation if necessary, that liquor labels and advertisements include a warning of the harm that alcohol can cause.
5. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to investigate the concept of Neighbourhood Taverns and report as to the advisability or otherwise of their development in New Zealand.
6. That Conference write to Government urging that:
 - (1) Tobacco advertising be limited to points of retail sale.
 - (2) Tobacco advertisements carry the warning, "Smoking is likely to damage your health".
 - (3) Tobacco advertising be controlled by legislation, not simply by voluntary agreement.

7. That Conference express to Government its concern for the detrimental effect which the establishment of a South Island sugar beet industry could have on the Fijian economy.

8. That the Public Questions Committee in consultation with the Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, investigate the impact of a consumer orientated, competitive economic system on the quality of life in New Zealand.

9. That the Public Questions Committee place on its agenda the subject: "The use of Nuclear Energy for the generation of Electricity in New Zealand".

10. That the Methodist representatives on the New Zealand Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be Revs. C. D. Clark, J. C. F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar.

11. That the Committee for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

QUESTION 38—(b) International Affairs?

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WHEN DO DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AND INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MORAL PRINCIPLES WARRANT ATTENTION BY CHURCHES?

"Because racial discrimination, political oppression and economic exploitation are apparent in many parts of the world, we ask the International Affairs Committee to indicate broad principles that would help determine when and how the Church and individual Christians should take specific action such as boycott of the countries or individuals concerned." (Minutes of Conference 1974, p. 164, No. 10).

Evil is evil wherever it springs from and the Church declares that all evil is under the judgment of God. Lesser evils are no less wrong just because their influence is less extensive or situations that they influence are less widespread. On the other hand, some evils are so manifestly wrong and so rampant that they cry out for explicit attention.

In response to the Conference resolution we would indicate the kind of questions that need to be asked about situations before a decision is made on specific action that needs to be taken—

1. Are the practices a clear denial of human rights—e.g., as defined in the United Nations Charter?

2. Are such practices so drastic that counter-measures such as violence or revolution are the only possible way for the deprived to seek redress?

3. Are the practices maintained only by repressive "police state" methods?

4. Are they justified on false grounds, e.g., religious sanction, communist phobia, ethnic supremacy?

5. Is it "institutionalised" discrimination, e.g., is it incorporated in the legal system?

6. Does the dominant group discriminate against the welfare of the weaker group, so that the latter's voice is not adequately heard and the possibilities for improvement are denied?

7. Do the practices involve discriminatory treatment against minority or disadvantaged groups, particularly on a racial or ethnic basis, or as an illustration, of rich against poor?

8. Regarding longer-term trends, is the situation imposed and rigid? or it is moving? If so, in which direction?

9. Is the dominant group amenable to persuasion?

10. Are specific changes genuine or token? i.e., are they expressions of a continuing programme of change, or are they token gestures of appeasement?

11. Is the proposed action by the Church or the Christian individual consistent

(a) with the Gospel?

(b) Is it suitable in the circumstances?

(c) Are we consistent in this case with attitudes and actions taken on other issues?

(d) Is the strategy likely to prove effective?

12. Is the situation so serious that it demands attention, even in spite of lesser infringements within our own or other countries?

Answers to the above questions can provide guidance as to whether or not a Church or Christian should speak or act in a specific situation.

The following matters should also be kept in mind as practical considerations—

(a) Some Church statements will be aimed at giving information which has been compiled after research and considered discussion.

(b) At other times the object is to correct mis-information, to create a truer understanding of a situation, or to help change public opinion.

(c) There is a particular obligation to speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and who therefore must remain voiceless unless others are prepared to make their case known.

(d) As New Zealanders, there is an obligation to speak about issues in which our own country or sectors of our population are involved.

(e) There is particular relevance in speaking to a situation where we have a chance of influencing the outcome. Some peoples and governments will take more notice of a Christian viewpoint than others will.

(f) One's own motivations must be kept constantly under review. By what we are saying and doing are we hardening positions and viewpoints, or are we seeking to build confidence and obtain reconciliation between peoples? The Christian viewpoint is to be "for" peoples rather than "against".

We would also want to draw attention to two of the major difficulties involved in this area—

(1) How do we get our information? Who is the genuine spokesman for a particular situation or point of view? Can the information that we have be relied on? Information concerning a particular situation needs to be very carefully assessed.

(2) When the Church speaks in one situation and not in another, this raises the problem of apparent inconsistency. There may be reasons why the one is stressed and the other apparently neglected, but these are not always obvious.

It is impracticable for the Church or the individual Christian to make a study of, or have a considered opinion on, every area of racial discrimination, political oppression and economic exploitation in the world. On the other hand, however, it would be a denial of responsibility to say that because these are so prevalent and we cannot deal with all of them, therefore we cannot deal with any of them. In order for the Church or the Christian to speak or act, a process of assess-

ment must take place and factors such as the above must be taken into consideration when making this.

CHURCH INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES TRADING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The 1974 Conference reaffirmed its total opposition to apartheid and passed certain resolutions on this subject, giving direction to its official Boards that they be represented at annual meetings of companies trading in South Africa in which the Church has financial interests. Church representatives were instructed to press directors to withdraw from operations of their companies in South Africa.

Conference also drew the attention of Methodist people with investments in such companies, to the opportunities of expressing Christian concern available at their annual meetings.

Since the Conference, representatives of the International Affairs Committee have met a special committee on Church Investments of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand set up to consider Church investments in companies trading in South Africa. The first part of the meeting was given to a free-ranging discussion on where the respective committees were in their activities, following the reports to Conference and Assembly. Both have supplied reports to the S.B.I. and N.Z.I. and requested the opportunity to meet with them during 1975. It was agreed that a joint Presbyterian-Methodist delegation to the companies would be preferable to separate delegations, and it was on the basis of working together as closely as possible on this question that discussions proceeded. Along with the Presbyterian Church we have a common Christian concern for the state of affairs in South Africa. The conditions to which we object include the following—

1. Actions directed against human rights, against freedom of speech and action such as
 - a. The Immorality Act
 - b. The Terrorism Act
 - c. The Suppression of Communism Act.
2. Actions directed against family life, such as
 - d. The setting up and the administration of the "Bantustans"
 - e. The Group Areas Act
 - f. The Pass Laws.
3. Actions designed "to keep the black man in his place", such as
 - g. Job reservations, the non-recognition of black Trade Unions, and the banning of black Trade Unions which have attempted to be active
 - h. The wage structure
 - i. The Bantu Education Act and its subservient consequences.

We believe that it is deeply immoral for a Company to be operating for profit in such a society if it does not also press for social justice.

While the joint meeting agreed with the statement that "withdrawal of funds may ultimately be the only effective protest", it was generally agreed that Church representatives should use the opportunities available to express Christian concern for the African people and employees in particular, making positive suggestions for reform in Company policy and the relaxation of restrictions on employment imposed by the South African Government.

In the light of the above, the following was prepared as a joint position upon which an approach to both Companies could be made—

COURSES OF ACTION

In order not only to have goodwill towards the poor and the under-privileged, but also to act in ways that are seen to support them and are directed to bring about a positive change for the good in their lives, we urge the company

1. To reform their policy in accordance with the Declaration of Human Rights to provide:

- (a) Equal opportunity to all employees, irrespective of race or ethnic origin, to participate in the operations of the firm at all levels. This involves amongst other things, the right to appoint Black or Coloured staff to positions of authority over white staff.
- (b) Equal pay for equal work.
- (c) A personnel development and training scheme for Black and Coloured staff, to give them the necessary skills to operate successfully under (a) above.
- (d) Desegregated working conditions in line with normal office or other procedures which would apply in a one race business, remembering however the cultural needs of all employees.
- (e) A common standard of medical, social and cafeteria facilities for all employees.
- (f) Housing and transport or financial aid to be available in the same manner and at the same rate for all employees.
- (g) Welfare services on the same basis for all employees, with provision for special help for special cases of need.

2. The company to press for relaxation of restrictive legislation and regulations, for all employees, and to make this Company policy, e.g., membership of an association or union including the right to strike.

3. In the event of the South African Government refusing to permit the Company to implement this policy, which is based on humanitarian and Christian principles, the Company should, after pursuing the matter with vigour and for a reasonable time, withdraw its business operations from the Republic of South Africa.

CHURCH ACTION

1. If, after steady pressure being brought to bear on the Company by the Church, there is evidence of a rejection of these proposed actions, the Church should consider disinvesting from the Company, on the grounds that she must stand with the oppressed against the oppressor.

2. The Church must, in this event, also consider withdrawing its business from the Company, in order to be consistent."

Representatives of the Church and Society Commission met with representatives of the New Zealand Insurance Company, and South British Insurance, in June 1975, and copies of their report were made available to the Committee.

Subsequently the General Manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company indicated to the Convener of the joint Presbyterian-Methodist delegation that "as this whole subject has been thoroughly aired at the last two Annual General Meetings and has also been discussed between members of our Directorate/Executive with Church Representatives, without any apparent agreement being reached, I feel that there will be little gained by having a further meeting."

A joint Presbyterian-Methodist delegation met with the General Manager of the South British Insurance on 13th August last and discussed the issues involved. Methodist members on the delegation were Revs. W. S. Dawson and B. E. Jones, and Mr David Pond. While the General Manager acknowledged that the only option for the

Churches might be to disinvest from the Company, he also intimated that he would be happy to meet the delegation again.

We are of the opinion that while acknowledging the wide difference in viewpoint between the Companies and the Churches, the matter ought not to be concluded until a church-sponsored resolution has been debated at the Annual Meetings of both Companies. A suitably-worded resolution which would be taken to these jointly by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches is appended to this report.

SUNDAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

(Minutes of Conference 1974, p. 164, No. 11)

The above Resolution asked the International Affairs Committee to examine the possibility of calling the Methodist Church during 1975 to a Sunday of Prayer and Fasting for the oppressed of South Africa and of other lands.

When the Committee considered this matter, we felt that its success would depend very much on local initiative and local arrangements. What will or can happen in the local church is very much dependent upon the local minister, leaders and people. The Committee therefore saw its task basically as providing some suggestions which can be used in the local setting. As Friday, October 24th, is observed as United Nations Day the Committee felt that either Sunday 19th or Sunday 26th October was a suitable date on which such a local observance of prayer and possibly fasting could be held. With the concurrence of the President and Connexional Secretary and with the assistance of the Connexional Office, some resource material was distributed to ministers to help them in their planning for this day.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP OF CORSO

(Minutes of Conference 1974, p. 164, No. 6)

In line with the above Recommendation of last Conference, the International Affairs Committee through the Connexional Secretary made application to Corso so that the Methodist Church of New Zealand could be recognised as a constituent member. The application for constituent membership was approved by the Annual Meeting of Corso on 23rd May 1975, and the Methodist Church was represented throughout the remainder of the Annual Meeting by the Convener of the Methodist International Affairs Committee.

A special General Meeting of constituent members of Corso has been called for early November 1975 to discuss fund-raising. Our Church will also be represented at this.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION

This Conference, jointly sponsored by the United Nations Association of New Zealand and the National Youth Council of New Zealand, was held on 21st-23rd March 1975 in Wellington. Its purpose was to discuss the findings of the Rome "World Food Conference" held in November 1974 and to assess those findings in relation to New Zealand. Several members of the International Affairs Committee were present for the discussions. Speakers at the Conference included Dr A. T. Johns, Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ms Pamela Gruber, New Zealand Director World Christian Service, and Mr Graeme Thompson, of the Monetary and Economic Council.

It became quite clear from the Conference that a discussion on food leads to an examination of the whole economic order in the world that distributes food to some and not to others. The Conference defined its aims as being concerned with the sharing of the world resources more equitably through changed patterns in trade and aid. This would require long-term as well as short-term planning.

Conference also affirmed that there is a basic need to create a national political will, to accept modifications in our economic structure and life-styles which would assist towards a significant and realistic improvement in the lot of less developed nations. Aspects which must be considered would include trade, tariff and investment patterns.

The greater use of New Zealand skills in agriculture would assist in generating a reserve of knowledge for use in solving agricultural problems in developing countries. New Zealand must be able to offer aid to developing countries based on those countries' needs.

The need for increased aid must be supported by increased understanding of the needs for assistance overseas, and in New Zealand greater coordination of aid efforts between government and voluntary aid agencies.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That this Conference commends the action taken at the World Food Conference in Rome during November 1974, and in particular the setting up of the World Food Council and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

2. That this Conference now urges the New Zealand Government to allocate substantial funds to the World Food Programme immediately, and that any unspent allocated overseas aid funds for the current financial year (1974/75) be also forwarded immediately to the World Food Programme.

3. That the Conference commends the Government Action for retaining its goal of .7% of G.N.P. in official development assistance to be achieved in 1975/76 financial year, and recommends:

- that aid be directed to where the need is greatest, especially for agricultural development for the rural section in poor countries.
- that despite our special relationships with the South Pacific, the Government evaluate the effectiveness of the proportion of aid being directed to this area.
- that voluntary agencies and the private sector be urged to increase their programmes for development.
- that the Government be urged to proceed with the proposal to set up the Council of Overseas Aid as proposed by the National Conference on International Aid and Development, March, 1974.

THE ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

(1974 Minutes, p. 164 Resolution 2e)

In August 1974 the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches decided to become a founder member of the Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society. Its share capital is to be made available from its general resources and also from funds held by the Commission on Churches' Participation in Development (C.C.P.D.).

The Committee encouraged other Commissions to take shares in the Society and urged churches to become founder members. The purpose of the Society is to promote economic growth together with

social justice and self-reliance in poor communities of the world in a manner consistent with the moral and social principles of the W.C.C.

The Society is to be incorporated when a minimum of 30 eligible members—at least half of whom shall come from Asia, Africa and Latin America—have agreed to become funding members of the Society and a minimum total resource of about \$5 million U.S. dollars in share capital is secured.

The resources of the Society will be used in the following ways—

- (a) for the granting of loans;
- (b) for the purchase of equity in enterprises;
- (c) for providing basic security in respect of guarantees given for loans by others;
- (d) for grants to finance project development, planning and technical training, and so on.
- (e) for investment for the profitable employment of resources not needed for immediate expenditure;
- (f) for the expenses of a management staff.

The essence of development from an economic point of view is the ability of a community to make investments. For churches it is also relevant that the investments should be made in such a way that they redress economic inequities and that people who so far have been excluded from the development wave of the present century are included.

The Society is intended to be an instrument through which part of the money and assets of richer churches can be used in providing investment resources in poor areas of the world. Four economic sectors in particular are seen to claim priority as the Society establishes its investment policies—

- (a) Agriculture, which provides the basic foundation of permanent economic development, yet has been traditionally weak in many developing countries;
- (b) Housing, which has been in shortage for a long time in developing countries, but which is complicated by two factors: the phenomenal growth in population and migration from rural to urban areas;
- (c) Small—and medium-scale enterprises which would provide employment, utilise local resources, generate income, perhaps increase foreign exchange, and may also enhance the quality of life by providing consumer goods.
- (d) Handicraft industries, which utilise the skills and craft in particular regions or cultures but which frequently are limited in outlook due to their inability to create surpluses for purchase of raw materials and other supplies.

Further information concerning the Society can be found at the conclusion of an article on Development Banks and their operational role in Study Encounter No. 1/1975 (W.C.C. Publication).

INDO-CHINA

The apparent ending of hostilities in Vietnam after 30 years of struggle for independence and unification leaves us with the feeling of relief, shame, compassion, and concern for the future. The irony of reaching in 1975 a similar end to that predicted by Eisenhower in the event of a 1956 election, underscores the whole tragedy.

The outcome endorses the stand eventually taken by the church against the war and our country's involvement. Once again history has proved that the wisdom of presidents, experts and generals can be

illusory before the foolishness of the concerned layman or the despised demonstrator. Another sorry chapter has been written in the West's support of the status quo in the name of law and order—or for more doubtful motive—against the emerging aspirations of common people in China, Korea, Cambodia and elsewhere.

One expects the future of Vietnam to be marked by strict political control with no room for opposition—a future determined by the rejected opportunities for negotiation and reconciliation. However, it is important to measure this future, not against the freedoms of the affluent west, but against Asia's background of tyranny and poverty which effectively destroyed freedom for all but the chosen few. Men of goodwill must now offer co-operation in whatever form requested by those responsible for the running of the country without any prospect of favour or return.

PROPOSED RUGBY TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA 1976

"Blacks in South Africa are still torn from their land and driven like sheep into arid tribal reserves (13% of the land total). Africans still have to pay taxes regardless of income so they are forced back into the white industrial areas as migrant workers, without even the right to live with their families. Black South Africans are still subject to more discriminatory laws based purely on race (over 1,000) than any other people in the world. They have in the land of their birth no political rights; they may not vote for or against the all-white government; they are not allowed to form recognised trade unions or to strike; their movements are controlled by influx control laws which require them to carry a pass-book at all times; about half the black children born in the homelands die by the age of five from the effects of malnutrition. There are thousands of political prisoners in South Africa. Hundreds are banned, detained, held incommunicado and tortured. 350,000 Africans are jailed every year and South Africa still has the highest death penalty rate in the world." (W.C.C. Report).

This report from the World Council of Churches in March 1975 provides a vivid background against which the Church must examine and state its attitude to the proposed rugby tour of South Africa in 1976. Against such a background world opinion, through the overwhelming vote at the United Nations, has called on N.Z. and all nations to refuse sporting exchanges with South Africa as a significant expression of our attitude to apartheid.

Few churchmen would oppose the tour without some doubts and a longing for a more constructive approach. To the extent that communication is reduced, mankind suffers. Hence the "bridge building" concept. But is this concept real or honest in the practical situation? For over fifty years we have been building and crossing these bridges and history shows clearly that during this time the oppression has worsened steadily. The dialogue with the privileged minority has been carefully cultivated by that bridgehead minority and used for its own purposes in publicity and identity.

The much-publicised "multi-national" rugby of South Africa turns out to be three carefully segregated Rugby Unions conforming to and strengthening apartheid. The exception is the much maligned and restricted non-racial South African Rugby Union (S.A.R.U.) dismissed by Dr Craven as the "Abass" crowd. This is the only Union of white, black or coloured for whom Dr Craven cannot speak. Again, the suggestion that the dialogue is having results in the agreement to allow the French to play a mixed rugby team turned out to be something less than the breakthrough headlined by the

media. Prompted by the French "or else" demand, it turned out to be mixed team chosen without trials from the segregated unions—a very minor concession to allow the French tour to proceed and to take off the pressure, as was evidenced by Dr Koornhof's associated statement—

"... the selection of the special invitation team did not mean that there would be any change in the Government's policy of apartheid in sport at Club, provincial and national levels. There would be no mixed trials before selection of the teams and neither would be considered a merit or a representative side of South Africa... it also does not prejudice selection of a white Springbok Team..."

Also worrying is the clear intrusion of political legislation into the area of sport. Everyone longs for the untrammelled freedom to "live as you choose." But again, is it real? Sweating out the old religion and politics problem, it was found that man, and society, are essentially, "wholes" of many interacting parts—not watertight compartments. Religion, politics, culture, economics, sports, etc., are constantly interacting and affecting action in all the other spheres of life so that in present-day circumstances the sending of a rugby team to South Africa is a political, and spiritual, act of major importance—not because of Dr Craven's statements or of Mr Kirk's action—but because of the very nature of man and society. The basis for the tour seems to us to be a clear denial of Christian principle. Of even wider concern to sportsmen it is a clear breach of Olympic principles.

On analysis then, we find that "building bridges" and "keeping politics out of sport" appear to be mere clichés—at best unreal and inadequate, at worst a mental refuge for reactionaries and for those who are determined to be convinced.

The Christian conscience is left with an over-riding concern for the victims of the whole situation and the necessity of an assessment of the relative values expressed by the two alternative courses of action. Does a rugby tour of South Africa in the circumstances of today place the value of sport above the value of human dignity? Does the tour identify N.Z. with the oppressing minority of South Africa? There can be little doubt that in the press of South Africa and in the eyes of the world, we will be so identified. Whatever our words may say, our actions will add support to the system of apartheid and to the oppression of those suffering under that system.

THE PALESTINIAN ARABS

The Committee has been studying material prepared on the Palestinian Arabs situation and hopes to be able to send a report to Synods early in 1976.

E. F. I. HANSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference call on the New Zealand Rugby Union to cancel the proposed 1976 tour of South Africa in response to the call of the United Nations and our country's opposition to the system of apartheid.
3. (a) That Conference commend the Prime Minister and the Minister of Sport and Recreation for their efforts to persuade the New Zealand Rugby Union not to proceed with the 1976 tour.
(b) That it supports the N.C.C. in the stance it has taken on this issue.

(c) That the above resolutions be conveyed to the New Zealand Rugby Union, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the N.C.C.

4. Church Investments in Companies Trading with South Africa:

That, in conjunction with the appropriate Presbyterian Committee, the Methodist Church of N.Z. be represented at the 1976 Annual General Meetings of the South British Insurance and the New Zealand Insurance, and move and speak to the following motion:

"That this company declare publicly its belief in the right of equal opportunity in employment wherever it or its subsidiaries operate; and that it take all necessary steps to make that right a reality in Union National South British (New Zealand Insurance in South Africa) by pressing for such action and instituting such training programmes as will enable Indian, Coloured, and African employees to take their place at all levels of the Company; and that it will endeavour to make significant progress, and report this to the 1977 Annual General Meeting of this Company."

5. That Conference fully supports the action of the National Council of Churches in voting \$50 to both C.A.R.E. and H.A.R.T. at its last annual general meeting.

6. That Conference draws attention to the appointment of a Race Relations Conciliator (Mr Harry Dansey, Queen Street, Auckland) whose task it is by education, persuasion, and if need be, legal action, to lessen friction and misunderstanding between differing ethnic groups and assist in the development of New Zealand as a harmonious multi-racial society and assures him of its warm encouragement in this important task.

7. World Hunger. That in view of the problem of increasing starvation in many parts of the world, the International Affairs Committee report on ways of encouraging our people towards a greater awareness of, and more sensitive conscience towards this issue and urge the Government to use all available resources for the alleviation of hunger and human need.

8. Sunday of Prayer and Fasting. That the International Affairs Committee give consideration to the furthering of this effort, in conjunction with ecumenical and other organisations.

9. That the International Affairs Committee be thanked for their work on our Church's behalf.

10. That the section of the report on the "Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society" be referred to the Stewardship Section of the Education Division to be used in the preparation of their report for Church Council on Methodist involvement in Overseas Aid and Development.

11. That the Committee for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

QUESTION 39—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Church and other Properties?

A. GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

RECEIPTS

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Credit Balances at June 30, 1974:

General Funds	\$ 392,208	
Special Funds	1,176,870	\$ 1,569,078

Receipts for the Year:

Total Loans received	109,568	
Bequests	46,031	
Sale of Land and Buildings	163,677	
Grants from non-Circuit sources	60,574	
Transfers from other Trusts	27,506	
Special efforts	87,269	
Grants from Circuit Budget	242,504	
Rents, Interest, etc.	571,171	
Other receipts	122,243	
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		2,999,621
		29,563

Debit balance General Funds at June 30, 1975

GRAND TOTAL 3,029,184

PAYMENTS

Debit Balances at June 30, 1974:

General Funds	21,332
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Payments for the Year:

Loan repayments	139,852	
Administration charges (C.B. & L. Fund)	3,490	
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	34,551	
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to buildings	261,928	
Transfer to other Trusts	55,103	
General payments—Rates, Insurance, Repairs and Maintenance, etc.	589,967	
Special payments	180,074	
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		1,264,965

TOTAL PAYMENTS 1,286,297

Credit Balances at June 30, 1975:

General Funds	432,085	
Special Funds	1,310,802	1,742,887

GRAND TOTAL 3,029,184

DEBT POSITION

	\$	\$
A. Balances at June 30, 1974		
Church Building and Loan Fund	305,802	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	23,745	
General Purposes Trust	21,836	
Home Mission Investment Fund	194,765	
Commercial	411,266	
Private	60,830	
TOTAL A		1,018,244
B. New Loans Received		
Church Building and Loan Fund	50,500	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	—	
General Purposes Trust	—	
Home Mission Investment Fund	32,109	
Commercial	27,750	
Private	8,458	
TOTAL B		118,817
TOTAL A & B		1,137,061
C. Loan Repayments:		
Church Building and Loan Fund	46,343	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	2,495	
General Purposes Trust	1,119	
Home Mission Investment Fund	24,039	
Commercial	52,120	
Private	15,047	
TOTAL C		141,163
D. Balances at June 30, 1975:		
Church Building and Loan Fund	310,198	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	21,249	
General Purposes Trust	20,717	
Home Mission Investment Fund	202,596	
Commercial	386,895	
Private	54,243	
TOTAL A+B-C		995,898

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

DISTRICT PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

District Chairman, District Property Secretary and—

NORTHLAND

District Secretary, Treasurer, Rev. I. C. Norwell and Mr L. Hames.

AUCKLAND

District Secretary, Revs. G. L. Bennett, O. T. Woodfield, A. K. Woodley, Messrs A. M. McKerras, L. V. Riesterer, N. R. Souster, R. B. Verry.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Revs. D. H. Burt, W. J. Cable, I. J. Clucas, A. Newman, P. A. Stead, N. Waaka; Messrs G. C. Decke, P. Nikora, C. R. Shoosmith, W. B. Young.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Revs. W. F. Ford, G. T. Gilbert; Messrs A. L. Fox, A. R. Wallis and G. Bycroft.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Revs. L. P. Schroeder, E. R. Hornblow, Enid J. Bennett, Messrs L. A. Davis and K. Fay.

WELLINGTON

Rev. C. B. Oldfield, Messrs T. M. Pacey, L. E. M. Grace, E. C. Flyger and T. J. Martin.

NELSON

Messrs R. Wardrop, D. H. Williams and V. Smart.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Messrs R. E. Littler and A. J. Marett.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

No Committee appointed.

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HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

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WELLINGTON

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NELSON

Mr A. C. Barrington, F.C.I.S., Riverside Community, R.D. 2, Upper Moutere.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Mr H. E. Thomas, 258 Hills Road, Christchurch 1.

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OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Rev. D. J. Phillipps, 5 Albany Street, Dunedin.

B. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by 31st January, 1977, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (*).

AUCKLAND

Otahuhu: 1 rood 8 perches and dwelling \$30,500. **Waitoki:** 1 rood \$1,250, 32 perches and shops \$7,800. **Auckland Children's Homes:** Freeholding of three sections at Caughey Place. **Wesley Training College:** Freeholding of seven sections Waikowhai Park Estate.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Waitakaruru: 2 roods and Church building \$2,400. **Kutarere (Opotiki):** Hall only \$100. **Ngaruawahia:** 1 rood 15 perches and Church building \$35,000.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Wanganui: 1 rood and dwelling \$25,000. **Aramoho (Wanganui):** Parsonage and area of land at back of Church Hall \$13,000.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Roslyn (Palmerston North): 29.27 perches and Church building \$18,500 1 rood 21.9 perches and parsonage \$30,000. **Wairoa:** 1 rood 5 perches and Church buildings \$7,300.

WELLINGTON

Eketahuna: 1 rood 24.27 perches and parsonage \$4,500. **Masterton Children's Home:** 24 sections \$101,950 approx. **Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments Board:** Freeholding of 10 sections.

NELSON

Blenheim: 35.1 perches \$7,100. **Runanga (Greymouth):** 38 perches \$1,000.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Sumner: 23 perches and parsonage \$31,000. **Marshland Rd:** 1 rood and Church building \$1,500. **Masham (Riccarton):** Three sections 1 rood 39 perches \$33,000.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Oamaru North: 26.70 perches and buildings \$15,000. **Waimate:** 20 perches \$500.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Otautau: 2 acres and parsonage \$3,000. **Port Chalmers:** 1 rood (church site) \$2,335, 1 rood (parsonage site) \$3,000. **Otatara (Invercargill):** 1 rood and Church building*.

PURCHASES

The following purchases have been approved:

NELSON

Blenheim: 28 perches \$7,000. **Stoke:** Severance strip \$4,000.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Masham (Riccarton): 34.5 perches and dwelling \$34,000.

BUILDINGS

Erections (E). Additions and Alterations (A), Final Costs not known (*).

NORTHLAND

St John's Leigh-Wangarei: Church Centre (E) \$210,640.

AUCKLAND

Glen Eden: Church Centre (E) \$118,000. Auckland Central Mission: Wesley Hospital Extension (A) \$575,000; Residential Club Mt. Eden (E) \$490,000; Campbells Bay Home (E) \$600,000. Ponsonby: Samoan Centre (E) \$155,500. Waitoki: Church (E) \$14,500. Mt. Eden: Church Hall (A) \$4,500. Auckland Children's Homes: Titirangi Road (E) \$90,000, Ventura Street. Mangere (E)*. Glenfield: Manse (E) \$36,715.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Tamahere Eventide Home (A)*. Matamata: Classrooms (E) \$51,480. Otumoetai: Church (E)*. Taupo U.P.: Church complex (E) \$130,000. Greerton U.P.: Church (E) \$64,350.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Palmerston North: Trinity Church (A) \$12,000.

WELLINGTON

Paekakariki: Church (A) \$3,885. Masterton: St. Luke's Church (A) \$30,000. Cashmere (Ngaio U.P.): Hall (A)*.

NELSON

Blenheim: Parsonage (E) \$26,000.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Century Supermarket (A) \$9,734. Lyttelton: Church (A) \$2,800. Halswell U.P.: Manse (E) \$30,000 approx. Aldred Memorial Hall (A) \$25,072.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Glenwood (Timaru): Flats for Aged (E)*.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

West Harbour U.P.: Hall (E) \$52,000.

LOANS

Loans Position:

At 31st May, 1975, there were 186 loans current (192 last year), distributed among the Synodal Districts as follows:—

Northland	8	Wellington	24
Auckland	53	Nelson	6
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	22	North Canterbury	28
Taranaki-Wanganui	5	South Canterbury	7
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	17	Otago-Southland	16

This is the lowest number of loans since 1964 (high point 1969, 261 loans).

New Loans:

15 new loans totalling \$68,739.33 were advanced during the year as follows:—

	\$
Northland:	
Whangarei Uniting Church—New Centre	10,000
Auckland:	
Pakuranga—Church	4,000
Mt. Eden—Parsonage	5,000
Otahuhu—Parsonage	5,000
Mt. Albert—Church alterations	3,000
Glenfield—Manse	5,000
Massey—Church	5,000
Glen Eden—Church	5,000
Camp Morley	5,000

Taranaki-Wanganui:				
Oakura—Joint Church				5,000
Rahotu Campsite				5,000
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:				
Waipawa-Waipukurau—Parsonage	(consolidated			
loan)				239.33
Wellington:				
Paekakariki—Church				1,500
North Canterbury:				
St Albans—Rugby Street Church renovations				5,000
Opawa—Church				5,000
Sites Fund:				
For the fourth year running no grants were made.				

Development Fund:

As well expected, the balance of this Fund has declined again due to the small provision from the Connexional Budget. Fortunately, there is much larger provision in the 1975/76 Budget—\$14,000—of which 25% is earmarked for Special Projects.

Standing Commission on Church Property:

It is a matter for regret that the Standing Commission on Church Property has not been able to meet during the year. Pressure of work at the Connexional Office has prevented the General Secretary from convening a meeting.

With the establishment of the Investment Board, it would appear that the role of the Standing Commission on Church Property and its relationship to the Investment Board needs to be clarified. A suitable resolution is appended.

Use of Proceeds of Sale of Redundant Properties and Special Fund for Sector Ministries, etc.:

During the year the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has pursued the policy of asking Trusts disposing of redundant Church properties to contribute up to 25% of the proceeds of sale towards the Fund for Sector Ministries, etc. At June 30 the Fund stood at \$30,000.

The Committee was greatly encouraged when the Rakaia Trust of its own volition asked that the full proceeds of sale of its Church properties should be placed in this Fund.

The Committee realises that it is difficult to decide between the priority of providing for capital expenditure within established Circuits/Parishes and change and experiments designed to further the mission of the Church, but feels strongly that in this day and age it is reasonable to ask that a percentage of proceeds of sale be made available to the Church for its new forms of ministry.

Legacies:

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee continues to receive legacies from supporters of the Fund. During the year, legacies were received from—

					\$
M. B. Gilmour					308.68
Est. J. H. S. Harrington					100.00
F. W. Walters Trust					2,200.00
Est. H. B. Dobby					500.00
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					\$3,108.68

Methodist Trust Association:

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has followed with interest the establishment of the Investment Board and looks forward to a close association with the Finance Manager in his position as Executive Officer of the Investment Board.

The Committee is very conscious that in this time of inflation and rising costs, Trusts throughout the Country are giving special consideration to the investment of their moneys. It is natural that Trusts with special funds to invest should be seeking to obtain the benefit of capital accretion by investing in land. The Committee has already had approaches from Trusts, some of whom would like to be given the permission of Conference to become incorporated bodies with powers of investment wider than the normal trustee investment, one of which being the right to invest in land and property. It is strongly of the opinion that rather than permit a proliferation of incorporated bodies, Conference should take early steps to establish the Methodist Trust Association. This would achieve a similar objective and would be in the interests not only of Trusts but of the Connexion as a whole.

The 1974 Conference decided that the Investment Board should be given the responsibility of the establishment of the Methodist Trust Association in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. The Committee expresses the hope that the Investment Board will give this matter high priority.

District Synods and District Property Advisory Committees:

The Committee is deeply appreciative of the help and advice that it has received from Synods and District Property Advisory Committees. It is striving to follow the procedures that all matters affecting sales and purchases of land and buildings and Plans and Specifications should be channelled through District Synods and/or District Property Advisory Committees. It greatly facilitates decisions on all these matters if the mind of the district officials is known before the matter is raised with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

The co-operation of the ministers and secretaries of Trusts is sought to ensure that all applications to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee have the prior approval of the District Property Advisory Committee and/or Synod as well as the Circuit Quarterly Meeting or Parish Council.

Standard Parsonages:

The Committee continues to give careful consideration to the design and layout of parsonages and has been pleased at the interest and concern of our Churches to see that the minister has a good quality home and is provided with the facilities that he needs to exercise an effective ministry. The Committee is conscious too of the provision that Circuits are making for an office in Church Hall to assist the minister with counselling and administration, and also lounges in Church Halls comfortably furnished and suitable for groups and committee meetings so as to reduce the demands on the parsonage for meetings and hospitality.

The Committee is convinced that the basic requirements of the Church for parsonages are still necessary and has been encouraged during the year by the emphasis laid by the Synods, in particular the Auckland District Synod. There is no doubt that where the standard requirements are not met, the stationing of ministers is complicated and there can be a measure of discontentment for the minister and his family. The experience of the Committee over the years confirms

its judgment that the Church needs to be careful to see that as far as possible, all its ministers are in standard parsonages.

It therefore supports the recommendation of the Auckland District Synod that Question 29 of the Law Book be amended to ensure that every District Synod give consideration annually to the standard of the parsonages provided in its area. A resolution to this effect is appended.

Review of Parsonage Requirements:

172 replies were received to a Questionnaire sent to ministers regarding parsonage requirements. This Questionnaire revealed a variety of attitudes to the relationship of the parsonage to the minister's work, study, number and size of rooms, size of section and related matters. It is intended to consult with those who replied at greater depth regarding the relationship of the parsonage to the church building and the uses fulfilled by the study and the Church office. The Committee regrets that owing to pressure of work at the Connexional Office, the circulation of this additional Questionnaire has been delayed.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Question 29 of the District Representative Session Agenda be amended to read:—

(i) Are Conference standard parsonages provided for all appointments?

(ii) Are all parsonages adequately maintained?

3. That the Investment Board in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, formulate definite proposals for the establishment of the Methodist Trust Association and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

4. That the Investment Board in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, consider the role of the Standing Commission on Church Property and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

5. That the Standing Commission on Church Property for 1976 be: The Secretary, the Finance Manager, Messrs C. B. Radcliffe, G. E. Hill, E. G. Heggie, T. M. Pacey and A. H. Winstone.

6. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

C. CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

1. TITLES:

For the year ended June 30, 1975, the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:

AUCKLAND

Glen Innes Church. Takapuna Sections, Campbell's Bay Church, Waitoki Church.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Otumoetai section, Matamata section.

WELLINGTON

Karori Church and Parsonage, Upper Hutt Parsonage.

NELSON

Blenheim Church, Parsonage, other sections.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Trinity Church, Dunedin.

2. NEW TRUSTS

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

AUCKLAND

Helensville Church and Parsonage.

WELLINGTON

Wellington South Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Trinity (Dunedin).

3. TRUSTEES

Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

Districts	Trust	Deletions	Registrations
Northland	4	10	11
Auckland	28	107	63
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	9	25	23
Taranaki-Wanganui	3	2	3
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	9	34	20
Wellington	11	31	13
North Canterbury	23	58	20
South Canterbury	4	9	1
Otago-Southland	8	13	31
	<hr/> 105	<hr/> 307	<hr/> 201

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 40—What is the condition of the various Missions, Educational and General Connexional Property Trusts and Investments?

1. THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report for the year ended 30 June, 1975.

The Net Surplus for the year was \$43,519 compared with \$37,302 for the previous year. The item contributing most towards the increased revenue was interest, where the gross annual increase was \$6,797. Rentals have been increased and the additional Income arising will amount to \$7,031 in a full year. It is anticipated that Repairs and Maintenance will amount to a considerable sum during the ensuing 12 months.

Appropriations during the year were \$17,000 to the Trinity Theological College, and \$10,000 to the Building Renewal Fund.

No project has been received during the year for the development of the land. The motorway system, which is years behind schedule, is nevertheless rapidly taking shape and the site with its four frontages must become a prime site in the future.

The Government valuation of the property as at 1st July 1974 was \$609,500 as against \$323,891 five years previously.

The Trustees supported the Prince Albert College Trust by depositing \$85,000 with The Perpetual Trustees for on-lending by them to the Prince Albert College Trustees.

During the year the resignation of Mr D. Brown was received. Mr Brown was transferred by his organisation to Australia.

The members of the Board are:

Mr W. F. Christian
Rev. E. D. Grounds
Rev. E. W. Hames
Dr J. J. Lewis
Mr A. L. Caughey
Mr M. N. Furness

Mr T. L. Hames
Mr G. C. Riddell
Mr L. V. Riesterer
Mr F. M. Souster
Mr W. F. Winstone

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1974/75

The Trust has continued to maintain its principal assets and to keep the buildings in repair. With some of them, increasing age calls for increasingly costly maintenance, and while there is income generated from them there will need to be replacement of some of them soon. This applies particularly to the "Rembrandt Private Hotel" buildings which continue under the efficient management of Mr Peter Ruissen, but which face more and more stringent requirements concerning fire risk and city ordinances.

A great deal of voluntary work is done by the officers and some members of the Trust, but much of the accounting work is now handled by a firm of public accountants and the debenture records—with interest payments and accounting—are under the care of the Trustees for the debenture issues, the New Zealand Insurance Company Ltd.

Financial Results

Total revenue receipts for the year were \$119,752 some \$18,000 increase on the previous year. This increased revenue was off-set by increased costs, and the write-off of some of the development costs connected with the new building projects, namely one-fifth of finance procurement and debenture costs \$5,456 and legal costs associated with the project lease agreement \$3,500. Interest paid to investors also rose considerably. This left a net surplus for the year of \$34,129, from which was paid grants of \$200 only for the year.

The balance sheet shows a reduction in invested funds from \$743,858 to \$684,988 under fixed assets. The investment in the building project to the 30th June is shown as \$212,008, while the remaining finance cost to be written-off during the life of the debenture issue is stated at \$21,822. Funds held on deposit are approximately the same as the previous year \$389,062 while first debenture subscriptions show an increase of \$38,000 on the previous year to \$194,790.

Building Programme

At the time of the 1974 Methodist Conference, the Trust reported that a contract had been let for the erection of a large office building on the Queen Street/City Road corner of the property, but that some areas of concern were causing a major reappraisal of the project. The Prince Albert College Trust shared in the effects of the economic downturn of recent years, and it is increasingly clear that the right decision was made in December 1974 when the Trustees decided to cease work on the project and to terminate the contract with as little financial loss as possible.

It was only after several years of negotiations and planning that the Trust had decided to proceed with the erection of a large office building in which the IBM World Corporation was to be the major tenant. At present a major tenant in the Trust's Turner Street building, IBM's need for extra space helped to give the incentive to proceed. Encouragement from Auckland City Council was also a factor. Negotiations with the various parties to the project, including the Trust's advisers, the C.B. and L. Fund Committee and the IBM World Corporation which sent many matters back to its New York office for decision, were protracted. These negotiations used valuable time during which a building could have been erected on favourable terms.

The Government decision in 1973 to restrict Insurance Companies from investing in commercial properties led the Trust to enter into an agreement with Perpetual Trustees Estate and Agency Company of New Zealand Limited by which they guaranteed mortgage loan finance of \$1.7 million to be available when required for progress payments on the building. As part of this arrangement, Prince Albert College Trust deposited substantial funds with Perpetual Trustees, and to support the project several connexional and local Methodist Trusts also deposited funds as part of the support by which loan money was promised. The promised loan was a smaller amount at less favourable terms than had been available from other sources before the Government edict.

The rapid escalation of building costs which took the expected cost of the building to an amount which required a substantial increase in rent to make the building an economic proposition, gave the Trust cause for concern as expressed at last Conference. These increased costs caused IBM to invoke an escape clause from its commitment to rent, and made the decision to terminate the contract inescapable. A second area of concern was the lack of sufficient funds available in long-term debenture deposits to allow the project to proceed without risk.

In December 1974, after consultation with all parties concerned, the Trustees asked the contractors to cease work on the site, and later a firm decision was made to terminate the contract. This entailed much work by the Trust's officers and advisers, and the Trustees record their appreciation of the assistance of all concerned, including the contractors, Cubitts (N.Z.) Limited. The contractors made it clear that they would have wished to continue the project rather than to invoke penalties for breach of contract, but this was not found possible and after much discussion and negotiation a settlement was agreed. Some of the money spent will be recovered when a building project finally becomes possible on that site, since the research for foundations and much engineering and architectural study will not need to be repeated.

The Trust agreed to pay Cubitts (N.Z.) Limited a lump sum of \$117,500 on an all-in basis in full and final satisfaction of Cubitts' claims relating to cancellation of its contract with the Trust, and this sum has been paid from the resources which the Trust had previously gathered, and will appear in the 1975/76 accounts.

Expenditure on the scheme to June 30th, 1975 of \$212,008 shown in the balance sheet covers all development, design, engineering and contractors' claims to that date.

As though to confirm the rightness of the decision to terminate the major contract, recent economic developments in New Zealand brought Perpetual Trustees Ltd. into financial difficulties which caused an official arrangement to be made by which funds deposited with Perpetual Trustees were frozen. This would have caused acute embarrassment to Prince Albert College Trust if the major office project had been in course of erection.

It is with regret that the Trustees report the cessation of the building project, which decision was made before major excavation or other earth-works had commenced. For the Church to obtain increased financial assistance from The Prince Albert College Trust it is essential that this valuable block of land in Queen Street should be further developed. The Trustees had hoped that the (now cancelled) project would have provided the water-shed beyond which in a short time a large annual sum would have been generated for the needs of the church. Such large hopes must be deferred a little longer.

When an office block is ultimately erected it will be a smaller building, probably of about five storeys with a shopping floor at ground level. This type of structure will require a less elaborate foundation and will be relatively less costly. At the same time the Trust must continue with plans to replace the Rembrandt Private Hotel, a project which will command increasing priority as it will not be possible to continue the use of the old buildings for residential purposes very much longer.

Debenture Issues

Prince Albert College Trust is still dependent upon the goodwill and loyalty of its depositors and debenture-holders, whose financial support will enable the Trust to bridge the gap between its own resources (with mortgage assistance) and the cost of any development projects.

The Methodist Conference in 1974 authorised the issue of a Second Debenture of \$540,000 in addition to the First Debenture previously authorised of \$450,000. The prospectus for the Second Debenture is now in course of preparation. Interest rates for the Second Debenture together with revised rates for the First Debenture are as follows:

	First Debenture	Deposits and Second Debenture
6 months	6%	7%
one year	7%	8%
three years	9%	9½%
six years	10%	10½%
ten years	10½%	11%

Debenture holders whose investment has already run for two years have the option to switch their investment to the terms offered above, provided that the period yet to run in the existing investment

is 3 years or more, OR that the investment period is extended to provide for a further three years.

Continued support from Methodist Trusts and from interested people will provide the Prince Albert College Trust with encouragement to proceed in the orderly development of this valuable property which it administers on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.

3. THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

Grants amounting to \$986.00 have been made during the year.

The sudden death of the late Rev. Bernard M. Chrystall B.A. on 4th September 1974, has left a gap in the Trounson Trust Board not easily filled. His was a dynamic personality whose compassionate heart and incisive mind greatly assisted the Board in the decisions on many occasions during his ten years of dedicated service as a member. The Board places on record its indebtedness to him, and expresses its deep sympathy with the members of his family.

We remind our Ministers that the Board depends on them to sponsor applications for grants to assist needy Methodists of good standing for whom inadequate provision is made by any other Fund of the Church or elsewhere.

The Board is as follows:

Mr L. W. Peak, Chairman; Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, A. K. Petch, A. R. Penn, G. G. Carter, E. E. Sage (Secretary); Messrs J. S. Caughey and G. H. Lindsey, C. W. Firth, H. M. Denton.

L. W. PEAK, Chairman.

E. E. SAGE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

4. THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our report on the activities of the Board for the year ended 30th June, 1975.

Chairman:

Rev. J. A. Penman was appointed Chairman of the Board following the resignation and transfer of Rev. W. F. Ford.

Secretary:

Mr J. A. Kellow retired from the position of Secretary and Mr T. J. Martin was appointed in his place. Mr Kellow's retirement marked the end of a unique and honoured service to the Trust by

the Kellow family. Mr J. A. Kellow had been Secretary since 13th September, 1937 and before him, his father, the late Mr E. W. A. Kellow was a Trustee from 1904 and acting Secretary for a period. During all these years the Trust has been extraordinarily well served. Mr J. A. Kellow has enhanced that tradition of service by a very personal interest in and care for the Trust's affairs. He has made a substantial contribution to the beneficiaries of the Trust by accepting only a token payment for his professional services. Mr Kellow's grandfather the late Mr James Kellow, also served as a Trustee from 1913 until his death in 1921.

The Board extend to Mr Kellow its warm thanks and best wishes for good health and long years of well earned retirement.

Properties:

Kelburn: The Crown settled the purchase of land for the Victoria University of Wellington Halls of Residence which was agreed to last year. The objections to the Wellington City Council's zoning amendment have not yet been finalised but this is mainly academic now as far as the Board is concerned as all but two leases have been sold based on the higher valued zonings.

Following the passing of the Amendment Act, on 19th July, 1974 all leases were offered to the lessees at valuations agreed on by two valuers acting on the Board's behalf. All but two lessees have accepted five settling in full and the balance taking advantage of the Board's offer of $\frac{1}{4}$ deposit and the balance on a three year mortgage.

Masterton: Work has continued slowly on the subdivision. Thirty two sections have been sold and with the plan now sealed, titles can be given and settlement take place. Eighteen sections have been held off the market meantime and these will be released when the subdivision is closer to completion.

A staff house has been commenced on a site adjacent to the home and this qualifies for a Government subsidy.

Finance: The proceeds of the land sales have been invested for a three year term. In this way the majority of the Board's investments will mature in 1978 and be available for re-investment as a combined amount. It is hoped to reinvest in land and/or buildings.

A much increased revenue resulted as interest at 8% from 1.1.74. was paid in lieu of rentals on the five properties with expired leases which were sold. As the old leases were returning only 1%, this contributed greatly to the Board's higher income.

All proceeds of property sold has also been reinvested at substantially higher yields than the properties were attracting.

Masterton Children's Home: The Masterton Committee has reported direct to Conference and this Board endorses the committee's report and recommendations.

Rangiatea Maori College Trust: The Board has again increased its contribution to the Trust and representatives have attended the Trust's Annual Meeting.

FUTURE POLICY: Long term investment in land and buildings for security and a hedge against inflation is the long term aim of the Board. However, as explained earlier it will be 1978 before the bulk of the Board's Funds will be available for this type of investment.

The present and future higher earnings rate means the Board will be able to continue to adequately support the Rangiatea Maori College Trust and also the Masterton Children's Home and still have funds over. Some of these should be added to Capital to compensate

for the erosion due to inflation but the Board has now to assess what other areas it should support consistent with its objects.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman
T. J. MARTIN, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. J. A. Penman be appointed Chairman for the coming year.
3. That the Board's representatives on the Board of Rangiatea Maori College Trust be:
Rev. J. A. Penman
Mr G. C. Burton
Mr W. L. Churchill or Mr J. W. Brown
4. That the representatives of the Masterton Home Committee be Mrs Keith McLeod and Mr Bruce Smith.

5. THE EMSLEY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6. GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

The funds accumulated by this Trust have again been used to subsidise the Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' Hostel with a final recommendation to go to Conference with the consent of the Maori Division that the sum of \$3,000.00 should be paid as a grant to the Maori Division and from the Trust funds an amount of \$12,000.00 should be set aside to create a reserve fund for future development.

In reference to rentals charged by this Trust over the years the Trustees have recommended a table of rents based on the following guidelines when the leases are renewed in 1986. The proposal is that where sections are used for one home or dwelling unit the rental should be at a minimum but in these days of extra dwelling units being erected on smaller areas of land, in the form of own your own apartments or blocks of flats for rental purposes the Trustees were of the opinion that rents payable to this Trust should be increased. The table considered had been set out as follows:

- 1 unit per section 5% Government Land Value.
- 2 units 6% Government Land Value.
- 3 units 7% Government Land Value.
- 4 units 8% Government Land Value.
- 5 units 9% Government Land Value.
- 6 or units 10% Government Land Value.

This system will give the Church an increasing income to meet the needs of the community as they arise.

G. T. GILBERT, Chairman
M. H. BURN, Secretary

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

7. KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

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The rental under the lease came up for review on 15th July, 1974. A report was obtained from Registered Valuer and his recommendation as to rental was accepted by the Lessee. The rent has risen from \$2090 p.a. to \$5120 p.a. By arrangement a new lease was arranged to M. R. and B. R. Toms, the son-in-law and daughter of the late Mr L. G. Allen. They have in fact been carrying out the day to day farming of the property. The lease is for 21 years from 15th July, 1974 with periodic rent reviews.

The Trust property has been inspected by the Commission on Church Property. As directed by Conference in 1973, we have held discussions with the Maori Division as to the future of the investments of the Trust. It is proposed that the future of Rangiatea Maori College Trust first be settled and then the future policy as to Investments can be entertained.

With the increase of rent and pending the settling of the future investments, it has been decided to clear the Mortgage on the property obtained many years ago to reinstate the dwellinghouse.

The property was inspected and the buildings, pastures and fences are in good condition. The Trust is fortunate to have such a good tenant.

W. F. FORD, Chairman.

A. R. WALLIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

8. ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting my report on activities and financial results of the Robert Gibson Trust for the year ended June 30th 1975.

In reporting on the returns produced by the four dairy farms I have to report a satisfactory state of affairs from their operations.

The total payout for last season from the Taranaki Dairy Co. for the two South Taranaki farms was 136.377 cents per kilogram and this year to date is 121c per kg. The payout from the Clifton Dairy Co. for the two North Taranaki farms was 70.929c per kg for butterfat and 114.7c per kg for casein last year, and this year to date the payout is 69.45c per kg for butterfat and 118c for casein. The expected price for butterfat over the season should be about 135c for Taranaki Dairy Co and 129c for Clifton Dairy Co.

We have enjoyed a total increase in production of 9.56% over last year. The lowest increase being Lower Riverlea with a plus 2.79% and the highest being Whiteley with a plus in production of 20.7% with the two other dairy farms showing increases in between these figures as you will observe.

From this increase of 9.56% of production we generated an increase of income of \$12,951 or 14.68% over last year's returns.

It is also a matter worthy of note that in a year of rampant inflation the expenses incurred in the production of the above income

have risen only 6.95% thus making it possible to achieve a net profit of \$28,051. Last year's net profit figure was \$19,850 so that we have produced an improvement of 41.3% over last year and I would like to congratulate our farm Manager on this result.

The finance committee has met during the year whenever necessary. You will see from the accounts that we have increased our investments from \$23,153 to \$40,704. These investments are being kept under careful surveillance and are constantly under review. We have also kept our current funds working by arrangements with the bank for short term investments and transferring them to longer term investments if and when we deem necessary, thus making the best use of all funds entrusted to us and keeping them viable.

The major expenditure during the year has been the building of a new milking shed complete with new plant on the Lower Riverlea farm at a total estimated cost of \$18,000.

The Bursary Committee has met during the year and has considered all applications for bursaries.

These together with grants fall into six categories and are listed below, and I give last year's grants for comparison purpose.

GRANTS.		1974	1975
1. Wesley College	.....	165	600
2. Under Section 'C'	.....	85	100
3. Under Section 'D'	.....	1,776	930
4. Manaia Trust	.....	500	1,195
5. Masterton Children's Home	.....	2,000	2,500
6. Auckland Children's Home	.....		500
TOTAL GRANTS			\$5,825
Sundry Expenses	.....		769
Public Trust Administration	.....		871
TOTAL			\$7,465

It is a matter of concern to me that we do not receive more applications for Bursaries and Grants that come within the qualifications of this particular Trust and it is hoped that when applications close in November of this year that more requests will be forthcoming from students within the scope of our Trust deed whom we can assist.

J. P. HARDING, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1976 be Mr J. P. Harding (Chairman), Mr A. Moss, (Deputy Chairman), Revs. G. T. Gilbert, A. W. McKay, L. V. Willing, J. H. Conway, Messrs J. Eady, N. Laursen, H. B. Duthie, S. W. Bailey, R. B. Thomas (Farm Supervisor), Secretary (Public Trustee, Hawera).

QUESTION 41—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to:

(a) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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MAKING DISCIPLES

A. A Plan of Action

One of the explicit functions assigned to the Development Division is "responsibility for the Church's policy and programme of

Evangelism. At the beginning of 1974 the Board of the Division selected a number of issues that it wished to relate to in some detail. Of the seven issues chosen, the Board gave first priority to the issue of "Making Disciples—the missionary task of the local church."

In February the Board held a day workshop on "Making Disciples". Five findings emerged from the workshop—

1. **The role of the Division**—its contribution is not to be an agent of evangelism itself, but rather a supportive agent of the evangelistic efforts of the local church.

2. **The preparation of a theological/Biblical statement** setting out the Board's specific perspective on Making Disciples.

3. **The need to provide within local and Regional groupings opportunities for Christian commitment**, especially among youth.

4. **To monitor, analyse and circulate local initiatives in Confessing Christ and Making Disciples.**

5. **The role of District Synod as a support to the initiatives and efforts of the local church in Making Disciples.**

By the end of June the Board had endorsed the following line of action:

Firstly, the prime focus of the Division is to be on the recruitment, training and incorporation of disciples into the life of the church.

Accordingly, the Board has re-activated its Task Group in Palmerston North and commissioned it to act in assisting local churches to recruit disciples, train them in the practice of Christian discipleship, and incorporate them into the community of the church.

Secondly, the Board has commenced to monitor some of the current church programmes within the Connexion which are concerned to Confess Christ and Make Disciples. For example, Pitt Street Church's Month of Mission in July "Man Alive", Remuera Ecumenical Mission "Life '75", the Dunedin Circuit's "Forum '75" and the Onehunga Circuit's "Upper Room" project.

It wishes to analyse the dynamics behind each of these programmes and publish case studies as a guide and an incentive to Circuits and Parishes.

B. A Statement of Intention

In line with the findings from the workshop, the Board sees as part of its role the sharpening up of the basic issues within Evangelism, and the provision of resources to undergird the initiatives of the local church. It has recognised the need to establish some clear working definitions, as it was reminded of Sartayana's dictum "a fanatic is one who has lost his sense of direction, so he redoubles his efforts".

The following statement is intended as a guide to understand the Board's current emphasis on Making Disciples:

1. **The task of Making Disciples as seen in the total perspective of Christian Evangelism.**

Making disciples is only one dimension in the total spectrum of evangelism. Loren Mead expresses this distinction as follows:

"Somewhere in its history, the church came to mistake a response to evangelism for evangelism itself. Evangelism became the response-of-acceptance-and-incorporation-into-the-fellowship, not the outgoing act of the church or the Christian. It came to be understood primarily in terms of drawing people in, rather than thrusting out in deed and word of witness . . . The point is that as an evangelist, the Christian must be focussed on the world and the needs of those outside the church, not on the response he is hoping for, from the world and

the persons outside the church. The Christian always hopes for the seed to bear fruit of conversion, but the fruit genuinely is of God. Evangelism is concerned with the good news sent by God, sometimes acted out by Christians, sometimes discovered in the world outside the church. It is a 'go' word and not a 'come' word. We put the integrity of our evangelism in danger when we measure its authenticity by the size of the response. Worse we put our own selves in heavy temptation to manipulate people when we measure our faithfulness by how our hearer responds."

Professor Orlando S. Costas, Secretary for Studies, Latin American Bible Seminary, notes that there are three important propositions that define the nature of Evangelism in relation to the totality of Salvation. These propositions as defined by Costas, place the dimension of Making Disciples within the total perspective of Evangelism.

(a) Evangelism is witnessing to a Liberating and Searching God.

Salvation is of God, and He actualizes it in the deliverance of the oppressed from bondage and captivity, in the quality of life he demands from his creatures, and in his creative and providential deeds in the world.

To bear witness to the God of salvations is, consequently, to affirm the truth about his liberating deeds. It is to affirm the reality of the Gospel, which is the revelation of God and thus to point him out to all mankind as a God of love and grace who became flesh, died on a cross, and descended into the uttermost parts, in search of a captive creation and who continues this quest through his Spirit and his witnessing community, the church.

The God of the Gospel is, therefore, not only a liberating but a searching God.

(b) Evangelism is interpreting Christ's saving work in the light of the Struggles of mankind.

The Christian bears a tremendous responsibility. Since he has experienced the reality of God's liberating action in history, he must interpret the manifestation in time of this reality.

As a witness to the truth of the Gospel, the Christian cannot be content simply with pointing to the historical facts about the life, ministry and work of Christ. He must interpret the meaning of Christ for the here and now.

As members of the community of salvation, Christians are called to interpret Christ's saving work by actualizing in their everyday life the essential characteristics of salvation.

Having been born into the family of God, they must actualize God's love in the fellowship of the faith and in their relations with the rest of the world. Their experience of liberation from the power of sin and death requires of them the manifestation of God's Shalom in their life, i.e. a life of reconciliation, freedom and fullness. Their participation in the life of God's kingdom demands of them a commitment to justice.

Salvation is operative not only in the realm of the spiritual I-Thou relationship, but also in the collective dimensions of life.

The church is faithful to her evangelical imperative not only when she shows forth and actualizes the marks of coming salvation but also when she participates in the conflicts of those who suffer and long to be liberated from their situation of oppression.

The church is faithful to her witnessing vocation when she becomes a catalyst for God's liberating action in the world of poverty, exploitation, hunger, guilt and despair by standing in

solidarity with people, by showing them with concrete actions that God cares and wills to save them and by helping them to understand the material and moral roots of their situation.

(c) **Evangelism is calling for a commitment to Jesus Christ.**

An analysis of the evangelistic practice of the early church as described in the New Testament, reveals that for the latter, evangelism was not only a testimony to Christ's saving action and an interpretation of the meaning of salvation in the light of man's historical struggle, but a call for commitment to Jesus Christ.

To evangelize was to call for a decision about God's liberating action in Jesus Christ, to invite people to confess him as Lord and Saviour of their lives, to recruit them for God's Kingdom, to persuade them to be reconciled to God through his Son, to make them **His disciples.**

What does becoming a disciple of Jesus mean?

A decision to follow Christ implies a commitment to everything to which Jesus Christ is himself committed. Professor Miguez-Bonino makes this exceedingly clear. He asks,

"What happens when somebody is converted to Christ?" He must know that he is not going into some sort of secluded soul fellowship, but that he is called to obedience to the one who said 'the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord' (Luke 4: 18-19). This is the Christ of the Gospel and there is no other Christ to be converted to."

Further, calling people to become disciples of Christ implies inviting them to be incorporated into Christ. In the New Testament, baptism is understood as the work of incorporation into Christ and thus into his body the Church.

Effective evangelism must therefore lead to incorporation into the church. For the new Christian, the church becomes a family in which he puts into practice his experience of reconciliation through fellowship and communion with his brethren, a school in which he grows and is trained for mission, and a team through which he can fulfil his witnessing vocation.

2. **Making disciples is a fundamental function of the local church.**

In 1968 the Methodist Conference adopted a report on Evangelism which emphasized that the prime responsibility for evangelism—making disciples, rests with the congregation rather than the individual. The Report stated: "We have been led to put forward the group rather than the individual as the fundamental unit of Christian life and work, since it is only in the group that the essential characteristics of the church can be adequately expressed. The importance of **persons-to-person encounter** in evangelism is taken for granted. It will inevitably be individuals who serve individuals in trying to bring them into the group, to involve them in its work of serving. It will be individuals who help individuals to see the implications of the Christian life. But an individual can be an evangelist only on the strength of his involvement in a live Christian community, and his evangelism involves offering others a place in that community."

The report was emphatic "that effective evangelism will come only when a Christian community discovers what God intends it to be and do and actively conforms to that vocation. **The Church's true life is the Church's true evangelism.**"

Loren Mead in a publication entitled "Evangelism—notes towards a better understanding" draws attention to the fact that the character

of evangelism in the New Testament is corporate rather than exclusively individual.

"The evangelists came out of the evangelical community and have a responsibility back to that community. Paul and Barnabas were chosen by the community at Antioch to be evangelists. The decision undoubtedly was related to their personal capacities and their personal sense of calling to do the work of evangelism, yet they went out as sent persons (missionaries) from that community. That is the community to which they reported back, also. The corporateness of the work of evangelism is historically witnessed to in the work of the countless evangelists sent out by monastic communities and, during the 19th and 20th centuries, sent out and supported by parish churches. The sending out was a corporate act of community, recognising the special charisma of the one sent. The sending out was also a reflection of the community's concept of its reasons for being."

However, there are some manifestations of the church's belief and practice that inhibit effective evangelism. For example, a report on 'Diversity of Belief' presented to the 1975 Church Council noted "The main stream expressions of the Church, Methodism among them, present to the world a somewhat confused pattern of belief, practice and action. This outward confusion may be creative insofar as it involves a fresh appraisal of the church's story and mission, but at the point of action and evangelism it is inhibiting. Is there any direct connection between our arrested growth as a church and the diversity of belief (sometimes mutually contradictory belief) which is such an obvious mark of our church today? We cannot say for sure, but there is some evidence that evangelism is the first and most obvious casualty when there is corporate uncertainty over the message.

A recent study from the World Council of Churches indicates very clearly that it is the question of the content of the church's message of Good News with which Christian communities are struggling today, and that the question of techniques and methods of communicating the message are secondary against this background.

Further, the 1968 Report on Evangelism recognised that certain aspects of the church's life and practice are a deterrent to evangelism. It suggested that Evangelism needs more than just better technique to make it more effective today, it needs a reform of the whole life of the church.

Project Test Pattern, an American Episcopal Church venture, has been almost totally concerned with research into how congregations can develop a sound basis for Christian Nurture and witness. This focus of research was grounded in the belief that evangelism will be the normal by-product of health in congregations.

3. Three operational issues in "Making Disciples".

There are three important aspects of local church activity in which we must become more competent. The first is recruitment, the second is training for membership and the third is the incorporation of people into the life of the church.

i. RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS.

Loren Mead notes in his paper on "Three operation issues within Evangelism", that there have been a number of methods of recruitment during the history of the church. Some of them are as follows:

"I. Proclamation/Witness. Basically sermonic, often personal, this form of recruitment depends upon the oral word to get the attention, stir the intellect and emotions, and cause the person to

make a commitment to Jesus Christ and some institutionalization of the church. This form of recruitment, the kerygmatic form, is as old as the Bible.

II. **Artistic:** A method of recruitment perhaps as old as the kerygmatic is the artistic—the attempts through visual art, drama, poetry and music to win the attention and the allegiance of the “audience” to Jesus Christ.

III. **Mass Media.** In modern times radio and television have been used extensively as extensions, basically, of the kerygmatic and artistic methods. This is an application of new technology to basically older forms of recruitment.

IV. **Apologetic.** Christian history has been full of “apologists”, those who used intellectual argument to win the minds of others, and through the mind to win the person to the Gospel. These were men like St. John and Justin the Martyr, Augustine and Anselm; indeed, such in our time were men like C. S. Lewis and Paul Tillich.

V. **Personal.** The effect of the quiet witness of a life of faith—the example of the personal style of one who loves Jesus and is transparent to that love. Sometimes such people have the gift of apologetic words, sometimes the gift of kerygmatic words, but the words are often beside the point. It is the witness of the life that counts. Again, this kind of recruitment goes back to New Testament times.”

There is then a broad tradition of “Making Disciples” which embraces many methods, but there are boundaries—Gospel boundaries. **The methods must always be servant to the message.** No method of making disciples can be described as Christian which does violence to the person, which calls people away from responsibility for a society, which sees conversion as the end of a journey rather than a beginning, which calls people to disown their rational faculties, which invites people to acknowledge anyone but Jesus as Lord.

ii. TRAINING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Once a person accepts the Lordship of Christ and membership in his church, he needs training and support in order to actualize his discipleship in specific acts of love and service for others.

Basically, our confirmation preparation to date has centred around the interpretation and teaching of certain basic beliefs and practices of the church.

Certainly the church is a Gospel shaped community, but not enough attention has been given to training people in the practice of Christian Discipleship, so that the Gospel is not only preached but practised. Eric Fromm, the Psychoanalyst in his book “The art of loving” argues that love is an art that requires discipline and practice to be and remain effective. Authentic love is much more than an emotional expression, it is an act of the will, a determination to act responsibly towards self and others.

iii. INCORPORATION INTO THE CONGREGATION.

Loren Mead describes incorporation in these terms:

“One comes into a congregation in a variety of ways. By “coming into the congregation” I mean becoming an effective part of the ministering and ministered-unto team. We are all aware of people who come into a congregation with a burst of enthusiasm and energy, but who somehow drift away after a few months or a year. Often, but not always, it is a sign that the congregation really did not find a way to constructively use the energy and work of the individual.

The individual came but did not get 'in'. This suggests that once recruited and trained, the prospective member still has to be helped to find his particular role in the congregation.

If we know little about effectiveness of recruiting methods, if we know still less about how to do better training for membership, we know infinitely less about how a congregation may order its life so as to bring the new people into the team. Beyond the usual "Give them a job to do", we really haven't developed much understanding or strategy, other than that which gifted people do by instinct in some places.

The best recruitment and the best training will come to nothing if not accompanied by effective incorporating."

C. A resource for the local church.

The above statement on Making Disciples was included in the July issue of the Local Education Action Folder. In addition to the statement itself the following questions were included for consideration by the local church:

- i What is the Gospel—the Good News that we are commissioned to communicate?
- ii Are our existing structures and programmes sufficient to sustain or initiate the work of Making Disciples?
- iii What specific action needs to be taken to recruit-train-incorporate people into the life of the church to enable them to act as agents of Christian Mission?
- iv What is the relation of worship and celebration to mission? How can the worship element within the life of the church be used to strengthen missionary commitment?

D. B. GORDON, Chairman.

B. E. JONES, Superintendent.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT 1975

1. CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES WITH THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

a. The degree of involvement with the Negotiating Churches

- i. **Union Parishes.** Methodist membership and property are involved in sixty-four Union Parishes.

3 are a partnership between Church of Christ and Methodists (Matamata, Wellington South and Oamaru);

5 are a partnership between Congregational, Methodists and Presbyterians. (Raglan, Taita, Corstorphine, West Harbour, Port Chalmers);

3 are a partnership between Church of Christ, Methodists and Presbyterians. (Tawa, Greymouth, South East Christchurch);

53 are a partnership between Methodists and Presbyterians.

Deployment of Ministers. Of the 172 Methodist Ministers serving in Circuits, 28 or 16% are employed in Union Parishes. Of the 378 Presbyterian Ministers serving in Parishes, 44 or 11% are working in Union Parishes.

Membership. Of the 27,573 Methodist members on the electoral roll, 30 June 1974, 4,078 or 14.78% are from Union Parishes. Of the 83,847 communicant Presbyterian members 8,131 or 9.69% are from Union Parishes.

- ii. **Co-operating Parishes.** In addition to the 64 Union Parishes,

Methodist Membership and property are now involved in 9 Co-operating Parishes.

6 are a partnership between Anglicans and Methodists (North Hokianga, South Hokianga, South Kaipara, Glenfield, Glen Innes, Bluff, Greenhills, Stewart Island).

3 are a partnership between Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians. (South Bay of Islands, Flaxmere, Hastings, Chartwell, Hamilton).

Structure wise, 37% of Methodist Circuits are Union Parishes and if the 9 Co-operating Parishes are added it means that 43% of our Circuit structure is organically involved with one or more of the Negotiating Churches. However, the Methodist Church's commitment to Church Union is deeper than the above figures alone suggest. The results of a survey undertaken by the Superintendent of the Division for the purpose of compiling a Staffing Survey for the Stationing Committee, revealed that 89% of all Circuits-Parishes were involved in some existing form of co-operation or else a planned Co-operative Venture either of an exploratory or an organic nature.

Indications at present suggest that 9 Cooperating Parishes, 1 Union Parish, 1 Joint Ministry will be formed early next year. An interesting development is the movement by some Union Parishes to establish a Co-operating Parish and so involve other Negotiating Churches. (Hauraki Plains, Ruawai, Turangi).

b. Implications arising from Co-operation

Understandably a number of administrative and procedural difficulties have arisen as more Union and Co-operating Parishes have been formed. (Note: 78% of the Union Parishes were established over the five year period from 1970-1974).

The most pronounced of these difficulties are:

- i. Achieving adequate orientation of clergy appointed to serve in a Co-operative Venture, and also the orientation of participating congregations to each other's distinctive traditions and practices.
- ii. Establishing acceptable procedures for making clergy appointments to co-operative ventures.
- iii. Determining fair procedures relating to Grant-in-aid, Budget allocations, giving to Missions in Co-operating Parishes.
- iv. Co-ordinating denominational programmes/projects designated for Parish use and participation.

During the year the Division has been involved in three significant Consultations each associated in part or whole with the four issues of concern.

A. Methodist-Presbyterian Consultation—Taupo, February 1975

The Consultation considered some 14 agenda items and made the following recommendations:

Forms of Agreement for future acts of Co-operation

"In noting the resolution of 1974 Methodist Conference requesting the use of the Guidelines for Co-operating Parishes as the basis for future negotiations for all co-operative ventures, this consultation affirms that in all such negotiations every effort be made at local and regional levels to include all of the negotiating churches in preparing the most appropriate basis of union or subsequent co-operation of all congregations".

Synchronizing respective Grant-in-aid terms and procedures

It was agreed that the terms for the grants be co-ordinated and to facilitate this the Methodist term be adjusted in line with the financial year and operate as from 1 July, 1975. It was also agreed

that in future a co-ordinated policy of review and assessment for Grant-in-aid applications be adopted.

Staff appointments to Union Parishes

It was acknowledged that in the past the two churches had made every effort to fill Union Parish appointments as they became vacant. Because of a general staff shortage the Consultation affirmed that Union Parishes may have to accept a share of the overall vacancies.

B. Negotiating Churches Consultation on Union and Co-operating Parishes—St. John's Theological College, Auckland, 17-19 July, 1975

At the request of the Planning and Liaison Committee representing the three Auckland Joint Regional Committees, the Rev. Keith Rowe, field worker for the Joint National Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry, organised a Consultation on Union and Co-operating Parishes. The aim of the Consultation was to:

- * Provide an opportunity for clergy in existing Union and Co-operating Parishes to share their experience and frustrations, to learn from others and to share with Church decision-makers any administrative frustrations which affect life and work in their parish.
- * Provide an opportunity for those who live and work in parishes which will soon become ecumenical to learn from the experience of others.
- * Provide an opportunity for Church decision makers to learn from those who live and work in Union and Co-operating Parishes, and then to discuss how the Church's administrative machinery may more effectively meet the demands of ecumenical ministries.
- * Provide an opportunity for those who have responsibility for the continuing education of ministers to hear of the type of orientation and support which is needed by clergy who work in ecumenical parishes.

What emerged was a firm resolution that there was no going back on co-operation. Those responsible for ministry in union situations discussed the challenges of working within a new ethos of worship. They agreed on the importance of building symbols of their newfound unity instead of simply maintaining the separate traditions involved. The enthusiasm of lay delegates, even from those areas where negotiations have proved difficult, proved to be a highlight of the consultation.

The area of greatest frustration experienced by those attending proved to be relationships with parent denominations and their failure to co-ordinate administrative links with Union Ventures.

It was significant that the only formal resolution made by the Consultation was one which seeks to achieve closer co-operation between the top levels of administration in the various denominations. This resolution arose out of a deep sense of frustration on the part of both clergy and laity in the parishes, as well as denominational administrators and planners.

C. Joint Commission on Church Union Consultation on Union and Co-operative Ventures—Wellington, 10 September, 1975

Initiatives to convene this consultation had come from the Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian Courts.

The four specific issues and the recommendations that arose out of the discussions are as follows:

i. Interim Co-ordinating Structures

"That the Joint National Committee on Church Extension (J.N.C.C.E.) be requested to explore the possibility of setting up

co-ordinating committees contiguous with each of the established Anglican Dioceses to deal with:

- * Co-ordinated oversight of the establishment of Co-operating Parishes.
- * Promotion of Overseas Missions—the financial support of Overseas from Co-operating Parishes.
- * Co-ordination of financial assessments/allocations to Co-operating Parishes from the respective Denominational Courts.
- * Co-ordination of denominational programmes/projects designated for Parish use and participation.
- * Combined procedures for Grant-in-aid to Co-operating Parishes”.

ii. Questions concerning regional Church Courts’ authority in developing Co-operative Ventures

“That the J.N.C.C.E. be requested to clarify the areas where Joint Regional Committees can make decisions with regard to Co-operating Parishes and what specific matters need to be settled by Presbytery, the Bishop in Council and the Methodist Synod in consultation”.

iii. Ministerial appointments, orientation of clergy-congregations and services of Confirmation

“That the attention of the J.N.C.C.E. be drawn to the need for participation of congregations in the appointment of Ministers and also for the orientation of Ministers and congregations in preparation for Co-operative Ventures, and also the need for account to be taken of Maori Parishes and Pacific Island groups”.

iv. Worship in Co-operating Parishes

“That with a view to greater flexibility in the conduct of worship, the Executive of the J.C.C.U. forward to the Anglican Provincial Committee on Church Union a request that consideration be given to:

- (a) making provision for Anglican Priests to use liturgical material of other Churches, and
- (b) clarifying questions arising from the use of Anglican Orders of Service by Ministers of other churches”.

It is clear from all these consultations that the commitment to co-operate at Parish level must now be matched by a commitment to co-operate at Regional and National Court level among the churches.

c. Support and resources for Rural Ministry

At the request of the Board of the Development Division, Keith Rowe, field worker in Continuing Education for Ministry, organised a School of Rural Ministry in Hamilton 9-12 June, 1975.

The twenty-six Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Clergy present were unanimous about the value of the school.

Significant issues and findings to emerge were:

- i. There is a need for an ecumenical strategy to cover rural Ministry;
- ii. The Churches need to affirm confidence in rural Ministry;
- iii. It is important to focus upon the development rather than the maintenance of rural Ministry. Both clergy and lay people need equipping for Ministry in rural areas;
- iv. There is a solidarity amongst rural clergy which manifests itself in a willingness to share resources and experiences to support Ministry.
- v. There are resource people willing to provide the church with data necessary to assess the distinctive needs of rural communities, i.e. Sociologists, Federated Farmers.

2. SAMOAN MINISTRY

On behalf of the Conference Rev. Amituana'i maintains a roving representative Ministry among Samoan people in Auckland, Tokoroa, Gisborne, Hastings, Petone and Wellington. In Auckland alone there are some eleven Circuits that are actively supported by Samoan families.

Since his appointment in October 1973, there has been a growing confidence and appreciation of Siauala's Ministry. This is illustrated by the developing nature of his work and the request from the Samoan Policy Committee that his appointment be extended for another three years.

A brief description of Siauala's activities will be sufficient to indicate the range and depth of his Ministry:

Auckland. As Chairman of the Auckland District Samoan Fellowship, Siauala is involved in co-ordinating and in some cases leading a variety of Samoan activities. In October this year the Fellowship organised a "White Sunday" service which was held in Pitt Street. Families from all over Auckland attended and the church was crowded. At this service, children representing Papakura, Otara, Mangere, Central Mission, Mt. Eden, Kingsland, Sandringham, Birkenhead, Pitt Street and Ponsonby each made separate group presentations of Bible stories as the central feature of the "White Sunday" service.

Since the beginning of the year the Fellowship has committed itself to raising funds through a variety of projects, for the Samoan Cultural Centre planned at Ponsonby.

Another District activity Siauala is involved in is the Samoan Choir. In addition to its choral contribution at District services, the choir also provides pastoral support to individuals and families who have suffered a bereavement.

Each week Siauala leads a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting in one of the city churches, and conducts a Lay Preachers' class and is involved with a programme of social activity and Bible Study for Youth.

Further, he regularly visits the Auckland Hospitals, ministering to Samoan patients whose names have been referred to him by the Chaplains.

A feature of his Ministry undoubtedly is conduct of worship. A District service is held in Pitt Street once a month for which Siauala is responsible, and each Sunday he is involved in worship at one or more of the Auckland churches which has a Samoan language service.

He also represents the church at birthdays, engagement celebrations, weddings, funerals, welcomes to new arrivals and farewells to people returning to Samoa.

There are some significant signs that the Samoan work is both developing and consolidating within Auckland. For example, there is an increase in the number of language services held in churches that have traditionally provided such facilities; at Papakura and Mangere language services have started; increased support is being given to the monthly District services.

Tokoroa. Once a quarter Siauala visits Tokoroa where, in addition to leading worship, he holds a Lay Preachers' class. He has also assisted in the establishment of a Samoan Methodist Youth Group.

Hastings. Earlier this year Siauala was invited by Samoan families in Hastings and the Circuit, to establish regular language services. The cost of travel and other commitments have meant that

Siauala cannot regularly visit Hastings but he has taken steps to form a Lay Preachers' class so that eventually there will be sufficient lay resources to provide the district language services.

Petone. Samoan families in Petone and Hutt Valley requested Siauala's assistance at the beginning of this year to establish regular language services at Petone. These are now being held and as Siauala only visits Petone and Wellington quarterly, Lay Preachers conduct the monthly services. When he visits Petone in addition to leading worship he conducts Lay Preachers' classes, a Bible Study Group and a District Youth Fellowship.

Because of the sporadic nature of Siauala's Ministry in Petone, the Samoan Policy Committee has endorsed the proposal to appoint a voluntary Samoan lay Pastor to work among the Petone families.

The Division warmly endorses the Ministry that Siauala is doing on behalf of the New Zealand Conference, and wholeheartedly supports the recommendation of the Samoan Policy Committee that his term of appointment be extended for a further three years.

3. HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

i. Connexional support for Ecumenical Chaplaincies

In the 1974/75 financial year the Division supported eight ecumenical chaplaincies amounting to some \$9,263 (Auckland Public, Oakley, Tokanui, Porirua, Levin, Templeton, Dunedin and Whangarei).

For the 1975/76 financial year the Division has accepted the specified Methodist Connexional share for three additional ecumenical chaplaincies at Tauranga, Napier-Hastings and Rotorua. It is estimated that some \$13,538 will be distributed by way of grants to the eleven chaplaincies now receiving Connexional support.

ii. Government Subsidy

Initially it was proposed that the Government subsidy for Hospital Chaplaincies would provide 50% of the cost for fifty-five chaplains. In fact, however, the \$2,675 subsidy per chaplain currently paid is well below the 50% level as the average cost of a chaplaincy was estimated in mid 1974 to be \$8,524.

The Inter-Church Advisory Council on Hospital Chaplaincy at its meeting in June of this year received word from the Department of Health declining an increase in subsidy payments in view of the current economic situation.

The Council agreed that further approaches be made to the Health Department for an increase in subsidy payments.

There are now fifty-five chaplaincies receiving Government subsidy and this is the limit agreed to by the Government and the Churches.

4. EPWORTH BOOKROOM

Sales and stock turnover have continued to increase, though unfortunately operating expenses absorbed a great deal of the profit gained from enterprising trading. A net loss of \$687.00 was incurred for the 1974/75 year and the Bookroom's Accountant indicated that wages and superannuation items had increased by 46.8% over last year's figures.

The renovations to the shop have proved an outstanding success, allowing a more enterprising display of books as well as providing ease of access between the display cabinets. Staff and packaging facilities have also been improved.

Again the Manager and his staff are to be congratulated for the fine efforts, not only in maintaining but extending the Book-room's service within Auckland and its environs.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

(1974 Minutes of Conference Resolution 6, Page 199)

As requested by Conference, a composite committee representing the Development Division and the Faith and Order Committee has prepared this report.

The committee concluded that what was required was an assurance to Ministers and lay people who are involved in the charismatic renewal movement that there is a place for this emphasis within Methodism.

The committee resisted any thought of preparing a statement on the Pentecostal phenomenon as it is convinced that there is sufficient material already available for the guidance and instruction of those who are interested. A bibliography of recommended reports, books, statements is appended to this report.

1. An acceptance of the charismatic movement within contemporary Methodism

Within the Methodist Church today there are a number of Ministers and lay people who openly acknowledge their association with the charismatic renewal movement. Their commitment to Methodism and the charismatic movement illustrates the nature of "Neo-Pentecostalism" which is the phenomenon of "Pentecostal experience" expressed within the traditional denominations.

Unlike the historical expressions of Pentecostalism which have drawn people away from the mainstream churches, the Neo-Pentecostal movement emphasises the need for the charismatic influence to be expressed within the order of existing churches.

The Church is the richer for the renewed emphasis upon the individual corporate experience of the Holy Spirit, including those aspects of the experience highlighted by the charismatic movement, so long as they are not held to be universally obligatory, exclusive or superior to other Christian insights.

A feature of Methodism is its ability to accommodate a variety of emphases within its Order preferring to be inclusive rather than exclusive in its endorsement of styles of Christian belief and practice. The presence of Ministers and lay people within Methodism who are either sympathetic or committed to the cause of charismatic renewal is evidence of the inclusive character of the Church.

But it must be said that this acknowledgement of the presence of "neo-pentecostals" must be more than a bland tolerance. Rather, there needs to be an open and frank acceptance of their experiences, which is neither patronising nor uncritical. Conversely, it is important that those within the charismatic movement openly acknowledge and accept the validity of other people's Christian experience.

Further, in a period of increased ecumenical sensitivity and co-operation it is interesting to note that the neo-pentecostal movement is providing opportunities for sharing and learning across denominational divisions. For example, the "Life in the Spirit Seminars" provide a common meeting ground where people from Protestant Churches and the Catholic Church share and confirm each other's experience of the Holy Spirit.

2. Oversight of charismatic practices in the life of the Church

In affirming the need for the Church to accept those who support the charismatic movement it is also important that those within the

movement facilitate such acceptance by acknowledging the discipline, guidance and oversight of the Church.

The organisational character of Methodism being basically representative allows opportunity both in the informal committees and formal meetings of the local Church for oversight and guidance to be given to those seeking to affirm their charismatic experience within the Church.

Unilateral action for or against charismatic practices is an unacceptable way of resolving any difficulties that might arise as churches seek to accommodate a variety of experiences within a congregation.

3. The search for alternative styles of Christian worship

Over recent years there has been a persistent emphasis upon developing alternative styles of worship to complement traditional forms.

Where there are requests for charismatic forms of worship such services may be planned with the consent of the Quarterly Leaders' Meeting and under the direction of a Minister or a responsible lay person.

Whenever speaking in tongues occurs in public, it should be accompanied by interpretation. In particular, whenever any charismatic phenomena occur in the presence of those not familiar with them, a careful explanation should be given in order that they might understand what is happening. The charismatic movement has a significant following in the traditional churches. While it cannot be considered the only manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit, we affirm that it has a place within the Methodist Church.

Suggested Reading

a. Material presenting the charismatic viewpoint

Michael Harper—"As at the Beginning"; "None can guess".

Laurence Christenson—"Speaking in Tongues and its significance for the Church"; "A Charismatic approach to Social Action".

Edward D. O'Connor—"The Pentecostal Movement in the Catholic Church".

D. J. Bennett—"Nine O'clock in the Morning".

b. Material presenting a Theological/Biblical exposition of the Holy Spirit

W. Barclay—"The promise of the Spirit".

A. Bittlinger—"Gifts and Graces"; "Gifts and Ministries".

K. Greet—"When the Spirit Moves".

F. D. Bruner—"A Theology of the Holy Spirit".

J. D. G. Dunn—"Baptism in the Holy Spirit".

C.L.C. Resource—"Come from the four winds"—Dr. Scott McPheat.

Article—"Pneuma"—in Theological Dictionary of the N.T.

c. Material presenting "both sides" to the question of contemporary charismatic phenomena

John Osborne—"The Winds of the Spirit"—an introductory study on the charismatic movement—Methodist Board of Publications. Doctrine and Life and Work Committees. Presbyterian Church of New Zealand—"The Holy Spirit and Charismatic Renewal of the Church" 1973/74 Reports.

United Presbyterian Church of America—"The work of the Holy Spirit".

Sydney Anglican Diocesan Commission—"Both sides to the question".

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. Barry E. Jones be designated for appointment for an additional term as Superintendent of the Development Division.
3. That the Methodist Church's representatives on the Inter-Church Advisory Council on Hospital Chaplaincy, be Revs. B. E. Jones and C. D. Clark.
4. That the substance of the report on "Charismatic Renewal" be conveyed to the membership of the Church through a suitably prepared Pastoral letter and that reports of charismatic renewal experiences be conveyed to the Development Division.
5. That Circuit/Parish Grants for 1976 as printed on page be approved.
6. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1975

SAMOAN MINISTRY

A. Objectives for the Samoan Ministry.

The encouraging and developing of commitment to Christ and His Church by Samoans associated with the Methodist Church of N.Z. by building up of their regional fellowships and by also urging them to establish links with their local congregation (See also Minutes 1974 Conference pp 193 and 200).

B. Relationship with the Samoan Conference Congregations in New Zealand.

The decision communicated by the Samoan President, Secretary and Layman last year shows that they favour separate development. This affects the agreement signed by both Presidents in 1973.

The Samoan Conference wishes to tell the New Zealand Conference that "it has no intention of forcing people to do what they do not want to do. Worship is a personal matter and each individual has to decide to which church he will attach himself."

In the light of this new development which clearly is a breach of the 1973 agreement, the Samoan Policy Committee recommends to the New Zealand Conference a hard and careful look into the situation. For not only is a new line of approach seemed to be called for, but a recommendation in regard to the attitude and work of the committee itself (which incidentally is being jeopardized) seems necessary.

The Samoan Policy Committee can see right now some cause for concern in the New Zealand Conference, not to mention its own Samoan members. But in spite of these difficulties, we need to seek ways of reconciling our two Conferences. This involves our relationship with their congregations in New Zealand. We must continue to maintain and develop our good relationship on an ecumenical basis so that in time this will prove to be workable.

C. Finance.

The report and suggestions presented by the Superintendent of the Development Division to the Policy Committee indicated that the Division is in a very difficult position over financing the Samoan Ministry. This is due to the reduction in the budget figure available to the Division.

The Policy Committee looked at the suggestions very carefully but the suggestions were declined. It was then suggested that if the Division identifies the various components in the total cost of Siauala's ministry (e.g. travelling, stipend, housing, secretarial assistance) the various Samoan Fellowships may choose to make a specific contribution to one or more of them.

Already, the Auckland District Fellowship has contributed to the furnishing of the house (\$570) and to stationery. They are now engaged in raising funds for the Centre at St John's, Ponsomby.

It is recognised that Samoans would be supporting two ministries, i.e. of the local congregation and of the Samoan ministry. It would be too heavy to expect this since they also have financial obligations to their families in Samoa. So the question of financing the Samoan ministry is still hanging in the air.

D. Second Term of Appointment.

The Auckland District considered the matter of the extension of Siauala's appointment in New Zealand and recommended to the Policy Committee that the New Zealand Conference be requested to make this extension. This issue was debated at length and finally an overwhelming vote of confidence was given to Siauala. It was agreed "that the Policy Committee requests the 1975 New Zealand Conference to apply to the Samoan Conference for an extension of Siauala's appointment for a further three years as from October 1976."

E. Appointment of Part-Time Pastors

There is a real need for a part-time Samoan pastor to serve in Wellington-Petone, Gisborne and Hastings. The Policy Committee accepted the principle and asked the Convener of the Committee to write to the various Samoan Fellowships to consider the issue and report back to him so that he could prepare a report to the Church Council based on the replies of the various Samoan Fellowships.

With the exception of the Wellington Wesley Church Fellowship, all overwhelmingly supported the appointment of a part-time pastor to Wellington to serve the selected areas.

It is envisaged that the role of the part-time pastor be:

- (i) to assist and support the palagi ministers in the oversight and care of Samoan families within those areas.
- (ii) to co-operate with circuit ministers to strengthen their work among Samoans by deepening their understanding of Samoan culture, family life and leadership styles and worship.
- (iii) to exercise leadership in the field of Christian education—leading Bible study groups and training of lay folk as lay preachers.
- (iv) to cope for specifically Samoan needs and occasions.

F. Recruitment of Samoan Candidates for the New Zealand Ministry.

The Policy Committee accepted the principle of recruiting candidates for the ministry from Samoans resident in New Zealand and referred the matter to the Committee on Ministry and the Church Council for consideration.

The Committee on Ministry has written to the Samoan Conference informing them of the proposed procedures for Samoan ministerial candidates. So far no word has been received.

G. Visit of Rev. S. Amituana'i and Mr. A. Galuvao to the Samoan Conference.

A report was prepared for the Samoan Conference which described the nature of Siauala's ministry in New Zealand; the move

to appoint a part-time lay pastor and the step being taken to recruit Samoan candidates for the New Zealand ministry.

The Rev. Amituana'i and Mr Galuvao (both representing the New Zealand Conference) attended the Samoan Conference held in Apia in July. Unfortunately, when they sought to table their report to the Conference this was resisted by the Samoan President who stated very clearly that he had no intention of considering matters related to the Samoans who are associated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand as these are purely New Zealand matters. The Methodist Church of New Zealand has a right to do what it wants for the Samoans who are under her care. He did not want to interfere with the New Zealand policy.

Obviously, we are living in the era of change. Changes are taking place in the world today. Some of these will affect the Samoan Methodist Church's policy. Let us not lose heart but continue to seek ways to do God's work more effectively.

H. Establishment of Samoan Synod in New Zealand

The Samoan Conference approved the establishment of a Synod within New Zealand which gives oversight to the five Samoan circuits.

Behind the approval was the appreciation by the Samoan Conference of the reasons (two principally) which were forwarded to it in June by its congregations in New Zealand. The reasons were:

(I) that while before she was only, financially speaking, a babe, now the five circuits acting together feel it has come of age; that it must now stand on its own feet and help out in the work of the Samoan Conference of which she is proud and happy to be associated.

(II) that judging from past experience and practice it would be pastorally and financially convenient for delegates from a Samoan Synod in New Zealand when it comes to attending meetings in Samoa. With the establishment of a New Zealand Samoan Synod, time away from work will now be minimised; delegates will be away from their jobs here for the Conference period only, not as well as that for attending the Synod meetings of former and up-till-then affiliation as it had been doing for quite some time.

The Rev. Apelu Tuimaseve was appointed Chairman and Rev. Pati Toso was appointed Secretary.

I. Communication with the Samoan Conference.

The Samoan Conference requested that all communications between the two Conferences be channelled through the General Secretaries of their respective Conferences. It considered that this is the right and proper way for the two Conferences to communicate.

W. J. MORRISON, Chairman
S. T. AMITUANA'I, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the N.Z. Methodist Conference request the Methodist Church of Samoa to allow the Rev. S. Amituana'i to be appointed to serve under the N.Z. Conference for a second 3 year term.
3. That Conference approve the principle of an Honorary part-time Samoan Lay pastor being appointed to serve among Samoans in the Hutt/Petone area, and that the Convener of the Samoan Policy Committee, the Wellington District Synod and the Lower Hutt-Petone Circuit confer as to the specific term of reference for the proposed ministry and the selection of a suitable person.

4. That the New Zealand Church encourages the offering of Samoan Candidates for the Ministry from among Samoan residents in New Zealand.

5. That the Samoan Policy Committee consider:

(a) The position and matters affecting Samoans under the N.Z. Conference jurisdiction be examined and clarified.

(b) Relationship between N.Z. and Samoan Conferences be examined and clarified in relation to Samoans affiliated in N.Z. Conference so that Samoans with the N.Z. Conference are not encouraged to have a divided loyalty.

6. That Conference encourages palangi Ministers who minister to Samoan people to learn the Samoan language and culture.

7. That the Committee for 1976 be as printed on page 5f herein.

QUESTION 41—

(b) METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

KO TE TIMATANGA O TE WHAKAARO NUI KO TE WEHI KI A IHOWA

E nga iwi, e nga reo, e nga tini kaarangarangatanga mai te hiku ki te upoko o te Ika-roa-a-Maui whiti atu ki Te Waipounamu ki Whare auri, tena koutou katoa. Tena koutou i nga tini ahuatanga o te wa; tena hoki koutou i o tatou aitua maha kua whiti atu nei ratou i te wheiao ki te ao maarama.

Tapiti hono tatai hono;

Ko ratou te hunga mate ki a ratou.

Tapiti hono tatai hono;

Ko tatou te hunga ora, kia ora ano tatou katoa.

We again take this opportunity to extend greetings and arohanui to members of our extended church family in each of our District Synods and Connexion as a whole. In particular, we convey our condolences to all who have suffered bereavement during the year.

Himiona Waata: Among many of our own losses we record the name of Himiona Waata of Whananaki. A member of the Ngati-wai and Ngati-whakahiki subtribes, Himiona was appointed a Honorary Home Missionary in 1958 on the strong commendation of his immediate family circle and members of the local Whananaki community. He was subsequently to exercise this ministry with considerable humility, but also with as much vigour and diligence as he put into his farming and tennis, as he was a keen sportsman. He frequently attended our Hui-a-tau, Maori Policy Committee meetings, seminars and numerous other meetings held beyond and within the Northland District. He valued especially the occasions he was able to attend the Annual Conference.

Himiona's own loyalty and devotion was matched and shared by his wife Ena and their family who, on many occasions assumed the daily chores of farming to allow him both to travel and to make his contribution to the life, witness and service of the church in Northland and elsewhere.

No reira e Himi, koutou ko te tokomaha

kua momotu atu ki tawhiti nui; tawhiti roa; tawhiti pamamao;

Haere huihui atu koutou, haere, haere, haere.

MINDFUL OF OUR MANDATE

"Kia ngoto kia toko ake te Whakapono i te hinengaro Maori". Remaining conscious that the Division was primarily set-up to

encourage and facilitate a deeper Maori response to the Gospel, and the couching of that response into forms having greater meaning and relevance for the daily life-situation of our people, we have endeavoured to further this basic intention within our various activities and programme at all levels during the year.

MAIN THRUSTS

Three concerns that continue to occupy our attention more specifically are:

- The continuing education of our staff, lay leaders and members through consultation, classes, seminars and the provision of written resources.
- The involvement and participation of as many lay leaders and members as possible in our decision-making and the responsibilities arising.
- The orienting of our activities and programme to the life of our members within their respective local communities and regions.

LEADERSHIP

Staff Changes: A major re-shuffle of our full-time staff meant an initial re-adjustment and settling-in period during the first half of the year, by both staff and people. For some Circuits the changes also brought about a reduction. Significantly, however, they enabled us to share an appointment in Wellington and respond to the longstanding request for an appointment to the South Island. Currently our full-time staff comprises 6½ ordained ministers, 4 ordained deaconesses and 3 home missionaries.

Lay Leaders: An encouraging response generally to a greater sharing of the leadership ministry implied by the reduction and replacement of the full-time staff ensured that existing Circuit and Regional programmes did not suffer unduly by the changes. As a matter of deliberate policy we continue to challenge and provide opportunities for our lay men and women to assume positions of leadership in their respective areas.

Waha Wiki, now resident in Northland, Huia Martin and Raka Hunapo of Auckland, were accepted into the ranks of our Honorary Home Missionaries, thus bringing the total active membership to 28. We look forward to lay men and women responding similarly in due course in Wellington and the South Island.

FINANCE

The present critical financial situation weighs equally as heavily on the conscience of our staff, lay leaders and many of our members. Much thought has been given during the year to ways and means of easing the burden. Some curtailment of plans for intensifying our ministries has been inevitable. Although the cut in our current Connexional Budget allocation was seen to imply further reduction to our full-time staffing, we are anxious that this should happen only as a last resort. We are therefore grateful that the Methodist Women's Fellowship accepted our Otautahi-Te Waipounamu appointment as a Special Objective, as their response will most certainly help in this whole connection.

RELATIONSHIPS

We have continued our relationships with Maori representatives from other churches through the N.C.C. Maori Section Executive and the Maori Council on Church Union, of which Morehu Te Whare is presently chairman.

Contact with a variety of other groups and organisations working among our people is also maintained. Opportunity to both lead and share in marae encounter occasions was again welcomed during the year. We are hopeful that these will result in even greater understanding emerging between ourselves and others.

OUR CIRCUITS TODAY

This brief coverage of our Circuits will give a better appreciation of the nature and extent of our work and some of the variations that are inherent. It will also allow a more comprehensive list of names of people and places associated with our work to be featured.

Tai Tokerau: The geographic boundaries of the Circuit extend from Warkworth in the south to Mangamuka-Kaeo in the north, and comprises the four regions of Northern Wairoa, Whangarei, Bay of Islands-Whangaroa and Hokianga.

Full-time staff this year is reduced to Home Missionaries Samson Toia, resident at Dargaville, and Herehere Maaka, now at Kamo, who acts as Circuit Superintendent. Their leadership ministry, however, is shared by a devoted team of Honorary Home Missionaries comprising: Mack Morunga, Tohu Cassidy and Mare Rogers in the Hokianga; Para Livingstone, Rewi Tautari, Tawai Kawiti and Waha Wiki in the Bay of Islands; Winiata Morunga and Robert Taka in Whangarei; Alan Pickering in Northern Wairoa, where Supernumerary and kaumatua Eruera Te Tuhi also assists when health permits.

Programme activities range from the traditional church-oriented Sunday Services, Sunday Schools, some Bible in Schools, Women's Fellowship groups and Youth groups, to those that take their shape around the life and work situation of the respective local communities. The wider membership through local, regional and circuit meetings especially, contribute to the maintaining and oversight of these various activities. The Te Roopuu Waahine groups are a basic resource and stimulus force in the Circuit at all levels. An annual Field Day and Choir Festival brings the regions together over and above the regular Circuit meeting occasions.

Of all our Circuits, Tai Tokerau has the largest number of church buildings. Some have now become redundant and something of an embarrassment, particularly where worship is integral to a community's life and programme that is focussed on the marae and in the meeting-house. The Te Rongo Pai centre at Kaikohe, the Te Atawhai centre at Kawakawa and the James Buller centre at Dargaville, however, continue to meet a variety of regional, circuit and local community needs. The changes and reduction in staff have left the Circuit with three redundant houses at Waima, Taheke and Dargaville. Also within the Circuit are several blocks of land at Kaeo, Pakanae and Dargaville which, at present, continue to be administered direct by the "Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board".

Tamaki: The Circuit embraces Tuakau in the south to Helensville and Warkworth in the north and is divided into a north, central and south region.

Home Missionary Matu Makiha at Manurewa, Deaconess Hana Hauraki at Tuakau and Ordained Ministers Taotahi Pihama at Mangere and Morehu Te Whare at Three Kings, who is Circuit Superintendent, make up the full-time staff. Reinforcing this leadership team are Honorary Home Missionaries: Aperahama Rogers at Te Atatu, Maru Toki and Huia Martin at Otara, Raka Hunapo at Mangere and Waaka Kukutai at Tauranganui.

A diverse range of ministries reflecting the varying and often complex nature of urban and suburban life is exercised by both staff and lay leaders throughout the Circuit. While efforts are made to sustain a regular traditional church programme of worship, Christian education, pastoral visitation etc, demands arising from within communities, other churches and our own Pakeha church groups are considerable, Local Body personnel, Advice Bureaus, primary and secondary school, Parent Teachers Associations, Play Centres, Law Courts, prisons, hospitals, hostels, industry, urban marae projects and activities—all involve the Circuit staff and members at some point or other.

Obtaining the use of the redundant parsonage at Tuakau permitted a more strategic placement of staff within the Circuit, and allows rekindling of earlier associations to be made after a lapse of some years. The Circuit is also grateful for the continued use of the parsonage at Otara as a Centre. A wide range of local and Circuit activities, including small group live-ins, have characterised its use. The Marae Mahi Ataahua Centre in Airedale Street was abandoned last year in view of further developments envisaged on the Central Mission site.

Waikato: Boundaries for the Waikato Circuit extend largely from Te Awamutu in the south to Te Kauwhata in the north and eastwards to include Tauranga, Rotorua and Tokoroa. Difficulty has been experienced in establishing and consolidating regions; at present West, East and Tokoroa regions are active.

Full-time personnel consist of Grace Clement as Deaconess located at Tokoroa and Ordained Minister Napi Waaka based in Hamilton as Circuit Superintendent. Active Honorary Home Missionaries who help share the load are: Henry Pate and Huirama Te Hiko at Tokoroa, George Taha at Glen Massey, Henare Gray at Horotiu, Te Uira Manihera at Hamilton, Pukerau Rangitutia at Aotearoa and Te Orahi Tonga who confines to serve when health permits.

Circuit programme and activities are currently centred on pastoral visitation, the establishing of regular acts of worship, Te Roopuu Waahine group activities, youth work, and Maori cultural activities within schools, the hostels and several local communities. A key emphasis being struck at the present time is one in which it is hoped that the members' confidence in the church will be revived, their own pride and identity recovered and a greater response to leadership responsibilities and training evoked.

Again reduced staffing has produced redundant properties at Ngaruawahia and Hamilton.

Rohe Potae: Waihima and Piopio in the south to Te Awamutu in the north, and along the west side of the Waikato river to Mangakino in the east constitute the broad boundaries of the Circuit.

Deaconess Barbara Miller located at Otorohanga and Robert Te Whare as Ordained Minister and Superintendent residing at Te Kuiti, comprise the fulltime staff. Honorary Home Missionaries Charlie Turner at Otorohanga, Nguru Winikerei at Marokopa, Phillip Te Uira at Taharua and Roi Moke at Aotea Harbour share the traditional ministry within their respective areas.

Pastoral care, Te Roopuu Waahine activities and youth clubs, together with Sunday Schools and Bible in Schools comprise the main features of the Circuit's programme. Some co-operating with the Anglican Maori vicar in the area also occurs.

The two Centres of Te Huinga at Te Kuiti and Te Piringa at Otorohanga continue to serve a useful function. Redundant properties in the Circuit are located at Kawhia and Te Kuiti.

Taranaki: Circuit boundaries are in the main confined to Waitotara in the south to Urenui in the north, with two regions operating for purposes of oversight and general direction. Present emphasis is to encourage a greater "circuit" rather than regional outlook and approach.

Full-time personnel remain two, with Deaconess Betty Yearbury located at Hawera and Ordained Minister Moke Couch remaining at New Plymouth as Superintendent. The sole Honorary Home Missionary in the Circuit is Hoani Heremaia of Pariroa Pa. The Circuit has also been fortunate in obtaining the ready services of Len Willing for emergency situations arising in and around Hawera.

Circuit activities follow the traditional church pattern where practical. The need for, and the equipping of existing lay leadership is a present concern. Responses so far have been encouraging.

Properties at Hawera and Opunake are being rented as a consequence of staff reduction. Centres at Patea, Hawera and Opunake provide a continuing base for a variety of meetings and worship. Properties acquired at Waitara and Spotswood are serving youth needs and a six bedroom house in New Plymouth is being administered as a home for people in distress situations.

Kaitaitai-Wellington: Our ministry here, of course, has barely begun. Boundaries will be determined both by the extent of the ministry required by the Hataitai and Lyall Bay congregations and any emerging needs arising from our Maori members scattered throughout the District. Initially, however, time has been devoted to becoming familiar with the two congregations concerned and to considering a possible scheme for co-operation.

Harold Darvill reports a warm and welcome reception. Some house Services have been held and a recorded list of known families is increasing. Contact with staff of other churches working among the Maori population in Wellington has been established. More direct involvement with Samoan members is assured with regular Samoan activities being centred on the Hataitai church complex. Opportunity to inform local Circuit groups about the Maori Division is occurring from time to time. We are grateful that with his long experience of Maori work Harold is now in this strategic position of helping interpret our two peoples to each other.

Otautahi-Te Waipounamu: The initiating of this new phase in our ministry within the South Island is naturally restricted to Christchurch city and North Canterbury, although a brief visit as far as Temuka has been made.

As our full-time appointee, Ordained Minister, Wattie Tahere, joins Honorary Home Missionary Wera Couch who, together with the late Sister Eleanor Dobby, constituted our only Maori-based personnel there over many years. We express appreciation of the contacts and interest Terry Ryan was able to establish in anticipation of Wattie's appointment.

Endeavouring to centre a programme of activities on the marae complex at Rehua, building-up contacts with existing Maori groups and organisations, and through visitation to know and become known, are the directions in which this ministry is currently moving. A small committee is informally assisting.

The Division's major problem in respect to the appointment is permanent accommodation. We are greatly indebted to the Christchurch Central Mission for making available the first house occupied

and to the St James Methodist Church Trust for its Cashmere parsonage that has been occupied since the 7th July.

YOUTH AFFAIRS

Interest is sustained and activities which are in the main provided for and by our young people themselves at inter-Circuit, as well as Circuit and Regional levels, contribute under the leadership and direction of the Youth Council. Opportunity was again taken to meet over Queen's Birthday Weekend. This year the youth conference took the form of training in leadership and was held at a Camp site on the slopes of Mt Egmont. Council officers this year comprise Patrick Briggs and Mihi Toki of Auckland, Adele Morunga of Northland, and Kingi Parati of King Country.

Scholarships: We take opportunity here to express our thanks for the continuing financial help many of our young people are receiving by way of grants and scholarships. An encouraging number of girls are benefiting annually from the Methodist Women's Fellowship's Kurahuna Scholarship Fund, and Wesley College boys in particular are helped considerably by grants from the Methodist 150th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. We acknowledge gratefully the response to last year's special appeal for Wesley College Maori pupils.

TE ROOPUU WAAHINE

The Co-ordinating Committee, at present situated in the King Country under its President, Sandra Tuheke, and Secretary, Millie Kawerau, keeps in touch with Circuit Te Roopuu Waahine and shares in a mutual exchange of information with the Methodist Women's Fellowship. The Committee has prompted support for special projects in connection with "International Women's Year", including a live-in occasion for Te Roopuu Waahine members during August.

QUEEN TE ATAIRANGIKAAHU OVERSEAS

We rejoice in the opportunity that has come this year for Queen Te Atairangikaahu, together with her husband, Whatumoana Paki, and a small entourage to make an extended round the world visit that included over a month's stay in the United Kingdom. Visits by Queen Elizabeth II and her husband and family to Turangawaewae in particular were able to be reciprocated. We have no doubt that mutual enrichments for both those privileged to meet Te Atairangikaahu and ourselves will flow from this overseas experience.

HOSTELS

Te Rahui Taane & Waahine. Both these Hamilton hostels have experienced a good year all round, although increased costs have presented difficulties. For the most part, however, some losses are recoverable under the scheme provided by the Maori Affairs Department. Unfortunately, the proposed heating system for Te Rahui Taane was finally costed so high as to render it an impossible consideration at the present time.

Both hostels are at their maximum boarding capacity and staffing has remained constant and satisfactory. The Division is grateful for the helpful oversight and interest shown by members of the Management Committee toward the hostels, in particular to Doreen Bailey as Secretary and Charlie Fenwick as Chairman.

Seamer House: The hostel has again followed the pattern of previous years despite efforts by the Committee to offset the trend. The year began with 26 young women in residence but declined to less than half by the middle of the year. Some interior renovation,

which includes the partitioning of one of the larger bedrooms to provide for greater privacy, has been carried out during the year and it has been possible to give more adequate attention to the grounds. For the hostel to continue into the new year, it will be necessary to reline all interior walls to ensure a half hour fire resistance rating throughout. As the hostel does not come under the Maori Affairs trade trainees accommodation scheme, normal operational losses fall entirely on the church. Accumulated losses are at present carried as a loan by the "Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board".

PROPERTY

As underlined in the Circuit summaries, the Division is currently faced with considerable problems arising from redundancy. The present financial restrictions and somewhat unpredictable future, together with the sudden thrust of such problems on a quite unprepared and ill-equipped membership, do not make for ready straightforward solutions to be given. In the meantime we can but continue our agonising.

PAST CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

- Kai Iwi Trust Fund Reserves: We are keeping in touch, but the question continues to await important future policy decisions relating to Rangiatea Hostel.
- Maori Hospital Chaplaincies and Lecture Courses: Both full-time staff and selected lay members exercise a regular ministry in this respect. While often the need far outweighs the personnel available the Division cannot see any immediate ways and means whereby it can do more than at present. It is, however, encouraged by the number of gifted lay members who are prepared and willing to serve our people in the hospital situation and, in this context, we acknowledge the valuable ministry Honorary Home Missionary Te Uira Manihera has been exercising in the Waikato hospital. Superintendents have been asked to facilitate their doing so by making the necessary arrangements with the Hospital authorities where a clear understanding is not already established.

PUBLIC MAORI ISSUES

The newly located working committee under the convenership of Napi Waaka has endeavoured to keep abreast of the appropriate issues arising during the year, and advise the Board of any further study or action considered desirable.

It has not had opportunity to deal fully with all the questions but in considering the proposed "Land march protest" was unable to recommend any formal support. The nature and extent of any support has therefore been left to individual discretion.

Of special concern to our members was a proposal, arising out of the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the sale of Liquor in New Zealand, that "Marae community licenses" be made available. Members expressed their strong opposition to this proposal and joined with constituent churches of the N.C.C. Maori Section in making appropriate submissions to the Commission on this and other proposals. As one of the major factors contributing to our people's downfall we have welcomed the opportunity to share with other members of the N.C.C. Maori Section and the Commission on Church and Society in sponsoring a marae seminar in October that will give specific consideration to the issue of liquor consumption.

The focus of attention on Police Task Force operations in urban Auckland and the conflict situation widely publicised in the mass

media, has been a concern shared with the staff and lay leaders of the Tamaki Circuit. None of our own members have had occasion to experience personally the reputed discriminatory actions of the Task Force. Nevertheless, staff and lay leaders have been able to keep in close touch with and remain fully informed about all aspects of the situation. Members continue to see their most potent contribution to these kinds of social pressures and tensions as lying in those parts of the Circuit programme that are endeavouring to educate, to facilitate opportunities for personal encounter and deeper understanding, and to create generally a climate in which social tensions and frustrations can be freely discussed and shared. In the overall approach we are grateful for the direct involvement some of our Tamaki Circuit staff and members have with J Teams and the mutual learning being derived therefrom. We cannot commend the work of J teams too highly.

RACE RELATIONS IN GENERAL

As we offer this brief statement, it is necessary as well, we believe, to underline that there is no one "Maori" view today. There are varying shades of opinions held and often views may even conflict.

We, however, wish to reaffirm that the present state of race relations in New Zealand is good and that there is considerable potential in our existing situation to make them still better. The number and variety of groups that are availing themselves of the marae encounter experience is proving, we think, to be a major force in helping to realise this potential. It is helping facilitate the "two-way", learning and experience process many have stressed is imperative in improving Maori-Pakeha relationships.

It is recognised that changes are still needed in our institutional structures and the laws that reinforce them, both within and without the church. Nonetheless, we are equally aware that these will only effectively come about as people themselves are changed and a greater climate of sensitivity to others is created. Under Gospel constraints we acknowledge our commitment to this task, especially in respect to our own Maori membership. We invite a like commitment insofar as the Connexion and the whole Nation is concerned, from our total Methodist membership here in New Zealand.

Heoi ano; nga manaakitana a te Atua ki a tatou katoa.

HAROLD A. DARVILL, Co-Chairmen.
TE MARUNUI TOKI,
RUWAI D. RAKENA, Tumuaki.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference encourage District Synods and the Maori Division to be constantly aware of the need to communicate as widely as possible matters relating to Maori work; that each Synod suggest to the Division early in 1976 ways by which this could appropriately be done in its District.
3. That Conference strongly support and encourage, presently envisaged Parliamentary Legislation, in particular the Maori Purposes Bill 1975 and any other Legislation which ensures the retention in perpetuity, of remaining Maori Land, by Maori persons.
4. That Conference request the Public Questions Committee in consultation with the Board of the Maori Division, to keep a watching brief on any proposed Legislation affecting Maori Land.
5. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

(c.) METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS DIVISION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE:

Introduction:

Although there is still a Methodist Overseas Division there is no longer a separate Board of the Overseas Division. The Joint Interim Board (J.I.B.) came into existence on the 1 February 1975, and this Board has done the business of both the Methodist Overseas Division and the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Overseas.

This report to Conference is divided in the following way:

Section 1—A J.I.B. report which is a joint report to the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian Assembly.

Section 2—A summary of the Presbyterian involvement in Asia. This is included so that Conference will be aware of our wider interest now that our work is integrated with the Presbyterians.

Section 3—Information related to Methodist involvement in the Pacific. The Presbyterians are also involved in the Pacific. A summary of this section of the report will appear in the Presbyterian report to their Assembly.

Section 4—Other aspects of the Division's work.

SECTION 1—REPORT OF THE JOINT INTERIM BOARD

The fact that our churches are called on to work and witness in a changing world is emphasised by the political developments in countries of our interest. In the New Hebrides there is growing political awareness on the part of the Island people, and mounting determination to have a say in, and eventually control of their own affairs. It is not by chance that this movement has drawn its inspiration and its leadership from within the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides.

In Papua New Guinea full independence is anticipated before Conference and Assembly meet. Various areas are experiencing pressure for local independence and the United Church, with nearly a decade of united effort on the part of people drawn from many and diverse areas, is a major influence to promote in the community at large the trust leaders have learned to accord one another.

In Vietnam we have lost contact. temporarily we hope, with our friends in the Evangelical Church of Vietnam. The struggle for power in India is of immense importance to the future welfare of the sub-continent and its people, and the church there is deeply committed to the concept of a fair distribution of the necessities of life for all, of justice, integrity and human rights.

The Joint Interim Board is alert to the changes and seeks to understand the movements taking place in the cultural and political life of the people and churches to which we relate overseas. We seek to support our partner churches as they react to new opportunities or the changing requirements of their societies.

That there are areas of uncertainty should neither surprise us nor deter our churches. If we believe that God is at work in all the affairs of His world, that Christ is Lord of History, we cannot doubt either the relevance or the urgency of the Church's Mission in the world. That churches we support are active in areas of political and social change should excite our interest, stimulate our prayers and encourage our support.

In some situations overseas acknowledgment of Christ can be a very costly matter in terms of economic security, job opportunity and social acceptance. Yet there are churches which seek our help just because their rate of growth outstrips their local resources. Such churches are keenly aware of their role as a dynamic force in the changes affecting national and community life.

Joint Interim Board:

Following decisions of last Conference and Assembly, the work of the Board of the Overseas Division of the Methodist Church and the Committee in Mission Overseas of the Presbyterian Church was co-ordinated in the Joint Interim Board. The first meeting of the J.I.B. took place in February and has continued to do the work of both churches.

An Administration Sub-Committee was appointed. In due course it presented a report, the principal recommendation of which were; (a) that one office for Mission Overseas of both churches be established in Auckland; (b) that the Methodist General Secretary and one of the Presbyterian Secretaries be based in Auckland; (c) that a subsidiary office be retained in Wellington in the meantime; (d) that finances for the overseas work of both churches be kept separate in the meantime; (e) and that the membership of the J.I.B. be reduced to ten Methodists and ten Presbyterians.

Meanwhile, word was received that questions were being raised in the Anglican Provincial Committee on Church Union as to whether the Overseas Departments of the other negotiating churches should be looking at the possibility of co-ordinating their administration with that of the Methodists and Presbyterians. Subsequently, a meeting of the J.C.C.U. Study Committee on Mission Overseas recommended that the J.C.C.U. invite the Overseas Committees of the negotiating churches to consult on all aspects of their work. In light of this the J.I.B. postponed consideration of its sub-committee's paper on Administration.

The Consultation was held in Auckland on 30th and 31st May and recommended:

1. That a committee of two representatives of each Board (Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of Christ, Congregational) plus a representative of Church Missionary Society, plus the Secretaries, be set up to help the process of co-ordinating policies. Functions would include publicity, recruitment, training, orientation.

2. That the respective Mission Boards be asked to receive members of other Boards as observers, and that minutes and any other relevant material be exchanged.

3. That the Secretaries be instructed by their Boards to consult on matters of common concern, e.g. recruitment, training, publicity, etc.

4. That we express the concern of this Consultation to Joint National Committee on Church Extension concerning the difficulties being experienced in Union Parishes and Co-operating Parishes in their contribution towards the missionary activities of the respective churches and requests the J.N.C.C.E. to include as a matter of urgency this matter in their consideration of the general budget responsibilities of Union Parishes and Co-operating Parishes.

5. We recommend to the J.I.B. that it delays further administrative restructuring until the Committee (1) above does its initial work.

6. That the Consultation regards it as important that dialogue should be developed and maintained with the areas of the church overseas to which the several Boards are related. It asks the Boards to remember that greater co-ordination of policy must meet the needs

and plans for mission of the overseas churches. If the Boards approve the above recommendations, they convey their intentions and hopes to the churches overseas and ask for their reactions.

7. That the J.C.C.U. be advised of these recommendations and that the body be asked to consider whether (1) might take the place of the Overseas Study Committee.

When these recommendations were considered by the J.I.B. it accepted the request to postpone further administrative changes until the proposed committee has had opportunity to consider possible co-operation on a wider base. This is to be reviewed at the November meeting of the J.I.B. We have since heard that the Anglican Church has accepted the recommendation of the Consultation.

The Committee on Mission Overseas (Presbyterian) will be asking the Assembly to pass the following resolution:

"It is recommended that in view of the authority granted last year and following consultation with Overseas Departments of the Negotiating Churches, the Joint Interim Board be authorised to determine and establish the administrative structure desirable for the effective discharge of its responsibilities, subject to the approval of the Council of Assembly."

SECTION 2

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ITS OVERSEAS RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) North India:

Seven staff members employed in medical work and education. The Christian Medical College at Ludhiana has had a lengthy relationship with N.Z. and the N.Z. Government has agreed to contribute \$500,000 towards an Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department that will cost more than a million dollars to build. The Presbyterian Church and the Ludhiana Fellowship will be making an appeal throughout New Zealand for this project.

(b) Indonesia and Singapore:

Four staff members are involved in these countries, all in the field of education—three in theological education. The Presbyterian Committee on Mission Overseas (C.M.O.) has taken the initiative in inviting to N.Z. a delegation representative of the Indonesian Council of Churches. The N.C.C. in N.Z. has endorsed the invitation and will arrange the itinerary. The Presbytery of North Shore is negotiating through the J.I.B. to have an Indonesian minister working for 12 months in a Parish in the Presbytery.

The C.M.O. has a staff member in Hong Kong as Vice-Principal of a Secondary School and one person in Thailand as a Librarian.

(c) New Hebrides:

There are five Presbyterian staff members in the New Hebridean Presbyterian Church—this includes one Methodist, Des Webb from North Auckland. The New Hebrides is facing a very uncertain political future as New Hebrideans struggle for some tangible progress toward independence amidst colonial opposition.

(d) United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands:

The C.M.O. support eight staff members in this Church.

SECTION 3

METHODIST INVOLVEMENT IN THE PACIFIC

(a) Melanesia:

We have 17 New Zealand staff members working in the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and in addition we support 3 Fijians and 2 Tongans.

Since last Conference we have appointed two additional staff members to the United Church, John Bennett who has gone to Munda in the Solomon Islands Region as Financial Secretary and John and Gina Skelton and family who have gone to the New Guinea Islands Region where John is a Nurse Educator at Vathabara Church Hospital. Four staff members have withdrawn from overseas service since last Conference—Pamela Beaumont (after 24 years), Eric and Sally Harney (after 7 years), Don and Francis Pentelow (after intermittent service that started in 1968) and Eileen Schick (after 8 years). Don Pentelow returned after one year of a three year term because of a breakdown in health. Three more staff members will be resigning in the next few months and three will be in N.Z. on furlough before returning to the United Church. We will not be able to recruit additional staff for the United Church (or any other Church) because of inflationary costs and reduced income. We still get urgent requests from all Churches in the Pacific, but they have been informed that we are unable to respond. It is probable that by the end of 1976 we will be supporting only 9 staff members in the United Church (plus 2 in Tonga).

The United Church holds a consultation every two years with the co-operating churches from England, Australia and N.Z. and at the consultation last November the questions of staff salaries, Mission Board responsibilities for their staff and United Church responsibilities for expatriate staff, and other related matters were clarified. We, as a sending church are now clear on what are our responsibilities for N.Z. staff working in the United Church.

The New Guinea Islands Region of the United Church held centennial celebrations in August of this year. A number of former missionaries returned to Rabaul for the occasion and the Methodist Church of N.Z. was officially represented by the Rev. E. C. Leadley an ex-President of the Conference.

(b) Central Pacific—Fiji, Samoa and Tonga:

The Rev. S. G. Andrews and his wife will be returning to N.Z. at the end of this year ending an association with the church in Fiji that started in 1938. Apart from a 12 year period when Mr Andrews was General Secretary of the N.Z. Methodist Overseas Mission Department, he has served the Fijian Church in many ways from school teacher to President. Stan and Phyllis have left their mark on Fiji—Stan with his organisational, administrative and pastoral ability and Phyllis with her enthusiasm and concern for people.

In Samoa, our one N.Z. staff member, Mrs Trinder will probably be returning to N.Z. at the end of this year. Tonga has two N.Z. staff Mr and Mrs Springett and Mr and Mrs Munro. In these appointments the Division pays two-thirds of salaries and the local church pays one-third.

A useful series of consultations has been held between the three Methodist Conferences of Fiji, Tonga and Samoa and the Methodist Mission Boards of Australia and New Zealand. The consultations were designed to work out new relationships. The Island Conferences decided to meet together regularly in a Consultative Council and will invite Australia and N.Z. to meet with them when appropriate.

(c) North Australia:

We have two staff members in North Australia, Brian Williams and Neil Broad. All expenses for these two appointments are paid by Australia, but we are in constant communication with them. Conference will be aware that Brian Williams lost his wife and child in the Darwin cyclone last December.

SECTION 4

OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DIVISION'S WORK

(a) **Ecumenical Committee:**

The Ecumenical Committee of the Overseas Division is responsible for ecumenical relationships with Churches outside N.Z. while the Administration Division relates to the National Council of Churches in N.Z. and also deals with ecumenical relationships within N.Z. Mrs Dowie continues as Convener of our Ecumenical Committee and her main task is to bring to our notice matters from the World Council of Churches, the Pacific Conference of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia that need our attention. The Ecumenical Committee is hopeful that sufficient funds will be available to send the following people to the World Council Assembly in Nairobi—Rev. Rua Rakena, Rev. Norma Graves, and Rev. John Bluck. Mr Peter Glensor is making his own arrangements to go to Nairobi as a steward.

The Overseas Division is concerned that Ecumenical Affairs do not receive sufficient attention now that we are part of a Joint Interim Board. The Presbyterians have a separate Assembly Committee for Ecumenical Affairs and so do not need to raise ecumenical matters at Joint Board Meetings. Thus the Ecumenical Committee of our Division has tended to operate in a vacuum. We hope that in 1976 we will be able to rectify this problem.

(i) **The World Council of Churches:** We had a visit during the year from Emilio Castro, Director of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. The lucky few who met him were challenged by his insight and experience.

(ii) **The Christian Conference of Asia:** Peter Glensor is a committee member of the C.C.A. and he keeps the Ecumenical Committee informed of C.C.A. activity. He attended the General Committee meeting in Singapore last March and in a report to our Committee he points out the minimal support we give to the C.C.A. and asks for a more responsible involvement. The Editor of 'New Citizen' has attended two C.C.A. sponsored consultations this year and as a result we have had some good articles on Asia. The General Secretary attended a C.C.A. Consultation on Mission in Hong Kong in October, as a representative of the N.C.C. in N.Z. All expenses for these meetings are paid by C.C.A.

(iii) **The Pacific Conference of Churches:** No N.Z. Church is a member of the P.C.C. but we are asked to send observers to their meetings. The next Assembly of the P.C.C. is in Port Moresby in January 1976 and we hope that one person will represent Methodist and Presbyterians at this Assembly.

(b) **Publicity:**

The J.I.B. at its first meeting set up a sub-committee to make recommendations regarding publicity and educational material of the J.I.B. So far the sub-committee has dealt with only printed material and its recommendations were accepted by the Board. Implementation of all the recommendations has been delayed because of the possibility of combining our publicity work with the Anglicans as well as the Presbyterians.

It was decided to cease publication of 'The Open Door' because of a very small and diminishing circulation and greatly increased printing costs. The main vehicle of communication will be through the 'New Citizen' with short articles as well as four page supplements. Many articles appear in the 'New Citizen' that concern our attitude to the problems of Overseas Churches and countries and the Overseas

Division commends these articles for study to broaden our understanding of the missionary work of the Church.

It is hoped that by early 1976 when the extent of our co-operation with other Churches becomes clear, we will be able to tackle the task of publicity with clearer objectives.

(c) Ministry to Pacific Island Communities in N.Z.:

A report on the ministry to Samoans in N.Z. will be found in the report of the Development Division.

There have been negotiations during the year between the division and the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (Methodist) regarding ministry to Tongans living in N.Z. The Tongan Church, with the approval of the Auckland Synod, has appointed a Tongan Minister to co-ordinate Tongan Church activity in Auckland and to help European Ministers in their ministry to Tongans. The Minister, Rev. Vili Vailea, is a minister of the Tongan Conference and is in N.Z. on a six month work permit. His is a 'Tent making' ministry and he will pursue normal employment while in Auckland. In January 1976 he will be replaced by Rev. Taniela Moala who will work on a similar basis. Negotiations are under way with the Wellington District for a similar appointment in that area.

(d) Rev. G. G. Carter's research:

During 1975 Mr Carter has been involved in a research programme in the Western Solomons recording and writing up the oral history of some of the people. His programme is sponsored by the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau of the Australia National University and the Overseas Division is also underwriting the cost of the programme from special funds.

(e) General:

1975 has been a difficult year. With a new General Secretary feeling his way, the birth of a joint interim Board responsible for the the Methodist and Presbyterian work overseas, and the delay in making the J.I.B. effective because of the possibility of greater co-operation, meant that we have little to show for our efforts. We hope that 1976 will see some of our plans being implemented.

Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, the two countries where most of our N.Z. staff are working will be, along with the New Hebrides, the political 'hot spots' of the Pacific in the immediate future. Even the N.Z. Press is starting to feature Papua New Guinea in the headlines. This will undoubtedly put strain upon our staff as they try to relate the Gospel to the changing situation. The rapidly changing scene in the Pacific calls for constant reappraisal of our relationships with the independent churches of the Pacific. At the moment the churches still want us to co-operate with them as they implement their own programmes within their countries. They are still asking for N.Z. staff to serve in their churches. They say that this is not only because we have certain expertise that they need but also because they want to continue to have outsiders bringing different ideas to their notice. As already mentioned, because of limited resources, we are unable to offer staff nor are we able to explore new avenues of missionary relationships. Missionary traffic has always been one way and the W.C.C. and the C.C.A. are concerned about this (so also is the Moderator of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands). However, to allow missionary movement from poor countries is beyond the resources of the third world churches. We have to assist them in this process. Also we have to assist congregations in N.Z. to realise that their missionary support must not only be for New Zealanders to go to the Pacific but

also for Asians to go to the Pacific and vice versa. Another educational task is to help our congregations to see that a missionary from a third world country could minister to them not just to 'help him gain experience' (paternalism?) but to bring his Gospel message to our society.

The J.I.B. has set up a task group to become acquainted with recent developments in the whole field of missiology, especially to hear what the churches that have been on the receiving end of the missionary enterprise are saying. The task group will then discuss how these developments should affect our Mission Board policy here in N.Z.

R. F. CLEMENT, Vice-Chairman, J.I.B.
W. G. TUCKER, General Secretary,
Overseas Division.

QUESTION 41 (c)

THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NEW ZEALAND

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending 30 April, 1975

The Women's Committee has much pleasure in presenting its thirtieth Annual Report.

Chairman's Foreword

This has been an interesting, active and eventful year for the National Women's Committee of the N.C.C., during which we have been able to spread information on the work of the N.C.C. more widely to women than has been done hitherto.

Instead of our usual Bi-ennial Conference being held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting, as formerly, we held the Conference to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the N.C.C. itself. Thus our Branch delegates were able to learn, at first hand, the workings of the N.C.C., and take back this information to their local groups. In order not to lose the personal contact with our branch representatives, we met together with them each evening for a meal, followed by a discussion on matters pertaining to their local situations. At this Conference, for the first time, we put into operation the "Equalisation Travel Fund", which worked well, and was appreciated by those participating.

During November and December, our Committee members were able to assist the Refugee Commission of the N.C.C. in a practical way, after the arrival of the 23 Chilean refugee families in Christchurch. At this time we undertook to provide daily help with the children, during the six weeks orientation course provided for their parents; this included working personally with the children in the early weeks, then later, as the children became familiar with New Zealand ways, driving them to schools and kindergartens. We also served meals during the first few days after their arrival. In this work, we were ably helped by members of the local Christchurch branch and we record our thanks to them.

In March, our Committee organised a combined meeting with national heads of the Women's organisations of all denominations. After a buffet meal together, we outlined our International Women's Year project, "Water for Women", and the Rev. Angus McLeod spoke on the work and future policies of the N.C.C. This is the first time that we have met with denominational women leaders, and all felt this to be beneficial from all aspects.

The World Council of Churches has urged its member churches to participate fully in all national programmes for International Women's year and while our committee members are aware that there is discrimination against women in New Zealand, compared with women in the underdeveloped countries, we are indeed fortunate. As Christian women, we in New Zealand, must realise that our own liberation has little meaning unless it is linked with the liberation of all peoples of the world. Hence, we have taken up the challenge of a special project for International Women's Year, put forward by the World Council of Churches, and directed towards women suffering from the worst conditions of housing, health and nutrition, this project to be known as "Water for Women". We think of this as a partnership, we women of affluent New Zealand sharing our resources with the women of the Third World, to enable them to raise their standard of living.

After receiving information from the W.C.C. Office in Geneva, and from workers overseas, in areas where there is a need for water, we decided to concentrate on providing wells in the Mala and Pilibhit areas of Uttar Pradesh in Northern India, where displaced refugee Pakistan families are being settled. The request for these wells came from the local District Magistrate and is being administered in India, by the Churches' Auxiliary for Social Action, which has had considerable experience with similar well-drilling operations and which has the full approval and recognition of the Government. Informative pamphlets have been printed on this project and have been distributed to all church women's groups of all denominations, being sent through the regional organisations of each group; pamphlets are also being sent to women's organisations not affiliated to the churches. All money raised will be forwarded through the Christian World Service Commission.

Several of our members have attended overseas conferences during the year. Mrs Alison Tunnicliffe and Mrs Leita Fendall represented our committee at the Asian Churchwomen's Conference in Bangkok, with Mrs Riria Netana and Mrs Margaret Mander going as observers. Also, Mrs Eileen Sheard and Mrs Geraldine Barton attended the International World Day of Prayer Conference in Mexico. All feel our representation at these overseas conferences very worth while, and those attending have fulfilled many speaking engagements on their return, thus sharing their experiences. Through these contacts made with women of other countries, lasting bonds of peace and friendship have been built.

During the year we have been sorry to lose Mrs Jean Smart and Mrs Joyce Plaistowe from our Committee, the latter having completed eight years of membership. We miss them, and thank them for their helpful co-operation and wise counselling. Their places have been taken by Mrs Neroli Chisholm and Mrs Joy Turner, whom we welcome and whom we are happy to have working with us.

This year for the first time, an observer from the Y.W.C.A., Mrs Audrey Reynolds, has been appointed; we are delighted to welcome her to our meetings, and are grateful for her willing help at all times.

Mrs Grace McKenzie has continued to fulfil most ably the arduous duties as Treasurer and we extend our grateful thanks to her, also to Mrs Olive Worboys for the capable manner in which she has undertaken her work as Secretary.

The thanks of the Committee, as a whole are extended to the Rev. Angus McLeod and his staff, for their guidance and friend-

liness, which have been willingly and cheerfully given at all times.

ESTHER E. McKENZIE Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference sends greetings and encouragement to Mr Brian Williams who is continuing his work with the United Church of North Australia in Darwin.

3. That Conference records its gratitude for the work of Rev. and Mrs S. G. Andrews on the completion of their service in Fiji.

4. That Conference records its gratitude for the work of Sister Pamela Beaumont on the completion of her service in Bougainville.

5. Recognising that many articles in the "New Citizen" are concerned with other countries, the Overseas Division be encouraged to help congregations use the articles for study, to broaden their understanding of the missionary task of the Church.

6. That in view of the authority granted last year and following consultation with Overseas Departments of the other Negotiating Churches, the Joint Interim Board be authorised to determine and establish the administrative structure desirable for the effective discharge of its responsibilities, subject to the approval of the President.

7. Ecumenical. That Conference ask the Council of Mission in consultation with the Special Committee on Finance and Administration to review the terms of reference of the Ecumenical Committee.

8. N.C.C. Methodist nominations to N.C.C. 1976 be: Revs. A. A. Grundy, M. A. G. Couch, K. J. Taylor, W. S. Dawson, Mrs R. C. Ingram and Ms V. Dowie.

9. That this Conference encourages the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration to continue its research on our New Zealand immigration policy, as it affects the development of New Zealand and other countries.

10. Tonga. That Conference ask the Overseas Division to seek, in conjunction with the Tongan committee of the Auckland Synod, longer terms of stay in New Zealand for ministers of the Tongan Conference.

11. N.C.C. Women's Committee. Upon request from N.C.C. Women's Committee asking for a formal statement on the status of women in our Church, Conference states "that women have equal status with men in all courts of the Methodist Church".

12. That the Methodist members of the Joint Interim Board be as printed on page 5f herein.

QUESTION 41—(d) Board of Evangelism?

Now under Development Division

QUESTION 41—(e) Ecumenical Matters?

Question no longer applies.

QUESTION 41—

(f.) CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1975

Waiting is Long

The Methodist Conference, 1972, voted overwhelmingly to unite on the basis of the 1971 Plan for Union with the Church of the Province of New Zealand (Anglican), the Presbyterian Church, the Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Union. Since

that time four of the negotiating churches have been waiting for the Church of the Province of New Zealand to complete the constitutional processes necessary to make their crucial decision on the issue. The matter comes before the Anglican General Synod in May, 1976. Until that decision is known no further planning for the establishment of the Church of Christ in New Zealand is possible.

Waiting has been long and frustrating.

During the waiting period Methodist people have not been required to take any further action and inevitably the issues involved in Church Union have been allowed to slip into the background. There is little point in trying to keep alive a discussion on issues clearly resolved in the past, and on which further action is pending. Methodists need to remind themselves that the situation is very different in the other negotiating churches. The presence of an organised minority opposed to union on the basis of the 1971 Plan for Union, and the agonising prospect of small "continuing" churches after union has necessitated the continuance of discussion on church union in these churches. Hence some of the issues involved in the proposed union have been kept alive, especially those on which there is marked divergence of opinion. Methodists should be sensitive to the difficulties faced by members of these churches both in making the decision to unite and in working through the tensions which have continued after the decision has been made.

The time has come for Methodist people to consider again the fundamental issues involved in Church Union and the effects of increasing joint activity on their church life, in order to be ready to make a positive response to the new situation that will emerge following the Anglican General Synod vote in May, 1976.

"The Process of Growing Together"

Under this heading the J.C.C.U.'s "First Report to the Negotiating Churches, 1965" p. 34 stated: "The Commission desires to emphasise its conviction that the whole movement towards unity must proceed not from a series of resolutions by Church courts but from a vital, organic process throughout the whole body. It is, therefore, important that every opportunity be taken to foster the activities that will assist this process of growing together".

"The Act of Commitment to seek a basis for union and ways of common action" into which the negotiating churches officially entered in 1967 was a commitment in common obedience to Jesus Christ in which was offered to him "our utmost endeavours that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one church according to his will, to the glory of God the Father . . . With the obedience we offer, we acknowledge our obligations to receive new insights and now to do together many of the things which in the past we have done separately".

Hence, deliberately, from the beginning of negotiations the five churches involved have moved towards union on two levels:—

1. The preparation of the Plan for Union, after a joint study of matters of faith and order.

2. Joint action at local, district and national levels.

1. Study committees appointed by the negotiating churches examined important issues such as the Faith, Sacraments, Ministry, etc., and over a period of time, as the reports were completed they were approved by the churches as "sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union." These reports, published in the J.C.C.U. annual reports to the negotiating churches, and approved by the national courts after close study at the local and district levels, indicate a wide measure of agreement

between the churches on fundamental issues. Without such agreement the Plan for Union could not have been prepared; with this agreement there is strong motivation to proceed as soon as practicable to the establishment of the Church of Christ in New Zealand.

It is important now to recall this common agreement between the churches on important matters of faith and order which is expressed in official documents.

2. The growing together has been experienced at the local level through a large number of co-operative ventures such as Union Parishes, Joint Use of Buildings and, more recently, Co-operating Parishes. To a considerable extent the initiative for the establishment of co-operative ventures has come from local congregations, and has been an expression at the neighbourhood level of the desire of Christians from different traditions to experience together a richer church life. In some instances in the past joint ventures have been formed to provide a viable alternative for two or more struggling congregations, but increasingly they are being established from a position of strength as active congregations question the disunity of the churches in their area and look for opportunities for joint action in mission.

In addition to local united action there has been a significant amount of joint action at the national level. The Joint National Committee on Church Extension has had an important role to play in co-ordinating local forms of co-operation, and in establishing an over-all policy. The Joint Board of Theological Studies has established an agreed syllabus for the training of students for the ministry of the negotiating churches. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches agreed in 1974 to form a Joint Interim Board to co-ordinate the work of their overseas mission departments. Current discussions could result in this joint national planning being extended to include Anglican overseas missions.

Looking Ahead

The Development Division reported to Church Council, 1975, on "The Effect of Union Parishes on the Methodist Church", and presented some findings based on a detailed survey of the current situation. It is important to read in the context of this report the summary of the issues and findings arising from Church Council's consideration of it in the Development Division's report to Conference.

It is clear from the above brief comments that the work of the Study Committees and the J.C.C.U. in the preparation of the Plan for Union, and the formation of joint enterprises at the local level were not unrelated activities, nor alternative means of achieving the one ultimate aim. They are, and they must be seen to be, inter-related parts of the one activity, namely the establishment of the Church of Christ in New Zealand

Participating in joint ventures represents a significant measure of commitment to the establishment of the Church of Christ in New Zealand, but it should not be thought that a process of slow evolution with the gradual replacement of existing congregations by co-operative schemes would achieve the same result in the end. Joint ventures are formed in the firm anticipation that the full union of the parent churches will not be delayed indefinitely. Before this union can be consummated fully some important constitutional steps must be taken, and this requires acceptance of a Plan for Union to express the agreement that justifies the union, and which outlines both the shape of the one church and the procedures for

setting it up. Without union these joint ventures will tend to become a growing sixth denomination of independent congregational units with complex and confused relationships to the national courts of the parent churches. Hence there is no alternative to moving towards union along both of the paths outlined. An increase in the number of joint ventures puts more pressure on the churches to take the constitutional steps necessary to bring into being the Church of Christ in New Zealand, but it can never be a substitute for constitutional action.

The dilemma facing the negotiating churches is succinctly expressed in the concluding paragraph of the J.C.C.U. survey, "The Negotiations for Church Union in New Zealand", prepared for the World Council of Churches Consultation on United Churches and Union Negotiations held at Toronto, 2-9 June, 1975, which stated:—

"The Churches' responsibility for the oversight of the various forms of co-operation at national, regional and local levels grows more complex and more urgent. Without processes which order and integrate this life, the Churches face a massive fragmentation of what they have known. Continued co-operation without any indication that it may ever come to more, postpones to the uncertain future questions which need to be faced now, and indeed would seem to be easier solved by union on the basis of the Plan".

Why Union, Anyway?

Methodists need to remind themselves of the reasons which first motivated them to commit themselves to church union negotiations. Basically it was obedience for mission. The New Testament is clear that those who claim Christ as Lord belong together in the one church which is called to serve him in the wider community. "Unity and mission are two ways of describing the same action of the living God in the world which is his". Plan for Union, par. 47.

The Committee is encouraged by the World Council of Churches' Consultation on United Churches and Committees on Union which spoke confidently of their experience as diverse united churches working in very different circumstances and which encouraged other churches to examine our Lord's call to unity and mission. The message of the consultation was entitled "Called to Witness to Christ's Cross and Glory". Some important sentences of the report are quoted below as a reminder of our motivation in working for union and the stimulating tasks for which union, in part, will equip us.

"Our unity is a unity given to us by our Lord so that we may be more credible witnesses to him and more effective servants of his liberating and reconciling purpose. We already belong to one another in Christ; we need to embody that belonging more fully in the specific forms of our church life."

"We do not have to begin the church afresh in this generation. We share in those gifts which Christ has brought to the world; the full testimony to God's purpose in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; the signs and seals of his presence in baptism and eucharist; the service rendered by those whom he calls to diverse ministries. We appropriate these gifts in many different ways, but we have a common inheritance which can enable us to go forward together, and, therefore, go further together."

"We live in a world where Christians are on both sides of political and economic antagonisms and hostilities. We live in a world of those conscious of being exploited and those ashamed of having profited from exploitation. We need a unity that can hold

people together in such a way that they join in the search and struggle for justice."

"The united churches are a response to the world's needs, a response in which we have sought to obey our Lord."

"Whenever this fellowship of all in each place has been even partially realised, there comes at once the awareness that this is only a step on a long road. We must be uniting as well as united churches. In the distance, we see a vision of one church, the whole people of God, made up of particular churches. Each particular church at its appropriate level—village, town, city, district, region, nation, continent—expresses the fellowship of Christians in one faith, one baptism, one eucharist, in mutual care and responsibility, in common witness and service."

"Unity of the church is not an end in itself; the one God and Father of us all has a purpose directed to the unity of humankind. We claim the promise of Jesus, recorded in the Fourth Gospel (John 12:32), 'I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself'."

C. D. CLARK, Acting Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference declare to the other negotiating churches its deep conviction that the union of our five churches is a matter of the greatest urgency both for the sake of the churches' mission in New Zealand and for the well-being of present and future co-operating parishes and union parishes and that Conference request the J.C.C.U. immediately following the meeting of the General Synod next year to call a Conference representative of the five churches with a view to planning the further steps considered necessary to bring our churches to eventual union.
3. That Conference send its congratulations and warmest good wishes to the United Church of Sri Lanka on the occasion of its inauguration on 16th November, 1975 and offer the assurance of our prayers for God's blessing on its future life and mission.
4. That the Methodist representatives on the J.C.C.U. be as printed on Page 5f herein.
5. That the Joint Commission on Church Union Report 1975 be received.
6. That the Church Union Committee be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 42—What is the Report of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

In view of the policy that a major Conference be held in conjunction with the General Meeting of the Methodist Social Service Association, it was agreed that the business of the Association be handled by the Executive this year.

The following matters have accordingly been dealt with by the Executive.

Financial: It was agreed to invest up to \$5,000 from the M.S.S.A. Account in Dunedin Central Mission Debentures at 9% for two years.

Levy: The levy was fixed as follows: Auckland \$350; Wellington \$250; Christchurch \$250; Dunedin \$200. (The three former figures include the Children's Homes allocation). It was agreed that this proportion be the basis of future years' allocation.

Publicity "New Citizen": It was decided to decline the offer of publicity for the Connexional Budget in the "New Citizen", because of the nominal amount received from the Budget. The impression that would be given is that support of the Social Service work of the Church is dependent on the budget. The M.S.S.A. values the right of direct appeal to Circuits given by Conference over the years.

Church Union Consultation on Social Services: The Revs. W. E. Falkingham, D. S. Mullan and Mr C. B. Radcliffe were appointed as representative to this Consultation.

Publicity: The Executive agreed to insert a quarter-page advertisement in the Charity Gazette. An insert is again to be made in the Conference Agenda and Minutes, and our advertisement in the Law Journal is to be continued.

Recruitment of Trainees: The attention of Conference is drawn to the need to recruit suitable trainees for Social Service work. The Everil Orr Training Fund is available to meet the costs of Social Work Training Courses for approved applicants.

Visit of Professor Howard and Charlotte Clinebell: The N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services agreed to co-sponsor with the M.S.S.A. the visit to New Zealand of Howard and Charlotte Clinebell of California.

Four workshops on Counselling, for the helping professions, have been held in Christchurch, Wellington, Dunedin and Auckland.

Annual Meeting and Conference 1976: The Annual Meeting and Social Service Conference will be held at Otaki in March 1976. Special groups to be invited are Aged Care Staff and Social Workers.

Circuit and M.S.S.A. Relationships: At the request of the Church Council, a report will be prepared on this matter for study. Ways and means of enabling local Churches to fulfil a caring role in their community, will be included in the material to be presented.

White Paper on Health: The Executive has considered the White Paper on Health published by the Department of Health.

As the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services has made submissions, it was decided to make comments to the Minister on the proposed contractual system whereby beds in Private Geriatric Hospitals could be made available to Public Hospitals. The Executive is of the opinion that if certain anomalies can be removed, this system could be a viable one.

WILF. E. FALKINGHAM,
Convener and Official Representative M.S.S.A.

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 as Immigration Officer

QUESTION 42—(a) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

AUCKLAND AREA METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

STAFF

Mr E. N. Tibble who has had wide experience in social service and hospital administration has joined the Central Mission staff as Administration Officer with particular responsibility for the oversight of homes and hospitals while the Rev. J. H. Vickery has come to us as Minister of Aged Care and Chaplain of the Everil Orr Homes.

AGED CARE

Kamo Home—Whangarei

This home with its 44 beds continues to give a good service in the Northland area. The staff and residents are benefiting greatly from the new Occupational Therapy Room which was opened last year along with a ten bed extension. Mr Ashton Kelly has replaced the late Mr W. J. Court as Chairman of the Board.

Tamahere Home—Hamilton

The Home remains continually full with 61 residents and a waiting list of about 100 applicants.

Everil Orr Homes—Auckland

During the year Frampton House to accommodate six residents, and a 10 bed extension to the Nurses' Home were opened while the ground floor of Aroha House was designated a hospital with 19 beds. The total complement of the Homes is now made up of 31 hospital beds, 6 frail-ambulant, 6 elderly-confused, 110 residential care and 32 in Leighhaven cottages.

Wesley Hospital—Auckland

The working drawings for a 30 bed extension are at present at the Health Department awaiting final approval and the Board is still hopeful that it may be possible to call tenders before the end of 1975.

Franklin Eventide Home—Pukekohe

The final cost to open this 30 bed home, which was opened by The Governor General on the 23rd August, including cost of furnishing and land will be in the vicinity of \$480,000. The Government subsidy was \$285,000. Up to the end of July \$125,000 had been raised and by far the greater part of this has been raised by the magnificent efforts of the people of the Franklin Area. The Mission is underwriting the debt.

Esplanade Road Flats—Auckland

Work on these 29 flats for 31 elderly people should commence shortly. People will be invited to make a free-of-interest loan for the cost of the flats which will be based on the initial cost including land. The total amount will be repaid in full within 6 months after a resident vacates the flat. There will be a large community room and emergency care and meals on wheels will be available from the adjoining Wesley Hospital. Our aim is to enable more people to live independently with mutual care for as long as possible.

Campbells Bay Home—North Shore

Design drawings for a 45 bed home on the site of the old Health Camp are in the hands of the Health Department awaiting final

approval. In all departments of aged care we are concerned by continually increasing costs.

CHILD CARE

Rev. G. I. Laurenson gave a most useful year of service as Secretary of the Children's Homes Board. He was followed by Rev. Gordon Hanna who died suddenly after barely 5 months service.

Wesleydale has been closed and leased to the Department of Social Welfare. Our concentration has been on foster care and the development of Family Homes. Two are operational, one is being built and 2 others are on the drawing board.

LIFELINE AND INTERCHURCH COUNSELLING CENTRE

In February the Centre will celebrate its tenth anniversary. The work is increasing with 1,527 face-to-face interviews and 6,405 Lifeline telephone calls being recorded in the past year.

ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES

The Anglican Methodist Social Services which began in January 1974 have been moved from the old City Mission building to much more satisfactory premises in Wyndham Street. The emphasis is on community social work to assist people through training and counselling to be more effective in their relationships and to provide skilled help to many community organizations.

JAMES LISTON HOSTEL—AUCKLAND

This hostel for lonely men, which is operated by four Church Social Service Agencies and the Lions' Clubs, stated in its Annual Report that the average, over 12 months, was slightly over 50 guests a night. With the tightening of the economic situation more people have been calling on the services of the hostel.

MISSION CENTRE

Because of escalating costs it has been decided not to proceed with a large Social Service Building. Our witness continues, however, in the heart of the city as a Worshipping Congregation and place of meeting for many groups.

Friday Forum has recently commenced where social and political issues are aired on a variety of subjects and there is an opportunity for dialogue.

THANKS

We are grateful to the many people who work with us in the life of the Central Mission in all our various departments. It's essential for us always to remember that "people matter most", and that we reflect our Christian experience best in serving and helping God's children in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ and enabling them to live life as fully as they are able.

D. B. GORDON, Convener.

Auckland Area M.S.S.A.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Auckland Children's Home Board be permitted to ally themselves with the Auckland Central Mission in such mutually acceptable ways as to allow their funds to be administered within the Central Mission's Deed of Incorporation.

3. In view of the changes implied in the incorporation of the Children's Home Board within the compass of the Central Mission, Conference sanctions the present membership of the Homes' Board and Trust to continue pending discussions between themselves and the Central Mission Board of Management as to the best way to safeguard all interests concerned. The names of personnel and the committees/Board etc. when mutually agreed upon be forwarded to the President for his approval.

4. That the Board of Management for the Auckland Central Mission for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

The Centre reports an encouraging year in the various facets of its work.

Counselling: Referrals continue from many agencies in Palmerston North, and there are an increased number of people contacting us directly. Family counselling and individual therapy are the areas that show an increased demand—1887 interviews during the year.

Generic Services: An emphasis on community support and a team of willing volunteers from the parish and the community.

Child Care: Work with solo parents, temporary home for children, liaison with the Masterton Home and the Centre helped establish a community drop-in centre for mothers and children in Milson.

Home Support Service: Miss Bertha Zurcher is now a permanent staff member living in the homes of families in crisis caring for children where the parents are unable to, for periods up to one month. This service copes with only a portion of the requests which average approximately two referrals per week. We are negotiating for Government assistance.

West St. Hostel: Mr & Mrs C. Haar were new appointees here in January, 1975. The probation service places men on probation in 8 beds and the Centre has 4 beds for boarders. The Hostel has an established family atmosphere, and regular group sessions are helpful for the residents. The Haars attend the Lutheran Church and this church is supportive for the boys as is the Methodist parish.

Community Liaison: The Staff are involved in University Extension education programmes, marriage Guidance supervision, Social Workers Association and assist churches in the wide area to establish Social Work Services.

Related Church Social Work: Feilding has an established social service centre where work is increasing under an inter-church committee, Pahiatua is growing in this field and there are encouraging moves in Marton, Dannevirke and Shannon.

Highbury House: This community shop is manned by 100 volunteers and is a place of care as well as a place to purchase clothing. Mr D. Petersen is administering this helpful area of our work.

Staff: Mrs J. Pilalis has transferred to another agency, and we record her work here with much appreciation. Mrs Jeanella James is social worker now, and we welcomed Mr K. Fay as Parish Administrator. Part of his work is connected with Social Service admin-

istration. Rev. Roy Bowden continues as Director and Miss Zurcher is Home Support worker. We were sorry Mr J. Harding had to relinquish his position on the committee after years of helpful service.

LOYAL J. GIBSON, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Management Committee for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS AREA COMMITTEE — M.S.S.A.

WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Wesley Geriatric Hospital

The major undertaking this year has been the completion of the new 32 bed Geriatric Hospital.

Delays in building have meant the Board has faced steeply increased costs.

The project will now cost \$600,000 and as the Government subsidy was \$400,000 the balance has placed a critical demand on the Board. It will be necessary to borrow monies to complete the project. This is a regrettable step as it means increasing the charges to cover loan servicing.

The Wellington Jewish Care of the Aged Society is sharing the enterprise and contributing 25% of the balance between actual cost and Government subsidy. The relationship which has existed over the years at Wesleyhaven between the Jewish and Christian communities is being further developed.

The hospital will be a closed one and two visiting medical officers have been appointed.

The Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. W. E. Rowling, is to open the hospital officially on Sunday, 5 October 1975.

Aged Care work at Wesleyhaven, Hostel work at Epworth House and the Goodwill Shops continue to develop in effectiveness.

The ecumenical dimension is developed through the Inner City Ministry. The Board funds the employment of Ms Trish Hall, a Community Worker whose supervision is carried out by the Inner City Ministry. She is actively engaged in creative community building with a special responsibility for Mt. Victoria.

The Board acknowledges support from loyal staff, a widely representative public and charitable Trusts.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

This year marks the 25th year of the establishment of the Methodist Central Missions. It was in 1950 that the former Christchurch Central Mission became a Social Service arm of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Since then, there has been a steady development of various forms of service and a growing involvement with the community.

This year the growth has continued and we are pleased to report the following new developments.

South Haven:

With the co-operation of the St. Marks Methodist Church, the Mission leased the former Parsonage at 173 Barrington Street from the St. Mark's Trustees. Mr and Mrs D. Thorpe were appointed to supervise this home as a Home for the Disabled.

The Home, now named South Haven, was officially opened by the Minister of Health, the Hon. T. M. McGuigan, on Sunday June 8th. and dedicated by the Chairman of the North Canterbury Methodist District, Rev. R. W. Widdup.

Flats for the Aging:

In January 1975, four further flats on the Fairhaven site were completed bringing the total number of flats to 12.

Fairhaven Hospital Opened:

On Sunday 15th June, Fairhaven Hospital was officially opened by the Minister of Health, Hon. T. M. McGuigan, and the President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the Rev. W. J. Morrison, dedicated the building.

The Board records its appreciation of a Government Subsidy of \$245,000 which made this development possible. We also wish to thank the many individuals, organisations, business firms and Service Clubs who responded to our appeal for \$30,000 for the Fairhaven Furnishing Fund.

Wesley Lodge and Hospital:

Wesley Lodge which was opened in 1952 is our oldest aged care Institution. The Matron, Miss I. E. Macadam, has now completed her 18th year of Service. During that time, 1483 patients have been cared for in Wesley Hospital.

Wesley House, Picton:

Mr Henry Kelly who has served the Home as Secretary, Manager, and Treasurer for the past 9 years, retired in June 1975. The Board acknowledges the able and efficient service he has given in an honorary capacity over these years.

The Board of Management and the Wesley House Committee have agreed to major extensions and upgrading of Wesley House to provide 17 additional beds, a staff flat, a Lounge and Occupational Therapy room overlooking the boating Marina.

Residential Club:

In 1974, Government gave approval to the Mission to establish a Residential Club for the Aging as a Pilot Scheme for New Zealand.

Green Gables—Nelson:

The Rev. G. F. McKenzie and Rev. W. E. Falkingham signed a contract on behalf of the Joint Presbyterian-Methodist Trust which has been established to run this former Presbyterian Home. The contract is for a 20 bed extension to the existing home, and a new 20-bed Geriatric Hospital. Work has now commenced on this project.

Combined Churches Social Service Trust:

A decision has been made to establish a combined Churches' Social Service Trust for the purposes of establishing and administering any Social Service work that it is agreed to jointly sponsor.

Creative Leisure Centre:

Mrs Noeline Bull has been appointed Organiser for a Creative Leisure Centre which will be established at Aldersgate. The Centre will be open to people of all ages.

Learning opportunities in arts and crafts, cultural activities, personality growth experiences and human relationship skills, new forms of worship experiences and Christian Growth groups will be listed amongst the options on the programme.

The Mission is involved in many other areas of Social Service work in co-operation with other Community and Social Welfare Agencies e.g. Elm Lodge, a half way House for Alcoholics; Community Volunteers; Social Work Planning for the town of Rolleston; Dixon House for the Aging at Greymouth, and the promotion of a Retirement Community at Leeston.

Thanks:

We express grateful thanks to Methodist people who have supported the work of the Mission by gifts and service.

A printed annual report which gives a comprehensive survey of the work of the Mission, in booklet form, will be forwarded to any interested, on request.

WILF. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.
IAN D. BLAIR, Secretary,
MAL. E. LLOYD, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

We have had a year of subtle change and stimulating opportunity.

We lost our Matron from Eventide Home and Hospital to N.Z. Baptist College and replaced her with a Manager, Kel Autridge of Mosgiel, and a Principal Nurse, Tony Hewson of Macandrew Bay. The new administration has relieved the city office of some workload and given an immediacy of supervision that has been of great benefit to the staff and the institution alike. Wesley Manor was finally closed after another most uneconomic year, and the ten remaining men were moved to Company Bay where they seem to be getting along very well with the ladies! We hope to develop the

vacated site with a new complex combining a new Rest Home with Dependent Flats.

We refinanced about a quarter of our half-million dollar debenture debt, receiving so much support from local Methodist people that the issue was not commercially advertised at all. Our five-yearly rental review on the **Octagon Office Block** will give us a modest lift in investment income but budgeting will still be tight for some years to come.

Some flexibility has been given to our finances by using a computer contract to distinguish our various funds in a single joint account. The benefits will show in more accurate budget control and better use of available funds.

Trinity Church moved from under our direct administration when the Dunedin Circuit was formed on 1 July, but the most harmonious relationships are being maintained, and the Mission is gaining new interest and support from the other Churches. Donations to **Associates of the Mission** continue to rise at a remarkable rate.

Wide support is also enjoyed in the area of **voluntary helpers**, over 100 now being engaged in **Goodwill Services**—two shops and a central warehouse—and in the **Friendship Centre** which is now serving tea-and-understanding to 600 folk in its 25 hours of opening each week, and other voluntary activities.

Anglican Methodist Family Care Centre continues to offer a fine standard of personal social work for needy people of all kinds; we have assisted staff member Anne Turvey to attend a Perth Conference on The Battered Child and to visit Central Mission work in Adelaide and Melbourne as she returns.

Families can still find reasonable holiday accommodation in Queenstown using our **Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp** whose elderly buldings remain efficient and pleasant due to the devoted efforts of the resident caretakers, Jack and Edith Patey, and their seasonal assistants, Ron and Meryl Dickson.

We are trying to improve the conditions for our **Child Care Centre** at present operating in makeshift premises in Wesley Church. A small Social Welfare Department subsidy is now available for parents who cannot afford our modest fees.

The Superintendent continues to act as Chief Advisory Officer of **Dunedin Budget Advisory Service** and has been involved in guest-speaking for the Service in many centres in Otago-Southland. He is also involved in the **Cameron Centre**, a Presbyterian social work and education programme, of which he is currently Acting-Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

We are grateful for receiving many opportunities of significant service for a fine staff and the means to fulfil our calling. What more could we ask?

D. S. MULLAN, Superintendent.
R. A. BURTON, Deputy Superintendent.
F. W. WILSON, Administrative Officer

Glenwood Home, Timaru

The Glenwood Trust Board, Anglican Methodist, extensions to the 30 bed Residential Home in Timaru, becomes a reality with the contract signed in March 1975 for 17 Investment Flats and a Community Room. The tender price was below estimates, and means the Board is selling each flat for \$13,500 (includes floor coverings, curtains, dual unit refrigerator freezer and washing machine).

These flats are for pensioners who do not qualify for Government

subsidised flats because of income limits, and who need to move from properties that are too demanding, but cannot afford an ownership flat, i.e. a special area of need.

About 10 of the 17 flats have been sold from the plans and specifications and now the first blocks are being built, the Board expects no difficulty in selling the remainder.

The Scheme widens the area of our care, without financial difficulty imposed on either purchaser or Board. Once the Community Room is finished we hope to provide occupational activities and encourage greater community life. Over recent years additional staff have improved the quality of Residential Home care.

NORMAN WEST, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. Membership of the Board to be approved by the President following the presentation of the revised constitution.

QUESTION 42—(c) Children's Homes?

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNOD AND CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1975

The year has been a busy one in the continuing oversight of 25 children in care at the time of writing: 11 in the two children's homes, 11 placed in foster home care and 3 Maori teen-age boys attending Wesley Paerata College. The Social Worker has also been involved in much counselling work with families and in a supportive ministry in strained or broken home relationships. He has ministered to 140 persons in such circumstances and this is regarded as high priority work: domestic reconciliation is a greater achievement than placing a child in care. Only when the former ministry fails, does the Social Worker embark upon taking children into care.

Family Homes

The situation with the house parents at the Manurewa Home became unsatisfactory last December and it became necessary to make a change. The Board was very fortunate in obtaining the services of two registered nurses as house mothers, the Misses Firth and Woodward. The arrangement is working excellently and the seven children at Manurewa are happy, well adjusted youngsters. Miss Beth Sutton, the house mother at Dominion Road, Roskill has 4 children in her care, and, assisted by friends and members of the Board's Women's Committee she is fulfilling her role with growing confidence and effectiveness.

Property

As reported last year the Wesleydale property at Roskill had a holding order placed on it for future rail and motorway development. Since then, the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr Norman King, has expressed his Department's interest in the building on a leasehold basis short term for social welfare purposes. Finality has not been reached at this date in negotiations but the Board has reason to believe that Department will definitely lease the property from us on an agreed basis.

A tender has been accepted for the erection of a third children's home at No. 20 Sunnynook Road, Takapuna. The builder has commenced work on the site and this home should come into service at the end of the year. The cost was \$70,000 but half of this is met by the Government subsidy.

The Board has two further sections, one at Titirangi and the other at Mangere, on which it proposes to erect additional children's homes. Sketch plans for these homes have been approved in principle by the Government which has also given an assurance of subsidy support for their erection in due course. The purchase of another section in the Hillsborough—Blockhouse Bay area is being investigated by the Board's property officer, Mr Harold Clark.

Incorporation of the Board

The question of whether the Board's work might be more effectively and expeditiously done under a formal Incorporation has been considered this year. Both the Board and the Model Deed Trust have approved the idea in principle. A special Synod committee has been appointed to assess the implications of such a step in the Board's relation with the Auckland Central Mission work.

AMSS Liaison

The working association with the Anglican Methodist Social Services (Auckland) continue to develop. This is a new and somewhat experimental step in the Board's operation but progress is being made towards more effective child care administration.

General Policy

In the economic climate of the times property and financial matters require the utmost care in decision-making. The Board is committed to long term budgeting of its resources in assets and investments. From its present resources, it plans to raise finance to pursue the project building programme, but it must at the same time ensure a continuing revenue from its remaining assets for the servicing of the child care work it is at present establishing on a wider front.

M. C. COPELAND, Chairman
L. GORDON HANNA, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for the Auckland Children's Homes for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1975

Seven children were admitted to the Home during the past year and there have been three departures leaving us with 21 children in residence at the end of the year.

The resignations of Messrs C. E. Archer and J. F. Cody as members of the Management Committee were received with regret. It was resolved to place on record, appreciation of the valuable

services rendered by both these members over a very long period of years. (Cliff Archer 20 years and Frank Cody 27 years). Mr and Mrs Keith McLeod and Mr Bruce Smith joined the Management Committee this year.

Mr and Mrs John Dubbeldam have continued as Manager and Matron and the Committee is most appreciative of the work done by these dedicated people. Miss Cathryn Gabites of Timaru is working on the staff for 1975 under the Order of St. Stephen and her service is much appreciated.

Construction of the staff house is now underway and this should be ready for occupation at the end of 1975. Progress on the subdivision at the rear of the property has been slow. It is now anticipated that this work will be complete by the first quarter of 1976.

The continuing work of Homeleigh has been made possible by the support received from many sources. We acknowledge with thanks the gifts received from church and community groups, and the financial support of Methodist people represented by giving through the church budget, and by direct donations. In particular, we record appreciation for the following grants and legacies: Robert Gibson Methodist Trust \$2,500, J. R. McKenzie Trust \$700, Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$150, Joan Watson and Gloria Joseph Trust \$75, Estate W. S. Potter \$600, Estate A. E. Cox \$1,000, Estate H. E. Collison \$200.

D. H. SPRINGER, Chairman.

B. D. SMITH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the long and faithful service of Messrs C. E. Archer and J. F. Cody as they lay down their work with the Masterton Children's Home after 20 and 27 years respectively.
3. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 1975

The Need:

Although the number of "orphans" in children's homes may have decreased there is no decline in the number of needy children, and our Methodist homes are always full to over-flowing with children whose parents, for one reason or another, are not able to cope, or who come from disrupted homes, or who are placed with us as "state wards" by Government Departments. Often the greatest need of these children is for some good, old-fashioned "loving" and for that personal attention which recognises them as individuals with their own hopes and fears and not just as pawns in some impersonal game of life.

There are a good many comings and goings. Some children are in our care for only a short stay during a temporary crisis at home; others have been with us for a number of years. At the end of July the position was: 48 children resident in the Harewood

Road Home; 8 children resident in the Barrington Street Unit Family Home, and 28 children being supported in foster homes.

Plant:

The old building in Harewood Road is divided into five "units" of about 10 children each in the charge of a family mother, while the well-equipped Barrington Street home, opened 8 years ago, provides an additional unit. One of the units functions on a "Monday-to-Friday" basis so that selected children who can benefit from the opportunity may return to their own homes each weekend and help to retain those very important links with their families.

Staff:

Following the resignation of Mr and Mrs R. Brown, Mr and Mrs L. B. Christian from Oamaru were appointed as the family parents at Barrington Street and took up their duties in May. There have been very few staff changes at Papanui. We are fortunate indeed in the over-all stability of our staffing. The children's confidence is strengthened when they can rely on the continuity of the care and love given them by their family mothers.

Staff Training:

Several staff members have benefited from training courses, some internal, some locally run, some organised by the Department of Social Welfare. The Board is glad to encourage attendance at such courses whenever possible. While realising the need for substantial increases in all staff salaries, the Board has also initiated moves to relate salaries to qualifications and training and to length of service and experience.

New Developments:

These are moving forward slowly. Architectural plans for a day-care centre and a recreation hall for older children are under action and will be followed by other necessary developments already approved in principle. In the meantime some experience is being gained with a few non-resident children joining on a day-care basis with the Home's own kindergarten group.

Finance:

In spite of increased capitation subsidy from the Government, it remains a difficult problem to meet rising costs and to make adequate provision for future extensions of work. Parents are expected to contribute towards the upkeep of children but in some cases are quite unable to meet this obligation.

Once again we are most grateful for help from various sources, through donations in cash and in kind. We are glad to acknowledge the very practical assistance of the Christchurch North Lions Club. And we recognise with gratitude the invaluable help of all those who assist in and contribute through the combined Christchurch Children's Homes Appeal which benefits equally the children's Homes work of the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches. This is an important way in which all our circuits can co-operate in one aspect of the social service to the community which our Church undertakes in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f 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, 1975

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office has met on several occasions during the year and has been involved in the establishment of the Investment Board and the appointment of the Finance Manager and the staffing of the Connexional Office generally.

Financial Position:

The Annual Financial Statements are presented to Conference along with this Report. They reveal an excess of income over expenditure of \$23 compared with last year's surplus of \$1,430.

In consultation with the Special Committee appointed by the 1974 Conference, the Board of Management of the Connexional Office, has agreed to an arrangement whereby the Finance Manager is located in Christchurch, and while serving as the Executive Officer of the Investment Board, carries out some of the duties of the former General Treasurer. The Investment Board will be making an application to Conference for a grant through the Connexional Budget to meet the salary and expenses of the Finance Manager as from July 1, 1976. The Board of Management of the Connexional Office has agreed to meet the cost connected with this appointment from the date of commencement of duties until June 30, 1976.

The inevitable rise in costs, especially wage increases, means that the Board's estimates of expenditure have had to be revised. The Board is very grateful, therefore, that the General Purposes Committee of the Conference decided that for the years ending June 30, 1975, and 1976, the Board of Management of the Connexional Office should have the use of the third portion of the income from the investment of the proceeds of sale from the former Thordon property. This meant that at June 30, 1975, there was the amount of \$6,164 in the Salaries Flunctuation and Maintenance Reserve. It is hoped that this amount will enable the Board to finish the year ended June 30, 1976, with a small credit balance.

The Board has carefully reviewed its appropriations for 1976-77 and a suitable Resolution is appended.

Removal Expenses Fund:

The total cost of removals for the year ended June 30, 1975, was \$12,103. The grant from the Connexional Budget was \$12,000 and the excess of income over expenditure was \$497. This meant that the deficit in the Fund was reduced from \$2,212 to \$1,715.

While the Board has reservations about some of the demands made by Ministers on the Fund, the Board regards the overall position as most satisfying. A more detailed list of expenses allowed is in the course of preparation.

Analysis of Removals Paid by Fund

	No.	Total Cost	Ave.	1973-74 Ave.
North Island Changes	25	\$5,456	\$218	\$229
South Island Changes	10	\$1,765	\$176	\$232

Inter Island Changes	13	\$6,410	\$493	\$484
		<u>\$13,631</u>	<u>\$284</u>	
Refunds received from Union Parishes				
North Island		\$718		
South Island	1	\$395		
Inter Island		\$415		

Contingent Fund:

The administration of this Fund continues to require careful oversight.

The total expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1975, amounted to 26,029, the Grant from the Connexional Budget was \$27,500. The excess of income over expenditure was \$2,798 thus reducing the deficit in the Fund to \$796.

The Board of Management wishes to place on record its appreciation of the generosity of the Hamilton Trust in meeting in full the travel and incidental expenses of the President and his wife, and also that of the President's "supply". If it had not been for the support of the Hamilton Trust the Contingent Fund would have been in a much less favourable position financially.

While the effective fulfilment of the Mission of the Church must ever be the Conference's major priority, the Board respectfully suggests that the Conference needs to watch the appointment of Special Committees and the expenses involved therein.

Connexional Budget:

The Connexional Budget has continued to be administered within the Connexional Office and its operations are being reported on to Conference, through the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail.

Finance Manager:

The Board of Management appreciates the extent to which the Special Committee, appointed by the Conference, kept it informed and consulted with it, regarding the establishment of the Investment Board, and the schedule of duties of the Finance Manager.

The Board is anxious that the Finance Manager should have the greatest possible opportunity to serve the Church, through the Investment Board, and will endeavour to see that the demands made on the Finance Manager from within the Connexional Office are kept within reasonable limits. For this reason the Board is fully convinced that the policy previously approved by the Conference is correct, and that to enable the work of the Connexional Office to be carried out efficiently and with imagination, it is essential that the staffing include an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as well as other senior staff. The Board has been involved in discussions regarding the office staffing through the year, and will continue to watch the position most carefully.

The Board has been aware for some time that the office suite on the 3rd floor of Epworth Chambers is no longer large enough to serve the purposes of the Church, and has arranged to take over a larger suite on the 2nd floor of the building. This will inevitably increase rent and related costs but the Board considers the extra expense justified.

General Secretary:

The Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., is completing the sixth year of his second term as General Secretary. He will complete 40

years of service on January 31, 1978, and intends to retire at that date.

Last year all Synods supported the designation of Mr Laws for re-appointment at the 1975 Conference for a further term of 2 years, commencing February 1, 1976. A suitable recommendation is appended.

Financial and Statistical Forms:

In accordance with the Resolution of the 1973 Conference (Minutes page 227 Resolution 8) the Connexional Office has been reviewing Financial and Statistical Forms. Pressure on the staff to maintain routine work of the office, since the resignation of the General Treasurer, has prevented this review from being carried out in as detailed a fashion as hoped.

The Board is particularly conscious that changes are required in the Financial and Statistical Forms to meet the needs of Union Parishes and Co-operating Parishes and assures the Conference that the matter will receive further consideration as soon as possible.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements of the Board of Management, Removal Expenses Fund and Contingent Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the 1976-77 appropriations be: Supernumerary Fund \$9,500, Fire Insurance Fund \$9,500, Church Building and Loan Fund \$7,500, General Purposes Trust \$9,500, Transport Trust Board \$1,250.
4. That Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., be appointed General Secretary for a term of 2 years, beginning February 1, 1976.
5. That Conference warmly commends the 1975 Christmas Appeal of the National Council of Churches to members and Circuits for their generous support.
6. That for 1976 our representatives on the following National Council of Churches Committees be: Council, Rev. A. A. Grundy and Mrs R. C. Ingram; Women's Committee, Mesdames W. A. Chambers, M. R. Tunnicliffe, A. G. Worboys; Maori Section, Revs. R. D. Rakena, M. A. G. Couch, W. Tahere, L. M. Tauroa, M. Te Whare, N. Waaka.
7. That representatives of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to the 5th Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held at Nairobi in November 1975 be: The President, Rev. R. D. Rakena, B.A., (substitute Rev. Lane M. Tauroa); Rev. Norma Graves.
8. That representatives of the Methodist Church of New Zealand at the 13th World Methodist Council to be held at Dublin in August 1976 be: Rev. W. Gust, Mesdames Vera Dowie, Jean Thompson, Edith Gorrings and Dorn Herbert.
9. That the Council of Mission, in consultation with the Special Committee on Finance and Administration review the terms of reference of the Ecumenical Committee (see also Resolution 7 Overseas Division on Page ???).
10. That the General Secretary be granted extended leave of absence, initially for 4 months.
11. That Mr E. G. Heggie be appointed as interim Assistant-Secretary to the Administration Division.
12. That the Board of Management of the Connexional Office for 1976, be as printed on Page 5f herein.

General Secretary — Minister or Layman

When the Connexional Office was established in 1893, the Conference decided that a minister should be appointed as the executive officer. The first Connexional Secretary was Rev. Dr. William Morley and five other ministers have followed him in that position.

From time to time the issue has been raised as to whether the position of Connexional/General Secretary would be most suitably filled by a minister or a layman. Some have asked that the issues be looked at again.

The Board of Management submits the following statement for consideration of Synods. On receipt of the comments and suggestions of Synods, the Board will submit a further memorandum to Conference for consideration and action.

With the establishment of the five Divisions in 1973, the objectives of the Finance and Administration Division were specified as:

(a) To promote knowledge and understanding of the outwork of the Church's life and mission.

(b) To provide leadership and guidance to the church in matters affecting its basic policy, its day-to-day administration, the management of funds, the growth and development of Connexional properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies that Conference shall entrust to it.

(c) To exercise a pastoral role among ministers, in particular in matters affecting their personal financial position and among both ministers and laymen in matters affecting finance and administration at circuit, district and connexional levels.

The staffing of the Finance and Administration Division was to include a General Secretary and a General Treasurer.

The present law provides that the General Secretary shall be a minister. His duties are summarised on page 83 of the 1969 Law Book. He shall:

(a) Act as Secretary of the Conference and carry out its decisions.

(b) Act as General Secretary of Church Property, and Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.

(c) Act as Secretary of such Boards, Committees or Funds as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.

(d) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministry of the Church in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.

Synods and Conference 1975 are being asked to approve of two laymen to key positions at the Connexional Office in Christchurch—a Finance Manager and an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (see Report of Special Committee).

The Report of the Special Committee thus visualises that, until the present General Secretary retires at the beginning of 1978, the Connexional Office will be staffed by a minister as General Secretary and two laymen as executive officers. In this respect, the staffing of the Central Office will be similar in composition to the teams that give leadership to the other four Divisions, e.g. the Education Division has lay field workers in the sphere of stewardship promotion as well as two ministers as Directors; the Development, Maori and Overseas Divisions have the services of a layman as Business Manager as well as three ministers as executives. With each Division, it is a partner-

ship in responsibility between ministry and laity, not wholly ministerial or lay top-level administration.

It is conceded that a layman as General Secretary could have a training in accountancy and an experience in business as well as the Church that would enable him to make a valuable contribution to the Church. As a dedicated Church man he would be able to act as Secretary of the various funds associated with the Connexional Office and would have an understanding of the Church's life which would enable him to be a good administrator. It is readily acknowledged that he could deal with personal matters in a pastoral manner with great sensitivity and friendliness.

The minister as General Secretary has his role to fulfil. He has a specialist training in theology, the history of the church and the pastorate. The experience of the itineracy of the ministry gives him a knowledge of the New Zealand Church that few laymen can have. While not usually trained in accountancy, he inevitably acquires a detailed knowledge of the local church's funds and administration. He gets to know the church from the minister's point of view and is able to assist his ministerial brethren. Having been engaged in the full-time service of the Church, he makes innumerable contacts with church leaders—ministerial and lay—in all denominations.

As illustrations of the minister's distinctive role, the following are mentioned:

(a) **Theological**—the theology of church architecture; ethics of investment; church structures in the light of contemporary theological trends.

(b) **Historical**—knowledge of personalities and events in the history of New Zealand Methodism and overseas; background to Conference and its committees, church funds, etc.

(c) **Pastoral**: The presence of an ordained minister at the Central Office helps to maintain the church's primary objectives among the staff as well as create a good relationship between staff, boards/committees and the circuits. Consequently, it has the effect of encouraging ministers and laymen to seek assistance with any problems they may have regarding the life and work of the Church.

In a time of changing emphasis in theology and remodelling of church structures, this is truer than ever. When ministers and laymen are confused by rapid swings of the pendulum in theology and finding themselves unsettled and unhappy as they are forced to adapt themselves and their patterns of work to a changing society, a knowledge of theology and the pastorate becomes an essential part of the equipment of any General Secretary.

The ideal staffing for the Central Office would therefore appear to be one where a minister of the word and the sacrament and a layman with financial expertise and business experience work as a team for the advancement of the Church. Both a minister and a layman are needed to obtain the best results for the Church.

The Board of Management would be glad to receive Synods' thoughts and feelings on whether the next appointment of General Secretary should be a minister or a layman.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON GENERAL SECRETARY — MINISTER OR LAYMAN

1. DUAL ROLE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

The General Secretary has a dual role:

(a) He acts as the Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. As such he shall:

(i) Act as General Secretary of Church Property, as Authorised Representative and as Custodian of Deeds.

(ii) Act as Custodian of Early Church Records.

(iii) When necessary take up with State Departments any question relating to Church property or titles.

(iv) Supply to the Registrar-General from time to time an accurate list of officiating Ministers of the Methodist Church under the Marriage Act.

(v) Generally to take such other steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interest of the Church in the Dominion.

(vi) Prepare and issue all official forms and registers.

(vii) Carry out all other duties imposed upon him by the Laws of the Church.

Since 1966 the Connexional Secretary has acted as Secretary of the Conference. In this capacity he has been responsible for preparation of business for Synods and Conferences and Convener of Church Council and various Committees, e.g. the Pastoral Committee.

(b) Arising out of the duties of Connexional Secretary, he now acts as Secretary of the Finance and Administration Division and of such Funds and Boards as are connected with this Division:

Church Buildings and Loan Fund

Fire Insurance Fund

Supernumerary Fund

General Purposes Trust Board

Contingent Fund

Removal Expenses Fund

Transport Trust Board

Connexional Budget.

The functions of the General Secretary are not always seen as having this dual role with the result that there is the confusion in not seeing his office as somewhat different from that of the Executive Officers of other Divisions.

With this dual role not always being clearly understood throughout the Connexion, there remains a tendency to gather the whole under the name 'The Connexional Office'.

There is a need for a title indicating the General Secretary's position as Executive Officer of the Conference, which incorporates being Secretary of Conference, and a separate title as Executive Officer of the Administration Division. The dual role involves membership in a variety of committees and two distinct titles would help to clarify the particular role which is responsible for his attendance. Over recent years the term which has evolved for the former is that of 'General Conference Secretary'. The words 'and Authorised Representative' are still listed in the Minutes. For general use on correspondence, etc. the simple title 'General Secretary' should be sufficient.

But to use the same term in his capacity as Executive Officer of the Administration Division would be to perpetuate the confusion

and in this capacity it would be better if he were known as the 'Superintendent of the Administration Division'. It is a term which is well known in Methodism, has the connotation of indicating responsibility and would more clearly indicate that this is a different role from that as General Secretary.

A recommendation is appended.

2. IMPLICATIONS IF NEXT GENERAL SECRETARY IS A MINISTER

Some Synods have been concerned that the most suitable person should be appointed as the next General Secretary—not whether he is a minister or a layman.

However, as indicated above, the General Conference Secretary, has a unique relationship to the Conference as well as being the Executive Officer (Superintendent) of the Administration Division.

The procedures for the appointment of a minister as the next General Secretary would be that the Board of Management of the Connexional Office would engage in a wide consultation in order to be able to select a suitable person and then commend that person to Synods and Conference for designation and later appointment.

It would have its own knowledge of ministers suitable for such an appointment, would confer with the President, Heads of Divisions, District Chairmen and others so that it would receive adequate and searching guidance in its selection.

Subsequently the minister selected would be approached and if he were willing to consider the appointment, a designation would be made to Synods and Conference 1976 for an appointment to be approved by Synods 1977 and made at Conference that year. The appointee would take up his position from February 1978.

Our practice of designation one year and appointment the next year allows the appointee to commence orientating himself towards the work of General Secretary and Superintendent of the Administration Division. It enables him to be kept in touch with the Connexional Office and to make visits for familiarisation. On the other hand, it provides his present Circuit with an opportunity of inviting a minister to the Circuit as his successor in the year he is to be appointed.

The Board has re-examined its Interim Report to Synods in the light of the response of Synods to it. The report draws attention to the history of ministers being appointed General Secretary, it sets out the functions and roles of the office, it indicates that the present law provides that the General Secretary shall be a minister, it covers the point as to the desirability of shared ministerial/lay Executive staffing and indicates a preference for the General Secretary being a minister.

To this must be taken into account the two matters highlighted above, viz.

(1) The dual role of the General Secretary which includes the unique relationship to the Conference; and

(2) The procedures which are followed for the appointment of a minister.

The Board appreciates the concern of some Synods that the most suitable person be appointed, whether he be a minister or a layman. In considering all the issues involved, it is the Board's judgement that the NEXT General Secretary should be one who by his calling, training and experience in the Methodist Church and his availability to the Church is able to fulfil this important position in the dual role of General Secretary and Superintendent of the

Administration Division. It considers that this could be exercised best by a minister who is under the discipline of the Church.

A recommendation is appended.

3. IMPLICATIONS IF NEXT GENERAL SECRETARY IS LEFT OPEN:

The practice of designation and appointment of a minister as the next General Secretary is set out above.

In the event of a layman being appointed those procedures could not be followed. A salary would have to be determined, the position advertised, applications considered and in due course an appointment would be made. In the event of a lay appointment, budgets could have to be amended.

For the reason that laymen in positions of responsibility would not wish to jeopardise their present employment by having their names made public some months before they were to take up a new appointment, applications could not be called until late 1977 for an appointment to commence in February 1978.

This might even be too late for Conference 1977 to make the appointment and it could be necessary for the Board of Management to make a nomination direct to the President for the President's appointment, as was done in the case of the Finance Manager.

This would mean that Synods would not have the opportunity, as such, to comment upon the proposed appointee and, additionally, this procedure hardly seems appropriate for the important appointment of General Secretary and Superintendent of the Administration Division.

If this were the procedure for the possible appointment of a layman, the same procedure would have to be used if the question were left open for the appointment of either a minister or a layman.

It may be possible to bring the advertisement forward a few months, but in any case it seems clear that there would not be the time for an appointee to have 12 months' preparation for assuming the office and, additionally, if a minister were finally to be appointed, this could have problems in Stationing because it would not be known well in advance.

These are other reasons why the Board has come down on making a firm recommendation that a minister be appointed which allows for the normal practice of designation in 1976 and appointment in 1977.

Should Conference not confirm the Board's recommendation and the issue is to be left open for the possible appointment of a layman or a minister, then three empowering procedures must be provided for

(1) Section 502 (7) Law Book p.83. Deletion of the restriction that the General Secretary "shall be a minister".

(2) Removal of the procedure of designation and subsequent appointment should a minister be appointed General Secretary.

(3) Empowering the President to make an appointment on the nomination of the Board of Management should a nomination not be able to be brought to Conference 1977 or, alternatively, approval that the appointment could commence prior to February 1978 in the event of a layman being appointed.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received.

2. **General Secretary—Minister or Layman.** That a committee be set up by this Conference to report to Church Council for further discussion in order to define afresh the expectations of the church of the Finance and Administration Division and the staff required to fulfil these expectations, and to bring recommendations to Conference, 1976.

3. That the Committee be: Rev. E. D. Grounds (Convener), Messrs W. F. Christian and G. E. Hill.

Memorandum on Size of Minutes of Conference and Replacement of Present Minutes of Conference by a Year Book

ESSENTIALS FOR A YEAR BOOK:

Obviously, a Year Book for the Methodist Church of New Zealand must include: Historical Memoranda, Official Addresses, Committees for Year, Alphabetical List of Ministers and Probationers Lectionary. Questions 1 - 25, Questions 26 - 34 (Stations, Chaplains, etc.), Questions 35 - 56 Resolutions of Conference **only**, Amendments to Law Book.

Topic for Discussion:

Would it be helpful if a running commentary was included (with references to resolutions, movers, amendments, etc.)? This would be based on the Daily Record (See Presbyterian Year Book).

ESSENTIALS FOR AN AGENDA

A. All Reports and Recommendations, **BUT** Recommendations to be published en bloc at end of Agenda so as to facilitate assembling for Year Book.

Topics for Discussion

1. Treatment of Orders of Service prepared by Faith and Order Committee.

2. Treatment of Amendments to Law Book.

B. **Financial Statements**—publication in Agenda of Financial Statements from the following: Five Divisions, N.Z. Women's Fellowship, N.Z.M.S.S.A. and Children's Homes, Connexional Budget.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION COULD BE DELETED OR PUBLISHED BIENNIALY

List of Presidents and Secretaries of Conference. In Memoriam List (N.B.: At present biennially), Chronological List of Ministers and Probationers, Conference Staff—recorded in Journal, Tributes to Supernumerary Ministers, Deceased Ministers and Laymen—recorded in Journal, Board of Studies—Details re examinations, textbooks, etc.—now in Handbook by Conference Resolution.

THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE FURNISHED ANNUALLY AND PLACED IN CONFERENCE JOURNAL BUT NOT NECESSARILY PUBLISHED IN AGENDA

N.Z. Lay Preachers' Association, James and Martha Trounson Board, Prince Albert College Board, Wellington and Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments, Grey Institute Trust, Kai Iwi Mission Farm, Trinity Theological College, Wesley Training College, Deaconess Board, "New Citizen", Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board, Methodist Board of Publications, Wesley Historical Society, Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board, Probert Trust, Emsley Trust.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Do our procedures for examination of Financial Statements need revision? Should the Finance and Stewardship Committees of Detail which is responsible for the preparation of the Connexional Budget or a Board like the Board of Management of the Connexional Office be asked to examine same and make recommendations?

2. Should all Financial Statements be published in Agenda accompanying each Report (as in British Agenda)?

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Time factor needs to be borne very much in mind. Is there sufficient time for Office staff and Printers for compilation and printing of an Agenda between August meetings of Synods and early October?

2. The suggestion of an Agenda plus Year Book could cause complications for the handling of materials at present published in the Supplementary Agenda. (N.B.: British Conference has a Supplementary Agenda as well).

3. The suggestion of an Agenda plus Year Book raises the question whether all full-time workers should receive a copy of the Agenda as well as the Year Book and be charged for both.

QUOTATIONS

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office would appreciate the comments of Synods on the issues raised in this Memorandum before obtaining alternative quotations.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and the Board of Management be given leave to continue the study and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

QUESTION 43—(b) The Supernumerary Fund and Allied Funds?

SUPERNUMERARY AND ALLIED FUNDS

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

The audited annual accounts are presented to Conference with this report.

A consolidated statement of the movement of funds for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds is presented below:

Movement of Funds

1974		1975
\$		\$
Sources of Funds:		
(a) Personal Subscriptions, Budget and other Subsidies, Investment Income, etc.		
61,006	Personal Contributions	71,318
61,665	Subsidies (less refunds to Budget and payment to National Provident Fund)	69,494

25,807	Interest Earnings	31,368
4,373	Dividends	6,492
428	Donations and Grants Received	993
474	Commissions	162
58,534	Rental Income	58,393
212,287		238,220
	(b) Other Sources	
8,337	Local Body Stocks matured	7,287
18,015	Mortgage Advances Repaid	—
9,209	Legacy and Special Donations	1,226
3,076	Capital Profit on Sale of Shares	599
11,000	Loans Received	25,000
49,637		34,112
261,924		272,332

Disposition of Funds

Costs:

6,500	Administration Charges	7,083
802	Actuarial Costs	—
1,075	Other Costs	1,459
11,191	Interest Paid (other than to Allied Funds)	12,271
14,115	Property Expenses	17,379
33,683		38,192

Fund Disbursements

34,205	Quarterly Annuities	44,689
50,536	Annuities Compounded	23,106
4,800	Furniture Grants	2,860
197	Other Grants	1,335
19,652	Refunds of Contributions (including interest)	39,481
—	Widows Benefits Payments	4,000
109,390		115,471

Other Disposition of Funds

50,000	Cost of Property acquired	8,095
24,746	Share Investments	8,730
28,528	Company Debentures Purchased	2,347
—	Invested Perpetual Trustees Co.	10,000
—	First Mortgages	60,315
15,577	Increase in Working Capital	29,182
118,851		118,669
261,924		272,332

Interest Earning Rate:

The interest earning rate for the year was 7.63% compared with 8.1% for the previous year. The decrease is due to the lower nett rentals for the two properties owned by the Fund: Century 11% (11.06%), Epworth Chambers 6% (7.5%). The lower return for Epworth Chambers was the result of the large increase in expenses (23.7%). If the nett rentals had been the same as for last year, the interest earning rate would have been 8.1%.

Ministerial Retirement Housing Fund:

Thanks to the initiative of Mr E. A. Crothall, this Fund has been established. At June 30, 1975 the Fund stood at \$29,000.

Preliminary sketch plans for the first three of a number of modular units to be erected have been submitted to the Board.

Negotiations are proceeding with the South Island Children's Home Board and the Christchurch Central Mission for the erection of the first units on land owned by the Children's Home Board. The land would be leased and this would reduce the initial cost. The erection of the units in this locality would ensure geriatric care, if and when necessary. Flexibility, composite use and aesthetics are the three basic principles on which the design and layout of the units are being based.

\$150,000 Appeal:

The Board has been greatly encouraged by the response of District Synods to the Appeal authorised by the 1974 Conference for \$50,000 for each of the next three years to enable special assistance to be given to ministers retiring during the next few years and faced with steeply rising costs in properties. All ten Synodal Districts have accepted an allocation equivalent to their percentage share of the Connexional Budget. Some Districts have allocated this amount to Circuits/Union Parishes based on their Connexional Budget allocations. The Board is happy for Districts to organise the Appeal in whatever way seems best to the Synod. Posters, leaflets and envelopes are available for distribution. An appeal is shortly to be made to Trusts.

The Board would appreciate some indication of the progress of the Appeal in each District and intends to publicise same in the "New Citizen".

RESOLUTIONS OF 1974 CONFERENCE (Mins. pp. 249-252 Res. 6, 7, 11)

Res. 6 (a): That the Supernumerary Fund Board consider adjusting contributions to the Home Acquirement Fund where—

(i) Ministers have already purchased a home for retirement.

(ii) Ministers can produce adequate evidence as to alternative arrangements for retirement housing provisions.

What the resolution of Conference requests is in fact being done. Ministers who have already purchased houses for their retirement are being excused from making payments to the Home Acquirement Fund. As the Board sees it, it only requires the making of the necessary amendments to the Law Book.

Res. 6 (b): That the sliding scale of contributions be considered as a means of assisting those who are already in the process of purchasing properties. The corresponding amount of subsidy to be decided upon by the Board.

(c) That the Board report to Synods and Conference 1975.

The Board has considered the desirability of introducing a sliding scale of contributions. It was agreed that the necessary accounting changes could be handled without undue difficulty.

The principal issue involved in the amount of subsidy and the advisability of making subsidies according to the proportion of the personal contribution.

The Board is prepared to accept personal contributions at a rate of less than the desired rate approved by Conference from time to time, the subsidy to be proportioned. This is provided that the minister has already purchased a home for his retirement or can produce adequate evidence as to alternative arrangements for retirement

housing. If a sliding scale of contributions is to be operated, each case will need to be considered on its merits and the approval of the Board must be given to each case.

Res 7: That in the light of new contributions by ministers to the Supernumerary Fund and Home Acquirement Fund, the Supernumerary Fund Board in conjunction with the Stipends Committee report to Synods and Conference on the implied degrees of responsibility for the provision of housing on retirement.

The Board has discussed the implied degrees of responsibility for the provision of housing on retirement. It feels strongly that it should not be assumed that the Methodist Church accepts full responsibility for the provision of a home for a minister on his retirement.

The Board is of the mind that the original intention of the Supernumerary Fund was to provide assistance. It is accepted that a minister has a right to reasonably comfortable accommodation for his retirement and should have some option as to type and locality.

There is general agreement among the Board that it would assist ministers in making some provision for a home for their retirement if they could be furnished with some tables that would indicate benefits actually received in past periods and provide projection of benefits in the future. It was thought that these tables could be most readily produced at the time of each Actuarial valuation.

It was agreed to report to Synods and Conference, that at this time, the attitude of the Supernumerary Fund Board was that it accepted responsibility for the provision of assistance to ministers towards retirement housing by way of pensions, commutation, grants, etc. and that in order to assist ministers to prepare for their retirement the Board was willing to furnish tables and distribute after each Actuarial valuation, such tables to state benefits actually received in the past and give projections of future benefits.

It was agreed that at each Actuarial valuation the Board should have tables available to it for 5, 10, 15, 20 35 years, but that the Board would decide the degree of publicity it should give to these tables on each occasion.

This report has been forwarded to the Standing Committee on Stipends for its comments.

Res. 11: That the Supernumerary Fund Board give consideration to the following: That Connexional Trusts that have powers within their operating deeds make up to 25% of the yearly operating surpluses available to the retiring funds for the express purpose of making funds available for ministers retiring from active service.

The General Secretary was authorised to refer this resolution to the appropriate Trusts for their consideration and action.

Revised Contributions:

In view of the increase in ministers' stipend to \$5,400 p.a. as from July 1, 1975, a circular has been sent out to all ministers and circuit treasurers giving the revised contributions—personal and circuit—to Supernumerary and Allied Funds. Ministerial contributions now amount to 7½% of stipend for the Supernumerary Fund, i.e. \$405 p.a., and 2½% of stipend for the Home Acquirement Fund i.e. \$135 p.a.

Approval by Government Actuary of Supernumerary Fund and Allied Funds as Alternative Schemes in Terms of the New Zealand Superannuation Act 1974:

A letter has been received from the Government Actuary giving provisional approval in each case. The Board has until March 31,

1980 to make any necessary amendments to its rules and regulations. The whole position of superannuation is being watched most carefully.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That general approval be given, to a sliding scale of contributions to the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund with subsidies in corresponding proportions and that the Supernumerary Fund Board be asked to furnish details of such a scheme to Conference.

3. That Conference draws the attention of the Church to the need for greatly increased capital for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds and asks that our people consider making bequests or grants to the Retiring Funds.

4. That any moneys paid to any minister in terms of the resolutions of Conference, 1975 Minutes page 250, after 1/2/76 should be a loan, interest free, to be repaid on the death of the last survivor of the minister and his wife, with the Board having power to extend the term of a loan in appropriate circumstances.

5. That the amount advanced be covered by an agreement between the minister, his wife and the Board, such agreement to include an agreement to mortgage the property towards the purchase of which the loan was advanced.

6. That upon the disposal of the property for the purchase of which the loan was made, there shall be repaid to the Board an amount arrived at, being in the same proportion to the then value of the property as the amount advanced bore to the original purchase price or valuation at the date on which the loan was made.

7. That the Board be asked to re-examine the maximum amount of loan which could be made available to any one minister.

8. That in view of the intent that the Home Acquisition Fund provide maximum benefit towards retirement housing, and that the constitution of such Fund would appear to preclude any taxation exemption for contributors to the Fund, the Supernumerary Fund Board in consultation with the Finance Manager be requested to investigate and report to Synods and Conference 1976 as to the factors involved in achieving parity of operation with the Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Supplementary Scheme for retirement housing, and in so doing to state clearly the personal responsibility for taxation of contributors to Home Acquisition Fund as presently constituted.

9. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be asked to communicate annually to ministers their rights and opportunities under the Home Acquisition Fund and the options which are available to them based on merit in the individual case, with particular reference to section 513 clauses 10-13, the Law Book, and the right of any minister to make any additional payments to the Fund without attracting subsidy. (Copies to be supplied to District Financial Secretaries and Circuit Stewards).

10. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 43 (c)—Methodist General Purposes Trust Board?

**METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST
BOARD (INC.)**

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

The Audited Financial Statements will be presented to Conference with this Report.

Funds under Administration: There has been another increase in Funds administered. At June 30, 1974, the Funds administered amounted to \$1,633,000. At June 30, 1975, the Funds under administration amounted to \$1,712,000.

The Board has continued to exercise a high degree of oversight.

Interest Rate: At June 30, 1975, it was decided to credit deposits at call with interest at the rate of 6½% and term deposits with interest ranging from 7¼% to 8%. It is confidently expected that similar rates of interest will be able to be paid for the coming year.

The General Property Returns again revealed that there are large sums of money in Trust Accounts that are being held for special purposes and much of this money is earning a very low rate of interest. In conjunction with the newly appointed Investment Board and its Executive Officer, the Board plans to encourage Trusts to reinvest their moneys through the General Purposes Trust Board and in other ways.

Investments: At June 30, 1975, the Board had invested \$642,751 in 1st Mortgages and the terms of renewal of these mortgages are being carefully watched. The Board looks forward to receiving the advice of the Finance Manager.

Winstone Memorial Trust Fund: After making provision for transfer to Capital in accordance with the Trust Deed, an amount of \$7,439 of disposable income was realised. Grants to meet arrears of stipends for ministers in the active work during the year totalled \$4,700, while grants to supernumeraries and widows of ministers totalled \$3,612.

Wellington Property: The Methodist Church has now invested the sum of \$500,000 in a property at Lambton Quay purchased by the Church Property Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. Part of the property development is now income producing. Interest has been capitalised on the other two portions of the property. (At June 30, 1975 the amount invested was \$442,680.)

W. E. CLOTHIER, Board Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. **Morley House.** That the General Purposes Trust Board be authorised to pay the income received by the Morley Trust Fund for the year ended 31/1/76 and the ensuing twelve months to the North Canterbury Synod District Fund.

3. **Ex-Thorndon Deposit Account.** That 33½% of income for year ending January 31, 1976, be made available to the Investment Board for use during the year July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977.

4. That the unallocated legacy from Estate Donald A. Ross be incorporated in the Special Purposes Fund administered by the

General Purposes Trust Board, the income of which is to be made available for the general purposes of the Church.

5. **Lower High Street Trust Fund.** That Conference approves of the following amendments to the Declaration of Trust dated February 25, 1965:

- (i) That the first sentence of Clause 7 be amended by deleting the figures 3% and substituting therefor the figures 5%.
- (ii) That the first sentence of clause 9 be amended by deleting the figures 2½% and substituting therefor the figures 3%.
- (iii) That the words "all net income from the said Trust Fund shall be capitalised" at the end of Clause 11 shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor—"all net income from the said Trust shall be paid to the North Canterbury District Fund".

6. That the General Purposes Trust Board be authorised to make available to the Development Division during the year July 1, 1976, to June 30, 1977, the sum of \$25,000 from the Connexional Fund for Sector Ministries the money to be used to finance hospital chaplaincies and the expenses of the Samoan Ministry.

QUESTION 43—(d) Fire Insurance Funds?

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

The Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 1975, will be presented to Conference with this report.

The accounts reveal a change in the method of accounting for commission income. Current income is recognized as being earned when the period of the insurance cover to which it relates has expired. Commissions relating to the unexpired portion are regarded as unearned.

This change of method necessitated a transfer from the Profit and Loss Account of that portion of the 1974 commission earnings which would have been regarded as unearned income at the 31st May, 1974. This transfer amounted to \$18846.

Arising out of the Government Legislation for Accident Compensation refunds of \$1697 were received from our reinsuring agents from the 1974 premium for Public Liability on Churches, Halls, Preaching Places and Parsonages.

The Compensation Act provides for most aspects of the Public Liability Cover of the past but it has been deemed necessary to arrange insurance cover for aspects of Public Liability not so provided for.

Year's Result:

The net profit before charging the cost of insurances (Employers Liability Ministers, Money Cover, Public Liability for Churches, Halls, Parsonages and Preaching Places, Camps and Retreats) borne by the Fund was \$25,115.

Distributable Surplus:

The Board transferred the amount of \$2800 to capital account. Insurances for Public Liability Cover, a Group Money Policy and Employers Liability Cover for Ministers, cost the Fund \$1256. This represents a benefit to local Trusts, Circuits and District. A divisible surplus of \$20,000 was declared by the Board.

Grants:

The Board recommends, in accordance with its report to Synods that the divisible surplus be distributed as follows:

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund (to supplement subsidy from Connexional Budget of 1½% of minimum stipend so as to bring it up to 2½%	10,000
Supernumerary Fund—Retirement Housing Appeal	5,000
Transport Trust Board (towards capital)	4,000
"New Citizen" (to assist with running costs)	1,000
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	\$20,000

In making these recommendations, the Board has again been sensitive to the widespread concern expressed in the Church that substantial assistance be given to ministers superannuating and faced with greatly increased costs of retirement housing.

The first grant recommended is to enable the intention of the 1974 Conference to be carried out, that is as from January 1, 1975 the minister's personal contribution to the Home Acquisition Fund be at the rate of 2½% of the standard minimum stipend and it be subsidised at a similar rate from the Connexional Budget. Due to pressures on the Budget, Conference was not able to finance a subsidy of more than 1½%. The grant of \$10,000 recommended will enable each contributor to the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund to have his personal contribution at the new rate subsidised to the full extent of 2½%.

The second recommendation is that \$5,000 from the Divisible Surplus be given to the Retirement Housing Appeal for \$150,000. While there has been quite an encouraging response from some Circuits to this Appeal, the Board realises that numbers of Circuits are hard pressed to meet increased costs of stipends, travelling allowances, etc. and therefore desires that this grant of \$5,000 be made. The Board is bearing in mind that the Appeal is a three-year one and would hope that the Connexional Budget will be able to meet the full subsidy on ministers' personal contributions to the Home Acquisition Fund in the year 1976/77 and so enable it to make a larger grant to the Special Retirement Housing Appeal.

The needs of the Transport Trust Board for increased capital have been clearly acknowledged in the Church and the Board has had to limit its loans on cars to full-time workers to a maximum of \$2,500. A grant of \$4,000 is proposed.

During the year the Board of the "New Citizen" ran into financial difficulties and the Fire Insurance Fund Board recommends a grant of \$1,000 to assist with running costs.

The Board would have liked to have recommended its usual grant to the 10 Synodal Districts but felt that the objectives referred to above were more pressing.

All District Synods have approved of the divisible surplus being distributed in this way.

Loans:

In accordance with the decision of the 1970 Conference, the Board continues to make available loans to Church Trusts of a maximum of \$3000 for a term of 10 years at 3½%.

During the year a loan was made to the Whangarei Uniting Parish.

Investment Board and Appointment of Finance Manager:

The Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board has appreciated the opportunity of perusing the schedule of duties of the Finance Manager and the arrangements in mind for his location at Christ-

church at the Connexional Office. The Board looks forward to being able to consult with him and the Investment Board from time to time regarding the nature of its investments.

Renewal of Insurance Contract:

The 10 year contract with the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group terminated in May 1974, and was renewed for a term of 2 years to enable the Board to continue its negotiations as to the terms of the Contract and its reexamination of the Fund.

The matter has been under discussion at several meetings during the year. Discussions have taken place with various Insurance Companies and information has been gathered regarding the arrangements for insurance made by sister Churches.

Personnel of Board:

Mr T. J. Chamberlain, who has been a member of the Board since 1960, indicated to the Board that he did not wish to continue as a member of the Board for the next Connexional Year.

Mr Chamberlain feels that the time had come for interested and qualified and younger men to be given the opportunity to serve on the Board. It was with great reluctance that the Board accepted Mr Chamberlain's resignation and wishes to place on record its appreciation of the valuable contribution that he has made over the years, especially in the Investment field. A Public Accountant and ex-President of the Christchurch Stock Exchange, Mr Chamberlain has been well qualified to advise the Board on all matters affecting insurance.

Review of Insurance Covers:

The Board wishes to draw the attention to the absolute necessity of Trusts regularly reviewing their insurance covers on buildings and contents and urges Ministers to review regularly the cover on their furniture and personal effects.

In an endeavour to keep this great need before all Trusts and full time workers the Board, in consultation with its reinsuring agents, the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, has circularized all Ministers and Trust Treasurers and intends to forward something in the nature of a check list of insurance covers available every year.

The claims experience is higher than people might expect. As an illustration, the recent storm in North Canterbury resulted in 23 claims from Trusts. This indicates that Church Trusts should be adequately covered.

Insurance Premiums:

The Board is conscious of the fact that the need for increased covers is involving Trusts in greatly increased premiums. The extra cost involved is making some Trusts reluctant to seek increased covers.

Our reinsuring agents charge the recognized tariff rates and the Connexion receives the benefit of a substantial commission. The Board has decided that on the premium accounts for the year beginning May 16, 1976, a rebate of 10% be offered on buildings insurance and their contents. This could reduce the distributable surplus but the Board hopes that any reduction in income will be more than offset by increased insurance covers.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 1975, be received and adopted.

2. That the Grants for 1975 be as follows:	
Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund (to supplement subsidy from Connexional Budget of 1½% of standard minimum stipend so as to bring it up to 2½%)	10,000
Supernumerary Fund—Retirement Housing Appeal	5,000
Transport Trust Board (towards capital)	4,000
"New Citizen" (to assist with running costs)	1,000
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	\$20,000

3. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the lengthy period of service rendered to the Board by Mr T. J. Chamberlain and the contribution that he has made on all matters affecting insurance.

4. That Conference refer to the Fire Insurance Board the need to review the present operation of the Fund with a view to ensuring that its premiums become more competitive.

5. That Conference expresses its gratitude to the Fire Insurance Board for making \$10,000 of the divisible surplus available to the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund and asks the Methodist Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board to make similar provision in 1976 (to supplement subsidy from Connexional Budget of 1½% of standard minimum stipend to bring it up to 2½%).

6. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 43—(h) Transport Trust Board.

METHODIST TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INC.)

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

Finance:

The audited Financial Statements will be presented to Conference with this Report.

Advances:

At June 30 there were 66 loans outstanding (1974-62). Of these 64 were loans to ministers, one to a Circuit and one to a layman in the full-time work.

During the year one deaconess and 11 ministers repaid loans in full. There were 21 new loans advanced, five of which were added to existing balances while 16 were for completely new loans. Total advances increased during the year from \$66,092 to \$69,483.

Financial Results:

A surplus of \$6 on Income Account was shown in the year ended June 30, 1975.

Capital of the Fund:

The Board was grateful for another grant of \$1,000 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a donation of \$100 from the P. & E. F. Rushton Memorial Trust. These grants, together with the nett income of \$6 for the year, increased the Capital of the Fund to \$11,463.

The Board has continued to be embarrassed by insufficient Capital to make loans on vehicles expeditiously. The problem has been accelerated by the tendency of some ministers to fall into arrears with their repayments. There is a waiting period of several months in spite of the capital grants and an increase in bank overdraft facility. The rapid increase in the value of cars and the consequent

increase in the amount of loan money required has created a difficult situation. The Board has endeavoured to meet this by deciding to limit all future loans to a maximum of \$2,500.

Loan Repayments:

Because of anomalies which have arisen as a result of high prices of cars generally the Board has decided to make future advances on all vehicles, both new and second-hand, 70% of cost (with a maximum of \$2,500) and for a period of four years, and is requesting that arrangements should be made for monthly repayments by automatic Bank Transfers or deduction from Travel Allowances by Circuit Treasurers. The Board hopes that, by reducing the term for loans on new cars from five to four years and increasing the term for loans on second-hand cars from three to four years, ministers and other full-time workers will weigh carefully the merits of purchasing a good second-hand car in preference to an untried new vehicle.

Arrears:

While, generally speaking, borrowers from the Fund have been regular in their repayments, the Board was very disturbed in the April and June Quarters to find that a larger number than usual were in arrears for two months or more instalments. The Board wishes to emphasize the importance of prompt payment and intends to enforce the regulation regarding payment of penalty rates on arrears. The Board finds this necessary if loans are to be made available expeditiously. It wishes to remind borrowers that 5% is a very reasonable rate of interest to be charged these days.

Scale of Travelling Allowances:

As from June 1, 1975, the State Services Commission approved a new Travel Allowance Scale. The Transport Trust Board with the approval of the President, decided to adopt the new scale of allowances and bring it into force from July 1, 1975. The minimum allowances were also revised. (see Resolutions 2 and 3).

Travelling Allowances and Depreciation:

The 1970 Conference carried the following resolution:

"The Transport Trust Board be asked to consider the system of reimbursement to ministers for the use of minister-owned cars in Circuits with a view to setting up a fund for the replacement of cars.

That the Transport Trust Board draw up a schedule for payments to be made to the Fund, the minister and the running costs of cars similar to the system used in the Anglican Diocese of Auckland and amended in 1969 relating to the "reimbursement to clergy for depreciation of their cars used on parish purposes and the basis of which payment is made for maintenance".

Last year, the Board sent a Questionnaire to all ministers and full-time workers in the Church. 178 ministers and deaconesses replied; of these five had the use of circuit or mission cars. The replies were analysed and the Board was led to take special note of the following factors:

1. 62% of those who replied own a 1970 or later model car.
2. 49% purchased a new car when they last bought a vehicle.
3. 70% paid between \$2,000 - \$4,000 for their last car purchased.
4. 52% have never made use of the Transport Trust Board for a loan.
5. 32% indicated that they would not need to borrow for the purchase of their next car (i.e. within two years).
6. 39% intend to borrow from the Transport Trust Board next time but not necessarily within two years.

7. 69% see their present travelling allowance as adequate. 24% see it as inadequate (mainly in terms of depreciation and replacement coverage).

8. Connexional scheme for car replacement: 57% in favour of it—most see it as a voluntary scheme. Many ask for more information.

9. Taxation—education needed re provisions.

The Board is of the opinion that before taking any further action, another Questionnaire needs to be sent to those who have replied.

The Board has had before it information regarding the operation of a Transport Fund by the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches of New Zealand and the Christchurch Diocese of the Church of England. In the meantime it is looking into the advisability of the establishment of a Car Account into which borrowers from the Transport Trust Board would deposit 25% of their travel allowance which would earn interest according to the period of the deposit and would be able to be withdrawn towards the cost of purchase of another vehicle only.

The Board is continuing its investigations and will report later to Synods and Conference.

N. E. BROOKES, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That as from July 1, 1975 the following be the scale of travelling allowance:

Cars Mileage	Equivalent km	Rate Per Mile	Total For This 1000 m.	Total Allowance
		\$	\$	\$
1-1000	1-1609	0.1360	136.00	136.00
Small Cars up to 1000 cc				
1001-2000	1610-3218	0.1200	120.00	256.00
2001-3000	3219-4827	0.1120	112.00	368.00
3001-4000	4828-6436	0.1070	107.00	475.00
4001-5000	6437-8045	0.1005	100.50	575.50
5001-6000	8046-9654	0.0950	95.00	670.50
6001-7000	9655-11263	0.0910	91.00	761.50
7001-8000	11264-12872	0.0890	89.00	850.50
8001 & over	12873 & over	0.0875	87.50	938.00
Medium Cars (1001-1350 cc)				
1-1000	1-1609	0.1550	155.00	155.00
1001-2000	1610-3218	0.1365	136.50	291.50
2001-3000	3219-4827	0.1280	128.00	419.50
3001-4000	4828-6436	0.1220	122.00	541.50
4001-5000	6437-8045	0.1160	116.00	657.50
5001-6000	8046-9654	0.1095	109.50	767.00
6001-7000	9655-11263	0.1055	105.50	872.50
7001-8000	11264-12872	0.1030	103.00	975.50
8001 & over	12873 & over	0.1015	101.50	1077.00
Cars (1351-2000 cc)				
1-1000	1-1609	0.1745	174.50	174.50
1001-2000	1610-3218	0.1545	154.50	329.00
2001-3000	3219-4827	0.1450	145.00	474.00
3001-4000	4828-6436	0.1385	138.50	612.50
4001-5000	6437-8045	0.1305	130.50	743.00
5001-6000	8046-9624	0.1240	124.00	867.00
6001-7000	9655-11263	0.1190	119.00	986.00

7001-8000	11264-12872	0.1165	116.50	1102.50
8001 & over	12873 & over	0.1140	114.00	1216.50
Cars (2001 cc & over)				
1-1000	1-1609	0.2050	205.00	205.00
1001-2000	1610-3218	0.1825	182.50	387.50
2001-3000	3219-4827	0.1715	171.50	559.00
3001-4000	4828-6436	0.1640	164.00	723.00
4001-5000	6437-8045	0.1550	155.00	878.00
5001-6000	8046-9654	0.1480	148.00	1026.00
6001-7000	9655-11263	0.1430	143.00	1169.00
7001-8000	11264-12872	0.1400	140.00	1309.00
8001 & over	12873 & over	0.1375	137.50	1446.50

Motor Cycles, Motor Scooters, Mopeds and Power Cycles

	Motor Cycles		Motor Cycles or Motor Scooters		Motor Cycles or Motor Scooters	
	Motor Scooters		Motor Scooters		Motor Scooters	
	Mopeds or Power Cycles		with Cylinder capacity over 60 cc and less than 350 cc		with Cylinder capacity of 350 cc & over	
	of not more than 60 cc					
Annual Mileage	Per Mile	Per km	Per Mile	Per km	Per Mile	Per km
Up to 4000	\$0.0414	\$0.0258	\$0.0780	\$0.0486	\$0.0984	\$0.0612
Over 4000	\$0.0378	\$0.0234	\$0.0684	\$0.0426	\$0.0852	\$0.0528

3. **Minimum Travel Allowance:** That as from July 1, 1975 the following be the minimum travel allowance:

	Present Minima	Revised Minima from 1 July, 1975
Scooter	\$180 p.a.	\$216 p.a.
Small Car (to 1000 cc)	\$420	\$504
Medium Car (to 1350 cc)	\$460	\$552
Larger Car (over 1350 cc)	\$500	\$624

4. That the Board be asked to continue its research on travelling allowances and depreciation and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

5. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 43—(i)

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCES 1975

1. Conference 1974 adopted the report of a sub-committee, set up at that Conference, to consider policy on the investment of Church funds. It also passed a number of resolutions on the handling of investments, including the establishment of an Investment Board (see Minutes of Conference 1974, pages 241-243).

2. The Investment Board will be reporting separately to Synods and Conference on its activities. This report is from the Special Conference Committee which was set up in terms of the following resolution of the 1974 Conference:

"That Conference appoint a Committee who shall:

(a) Nominate to the President for appointment the personnel of the Investment Board.

(b) In consultation with the Board of management of the Connexional Office arrange for the appointment of the Investment Executive.

(c) In consultation with the appropriate Boards, define the roles and functions of the Executive Officers and senior staff and, in particular, examine the position of the General Treasurer.

(d) Report to Church Council 1975.

Personnel: E. G. Heggie (Convener), J. A. Penman, W. R. Laws, E. A. Crothall, J. G. Russell, G. H. Peak."

3. The Special Committee has completed the first task allotted to it, the President having appointed the Investment Board in April as follows:

Messrs J. G. Russell, G. H. Peak. A. S. Lamond, W. F. Christian, A. H. Winstone, H. P. Anderson (all of Auckland); Rev. W. J. Morrison of Hamilton; Messrs K. G. Lee, J. K. Torrance and Rev. S. C. Grant (all of Christchurch). The appointments were made after consideration of names put forward by the Synods.

4. The Committee decided that the Investment Board should be located at Auckland, with the Investment Executive (to be given the title of "Finance Manager") at Christchurch. The Committee also agreed that the Board should elect its own Chairman

5. After consultation with the Board of Management of the Connexional Office and other Boards and Committees in Christchurch, the Committee arranged for the position of Finance Manager to be advertised in the Press in the four main centres, and also in Church papers, at a salary in the vicinity of \$10,000 p.a. Qualifications required were: wide experience in the investment field and finance and accounting knowledge and experience. Qualifications in accountancy an advantage. Active membership of a Church an added qualification. A number of applications were received and, following interviews by a Selection Committee, it is hoped that an appointment can be made before the end of July.

6. Implementation of Conference resolution (c) above was fully discussed with the Christchurch boards and committees. During discussions the General Secretary emphasised his view that the Finance Manager should be answerable to the Board of the Connexional Office, pending the growth of his investment duties. However, this view did not find general support. There was also general agreement that the General Secretary and the Finance Manager should be co-equals, each having a clearly defined list of duties and area of responsibility but working in close co-operation. It was pointed out that the former would, of course, be in charge of the Connexional Office. General agreement was finally reached that the authority, accountability and duties of the Finance Manager should be set out in the schedule towards the end of this report.

7. There was considerable discussion on the relationship of the General Secretary and the Finance Manager to the Investment Board. Members of the Special Committee, apart from Mr Laws, considered that chief executives of Boards should not—except perhaps after having clearly proved their worth—be members of such Boards. Mr Laws and a number of members of the Christchurch Boards, on the other hand, strongly advocated adherence to normal Methodist Church policy under which such executives were also Board members. They said that they intended that the Finance Manager should be an ex-officio member of the appropriate Christchurch Boards of which the General Secretary was already a member. It should be made clear here that the Special Committee's nominations to the President for appointment to the Investment Board had deliberately excluded the persons holding the positions of Finance Manager and General Secretary and reasons for this were given to the President.

8. As there appeared to be no possibility of resolving the differing views referred to above, it was agreed that the issue should be, reported to Synods and Conference for decision. A recommendation,

expressing the viewpoint of five of the six members of the Special Committee, is set out at the end of this report.

9. The Special Committee made a progress report to the Church Council in May.

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES OF SENIOR STAFF OF THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

A. General Secretary (1969 Law Book p. 83 (7):

The General Secretary shall be a minister. He shall:

- (a) Act as Secretary of the Conference and carry out its decisions.
- (b) Act as General Secretary of Church property, Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.
- (c) Act as Secretary of such Boards, Committees or Funds as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
- (d) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministry of the Church in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.

Note: The Special Committee considered that the above summary was adequate for the present, with the reservation, on the part of the majority, that there was doubt about the requirement that the holder of the position should be a minister. It was also recognised that some review of the statement might be deemed necessary when the time comes to make a new appointment to the position).

B. Finance Manager:

Authority and Accountability: The appointee shall have primary responsibility to the Church's Investment Board, but he shall also have responsibility to the Board of Management of the Church's Connexional Office in respect of relationships and functions connected with the Administration Division. Details of responsibility in each case are given below. In the event of any difficulty arising as to his employment or duties, this will be resolved by consultation between the Investment Board and other Boards or Committees concerned.

Duties: The appointee shall:

1. In relation to Investment Board:

- *Act as Executive Officer of and principal adviser to the Investment Board. He shall work within the broad policies determined time to time by the Methodist Church Conference and guidelines established by or authority delegated to him by the Board.
- *Keep the Board fully informed of developments in the field of investment generally and, where appropriate, make recommendations to it concerning changes in investment policy or practice or variations in guidelines or delegation.
- *Be responsible within the guidelines laid down by the Board, or under the authority delegated to him, for the day-to-day administration of the investment activities of the Methodist Church, conferring with the Chairman of the Board where necessary.
- *As Executive Officer of the Board, ensure that its decisions are carried into effect.

2. In Relation to the Administration Division:

- *Assume the principal duties formerly the responsibility of the Church's General Treasurer.
- *Act as Finance and Investment Consultant to all Connexional funds and properties at present administered by the Connexional Office. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Boards concerned.

*Carry out such financial and accounting tasks for Boards as may be agreed upon as appropriate by the Investment Board.

*Maintain an effective liaison with the Church's General Secretary, keeping him fully informed of major happenings relating to the Church's investments.

*As a member of the Church's Administration Division, maintain appropriate links with other staff of that Division especially in respect of investment, property and financial matters.

3. **As Investment Adviser:**

*Advise all Trusts and Boards of the Methodist Church on all matters connected with or pertaining to investments and property of the Church.

*Provide investment and financial guidance to Church Trusts and other Church bodies.

4. **Other Functions:**

*Undertake such other tasks as may be requested from time to time by the Church Conference.

*If a member of the Methodist Church he shall be, ex-officio a member of the Conference and of the Synod of the District in which he resides.

C. **Assistant Secretary/Accountant:**

The Special Committee was satisfied that the General Secretary and the Finance Manager would need supporting staff, including a lay appointment such as an Assistant Secretary/Accountant. However, having proposed the appointment of a Finance Manager, it did not feel it necessary (or, indeed, it did not feel able in the time available) to define the duties of this third appointee. It was considered that this could be worked out between the General Secretary and the Finance Manager, with approval of the Boards to which they are answerable.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted, with the exception of the Schedule of Duties.

2. That the Schedule of Duties set out for the Finance Manager be received and adopted.

3. That the Schedule of Duties and Statements relating to the General Secretary and to the Assistant Secretary/Accountant be received.

4. That the decision taken by the Special Committee that the Finance Manager and the General Secretary should not be ex-officio members of the Investment Board be confirmed, it being expected that the Finance Manager, as the Executive Officer of the Board, will attend its meetings as requested.

5. That the following be referred to the Special Committee on Expectations of the Church of the Finance and Administration Division: "That the General Secretary shall continue to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Methodist Church of New Zealand".

6. That the following be received and referred to Synods for consideration: "That Executive Officers of Connexional Boards and Departments should not have voting rights in their committees but that they should normally be in attendance for and participating in all business except that which relates to themselves. Executive Officers might be appointed on the same basis to other Boards or Committees and appointments thus made should be defined by Conference".

REPORT OF METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1975

This Board was formed by nomination of the Special Conference Committee to the President of the personnel of the Board who were duly appointed following the meeting of Church Council in May 1975. The appointees are set out in the report of the Special Conference Committee and are as follows:

Messrs. J. G. Russell, G. H. Peak, A. S. Lamond, W. F. Christian, A. H. Winstone, H. P. Anderson (all of Auckland); Rev. W. J. Morrison of Hamilton; Messrs. K. G. Lee, J. K. Torrance and Rev. S. C. Grant (all of Christchurch).

Since the Board was appointed, Mr A. S. Lamond has resigned due to pressure of work. As he was acting Convener of the Board it was necessary to find a replacement to act in this capacity, and after discussion at a full Board meeting Mr L. V. Riesterer of Auckland has been appointed by the Board as its secretary.

The Board has had two full meetings only, an inaugural meeting on the 5th June 1975 and a subsequent meeting on the 30th of July. Both these meetings have been in Auckland, and it is intended that future meetings be also in Auckland. The first meeting was largely procedural and explanatory to the members of the Board as to its purpose and function, and this meeting appointed Mr J. G. Russell as Chairman of the Board and also appointed an executive committee of three persons, Messrs. A. S. Lamond, H. P. Anderson and G. H. Peak.

Following the resignation of Mr Lamond, Mr Russell has replaced him on the Executive Committee. This meeting also decided the manner in which enquiries addressed to the Investment Board would be dealt with by the Board and, in particular, laid down terms of reference for the Executive. The intention is that the Executive Committee handle routine applications for advice regarding investment and procedures have been adopted by the Board to ensure that all major decisions are referred to the full Board.

The second meeting dealt largely with problems relating to appointment of the Finance Manager who will be the Board's Executive Officer. For various reasons it was not possible to appoint the Finance Manager as early in the year as originally envisaged, but the Board is pleased with the appointment of Dr D. J. Janus of Christchurch to this position. We feel that Dr Janus is the ideal person for the position, particularly in view of his past experience and personal calibre.

Dr Janus is qualified both by experience for many years as a commercial executive and by examination both in accountancy and in law. It would be hard to imagine, in the Board's opinion, a more suitable person for the position. Dr Janus will take up his appointment in mid-October and having already been involved in the formation of a Trust association should be more than competent to pilot the establishment of the Methodist Trust Association.

Being without an Executive Officer effectively for the whole of 1975 has meant that the Board has been able to do far less than was hoped. However, it has been able to deal both adequately and expeditiously with enquiries for investment advice received from various Trusts and Boards within the Church. It believes that advice given has resulted in higher returns on moneys invested than would

otherwise have been obtainable but that the investments made are fully in accord with Christian and Methodist ethics.

Enquiries can be dealt with expeditiously due to the appointment of the Executive with specific terms of reference in respect of investment advice. The Board is confident that as more requests for advice are received, and acted upon, many of the funds of the Church will show better returns than they currently show.

During 1975 the Board has intended to pursue enquiries regarding unified bank accounts. In the absence of an Executive Officer able to carry out the Board's wishes these enquiries have not proceeded as far as the Board had hoped. This is seen by the Board as an area requiring urgent consideration as it would result in the considerable pooling of funds. The board expects to be pursuing this question much further during 1976.

Its other major project for 1976 will be active investigation regarding the formation of the Methodist Trust Association with which task the Board, in conjunction with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, was charged by Conference 1974. The Board considers that the appointment of Dr Janus as Finance Manager will greatly facilitate movement in this direction due to his experience.

In its deliberations regarding investment, the Board realised that the statistical information available was probably insufficient. As a result of a request from the Board additional information regarding investments, property values etc was sought for the 1975 statistical returns. This information has yet to be processed by the Finance Manager, but should prove valuable to the Board once processed.

As the Board is advisory only, it stresses that is can only act where requested by Trusts and Boards so to do. It is apparent to the Board that where its advice has been sought and taken, such advice has been well received and fruitful in the return obtained. If the Board is to carry out its functions of co-ordinating and rationalising investments of Methodist funds throughout New Zealand, it suggests that in future any investment of funds, whether of a Board or of individual trusts, should be referred to it as a matter of course.

In this way the Board can fulfil the function of co-ordinating the investments to the wider benefit of the Church. The Board recommends that it should become the norm that before any funds are invested, the Board's advice should be sought. Such enquiries relative to investment are invited from all Trusts and Boards. The Investment Board sees that its function must depend upon the goodwill of the Church as a whole and the willingness of those concerned to use the services now provided.

J. G. RUSSELL, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS:

1. THAT the Report be received and adopted.
2. THAT the Board continue to be centred in Auckland.
3. THAT all correspondence and enquiries for or to the Board
4. THAT the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 44

(a) REPORT ON THE 1974/75 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

The Budget Account was held open for more than a month after the end of the year in order to bring into account the final payments from both Methodist Circuits and Union Parishes. At June 30th 1975

the Budget had been met 94.8% by Methodist Circuits. The final accounts show a 97.37% response.

Payments to Divisions and Funds

All Guaranteed Funds were paid 100% of their allocation. The non-Guaranteed Funds were paid out at 98.11% of allocations compared with 99% for 1973/74 and 97% for 1972/73. This is a slight reduction on last year and was achieved only because the Retiring Funds portion of the Budget had overstated their requirements by \$4,500.

PAYMENT TO FUNDS

		Guaranteed	Non-Guaranteed	Percentage for non- Guaranteed
		\$	\$	%
1974/75		123,526	280,590	98.1
1973/74		117,392	258,809	99.0
1972/73		109,691	248,233	97.0
1971/72		108,668	233,017	95.0
1970/71		97,428	243,614	94.5

DISTRICT AND UNION PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Circuits and Union Parishes

		Fully Paid	Not Fully Paid
1974/75		130	48
1973/74		137	36
1972/73		122	45
1971/72		113	52
1970/71		108	53

(b) Budget Allocations (Including District Expenses)

		Allocations	Contributions	Percentage
1974/75		422,857	412,064	97.45
1973/74		392,726	382,988	97.5
1972/73		373,604	360,633	96.6
1971/72		362,709	348,264	96.0
1970/71		361,646	343,578	95.0

The above table (a) reflects a reversal is a trend over the previous four years during which the number of full payments increased. Unfortunately the Union Parish contributions slipped considerably from the 90.35% of 1973/74 to 84.46% for the 1974/75 year. When this is compared with a 96.3% response to the Presbyterian Assembly Budget and a 97.45% response to the Methodist Budget, it is obvious that a significant number of Union Parishes find themselves in some difficulty in meeting Budget allocations.

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

J. S. HOSKING, Acting Convener.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 44 (b)

(b.) REPORT ON CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1976/77

1. Background

The Church Council and the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail met at Wellington on September 29 and 30 and October 1st.

The task of the Church Council in terms of last year's Report to Conference, (pages 261 and 262 1974 Minutes) was:

- (a) to receive the Divisions' Budget requirements for 1976/77
- (b) to receive the Council of Mission report
- (c) to make the policy decisions and determine the priorities which will affect the Connexional Budget.
- (d) to recommend a reasonable total figure in the light of the Convener's Report and other relevant factors, such as likely total Church giving and the proportion which should be set aside for the Connexional Budget.

The Committee of Detail's task was:

- (a) to receive the policy and priorities report from Church Council and the total Budget figure.
- (b) to agree on a Connexional Budget for presentation to Conference.
- (c) to agree on an allocation to Districts for presentation to Conference.

This procedure had been adopted in 1974 in the drawing up of the Connexional Budget for 1975/76.

2. Strategy Exercise

In arriving at an acceptable total for the 1976/77 Budget and in establishing priorities, the Church Council had two sets of data as a working basis and also engaged in an exercise designed to determine an overall strategy.

(a) Circuit Financial Survey

This survey, built up as in past years from Circuit financial records showed that total giving had risen by only 7.63% compared with a projected increase of 12.5%. However the expenditure of that income had been very close to last year's projections as evidenced by the following table:

Percentage of Expenditure To Meet

	Actual 73/74	Projected 74/75	Actual
Stipends and Allowances	49.36%	54%	53.37%
Miscellaneous local Expenses	7.77%	8%	7.17%
Connexional Budget Payments	25.86%	25%	25.42%
Local Trusts	17.01%	13%	14.04%

On the basis of a projected 12½% increase in giving in 1975/76 over 1974/75, the projected proportionate expenditure for 1975/76 is as follows:

Stipends and Allowances	57%
Local Expenses	7%
Connexional Budget Payments	23.5%
Local Trusts	12.5%

At the 1974 meeting it was agreed that no less than 13% of Circuit income ought to be available for use by local Trusts. Recognising that Stipends will rise to approximately \$6000, and that local

costs will rise by 10%, an increase in the total Budget of just under 6% could be sustained. Projected disposal of available Circuit income is as follows for 1976/77.

Stipends and Allowances	57%
Local Expenses	7%
Connexional Budget Payments	23%
Local Trusts	13%

(b) Circuit Questionnaire

In terms of Resolution 4 (i) page 265 1974 Minutes a Questionnaire was sent to Circuits. The level of response was disappointing and this tended to give less validity to the collated findings.

In general there was consensus that the present allocations represented fairly accurately the mind of the Church at the moment. The findings were taken into account in the final compilation of the Budget.

(c) Strategy Exercise

The Church Council engaged in an exercise similar to last year's pilot experiment which sought to give expression to a total strategy for the Church. Weightings were given to the various Divisions and the findings were taken into account in helping the Committee of Detail make its allocations.

3. Budget for 1976/77

The Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail agreed on a total Budget figure of \$460,000 which represents a 5.93% increase on the 1975/76 total. The requests of the various Divisions and Funds totalled \$553,346 and it was necessary to make reductions of \$93,346.

In so doing the Committee recognised that there were other Funds available which could be used to sustain the work of the Church. Consequently, even though the Circuit contributions were to be kept at \$460,000, direct assistance totalling \$43,349 was to be requested from non Circuit sources to support the Home Acquisition Fund subsidy, the Development Division and the Investment Board. In addition the Committee suggested that recent legacy monies in favour of the Maori and Overseas Divisions be, in part, not capitalised.

The 1976/77 Budget figure of \$460,000 does not represent the full income of the Divisions and Funds and in drawing up the 1977/78 Budget it has been agreed that funding from non Circuit sources be built into the Budget as a whole. Recognition will thus be given to the fact that the resources of the whole Church are being used to service the total mission of the Church. The use of the non Circuit income in the 1976/77 year does enable the Division to maintain work at its current level but as some of this extra income is from one time sources, it does not necessarily follow that such funding will be available in future.

4. The Basic Problem

Continued support of the wider work of the Church beyond the local visit has been under severe pressure over the past few years. Among the factors giving rise to this situation are:

- (a) Stipend increases from 1969/70 to 1975/76 of 157.14%
- (b) Increase in total giving over the same period of 40.72%.
- (c) A membership at 30 June, 1975 that is only 83% of the figure at 30 June, 1969.
- (d) An increase in the cost of living in the same period of approximately 65%.

With the continuation of double figure annual inflation a strong probability for the immediate future, and current direct giving per

member per week at \$1.12, the present situation is one of challenge calling for a response which shows generous and loving commitment to God and His Church.

J. S. HOSKING, Acting Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1976/77 be \$460,000, to be allocated as follows:

1975/76 Allocation	Department or Fund	1976/77	
		Requested	Recommended
	Guaranteed Funds		
78,723	Supernumerary Fund	83,625	83,625
2,968	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	2,358	2,358
4,860	Deaconess Retiring Fund	3,357	3,357
1,680	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	1,590	1,590
16,200	Home acquirement Fund	27,875	16,725
14,000	Removal Expenses Fund	14,000	13,000
25,893	Conference Contingent Fund	29,170	28,000
	Miscellaneous Funds—Guaranteed		
4,342	1% Aid	4,600	4,600
6,153	National Council of Churches	5,249	5,249
1,018	World Council of Churches	1,018	1,018
509	World Council of Churches Assembly Nairobi	—	—
2,072	Churches' Education Commission	2,844	2,844
—	Armed Forces Chaplaincies	150	—
4,575	University Chaplaincies—N.C.C.	4,785	4,785
1,000	Overseas Travel Fund	1,000	1,000
1,750	J.C.C.U.	1,900	1,900
202	C.C.A. (formerly E.A.C.C.)	404	404
—	Christian Audio Visual Society	200	—
300	Pacific Council of Churches	300	300
—	Committee on Ministry	400	—
—	Programme to Combat Racism	100	300
	Non-Guaranteed Funds		
37,750	Education Division	42,760	41,760
1,500	Budget Promotion	1,500	1,500
10,000	Board of Management—Connexional Office	14,850	14,000
—	Investment Board	16,750	10,000*
—	Children's Homes: Auckland	1,000	—
—	South Island	5,000	—
14,000	Development Fund	19,669	19,109
32,465	Development Division	49,662	24,213*
60,000	Maori Division	85,730	70,730**
21,000	New Citizen	24,000	21,000
—	N.Z.M.S.S.A.	7,500	—
91,298	Overseas Division	100,000	86,533**
—	H.A.R.T.	—	50
—	C.A.R.E.	—	50
\$434,250		\$553,346	\$460,000

NOTE: * Funds totalling \$43,349 will be made available from non Circuit sources to provide extra income as follows:

Home Acquirement Fund	11,150
Development Division	25,449
Investment Board	6,750

** Funds from recent legacies will enable these two Divisions to reach their askings.

3. That the District Allocations be:

Northland	11,000
Auckland	99,244
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	64,713
Taranaki-Wanganui	34,151
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	48,534
Wellington	55,706
Nelson	23,369
North Canterbury	77,234
South Canterbury	19,744
Otago-Southland	26,305
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	\$460,000

4. That as from next year the Board of the "New Citizen" have representation as of right on the Conference Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail and that the Law Revision Committee draw up a suitable amendment to Section 468 of the Law Book.

QUESTION 45—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College?

A. TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

Property:

The action which was approved by last Conference concerning the Grafton property has not yet resulted in any changes though protracted negotiations have been continuing. The College site is under lease to the Education Department and this lease has a further three years to run. Buttle House is being rented and an offer to purchase has not reached the valuation put on the property by the College Council.

The Council has expressed its appreciation to the St. John's College Trust Board of the building and naming of Wesley Hall which was opened on February 23rd at an ecumenical ceremony attended by the Archbishop of New Zealand and the President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The new residence at the College, built for the Principal and in use since Easter, is a further example of the spirit of co-operation and courtesy received from the St. John's Board. A new house for the Rev. J. Silvester is also being built.

People:

The Principal, the Rev. Dr. J. J. Lewis, will be overseas on sabbatical leave from August this year. We know that this will bring new insights in theological training. Many changes are taking place in ecumenical training and we note with approval the Principal's recent participation in a consultation of Theological College representatives

in Sydney. Dr. Lewis completes the period covered by his present appointment at the end of the next Connexional year. The Council, aware of the considerable gifts he brings to this office and the confidence in which he is held by Methodist and Anglican authorities alike, asks Conference to designate Dr. Lewis for reappointment as Principal for a further term of five years from 1st February, 1977. This period will bring Dr. Lewis to 40 years' service. While it is customary for Methodist appointments to be for six years, the Council considers that it would be helpful if, in this matter of Methodist appointments to College staff, the same period of five years could be approved as with Anglican appointments.

The Rev. Ian Ramage, Tutor in Pastoral Theology, has indicated his intention to return to the circuit ministry at the end of his College appointment in January 1977.

The 1974 Conference designated the Rev. John Silvester, M.A., Tutor in Systematic Theology, for a further two years, the appointment to take effect from February 1976. An appropriate resolution is below.

Appreciation:

Since the writing of the previous report two changes have taken place among Board members. Mr E. W. Donnelly has been a valuable member for many years and his resignation for family reasons has been a distinct loss to the Council. The untimely death of the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, whose contribution to the establishment of the united College was considerable and whose counsel in so many matters brought us back to reality, is missed by us all.

Grafton Hall of Residence:

With the change of College venue it must not be forgotten that the Grafton Hall of Residence is on Methodist land and owes much of its success to Methodist support. Representatives to the P.M.C. Foundation are Messrs. W. E. Winstone, M. S. Rosser and the Rev. H. C. Pomeroy.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. H. OSBORNE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Dr. J. J. Lewis be designated for re-appointment as Tutor in Old Testament and Principal on the Methodist staff of the Theological College, for a further five years commencing 1st February, 1977.
3. That the Rev. John Silvester, M.A., be appointed Tutor in Systematic Theology on the Methodist Staff of the Theological College, for a further two years from 1st February, 1976.
4. That appointments to Theological Staff positions normally be for an initial period of five years in line with the practice of the College of St. John the Evangelist, but where possible the normal Methodist practice of designation in the previous year be continued.
5. That Conference authorise the payment of full ministerial stipend, plus \$150 book allowance to Rev. Norma M. Graves during her year of study at St. John's Theological College.
6. That the Trinity Theological College Council be asked to look into ways and means of meeting the financial obligation regarding Rev. Norma Graves during her year of training in consultation with the Probert Trust, the General Secretary and the President.
7. That the members of the Council for 1976 be as on Page 5f herein.

B. TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

During this year the Council has faced increasing costs of administration and, while the increased staff costs have been met from an increase in the grant from the Probert Trust, the extra grants made to students have been met from the income received.

At the time of reporting it is too early to determine whether or not the lease of the College buildings will be renewed for the other three years, and it may mean that some other use will need to be finalised before the end of 1975. The position should be known at Conference time.

A further \$15,000 was invested during the year under review while short term investments on the money market have made full use of idle funds. The Principal's residence has been completed and occupied and the house for the Deputy Principal is also well advanced.

The Council continues to be grateful for the assistance from the College staff and the Probert Trust Board.

LLOYD V. RIESTERER, Hon. Treasurer

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

C. THE COLLEGE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

(for the training of Anglican and Methodist students for Ministry)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This has been a year of further consolidation. Orientation week began on 9th February concluding with a week-end on a Marae at Kaiaia. Since the 1974 five weeks extension for intensive practical work in Hospitals, Parishes, Chaplaincies and Urban Survey has been judged by Students and Staff alike a success, it will be repeated this November. There are nine Methodist students in training.

Visit of Warden Overseas: Canon W. M. Davies has spent three months observing Theological Colleges at work in the United States, in the United Kingdom and in Africa. He is pursuing the possibility of developing at St John's College an Institute of Lay Studies.

Opening of Wesley Building: The President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Archbishop officially opened the Wesley Building on Sunday, 23rd February. Ecumenical and cultural interests were prominent, the special feature of the Hall, the Maori panelling, being dedicated by the Tumuaki, the Reverend R. D. Rakana.

The Principal's House became available at Easter and it is well situated on the College campus. It is a very fine building and is greatly appreciated by its new occupants. Mr Silvester's house will soon be ready for occupation.

Staff: The appointment of the Reverend B. K. Rowe as Tutor in Christian Education and as Ecumenical Field Worker is significant not

only for Continuing Education for Ministry programmes but also for the College itself. He has made a considerable impact already in both areas of his work. His 'retreat' with outgoing students just after last Conference has become an essential part of the College Programme.

While Mr Rowe was waiting for accommodation nearer the College, the College Council contributed to the rent of the Christian Education Division house on the North Shore.

Mr Silvester teaches in Systematic Theology and has been invited to offer a week's lecturing at Knox College. He serves on the NCC/RC Joint Working Committee. Mr Ramage has the responsibility of the Pastoral Theology Department and for the Student Criticism Services held on Sundays in neighbouring Churches. The College is indebted to those Churches which have shared their evening services in this way. Mr Ramage is also deeply involved in counselling. At present Dr Loader gives two periods weekly in the New Testament field with additional teaching from July. Some students have been associated with him in the Remuera Mission. The Principal has oversight of the Old Testament Department and has taken Hebrew 1 classes in the University with some classes in University Extension.

Visitors: The College has been delighted to welcome as lecturers and as preachers at College services, the Revs. E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, R. D. Rakena, W. G. Tucker, Ivor Bailey, Dr S. B. Frost of McGill University and Fr. Mark Gibbard on "Spirituality". The visit of the Rev. Fr. Charles Harrison for the Radio School was also of considerable value for the wider training programme.

Library: The Trinity Collections are housed in the Atkin Room at the College. Buying in the future will concentrate on building up special collections in Methodist History, Biography and Theology. Methodist Periodicals, South Pacific Missions, the Church's Mission, The Paris Franciscan Library and the Baumber New Zealand Collection. Special prominence will be given the Ranston Biblical Collection in Old and New Testament works and in related studies. Missionary records are in filing cabinets and are often used by research students. The Museum is kept in two show cases also in the Atkin Room.

College of Divinity: Discussions have been taking place quietly concerning the possibility of establishing in Auckland a College of Divinity on the Melbourne College of Divinity pattern, offering its own tertiary level courses. It would need to operate under a special Charter and close cooperation and consultation with the University authorities are essential. There are no specific proposals yet ready for submission to the appropriate authorities.

Discussions have also been taking place concerning the establishing of a New Zealand Chapter of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools as has recently been set up in Sydney. The Association would not in any way run counter to the Joint Board of Theological Studies but would involve Roman Catholic and Baptist participation. It is hoped that preliminary meetings can be held early in the New Year.

Styles of Training: The College has adopted a flexible programme of training, practical and theoretical, in the context of community life and worship and of involvement in the wider issues of society. While there is an expectation that an adequate course will be followed in the basic areas of ministerial education and in the development of basic skills of ministry, the method of working is open to negotiation. Cell group approaches have found their place amongst the more familiar seminar, group discussions and lecture methods. Direct

involvement in counselling, chaplaincy and Supply work helps to give the needed context for training.

Gifts: The College acknowledges gratefully gifts of books through the Rev. R. G. Bell, a Xeroxed copy of the Diary of Walter Lawry from the Principal of Queen's College, Melbourne, Dr. L. D. Fullerton, Bible Class Magazines through the Rev. E. W. Hames from the collection of the late Mr E. H. Smith and from the Wesley Historical Society Rev. A. H. Voyce's work on Bougainville designs. Methodist students have presented a fine framed colour photograph of the Trinity College buildings taken from Grafton Hall.

Thanks: The College is indebted to the student leaders Mr P. Dyer and Mr M. W. Greer. Methodist Staff and Students in particular wish to express their gratitude to the members of the Trinity College Council for their support.

J. J. LEWIS, Principal.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of Conference in regard to

(a) The Order of Deaconesses?

DEACONESS BOARD AND WARDEN'S REPORT, 1975

Board Membership: This year we were pleased to welcome as new Board members Mrs M. Trebilco and Mrs I. Cornwell. Our meetings have been held regularly and have been well attended.

Deaconess Positions: The following changes in appointments of Deaconesses in Maori Circuits took effect from February this year: Sister Grace Clement to the Waikato Circuit, Sister Barbara Miller to the King Country, Sister Betty Yearbury to Taranaki, Sister Hana Hauraki to Tuakau.

Trainees: Miss Diana Tana has now gained six L.Th. subjects and is continuing her studies at St. John's College in this her third year. At the end of her 1974 College year, Diana shared in some practical Deaconess work at Te Kuiti under the guidance of Sister Betty Yearbury. She found this opportunity both challenging and very helpful. During the College holidays Diana travelled with a group of theological students to Moscow and London and continues to make a contribution on her return.

We are looking forward to having another candidate offering for Deaconess training this year.

Convocation: Convocation was again held at the Baptist Theological College in Auckland and was felt by all to be very beneficial. The question of a new form of the Diaconate was discussed and all those in the active work were given the opportunity to share their points of view.

Presbyter and Deacon: The Conference resolution that the Deaconess Board in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee and the Committee on Ministry consider the distinction between the diaconate and the presbyterate, theologically, scripturally and practically (Minutes 1974 p. 270 res. 2) has received a great deal of attention. The final report is now submitted as an appendix to this report.

Amended Constitution: The Law Revision Committee has now forwarded the completed amended constitution and the Board has agreed to its presentation to Conference.

Tribute: We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the late Miss Purdie. Throughout her life Miss Purdie was a true friend to all Deaconesses and we would honour and remember her.

C. J. KEIGHTLEY, Chairman.

J. H. OSBORNE, Warden.

H. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

APPENDIX PRESBYTER AND DEACON

Conference Resolution:

That Conference request the Deaconess Board, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee and the Committee on Ministry, to consider the distinction between the diaconate and the presbyterate theologically, scripturally, and practically, and to report to Conference 1975. (Mins. 1974, p. 270, res. 2).

The Scriptural basis of Diaconate and Presbyterate Deacon (Gr. diakonos):

In its extra-New Testament usage "diakonos" and its cognates referred to a servant (especially one concerned with domestic duties), a waiter at table, a helper in a general sense. It could be used of a personal servant, especially that of a person of high rank. There were a number of synonyms for "diakonos", e.g. "house servant", "public servant", "attendant", "slave". "bondman".

In the New Testament "diakonos" is used in a general way for "servant" or "minister" (the Latin equivalent), e.g. John 2:5 ("His mother said to the diakonos"); Eph. 3:7 ("of this gospel I was made a diakonos . . ."); Col. 1:24, 25 ("the church, of which I became a diakonos . . .").

It is used in highly significant ways with reference to the ministry of Jesus. For elaboration of this see section on "The Ministry of Jesus" below.

It is used as a technical term for a certain kind of church officer, but the references are few, and the status and functions of such "diakanoi" is obscure. Phil. 1:1 ("To all the saints . . . with the bishops and deacons"). 1 Tim. 3:8, 12, 13 ("Deacons . . . must be serious . . . Let deacons be the husband of one wife . . . those who serve well as deacons"). Rom. 16:1 ("I commend . . . Phoebe, a diakonos of the church . . .").

" . . . the order of deacons is something about which the Church has never apparently been able to make up its mind."

The very origin of the office is obscure. Most modern scholars believe that the 'Seven' . . . in Acts 6 . . . were not deacons in any sense at all. Luke never describes them as deacons . . . Paul seems to refer to deacons once in Phil. 1:1, but I would contend that the word means nothing more specific here than 'church workers'. It is in the Pastoral Epistles (almost certainly not by Paul) that we first find clear reference to the order of deacons, but we do not learn much about what the deacon has to do.

In the Church of the second and third centuries, the diaconate does emerge as a specific office . . . special role in the Eucharist . . . sort of mediator between celebrant and people. And he did administer church funds under the bishop.

In later times, both in East and West, the diaconate degenerated into a probationer stage for the priesthood . . . At the Reformation various reformed churches made efforts to restore the primitive diaconate, but none of them can be said to have succeeded . . .

In fact, the diaconate is still awaiting revival and rediscovery on the part of the church. The order of deacons does not therefore throw any light on our investigation, except in so far as its history suggests that the Church may have intended to concentrate in this office the servant element in the ordained ministry's vocation, and then forget about the original meaning of the office."

(A. T. Hansen, "The Church of the Servant," p. 122f.)

The question of the diaconate is therefore a theological rather than an historical one. Discussion can take place meaningfully only in the area of faith and order.

Presbyter (Gr. *presbyteros*):

Extra-New Testament usage: of age, seniority; of rank, dignity; of the august, the honoured; of an embassy, which was normally comprised of elders; of the wise counsels of age; of an elder of the Jewish Council.

New Testament usage: Possibly reflects something of the Greek usage, but is derived chiefly from the authority and veneration accorded to presbyters in the Jewish synagogue (Acts 11:30; 1 Tim. 5:2; 1 Pet 5:5; James 5:14 *passim*).

Though references to presbyters are numerous in the New Testament, there are only a few which can possibly be construed as denoting the college of presbyters in the sense of a form of church order. Some which may be considered here are:

Acts 11:30—sending it (relief) to the presbyters; 14:23—appointed presbyters for them in every church; 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4—the apostles and the presbyters; 20:17—the presbyters of the church.

1 Tim. 4:14—presbyters laid their hands on you; 5:17—presbyters who rule well. 5:19—any charge against a presbyter.

Titus 1:5—appoint presbyters in every town.

James 5:14—call for the presbyters of the church.

1 Pet. 5:1—the elders among you.

"We hear nothing of the Presbyters . . . till the eleventh chapter (Acts), where suddenly they appear as responsible officials at Jerusalem . . . From this time onward they appear side by side with the Apostles, and presbyters are appointed in every church on the first journey by Barnabas and Paul . . . The nomination of presbyters from among the older men to care for the community is a sign of ordered life, and a natural parallel to Jewish custom". (R. N. Flew, "Jesus and His Church", p. 195f).

Flew suggests two reasons why the presbyterate developed in character and importance as it did.

1. " . . . the development of the office is directly due to the mission of the Ecclesia . . . in the new churches presbyters are appointed (Acts 14:23), as overseers, *episkopoi*, in order to conserve the results of missionary preaching and to feed the flock of Christ (Act 20:27-28)". (*ibid* p. 196).

2. " . . . there is perhaps a hint of a natural division of the Ecclesia into older and younger . . . in Acts 5:6 . . ." (*ibid* p. 196).

Perhaps here is a suggestion of the basic distinction between diakonos and presbyteros. "The 'younger men' . . . are employed in unpleasant but necessary service. The 'older men' in the community are accorded the Jewish reverence for age which was naturally carried over into the new community." (ibid p. 196).

Whatever the strength or weakness of the point made in 2 above, there is no doubt that the presbyterate was so typical of the early Church, and so important for it, that it provided the foundation for the two patterns of ministry which eventually emerged, namely the episcopal and the presbyterian.

At this point, however, we are forced to an important conclusion, i.e. that the history of ministry in the early Church is opaque (H. Chadwick, "The Early Church", p. 45 ff). History does not give us a clear picture. Ministry, therefore, becomes a theological issue, a question of faith and order. Theology, of course, must marry with history; it must not be incompatible. Both New Testament and contemporary forms of ministry, if they are authentic, are born of the same faith in Christ and the same mission.

The starting point for a theology of ministry is the ministry of Jesus

There is one ministry, the ministry of Jesus. Jesus was deeply conscious of himself as servant (diakonos)—Mark 10:45. The ministry of the Church is the one ministry of Jesus. This one ministry is the ministry of the whole Church, the one laos or people of God. The Church is the servant of the Servant. There is a basic diakonia from which all forms of ministry originate. The test of any form of ministry is not conformity to an historical pattern, but effectiveness in facilitation to diakonia of Jesus, the mission of his Church (Plan for Union, paras. 48, 49, 55). "Mission is to be dominant in all areas of the Church's life" (Plan for Union, p. 48). "The structures of the Church are a means to an end, and that end is mission". (Plan for Union 55).

"Jesus Christ the risen and exalted Lord, as the only Head of the Church, is the source of the Church's Ministry. . . There is no ministry apart from His . . ." (Plan for Union 107, 161). "To be the servant people . . . is the esse of the Church" (Plan for Union 108, 162).

This is to give "diakonia" a full theological connotation. The expressom of faith becomes the starting point and regulative principle for thinking about the order of the Church.

Within the one ministry of the one laos of God (Plan for Union 107) there is need for a special ordained ministry. The Plan for Union proposes that this ministry should be threefold, with bishop, presbyter and deacon. As in the New Testament, the presbyterate is the dominant form of ministry. The episcopate is a form of the presbyterate. (Plan for Union 167).

The presbyterate in the Church today needs to be carefully defined. It is primarily (as it was originally) the ministry of "Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care". Provision is made for diversity within the presbyterate. This is an attempt to shape an order which retains the basis of New Testament ministry, and, at the same time, is capable of meeting present exigencies.

The third form of ministry, the diaconate, is defined theologically in a special way (Plan for Union 189-194). In this definition three distinctions have to be made:

1. The "diakonia" as defined in the Plan for Union is a particular form of the one "diakonia" of Jesus, which is the one "diakonia" of the whole laos of God, the Church.

2. This diaconate has continuity in spirit and purpose with that of the New Testament. A contemporary diaconate must be ordered to meet present needs. This order must be open-ended (Plan for Union 192).

3. As a recognised form of ordained ministry the diaconate would exist in its own right. It would not be seen as a prerequisite in the preparation for ordination to the presbyterate.

By its previous decisions (a) to ordain deaconesses, (b) to adopt and print in the Minutes statements which refer to the diaconate, (c) to accept the Plan for Union, the Conference has already recognised the diaconal ministry.

In the light of this we envisage:

1. That in the concept of the diaconal ministry the primary concern with respect to candidacy be with the person and his/her sense of call and commitment.

This ministry involves service both within the Church and on behalf of the Church within the community. It may be exercised in a general or special way within a circuit, a connexional institution or department, or in conjunction with a secular vocation.

Two forms of diaconal ministry may be distinguished:

- i Liturgical forms: The conduct of public worship and preaching. Assistance in other liturgical functions.
- ii Practical forms, to include: Christian education, Chaplaincy work, Pastoral care, General social work.

2. That the qualifications for ordination be:

- i A sense of divine calling.
- ii A willingness to make a life-long commitment to the ministry of Christ in and through the Church.
- iii It should be recognised that while the commitment is life-long, this does not necessarily involve life-long jurisdiction in any one field of service.
- iv Training appropriate to the form or forms of diaconal ministry to which the candidate is called and committed.
- v A candidate for ordination to the diaconate shall be a baptised and confirmed member of the Church, and a person of proved ability, character and maturity of outlook.

3. That the diaconate be open to both men and women.

4. A deacon shall be ordained by the laying-on of hands and prayer.

5. A deacon shall be responsible for his/her life and doctrine to the Conference through the Synod of the District within which he/she is serving.

6. A deacon in the employment of the Church shall be responsible to the Conference through the Department, Board, Committee or Circuit Quarterly Meeting where he/she is serving.

7. A deacon shall be appointed by the Conference, and where applicable on the recommendation of the Synod. i

Explanatory note to 1 (ii) above:

Some examples could include one or more of the following: Christian education and youth work, Leadership training—resource person, Evangelism, Pastoral care, Hospital work, Court work, Prison work, Industrial chaplaincy, Counselling, Budgeting, Care of the Aged, Marriage Guidance, Pre-marital counselling, General social work.

Matters Arising from Acceptance of the Diaconal Ministry:

The essential distinction between Presbyter and Deacon may be summed up by saying that while all ministry has a common origin and may function differently, they vary in areas of responsibility.

The Presbyter is committed to exercise fidelity to Christ and to the apostolic gospel through word and sacrament; his responsibility is to care for a congregation and to encourage and lead it in its mission.

The Deacon is committed to particular forms of service in the name of Christ, either within the Church or outside on its behalf.

Recognition of diaconal ministry by Conference as outlined above also leads to the consideration of the relationship of the Deaconess Board and the Deaconess Order to this wider ministry.

It can be validly argued that since the Plan for Union sees the Deaconess Order as within the diaconate, and the statements and decisions of the Methodist Church likewise recognise the validity of ministry and the distinctive office of a deaconess there is no need for any change in the Deaconess Order. Indeed there cannot be any questioning of the continuance of the Order without undermining the argument set out above relating to the diaconate in general. Further, the Deaconess Order in New Zealand, though small in number, shares a strong fellowship marked by the discipline which is proper to any religious order expressed through commitment to a common rule and daily office. The Order is also affiliated to similar groups through the Diakonia section of the W.C.C.

Deaconesses, generally, wish to continue as members of the Order and are quite aware of the opportunities they have to offer as candidates for the presbyterate.

However, having determined that a diaconate open to men and women be established, the Conference must charge some Board or Committee with specific responsibility for publicity and recruitment and to interest itself in the special needs, including training and terms of service, of those who respond.

In establishing procedures for the practical implementation of diaconal ministry the two existing committees which have responsibility are the Committee on Ministry and the Deaconess Board. The Deaconess Board would be willing to merge its present responsibilities in a wider group that made adequate provision for the rights of deaconesses.

Possible ways of achieving this could be to form a Board of Diaconal Service related to the Committee on Ministry as is the Board of Studies, with representation on the Committee on Ministry in the same way as the present Deaconess Board and Order. Or the present Deaconess Board could be restructured to become a Diaconal Service Board. This would assume responsibility for implementing the Diaconal Ministry and at the same time continue to relate to the Deaconess Order.

Relating the Board of Diaconal Service and the Deaconess Board would show the Deaconess Order as plainly within the diaconate and avoid the appearance of a third form of ministry. While maintaining flexibility of interpretation it would also keep the standards of training and commitment which are part of the Deaconess Order for the whole Diaconate.

There are some other issues that need to be considered—representation of the diaconate on Synods and Conference, aspects of stipend, superannuation and housing, etc., and some investigation of these should proceed towards the establishment of principles for the guidance of possible candidates.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received as a working paper, which together with the Faith and Order Committee's report on "ministry"

be referred back to the Board and Committee with a view to presenting one report to Synods and Conference 1976.

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Colleges, School and Hostels?

A. WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE PAERATA

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1975

At the time of making our last Report to Conference we were encouraged to expect, to be able to report this year, that with additional State Aid the future achievement of one of our main objects, of providing especially for Maori and Polynesian students and needy cases, could be assured. However, despite complying with all the requests and recommendations of the Minister of Education involving considerable time and effort, Government has still not announced its intentions, leaving the Board in a frustrating void, and unable to report any tangible progress. We have stood aloof from the concerted moves of other organisations, and have been rewarded so far, only by deep disappointment at the lack of decision, and by being placed in a very embarrassing situation with parents, and by committing considerable capital expenditure which may not have been embarked upon, if the delays experienced could have been foreseen.

On the other hand we have been encouraged in our work by the generous support from many quarters. The response to our Maori Scholarship Appeal was most gratifying with 115 Churches/Circuits and 243 individuals contributing a total of \$7,454, inclusive of the amount specifically received, to enable the creation of a scholarship in the name of the late Reverend Bernard Chrystall, our esteemed former colleague. Continuing support has been received from the 150th Anniversary of Methodism, the Estate of Percy Rushton, the Edith Winstone-Blackwell Foundation Trust Board, Fletcher Industries Limited, the Auckland Savings Bank, Endowed Funds and anonymous sources, in providing most welcome Scholarships, which have been awarded for academic achievement or to encourage continued education for worth while cases. This assistance and the many other acts of support to the College are of great benefit, and our sincere thanks are expressed to all. Especially are we grateful to the anonymous donor who reimbursed the Board for the total costs of the renovation and upgrading of the Chapel Organ as well as making a substantial contribution to the refurbishing of the Chapel itself.

Toward the end of the financial year, it was decided that all insurances for Paerata should be on a Replacement and Reinstatement basis, and a special independent valuation for this purpose was obtained. Following on from this, it was decided to write up the book value of the buildings to the valued figure, and not to charge depreciation for the current year. These decisions have been reflected in the accounts to show a seemingly satisfactory surplus, and the Capital Account standing at close to \$2 million. Improved results were obtained from the Maurice Harding Park and from interest earnings, while the separately administered farm of Grafton Downs continued its physical improvement whilst making a valued contribution to the running of the School. The Farm Manager, Mr O. F. Reeve, continues the development programme with enthusiasm and ability, and by a succession of annual increases, has raised the Town Milk Quota to 1454 litres (320 gallons) per day. Capital Expenditure

for the Paerata property as a whole last year, amounted to \$132,027, and further substantial expenditure is being committed in the current year, after which funds will be husbanded, to provide for the dormitory extension of Caughey Hall, to give 56 beds and facilities for senior pupils.

One of the sources of funds for that building will be the current subdivision at Waikowhai, where 22 sections of exceptional quality will be marketed in early 1976. Scheme plans for the development of the further area of Cape Horne, to provide a few sections of large dimensions, are currently being submitted to the Mt. Roskill Borough Council, and a further area of 23 acres is the subject of investigation. Should these latter two projects prove feasible, this will terminate the development of this property until the remaining area to the East can be serviced by roading, by another Council.

A deep study of the Grafton Property has been concluded, and some hope is held that successful negotiations will enable a more realistic return to be obtained from this asset, while preliminary discussions and investigations have been opened for the ultimate development of the quarry area at Maurice Harding Park, Mt. Wellington.

It is with regret that we report the resignation for personal reasons of Rev. G. G. Carter, after 5 years service to the Board, and Mr David Brown, after 5½ years service. Mr Brown's contribution to the decisions taken by the Property and Finance Committee were of the highest value, and require special mention. As their replacements, we are most pleased to report, that the President of Conference has appointed Rev. A. K. Petch and Mr J. Peters, who are most welcome, and have already taken a keen interest in Board affairs.

Under the very able administration of the Principal, Mr J. B. McDougall, the school has continued to progress, earning a good report from the Department of Education Inspectorate, after a thorough and detailed examination of the daily operations. All round education based on the Christian ethic, is being achieved at Wesley under the sympathetic guidance of the Principal and his Staff, with the contribution by the Chaplain, Rev. W. A. Chessum, being of great value. We trust that Conference will confirm the appointment of Mr Chessum for a further 3 years.

In addition to the supplementary information given in the Report of the Principal, extracts from the annual report of the Chaplain to the Board are also submitted, to indicate some of the activity in Christian living at the College.

H. M. DENTON, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL TO THE AUCKLAND SYNOD, 1975 Staff:

Compared with previous years, staffing has been stable. Only one teacher, Mr W. Peddie, B.Sc., M.Phil., left at the end of 1974 and three new appointments were made to match the increased roll. Mr R. Teasdale B.Sc., Dip.Ed., (former Deputy Principal of Suva Grammar) was appointed Head of Science, Mr R. Lendrum, B.A., Dip.Tchg., Head of Social Studies, and Mrs Clara Turuwhenua T.T.C., to Form 1 and Maori Studies. Mrs A. D. Boyle, Matron, replaced Mrs R. Westrupp who left in mid-term 3, 1974, while Mr J. Greenhill, M.A., Dip.Tchg., and Mr S. Connew, A.T.C.L., are serving as non-teaching resident House Masters. Mr and Mrs H. Short resigned after two years of very valuable service as caretaker-cleaners and their

replacements, Mr and Mrs K. Orr, have proved to be very conscientious. Mr and Mrs E. Fraser have given additional strength to the kitchen and laundry while the appointment of four Fijian girls to our domestic staff has solved the problem of constant change.

Roll:

It is very pleasing to report a marked increase in the roll. The 1975 College year opened with 253 students (216 boarders and 37 day boys) an increase of 46 from 1974. It is encouraging to note that our non-European roll now stands at 84 boys, representing an increase of 33 students; 63 of these pupils are Maoris.

Fees:

The increase in roll is probably due to three factors:

(a) the promise of increased Government aid; (b) the generosity of the Trust Board in keeping fees at the 1974 level and (c) the financial help from the successful Maori Appeal Fund. Although the Education Department had indicated aid would probably be available from 1st February, 1975, no help was given, and the decision of the Trust Board to peg fees and give all Maori pupils remission for one term, was courageous in the face of inflated food costs and vast increases in wages and salaries. However, the increasing operating deficits of the College itself, estimated for 1975-76 at more than \$90,000, severely restricts the ability of the Board to honour its trust, to help Maoris and the sons of needy Europeans, without additional Government aid or the serious depletion of capital resources.

Examination Results:

The high percentage pass rate of 1973 was maintained in 1974:

School Certificate: 36 (68%) qualified for Form 6. 10 passed in 5 subjects. The quality of marks was not as high as in 1973.

University Entrance: 15 (60%), 13 passed by accrediting, 2 by sitting. Another candidate passed well, but failed in English.

Bursary: 2 'A' passes and 3 'B' passes from 8 candidates. Bruce Habershon, a 4th year gained 345 (pass 300) for an A Bursary, and has returned to attempt Scholarship.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Organised team sport continues to play an important role in the life of the school with all boys participating. Teams in 1975 have included: 4 cricket, 2 softball, 1 tennis, 7 rugby, 4 hockey and 2 soccer with participation in inter-secondary athletics, swimming and cross-country.

A great variety of clubs cater for leisure hour activities with 19 operating this year. The Polynesian Club has grown in number and strength under the guidance of Mr Turuwhenua, with many performances for outside organisations. The choir and band continue to develop under the Rev. Chessum's care, with the Wesley choir providing over half the male voices in the Manukau Secondary Schools Music Festival. The Young Farmers Club, encouraged by Mr Browning, is still the major group in the College. Helping community projects ranks high in our aims, and the boys have devoted many hours in helping annual appeals, and supporting Pukekohe in their major project, the building and furnishing of the new Eventide Home.

Development:

Despite financial difficulties the Board has continued with its ambitious plans for improvements to the College. The development of the internal quadrangle has been a great success. To achieve this, an old classroom was demolished, two prefabs re-located, the old hostels steam-cleaned and the central area sown in grass, with all

paths tarsealed. The improved aesthetic value with the sweep up to the Chapel as focal point, and the elimination of mud and dust, has produced a major step forward in the appearance of the school. Other accomplishments have been the upgrading of: the Junior and Intermediate ablutions, the fire fighting and electrical equipment, the dining room and kitchen and doubling the size of the swimming pool. Plans have been drawn for the new Technical block and senior hostel, appropriately named Caughey Hall, but the building of these will depend on the Government decision on aid.

Board:

The College could not function and maintain its present high standards, without the dedicated leadership and bold decision making by the Trust Board, under adverse conditions. I am indebted for the guidance and support of all Board members and particularly Mr H. Denton (Chairman), Mr N. Nicholls (Chairman of the College Committee), Mr B. Caughey (Chairman of the Property and Finance Committee) and Mr B. Minogue (Secretary).

J. B. McDougall, Principal

EXTRACTS FROM CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT 1975 TO THE BOARD

Chapel:

Services have continued at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Sundays. Preachers have visited from both within and outside the Circuit. The 9.30 service follows the traditional style. The 6.30 service is usually of a more informal nature, often with contemporary hymns and other material.

Holy Communion is held two or three times a term. This year the practice has been that the whole College be present for the whole service . . .

Day Boy Services, two a term, are now on Sundays separate from Exeat and this seems a good move, with a number of parents also attending.

The renovated Chapel is a continuing joy, as is the rebuilt organ. With the restructured central quad at the College, the building is now more visible and prominent on the campus, and is often admired by visitors . . .

Life and Faith:

That is the title given to class work from the beginning of 1975. It better reflects what the College course tries to be. In senior forms the previous Liberal Studies comes under this heading, and the topics for Bible Study and courses in life today are correlated, e.g. Term 1 for Form 5 was based on The Prophets, and Community concerns. Term 2 for 6th and 7th is based round human sexuality and human relationships, with relevant background Biblical material. Interest is certainly improving in both aspects of the work. A class set of New English Bibles (illustrated) is a considerable help in work with the lower forms.

Bible Classes:

Nearly all boys in Forms 1 and 2, and two classes of 12 each, drawn from Form 3, at present meet weekly. This uses all the leaders presently available. A Confirmation Class is planned to work towards a combined Confirmation Service with Anglicans as in 1974 . . . to be conducted jointly by the Methodist District Chairman and the Bishop of Auckland, probably in St. Andrew's Anglican Church.

Music:

Classes continue now to 4th form level, as in most other secondary schools. Massed school singing also continues, with varied but

improving response to a fair variety of songs and music. A section is devoted to Polynesian songs, led by Mr Turuwhenua most weeks . . .

Hockey:

Since Mr Peddie left Wesley, the administration of all four teams has fallen to the Chaplain, assisted by Mrs Turuwhenua . . .

General:

Good relationships are maintained with Circuit and Synod and the Chaplain preaches out of the College about 6 times a term. The Rev. G. Bennett's support is valued and the work of the Board's Pastoral Committee is also much appreciated . . .

W. A. CHESSUM

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. C. A. Chessum be re-appointed as Chaplain for a further term of three years.
3. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 47

B. RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 1975

The year opened with a crisis situation in the resignation of two staff members during the holiday period. The closure of the Hostel was only averted in the early appointment of Mrs Robinson as the Sub-Matron. To allow the Matron and Sub-Matron opportunities for leave, Mrs M. E. Smith, a former Sub-Matron was approached to supply part-time assistance. This arrangement has proved most helpful and the Board is grateful to Mrs Smith for her willingness to help. Our thanks for the smooth running of the Hostel are due in no small measure to the Matron Mrs Jane Curtis who has been most co-operative; to Mrs Robinson, the kitchen and laundry staff, and latterly, since the resignation of the gardener, to Mr David Curtis for maintaining the grounds and garden.

The roll remains at 30 which is well below the maximum capacity for which the hostel was built. Attempts were made during the latter part of 1974 to achieve a full Hostel for the new year. Discussions with Education Officers of the Maori and Island Affairs Department proved fruitless. The normal approaches to Ministers and School Principals continue to provide only a small trickle of students suitable for accommodation. In this regard the Board would like to put on record its gratitude to the girls for their enthusiastic effort in a visit to the East Coast North Island to 'show the flag!'

The girls have been a contented and happy group presenting fewer behaviour problems than previously. The Board took time at the commencement of the year to understand some of the expressed needs of the girls and a reappraisal of the house rules has produced a more relaxed family atmosphere. Religious instruction, recreational pursuits, Maori Culture activities and worship services continue under the leadership of Rev. Moke Couch and others.

We reported last year that the financial position was precarious. Even with an increase in fees it has been a struggle for the Board to keep costs down. It appeared early in the year that an approach

to the Grey Trust for assistance may be necessary. The Board is deeply aware of what this would mean to the Church.

The Board is concerned for the future of the Hostel. This has been already discussed with the Maori Division and further consultations are imminent. Unless the Hostel can be fully utilized it will continue to be a drain on the Church's resources.

Maintenance of the buildings is an increasing concern. The Hostel has been in continuous use now for 16 years and more major work may soon be necessary.

During the year a fresh approach was made by the West New Plymouth Churches for the use of land to erect buildings for a Co-operating Parish. The Board re-affirmed that it agreed in principle and would consider the matter when more concrete proposals were presented.

Applications for the use of Rangiatea during vacation periods continue to come in and a good standard of care has been shown in this regard by both users and the Board.

The thanks of the Board are due to members of the Executive resident in New Plymouth for their interest and efforts so freely given.

G. T. GILBERT, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for the ensuing year shall be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 48—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to:

(a) BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

REPORT FOR 1975

The board and editorial staff have sought to carry out what we believe to be our mandate from the Church to stimulate and lead Christian opinion rather than merely reflect existing attitudes. This inevitably arouses a varied response which we seek to give expression to in our columns. The Letters to the Editor page has been given increased prominence and the variety of opinions it contains has won it top billing in our recent readership survey.

The paper, like all publications, has had to face steeply rising costs, especially in printing, and special appeals have been made to Partners in Print and to the Church with the approval of Church Council and on the authority of the President.

Response to date has been most encouraging, and if the letters that accompany donations are any indication, the paper seems to be winning a broader base of support in the Church than ever before in recent years.

The groundwork laid by the Rev. L. Gordon Hanna before his untimely death will help our continued efforts to increase advertising revenue. Mr Hanna exhaustively canvassed the advertising agencies on our behalf. Despite the deep seated prejudice against the religious press still held by many agencies, we are hopeful that agency allocations over the next 12 months will be more sympathetic to us.

Reader response, coupled with advertising prospects, means our call on the Connexional Budget for the 1976-77 year promises to be only very slightly in excess of our present allocation.

By cutting three issues a year (December and January) and with continued support at present levels, the prospects for the next two years at least, are encouraging.

With official Anglican support for Church Union looking less probable than ever, there promises to be a continued need for "New Citizen" in its present form in the immediate future. Our efforts to increase the paper's readership in other denominations are breaking new ground, and these efforts will continue at an increased pace.

The Board is concerned at the failure in some cases to carry out the wish of the Conference that the paper should be made freely available to all our people. Because outreach is a primary aim we value the work of those who distribute the paper widely to the homes of church and non-church people. It is stressed that when bundles of paper are left in church porches, this defeats the basic aim of the paper as well as being wasteful and a failure in stewardship of our resources.

J. B. DAWSON, Chairman of the Board.
D. R. GROUNDS, Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

(b) BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT, 1975

The Board has been meeting regularly and continued with a regular programme of publication. The new order for Holy Communion with Maori and Samoan selections has been reprinted three times; the alternate Holy Communion has been reprinted and is proving very popular. It was also necessary to reprint the new Covenant Service which has been in heavy demand.

The Prayer Manual has not received the support it deserves in view of the work involved in preparation and the Board intends to issue a more compact edition this year containing only the daily Bible readings and a new series of prayer topics for four weeks. It is hoped that a Lenten Study can be published on an ecumenical basis to cover the period Lent/Whitsuntide.

In response to some urging by those looking for a Methodist point of view on the Charismatic movement a small booklet called "Winds of the Spirit" was issued. Copies of this are still available.

As a result of his transfer to Wellington the Chairman, Mr M. Berry, has tendered his resignation. We wish to place on record his valuable professional advice and leadership over a long period.

The Rev. John Osborne has served nine years on the Board, seven as Executive Officer. A replacement is contemplated.

While the Board still performs a valuable function on behalf of the church the high cost of publishing and the diversity of alternative materials prevents full implementation of the policy outlined in the Constitution.

B. J. MALCOURONNE, Acting Chairman.
J. H. OSBORNE, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. The members of the Board for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

(c) RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1975

The Position of Religious Broadcasting under the new Corporation Structure:

In place of the NZBC and Broadcasting Authority, there are now the Broadcasting Council, Radio New Zealand, and two TV Corporations with which the Methodist Committee has to deal. So far, both Radio NZ and the Broadcasting Council have prepared statements on religious broadcasting policy, requesting nominations for appointment to Advisory Committees.

Radio NZ:

The function of the Committee is—

- (a) To advise Radio NZ on matters relating to religious broadcasting.
- (b) To comment and advise on religious programmes from time to time as required by Radio NZ.
- (c) To appoint any subcommittees deemed necessary to expedite the business of the Advisory Committee, and, where necessary, to grant such sub-committees power to act.

Membership will comprise 7 clergy and 7 laity, appointed on the following basis:

Clergy:

1. One member each, representing Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian churches, appointed for a 3 year term.
2. One member, selected from Brethren, Baptist, Salvation Army, Lutheran and Churches of Christ, appointed annually on a rotational basis.
3. One member, selected from such groups as Mormon, Ratana, Seventh Day Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, Ringatu, appointed annually on a rotational basis.
4. One member, selected from Orthodox churches, Charismatic groups, Judaism, Hindu, Buddhist, etc., appointed annually on a rotational basis.

Laity:

1. One member representing the tertiary education staff (University, Polytechnic, Teachers College, Community Colleges, University Extension, WEA).
2. One member representing the tertiary student religious societies.
3. One member representing church youth groups (non-student).
4. One member representing church social work groups.
5. One member selected from the teaching profession, the NCC, and Island Church groups, appointed annually on a rotational basis.
6. One member attached to a national denomination group.
7. One member selected from the journalist profession.

In addition a Consultant is being appointed under contract to Radio NZ for day-to-day consultation. The Churches' Committee on Broadcasting is submitting nominations for this position from names put forward by member churches.

Broadcasting Council:

The Council is setting up a similar advisory committee of up to 10 members, 5 from the 5 major churches on a permanent basis, and 5 representing other religious, non-religious and concerned groups in rotation. The Methodist Committee is making nominations to each of these Advisory Committees.

Churches Committee on Broadcasting:

The work of the CCB, and independent grouping of churches, continues to be one of consultation, and a place where member churches can meet to form a common mind on matters relating to religious broadcasting in general. Because of the wider concept of religious broadcasting under the new structure, and the growing use of commercial and private radio for religious broadcasting, it was decided to widen representation on the CCB, to invite interested groups, such as Radio Rhema and the Christian Broadcasting Association to become associate members, and to invite member and observer churches of the NCC to become members if not already.

Methodist Radio and Television Committee:

This committee, through close liaison with Radio NZ Religious Unit, is informed of all Methodist participation in broadcasting over a network basis. The work of the committee consists of allocating services, hearing tapes, evaluating past broadcasts, nominating potential broadcasters, and trying to keep abreast of developments in radio and television religious broadcasting. The committee has little knowledge of what involvement Methodists have in Community Radio (commercial stations under NZBC structure) and over private radio stations, as these tend to work by local arrangement. By means of a questionnaire we have sought information on these aspects of religious broadcasting, and names of potential broadcasters to recommend to Radio NZ for training and use in network broadcasts. The committee is reviewing its long-standing policy of advocating the appointment of a Methodist Director in the interests of raising the standards of religious broadcasting, since the formation of a religious unit by first the NZBC and now Radio NZ and TV-1 has changed the nature of the work done by churches themselves. It is intended to report on this in due course.

R. S. ANDREWS, Chairman.

I. H. ROBERTSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of \$150 be provided the committee through the Contingent Fund.
3. That Conference congratulates Radio New Zealand on its programme "Morning Comment" on the National Network 6.50 a.m. Monday to Friday by Godfrey Wilson and Rodney Knight; regrets its suspension during the election campaign—not seeing the point in banning single-voice comment; and looks forward to the programme recommencing in December with the same personnel.
4. That Conference express its appreciation of current Radio and T.V. religious programmes.
5. That the Radio and T.V. Committee prepare a statement, setting out Conference decisions in respect of private religious radio stations, for the guidance of Circuits and that this information be circulated at an early opportunity.
6. That the committee be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 49—What is the Report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

ALTERNATIVE SERVICES OF MARRIAGE

1. ORDER OF REFERENCE:

Following the reception for study of the statement "Marriage Today" Conference 1974 resolved "that the Committee consider the question of alternative marriage services and report to Synods and Conference". The following should be read in the light of the statement "Marriage Today".

2. THE DEMAND FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICES OF MARRIAGE

(a) The marriage services of the churches have been designed as acts of Christian worship. Clergy do not refuse to marry couples who, after due instruction, are willing to make the usual responses. Yet the language of traditional services is no longer meaningful to many even within the churches.

(b) There are some situations in which the traditional forms of the marriage service appear inappropriate. The Report "Forms of Marriage Service" of the Presbyterian Life and Work Committee to the 1972 Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand points out that ministers know that a large number of those seeking marriage have little or no attachment to the Church and there is a variety of reasons why such people seek a church wedding. Although they do not attend church many have a sincere religious belief and genuinely desire God's blessing on their marriage. There is sometimes parental pressure for church weddings. Many couples, realising the great significance of their marriage want it celebrated in the presence of friends and family and with adequate ceremony. Strong social tradition supports church marriages.

(c) The same Report points out that it is obvious that increasing numbers who come to ministers seeking marriage do so against a background of honest unbelief and that the Church has been guilty of hypocrisy in agreeing to marry couples who declare they have no Christian beliefs and then using a form of service that assumes Christian belief.

(d) The Report also points out that we need to take into consideration the occasions when New Zealand ministers are invited to conduct the wedding ceremony of couples who belong to a non-Christian religion when a Christian marriage service is singularly inappropriate. Ministers, including Chaplains to the Forces serving overseas and others, are often hard pressed to know how best to minister to those who have practically no attachment to the Christian faith who yet are in a significant relationship with the minister and wish him to officiate at their marriage. The same difficulty arises in a variety of mixed marriage situations including marriage of a Christian to a non-Christian or a member of another religion. "At such points" says the Report, "ministers can feel considerable tension between their calling as a minister of the Gospel and their civil responsibilities that go with their calling, of having authority to conduct legally valid marriages."

3. SHOULD THE CHURCH PROVIDE "ALTERNATIVE" MARRIAGE SERVICES?

(a) We have pointed out that there is increasing demand from those in the Churches and the community for more appropriate state

marriage ceremonies solemnised at more suitable times and places and perhaps by celebrants other than registrars or ministers. Such ceremonies are available in many countries overseas. Whether or not such ceremonies should be provided still remains a question. Should the Church offer, to those who cannot with integrity accept the traditional form of the marriage service, any alternative except purely secular state ceremonies? The Committee is of the opinion that it should.

(b) The Church is becoming increasingly aware of many opportunities to minister to people who do not necessarily share fully in its faith and life. In pastoral work, counselling, chaplaincies, and other forms of ministry, the Church seeks to be the bearer of God's grace in Christ to people "where they are" through acceptance of them while seeking to be true to its own faith. Many theological insights undergird this thrust towards "acceptance" and "involvement" in the secular life of the world as the sphere of God's activity. The Church is deeply involved in the struggle to re-express its faith in words and acts more appropriate than the forms and programmes of the past. The Marriage Service provides one opportunity for such a ministry and re-formulation of faith.

(c) One practical result of this is the Church's increasing willingness to learn from those who do not fully share its faith and life, and to welcome into its fellowship those who are wrestling for a contemporary expression of the faith rather than only those willing to give passive assent to traditional beliefs. Many young people of ability and integrity are seeking to hammer out and give expression to a faith by which to live. At the point where they seek marriage many are especially concerned to find ways of expressing their growing insights. The Presbyterian Report referred to above, says about such people "There will be ministers who will seek to serve and aid them in this task of re-expressing man's need for holiness, and his inquiry for a grace that will meet his need; ministers who have a conviction and a zeal to find a way in such uncharted areas of problem and promise." Our Committee shares this view.

(d) We are aware that there is among some church people a feeling that even to suggest the provision of marriage services not wholly expressed in "Christian" terms is a betrayal of the Gospel. However in view of the considerations outlined above we believe that for the church to adopt a "take it or leave it" attitude would of itself be a betrayal of the Gospel. It is realised there need to be careful safeguards and guidelines and that not all ministers may be able or willing to provide or conduct such services. But it is the Committee's belief that the Church must find ways of meeting those who ask for an "alternative" marriage service and to do so with a seriousness and openness which match that of the couples concerned.

(e) Ministers who have on request engaged in the demanding task of helping couples find a marriage service which is deeply personal and acceptable to both themselves and the minister have been impressed with the way in which some couples have approached this task. The time spent with the couple before the marriage and the service itself have been deeply moving experiences. A strong continuing relationship between minister and couple can result. Such an experience may well help the couple to relate seriously to the Church.

(f) Not all couples approach their marriage with this seriousness. Not all connect their marriage with their search for faith and reality. In many cases discussion of a possible "alternative" service

may end in the couple either asking for a traditionally Christian service or choosing a secular state ceremony as appropriate. But the search for a service in which both minister and couple can participate with integrity may of itself set up a genuine pastoral relationship and assist the couple to take their marriage seriously and responsibly. This is less likely to occur if they are presented at the beginning with narrow fixed options of traditional church service or secular state ceremony.

4. GUIDELINES FOR "ALTERNATIVE SERVICES"

(a) The Committee prefers the term "alternative" to describe such services to the term "secular". We would prefer "secular" to be used to designate purely legal state ceremonies. When minister and couple consult together to provide the sort of service referred to above something more than a "secular" ceremony is envisaged. The Committee would claim that whether or not it is expressed in traditional biblical and theological language such a service is truly Christian.

(b) Though such services may not be couched in traditional language they should not, of course, include any material which is contrary to Christian belief.

(c) While the Church should respect the integrity of the couple, they in turn should also be expected to respect the integrity of the Church and the minister. The responses may not be expressed in fully Christian terms but the Minister will wish to express the Christian insights and blessing of the Church in appropriate ways.

(d) In every marriage service the ideal of marriage as a life-long partnership based on love, faithfulness and trust should be clearly proclaimed.

(e) The preparation and use of alternative services offers a useful framework for pre-marital preparation. There should be a full exploration by minister and couple of the Church's teaching on marriage and the significance of the marriage service. The ways in which God's grace is believed to break through into human life should be discussed, and the couple should be invited to share in the life and fellowship of the Church.

(f) A variety of resources for the composition of contemporary marriage services is available. These may assist a couple and minister to clarify their understanding of marriage and to express this publicly.

(g) While services will often be held in church buildings they may also be held in other suitable places of special significance to the couple.

(h) When compiled the minister may make a copy of the service order to use in conducting the service itself. Alternatively the service may be duplicated for use by the congregation. It may then be personalised with the names of the couple and may include hymns or songs and responses by couple and congregation. Suitable pictorial folders into which the order of service may be stapled are available from Church book shops.

(i) The following sources are commended for use in compiling orders of service.

"How to design a marriage service". Edited by Bruce Stewart and available from the Presbyterian Christian Education Department, Wellington, P.O. Box 10,000. The material includes an introduction and four or five alternatives for each part of the marriage service, which is broken down into ten sections. It includes traditional, contemporary and "alternative" texts of a high order.

"Do-it-yourself Marriage Service Kit" available by courtesy of the Chaplain, Auckland University. This is a similar "kit" but with a much wider choice of alternative materials. There is an introduction and the service is divided into twelve sections with from 18 to 47 alternative selections in each section ranging over a wide field.

"Forms of Marriage Service" Report of Life and Work Committee to 1972 Assembly. The Report includes three suggested wordings of parts of the service which the minister may use when the couple concerned are not professedly Christian (page 11).

Other suitable materials may be culled from overseas manuals of contemporary or experimental worship. These include the "Ventures in Worship" Vol. 2, pages 169-183 and Vol. 3 pages 155-168 published by Abington Press for the Commission on Worship of the United Methodist Church.

"The Creative Wedding Handbook" (Roman Catholic) by Wendy Somerville Wall. Newman Press. New York. 1973.

"The Worship Book". Westminster Press, page 65.

"Worship Now". St. Andrew Press 1972, pages 70-85.

"The New Wedding"—"Creating your own Marriage Ceremony". Khoren Arisan. Alfred A. Knopf Inc. (N.Y.) 1973.

MINISTRY:

The Faith and Order Committee is aware that there are committees within the Church, including the Development Division, Council of Mission, the Lay Preachers' Association, the Deaconess Order and the Committee on Ministry, working on various aspects of forms of ministry in the 1970's. The Committee has sought and received the authority of the President of the Conference to collate this thought and work, and because of the urgency, present recommendations to the Conference.

The Ministry of Christ through the Ministry of the People of God:

There is only one calling for the Christian—to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

There is only one Christian ministry—Christ's ministry of reconciliation and of creative purpose in, to, and for the world. As Prophet, Christ is the living Word; as Priest, the truly representative Man; as Shepherd-King, Christ takes responsibility for the world on Himself to lead it and all men into fulfilment. Christ's ministry continues in the world both through and beyond the church.

Every Christian, by reason of membership in the worshipping, serving Christian community, is a minister sharing in Christ's ministry, and commissioned to share in this universal ministry through confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands. This constitutes an ordination. The basic ministry is that of the towel and basin, the ministry of service.

From Ministry to Ministries:

Over the generations, within the universal ministry, the church has produced particular ministries to act for the church and to call it to its total responsibility and mission. Each of these ministries is a focus of the universal ministry of all Christians and emphasises particular aspects of concern and task. In theory, Christians should not need such reminders. In practice, the Church has not been able to be effective without them. Such ministries involve a sense of life-long commitment even if they may not carry life long jurisdiction. Parity of membership in the church does not necessarily mean interchangeability of function nor does it preclude the possibility of leadership.

Particular ministries include:

- a. The office of the paid lay worker.

- b. The ordained Order of the Diaconate.
- c. The ordained Order of the Presbyterian.

a. **The Paid Lay Worker:**

While every Christian is involved in the universal ministry of the church, sometimes it is appropriate for lay men and women to be employed in full-time service for particular tasks, for defined periods of time. Some training would be appropriate. Such a worker would be commissioned to this task.

b. **The Deacon:**

The office of Deacon is a reminder to the Church of its ministry of costly service. It functions both within and beyond the church at the cutting edge of mission. It may find expression in preaching, teaching, pastoral care, service. It may be exercised in the full-employment of the church, or in the secular employment under the shared discipline of the church and the employing authority. It is not necessarily restricted to one form of service.

The diaconate involves life-long vocation though not necessarily life-long jurisdiction. It necessitates training, theological and vocational appropriate to the service envisaged. It is open to men and women.

The Deacon is ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

c. **The Presbyterian:**

The office of Presbyterian is a reminder to the church of its mission through the preaching of the Word and celebration of the sacraments, through pastoral care and outreach into the life, decisions and structures of society. It is an element of, rather than an elevation of the church's universal ministry.

The Presbyterian is called to life-long commitment to the study of the Word of God in the Bible and in history, to the practice of Christian devotion, to preaching and teaching the Christian message, to administering the sacraments, to pastoral care, to witness and service in the community. This office also involves theological and vocational training appropriate to the task. It is open to both men and women. While it is exercised usually in the full-time employment of the church, it may be exercised in secular employment on a part-time basis, or under the shared discipline of the church and the employing authority.

While in the total fellowship of the Presbyterate all aspects of the office are kept prominent, preaching, sacramental, pastoral, it is sometimes appropriate for the service of any particular Presbyterian to concentrate on one aspect, such as the pastoral. The Presbyterian may exercise his ministry in a particular segment of society as a sector ministry. This flexibility has already been recognised by Conference.

The Presbyterian is ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

Present Needs:

The church is discovering that it can no longer pay for a large fulltime ministry without impoverishing resources needed for development in mission. In these situations, the ministry itself is sometimes embarrassed and thus inhibited. Too much concentration on the ordained ministry has obscured the fact of natural leadership within the church, largely untapped and waiting for the encouragement of further opportunities of service.

There are those in the church who are willing to take added responsibility in service and to serve in ways suitable to their own particular abilities in response to new demands in mission. The need

is to increase the opportunities for the expression of a diversity of service waiting to be offered.

An authorised ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care is still needed by the Church, but proportionally fewer can be supported by existing financial provisions. This means that if the church is to provide ministers for existing congregations, for new developing communities where the financial requirements cannot be met, the flexibility within the Presbyterate that has already been sanctioned by Conference needs to be developed further. Presbyters must be permitted to receive less than the minimum stipend and allowances, and to stand in varying relationships to provisions for housing, retirement and allied funds. While the church retains loyalty to the principle of itinerancy for ministry, this does not necessarily mean that it must be exercised in every case. For the mission of the church, a Presbyter may be asked to exercise his ministry in one localised setting.

THE SIMPLE LIFE STYLE

Minutes of Conference, 1974. Page 291. Resolution 12.

Introduction:

Of recent times there has been a growing interest in simple life styles. People are concerned with what is happening to the world and their communities. They are becoming dissatisfied with the principle that our society seems to work on—'get what you can, how you can, while you can'. They are also aware that if we go on exploiting our natural resources in the way we have, then we are headed for disaster. Then the growing disparity between the rich and poor throughout the world shows up the affluence of a country like ours. Issues like these raise the question of whether we could be more modest in our life styles. For many in the church this concern arises directly as an implication of the gospel. In terms of our own multi-cultural heritage we are reminded of traditional Maori values which stress simplicity and community. These call us to reassess our present position. While we cannot go back to what was, we can plan for the future in the light of inherited values. So now out of a variety of contacts there emerges the search for a simpler life style.

AFFIRMATIONS:

In the light of the Biblical tradition we list certain affirmations that we believe are basic in the search for simple life styles.

1. **This is God's World:**

We need to affirm that the world we live in was brought into being by God. As such it was created good—with a harmony and wholeness about it. We must continue to proclaim that our world is God's world, and that it is inherently good. Accordingly any Christian life style must be world affirming rather than world negating. What is needed is not a retreat from the world, but change brought about by involvement in it.

2. **As a Creature of God, a Man has Value in His Own Right:**

A man does not have to strive to earn his place in the world. He is of individual worth whatever he does or does not do. A man's worth is not to be measured by his income, his bank balance, or the extent of his possessions. It is a fallacy to think that we have always to be striving for more, to make good for ourselves. All men have value in their own right, as children of God. This is a basic principle of Christian belief.

3. **Man is Created for Community:**

Man is not created as an isolated being. He was, and is still created to live in community, with his fellow man. Because of this

there is a real sense in which man has responsibility for others. God created us to support and care for each other. This caring is not only for members of our immediate community (in-group), but extends to take in all men. It also involves care of our physical environment which has to be nurtured. Any life style must build on the sense of responsibility that comes from man's being created in community.

4. Stewardship:

All men are called to be stewards of the world which has been given them. The world and its resources are not ours but God's. We are in charge as trustees. While we may use the resources of the world, we must not exploit them, so the future generations are deprived. Neither must we despoil our environment through pollution. Man is to care for what has been entrusted to him. Any Christian life style must embody a responsible stewardship of our resources.

While these affirmations arise from our Judeo-Christian heritage it is interesting to note that they can be affirmed quite independently by traditional Maori values. For the Maori the spiritual is part of the daily pattern of human life. Maoris value their fellows quite independently of their achieved status. They strongly affirm the communal bond. And the concept of *rahui* speaks of conservation and stewardship. This suggests that as we explore the simple life style we have much to learn from the Maori people.

Implications:

These affirmations have implications for our patterns of living. They lead us to condemn the excessive individualism that has prevailed in our society. For too long our thoughts have centred on ourselves—on what is to our gain, advantage and comfort. This focus on the individual has been to the detriment of our community life. It has meant that our sense of values has been all too limited. The stress on individualism which has led us to want more, has worked against the spirit of sharing and made for wastefulness; while individuals live in community, we do not see this as a threat to individuality and personhood. Rather, our individuality is fulfilled in life with others.

Economic growth for its own sake must also be condemned. This is idolatry. Too much emphasis has been put on increasing productivity and profits without regard to human need. We have come to think that the only way to measure growth is in financial terms. We have to question the value that lies behind that assumption, for there is more to life than increasing what we can earn as individuals, companies or a nation.

We question the trend to become a blatantly consumer society. Constantly we are being asked to purchase an increasing range of commodities and services, with little regard as to whether they meet real human needs. Too often there is an element of consumption for its own sake, or for status reasons.

The principle of stewardship calls into question the manner in which we use our world, and its natural resources. It also raises the issue of pollution, a very real problem in our day. We have ravaged the face of the earth and disposed of our waste thoughtlessly. Now we are beginning to suffer for our lack of wisdom. We believe that the responsible use of our resources, by all, is required.

What Can We Do:

There is a need to take seriously the search for simple life styles. However we would point out that possessions in themselves are not bad things. It depends what we do with them, or what they

free us for. What we need to combat is the emphasis on excess—on having and using more and more, with all the consequences this has. The ways of overcoming this by adopting simpler life styles are multiple. Some suggestions have been made in "New Citizen" over the past year. Others are discussed in John V. Taylor's excellent little book, "Enough is Enough". The Maori ethos will also prove a valuable resource.

The actual means of putting the simpler life style into practice cannot be neatly set out. People must face the task of working at it for themselves. Our hope is that groups of people in our churches will express a willingness to work at this matter. Because some people will want practical suggestions of what they can do, we list below some possible consequences of the search for a simple life style. However they will not be appropriate to everyone or to every situation. This is why people have to work out the simple life style for themselves. This list is not exhaustive, and should only be considered a starter for thinking.

Avoid waste by buying that which lasts.

Question advertisements.

Support public transport.

Before making a purchase ask if you really need it—question your motives for wanting it.

Consider rediscovering the bicycle.

When you need to use your car, use it on a pool basis.

Resist wasteful packaging.

Form a food purchasing co-operative.

Consider saying no to a second car.

Ask: Do you need a colour television.

Use the products of the poorer countries where you can.

Pay cash rather than use credit.

Prepare a family budget—plan your expenditure.

Eat more simple foods and invite more people to share with you.

Be generous in your giving.

Consider shared ownership of things like clothes driers and motor mowers.

Consider buying second-hand goods,

Become a do-it-yourself person.

Conserve electricity.

Grow your own food and freeze or preserve it.

Avoid getting caught up in fads, frills and fashions.

See that your used paper and glass is recycled.

Be community conscious.

Be a conservationist.

We alert people to the social and economic pressures to give up the search for simple life styles. One of the best ways to meet these pressures is to form a group which as part of its life will engage in worship and theological reflection on what it is attempting to do.

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Stoles for District Chairman:

The Faith and Order Committee received a query from a Chairman of District concerning an appropriate symbol for a Chairman of District and suggesting that this symbol should be a stole. The

stole is a symbol of authorisation, 'the yoke of Christ', worn by an ordained minister.

For connexional and ecumenical reasons, some symbol of office such as a stole, would be appropriate. This would be worn on those occasions when acting as Chairman of District. The Chairman's stole would then be similar to the Presidential stole in design, though the colour would be different. The emblems would remain the same, the Cross and the World, the IHS letters in contemporary style and the Taniko Maori design. The colour, as suitable for all special occasions would be cream.

Liturgical Dress:

The committee intends to produce a pamphlet giving information on clerical dress. It will be available in 1976.

Admission to the N.C.C. of the Liberal Catholic Church:

(Minutes of Conference 1974, Page 104. Resolution 4.)

It is the view of the Committee, that there is no doctrinal reason to prevent the admission of the Liberal Catholic Church to full membership of the N.C.C.

A Fixed Date for Easter:

Member Churches of the N.C.C. have been asked by the National Commission on Ecumenism of the Roman Catholic Church for their views of the proposal that from 1977, Easter should always be celebrated on the Sunday following the second Saturday of April. The Roman Catholic Church is agreeing to the proposal.

The Committee has considered the question and considers that the Methodist Church should support the proposal. A fixed date would provide for a more adequate preparation for Easter through Lenten observances. As many Lenten observances are arranged on an ecumenical basis these would be strengthened. At present Easter can be observed in late March through to mid April and a fixed date for its celebration would, the committee believes, be welcomed.

Service of Healing and Wholeness

The committee has produced several drafts of this service and work is continuing. The service should be available to Synods and Conference 1976.

A Revised Marriage Service

Work has begun in the preparation of a revised order of service for marriage. It is intended that alternatives will be printed for all the sections of the service. The service will be available to Synods and Conference in 1976.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted except for the section on Ministry which is received as a working paper, which together with the Report of the Deaconess Board on "Presbyter and Deacon" be referred back to the Committee and Board with a view to presenting one report to Synods and Conference 1976.

2. That Conference request the J.C.C.U. to convene a consultation to share and co-ordinate the reviews on forms of ministry being undertaken by the Negotiating Churches.

3. That in view of the proposed consultation of the negotiating Churches on forms of ministry, Conference at this stage does not favour the action on the diaconate recommended by the Committee as follows:

That the claims of particular ministries be placed before the Church involving—

- (a) Lay service in the Church's universal ministry.
- (b) Membership in the ordained ministry of the diaconate.
- (c) Membership in the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care.

4. That the report on Simple Life Styles be referred to Quarterly Meetings, Leaders' Meetings, Congregations and all Church Boards and Committees in the form of a study to be prepared by the Education Division.

5. That people within our Churches be encouraged to take up the quest for more modest life styles and to work for a society which reflects the spirit of this report. Where such groups already exist the Church gives them support.

6. That any group within our Church making significant experiments in this area, keep the Faith and Order Committee informed of what they are doing so that further information can be disseminated.

7. That the Faith and Order Committee be asked to prepare companion reports on how to create a society which allows for a simpler life-style and how the Church as an institution could adopt a simpler life-style.

8. That Conference agrees to the proposal that from 1977 Easter should always be celebrated on Sunday following the second Saturday in April.

9. That in order to avoid sexist language in reports, Committees and Boards of the Church be asked to use terms like "men and women", "people" and "persons" wherever possible.

10. That the Committee for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 50—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Chaplaincy matters?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

Three meetings of the committee have been held during the year. The Rev. R. John Hamlin has continued to serve as Principal Defence Chaplain, located at the Ministry of Defence Wellington, and the Rev. Barry W. Neal has proceeded with his wife and family to serve with the troops of 1 RNZIR and elements of the RNZAF in Singapore. The Rev. R. F. Clement has been re-elected as Chairman of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council.

The committee circularised ministers with a view to nomination of a successor to the Rev. R. J. Hamlin as Chaplain to the Royal New Zealand Air Force. As requested by the Church Council the committee has conferred with the Superintendent of the Development Division on the matter of a nomination to Armed Services chaplaincy.

The following Methodist chaplains served with Territorial Force units during the year, Chaplains, M. L. Dine, J. I. Manihera, N. Waaka. S. C. Grant and K. J. Taylor. The Rev. S. C. Grant and the Rev. I. C. Norwell were commissioned as chaplains during the year.

Student Michael Greer, a Methodist Theological College student, offered to experience service in the Armed Forces during the May vacation, and served with chaplains in Waiouru and in Burnham.

I. Report from Chaplain Barry W. Neal.

"My year at Burnham during 1974 was a helpful introduction to service in Singapore. I note three factors: (1) most of the year was spent with members of 2/1 RNZIR who have since been posted to Singapore, which enabled a carryover of relationships; (2) a happy relationship between the chaplains at Burnham enabled a useful division of labour; (3) it was possible to have a full association with four local Methodist circuits and their ministers."

"The transfer to Singapore has involved me in a very full and demanding, yet rapidly changing situation. Many of the troops find living in a minority situation away from family support a difficulty and a strain. Pastoral counselling, visitation and the routine work of caring for members of the N.Z. force are demanding but also rewarding.

I am responsible for two congregations. One has its origins as a British Naval Church of Free Church background, while the other is a group of N.Z. families in an Army establishment. Congregations offer some real opportunities, and the diversity of background is a feature of great interest. The withdrawal of the Australian forces and the departure of the British families has changed the situation but has not lessened the work-load.

The congregations have established close relationships with the local churches of Singapore, giving financial and other support. In addition the churches support such local groups as Samaritans of Singapore, a local Old Folks Home, and Tampines Home for the Intellectually Handicapped.

The chaplains meet and plan in a Conference, and co-ordinated activity includes a roster for broadcasting on the B.F.B.S. which covers not only service personnel but an estimated additional audience of 40,000 people.

It is my developed conviction that chaplaincy service to the military is an important ministry for the church to exercise, and that to oppose such ministries is to fail to come to terms with the full implications of a Theology of "Involvement in the World". In addition, while church may express its opinions on foreign affairs it is not in a strong position, when political decisions are made, to influence those decisions. There seems to me an inherent contradiction in a theology which would approve a chaplaincy to government, but would deny it to people who serve the same government. The chaplain is the person who serves the people who serve the government . . ."

II. Policy of Appointments to the Armed Forces:

Reference: A. Minutes of Conference 1974, page 292, Resolution 3 "That the policy of Methodist appointments to Armed Services Chaplaincies be referred to Church Council for review and report to Conference 1975, the Senior Chaplain to prepare a memorandum for Church Council".

Historical Background

1. The Methodist Church has a long history of appointments to the Armed Forces believing that wherever people went, there the Church should send its ministry to proclaim the gospel and to exercise a prophetic sacramental and pastoral ministry. As a result Methodists were to be found in our part of the world in the last century, serving in N.Z. in its early days. Much of the missionary work done in those times could be attributed to their labours.

2. Methodist chaplains served with distinction in the N.Z. Armed Services during World War I and II. In the latter case in all major theatres of the war. Their ministries of evangelical zeal and deep spiritual devotion are still remembered with honour among servicemen. Currently there are 12 Ministers who are serving in either full or part-time chaplaincies to the Armed Services. This Ministry is currently under question on the basis of policy, (which must be based on doctrine) the deployment of the Church's resources and the proportion of its Ministers to be employed in this work.

Doctrinal Basis

3. The basis of a ministry to the Armed Services lies in the Church's understanding of its own nature and the function of its ministry in the world.

4. If the Church is rightly defined as "the People of God", then it will be seen that the church exists in every part of society, including the Armed Services. For there also the People of God are to be found. All within the Church are called to ministry or service. The role of the ordained clergyman is increasingly seen as an enabling or even functional one. The minister is that person, specially set apart to perform certain functions within the entire community, to help the people of God to exercise their ministry or service more effectively.

5. A widely accepted concept to-day is that of the **Servant Church**. Church and ministry are not primarily for their own sake, but for all. The task of the servant, be that individual or community, is to be on hand where there is need to serve and give of itself. The Armed Services are such a place of need by their very nature.

6. In assessing the distinctive marks of its own life, Christianity has come to emphasise the word "**Mission**", representing the outward thrust of the Christian community into the world. In the epistle to the Hebrews, readers are enjoined to go forth to Jesus, "outside the cap", or outside the gate, since the place of crucifixion was not a holy place, or even a place within the holy city of Jerusalem, but outside the gate (the city dump to be precise). There God is working, not just among religious people or in religious places. The implication for the Church is that its ministry will be directed outward to where the people are, not only in places of ease, but also in places of execution and death. The military community with all its potential for ill, both for individuals and nations, is an open and fertile field, within which the Church can and must exercise its mission.

7. Increasingly to-day the Church sees her work in challenging the status quo, in proclaiming God's judgement on the evil acts of men and challenging them to conform to His will for man and the world. **The role of the prophet** can only be exercised from within the Community within which men live and cannot be proclaimed from afar. If the Church is going to exercise this prophetic role within the Armed Services, it must be by appointing its ministers, to minister as part of that community. In the words of the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil". (John 17:15).

8. There can be no doubt that the Church which is the people of God, servant in the world, speaking and acting for God, must be involved as servant within the Armed Services, making God's presence visible in that community. To withdraw is to recreate the false division of sacred and secular, and to set the Church in opposition to the world instead of involving it in the world to fulfil its saving,

liberating mission within history. This is in line with the Faith and Order report adopted by Conference in 1973, which stated inter alia:

"We see the issue in terms of 'ministry' to the people of the Armed Services, as part of our obligations to minister to all peoples. We are aware that there may be tensions that arise from time to time, but all who 'minister' feel the tension of involvement in some way or other, and perhaps specialist ministries feel it more acutely. The Committee (Faith and Order) is of the opinion that much tension should not be an excuse for the withdrawal of Chaplains, or curtailment of their services. The Church has no right to withhold its Gospel or its sacramental ministry from people with whom it may disagree, even on political or moral grounds".

Pragmatic Considerations

9. Methodism has always seen itself as a pragmatic church. Our fathers in the faith prided themselves on their ability to get to grips with real situations and work out their faith in practical ways.

10. The Armed Services are a distinctive community with a culture, life and work which is different from that of most other communities. Military personnel are gathered of necessity, into closeknit and isolated communities by the nature of their work. This is made real by a number of factors. This work is undertaken in isolated and restricted areas. Not only do physical barriers isolate him, but also military customs, traditions and procedures. The serviceman is subject to military law in addition to the ordinary laws of the land. His conditions of service require him to be ready to move at short notice, to take up a new post or serve his country overseas. He cannot settle in the place of his choice or own his own home as of right. Frequently he is required to undertake duties away from his wife and family. Mobility is a major factor in breaking the normal community relationships and support. It is too frequently impossible for the Serviceman and his family to participate in the civilian community activities for this to be a practical way of providing for their religious, spiritual and moral needs.

11. From a practical point of view, the nature of the military community is such that the Church's ministry must be part of the community, fully conversant with its nature and work, mobile and flexible, able to adjust to new needs as they arise, and always present, if it is to be adequate at all. This is quite in line with the Church's discoveries and growing practice of recognising the need for specialist ministries with other groups, ITIM being the latest case in point.

12. One of the important by-products of chaplaincy within the Services is the tie it creates to the civilian community, established by the close tie of the chaplaincy to the civilian church, and made effective by the influential position chaplaincy holds in the military community. In a very real sense this ministry provides a modifying leaven, by constantly reminding those responsible for practising a situational ethic within the Armed Services of what God wills for man, keeping the military community from a dangerous insularity.

13. One of the most difficult questions which must be answered in any consideration of chaplaincy appointments is whether the chaplain is able to fulfil his function and be heard within the Armed Services. The conditions under which chaplains function spell out their primary duty as that of minister/priest. While their work is performed in the name of the Commanding Officer, their professional duties are supervised and directed by professional chaplains

under the guidance and watchful eye of the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council (Ch DAC). Our own Church has had its part in this work. Methodist chaplains have, over the years, held high office in the Chaplaincy service, and at present the top posts in both the Council (Ch DAC) and Defence Headquarters are held by Methodists, namely the Rev. R. F. Clement and Rev. R. J. Hamlin. How this is achieved will be covered in greater detail in the Chaplaincy Committee Report for 1975.

Proportion

14. In view of the shortage of clergy consideration must be given to the number of clergy appointed to Armed Services Chaplaincy if a proper basis is to be maintained.

15. The chaplaincy establishment in the Regular Force is 25 Chaplains based on one chaplain to 500-600 personnel (actual ratio —1/498). In each case Chaplains in the Regular Force are also responsible for ministering to dependants. (In Methodist terms these figures equate to families under pastoral care). The denominational representation is based on the national statistical proportions, but is modified in accordance with maintaining a three divisional representation of Anglican, Roman Catholic and Other Denominations. There are seven participating churches, namely, Anglican, Baptist, Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Salvation Army. There are some 14% of personnel who have no claim to any religious affiliation or "object to state," who are given some welfare assistance by chaplains, and this increases the numbers under some aspect of pastoral care.

16. On a strictly numerical basis there were 854 declared Methodists in the Regular Force in 1971 (6.8%). On the basis of 500 personnel per chaplain the Methodist Church is entitled to 1.7 chaplains. When the additional persons not represented by chaplains are considered there is full justification for two chaplains, which is the present position.

17. However, proportionality requires some relativity to the Methodist Church's own deployment of its ministry, for this Service ratio may be giving a better ratio of Chaplains to families than the church itself gives. The statistics given in the 1971 Minutes of Conference show that 228 ministers were caring for 48,909 families or 214.5 families per minister (1/2145). Districts averaged from 1/162 to 1/299. No circuit exceeded the 600 families per minister ratio. When an estimated 28 ministers who are not involved in the pastoral ministry are discounted, the adjusted ratio is one minister of 244.5 families. The figure has been checked against other criteria and found to be substantially accurate. On the basis of this adjusted national Methodist Church ratio of ministers to families under pastoral care, the church should be prepared to release 3.49 ministers for Armed Services chaplaincy if it is to give its ministry to Armed Service personnel on the same basis as in the circuits.

Conclusion

18. From an historical, doctrinal, practical and proportional point of view the Methodist Church should maintain its policy of appointing chaplains to the Armed Services.

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III. Chaplaincy to the Armed Forces:

1. The persistence of the debate of the Church on the validity of Chaplaincy to the Armed Forces is a clear indication of the unease that some members of the Church feel in regard to this area of ministry.

2. In 1973 the Conference adopted the report of the Faith and Order Committee which concluded that, "the Church has no right to withhold its Gospel or its sacramental ministry from people (in this case Armed Forces personnel) with whom it may disagree, even on political or moral grounds". In spite of this statement the 1974 Conference agreed to a resolution which questioned the policy of appointing Chaplains to the Armed Forces. (See Minutes of Conference 1974, page 292, resolution 3). The reason for this continuing anxiety relates to the freedom of the Chaplain to minister as his training and conscience guides, once he has become a Chaplain, commissioned and attested within the Armed Forces. There is an unresolved fear in the minds of some members of the Church that the Chaplain is not free to minister in full within the Armed Forces, and in particular to exercise a prophetic role within the Armed Forces. The following seeks to set out the organisation and instructions under which the Chaplains operate.

3. The first and most obvious cause of questioning relates to the practice of commissioning, the wearing of uniform and the use of rank insignia. This is done to ensure that the Chaplain's place is recognised by all ranks, to enable him to have access to all men at all times, and to facilitate his functions. At the same time he is placed in a very special category where his role of Minister/Priest is not to be confused with that of Officer, command or disciplinary function, which would interfere with his being seen as an impartial friend and advisor to all. This is achieved by a very clear order which states that a Chaplain is not to exercise any executive authority by virtue of any relative rank that may be conferred on him. His rank is for purposes of defining status in relation to other officers. By this usage the Chaplain is able to be clothed in suitable attire for battle conditions, recognised and identified under all military conditions, given the benefit of the facilities of the Armed Forces, the benefit and protection of military law and the Geneva Convention, a personal identification with his pastorate and entry to places which would otherwise be closed to him. In practice the Chaplain operates as a Minister/Priest in uniform not unlike the hospital Chaplain in his hospital white coat or gown and mask. This will become clearer in considering the instructions. (See para. 12a).

4. Chaplains function under a dual authorisation given by both the Church and the State. Each is involved with the Chaplain in the provision of his service. The Church is responsible to guide, discipline and control him in his professional work. The Service commander has responsibility to ensure that he provides a ministry to personnel in accordance with the needs of his men and as laid down in Service policy. The nature of that ministry is a Church function.

5. To enable professional supervision and control to be given the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council was constituted by the

Churches with their Senior Chaplains, and authorised and acknowledged by the Armed Forces as the professional body responsible for advising on religious matters and exercising the Churches' discipline and control over their Chaplains. The terms of reference for the ChDAC contain the following:

"The Council is to:

a. Administer the ecclesiastical discipline and control of the Churches over their Chaplains in all matters of a denominational, ecclesiastical or professional nature.

b. Advise the services on all matters affecting Chaplains.

c. Advise on Chaplaincy Courses, Moral Leadership Courses, Padre Hour syllabuses and all other course syllabuses affecting chaplaincy organisation."

6. The Chaplain Manual summarises the role of the Council as follows:

"In this way, the Churches establish the spiritual or purely professional basis of Armed Service Chaplaincy, and maintain their administration and control over the professional aspects of Chaplaincy Services, to ensure that the chaplaincy service provided for its personnel is professionally competent and in line with the current thought and practice of the Churches".

7. Within the three Services, Principal Chaplains are appointed in consultation with the ChDAC with responsibility to ChDAC for professional aspects of the daily running of the chaplaincy within his Service. He is specifically directed, "to ensure that the religious needs of all personnel are met by the full ministry of the churches, he is to seek advice of the Council or a Council member as appropriate, maintaining a close liaison with the Council at all times".

This is spelled out in his directive along with other details as follows:

"The duties of the Principal Chaplain will include:

a. Overseeing policy for the development of spiritual, moral and chaplaincy matters in his Service.

b. Liaison with the denominational representatives of the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council and with the Secretary of the Council.

c. Ensuring that all Chaplains are carrying out the duties required of them and are interesting themselves in the welfare of personnel."

8. The recently adopted organisational structure for the Chaplains Branch establishes one Chaplain at each level of the command structure. He is responsible for supervising and guiding this professional aspect of chaplaincy at his level and below. As a result all chaplains are supervised and guided in their professional duties by a more senior professional Chaplain who is ultimately responsible to the Churches through the ChDAC.

9. The duties of the Chaplain are set out in several places and defined in ways which do not impose military standards or requirements upon a clergyman which could conflict with his professional duties or training. The Chaplains Manual states:

"It is the responsibility of every Chaplain to:

a. Protect and further the free exercise of religion by all members of the Armed Forces.

b. Attend the pastoral needs of military personnel and their dependants through a ministry of worship, preaching, sacraments, religious education and counselling; and to create a faithful Christian community within the Armed Forces.

c. Exercise the prophetic calling, of discerning God's judgement on the acts of men calling them to repentance and faith, and pointing boldly to God's goal of peace and goodwill for us and all mankind.

d. Serve as a counter to the potentially dehumanising aspects of military service in the lives of men and women, especially the young, and uphold them in their faith.

e. Exercise responsibility for the religious and moral life of the unit, subject only to the demands of the Gospel and the obligations of his Church.

f. Speak for the Church by serving as prophet, priest and pastor to the Commander and his staff on all matters of religion, morality and ethics in the life and work of the military.

g. Perform those duties which normally pertain to his station as a member of the Armed Forces, in accordance with the mission and distinctive purposes of his Church.

h. Preserve his singular calling as a Christian Minister of the Church, while serving in the Armed Forces."

10. This is spelled out in more detail in the directive issued to the Chaplain by his Commanding Officer where the first four directions require him to:

a. Conduct Divine Worship and other Services.

b. Give pastoral care to personnel of his denominational group.

c. Give Character Guidance and Moral Leadership training.

d. Give instruction in religious matters to personnel who desire it.

11. It will be noted that the content of his teaching, worship services and pastoral care are not given but left to the Chaplain to fulfil according to his Church's teaching in complete freedom. This fact is further borne out when one considers the Commanding Officer's instructions.

12. The Commanding Officer carries the ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the life, work and welfare and his Unit including responsibility for religious welfare. His orders instruct that he is to direct attention among other things to religious ministration and services generally, with a view to ensuring that regulations and Service Orders are being implemented. The Commanding Officer's relations with Chaplains are specifically defined as follows:

a. The Commanding Officer of a Unit is to take care that a Chaplain, or officiating Chaplain, is treated by officers and other ranks with the respect due to his office, and that he is not required to perform any executive duties in order that nothing may interfere with his being regarded by all ranks as their friend and adviser.

b. The Commanding Officer of a Unit is to render a Chaplain every assistance, and grant him every reasonable facility for the efficient performance of his duties.

c. The Commanding Officer is to ensure that religious services are held on Sundays at suitable times and that they are undisturbed by any unessential duties or organised sports. Subject to essential requirements parades are not to interfere with voluntary attendance at divine worship, which is to be encouraged.

13. Obviously the Commanding Officer is responsible for the command, discipline, training and efficiency of the forces in his command and the Chaplain is one member of these forces. It is his duty therefore, to ensure as far as he is able and within the limits of his professional competence, that the Chaplain is fulfilling his role adequately. As has already been pointed out he has the advice of other professional Chaplains and ChDAC to assist him.

14. It will be seen from the above that very careful consideration has been given to the position of the Chaplain and the special conditions which apply to his work. As a result of this consideration, an organisation, terms of reference and orders have been created which ensure that the Chaplain is given the facilities, support and freedom, to exercise a fully professional ministry in accordance with his denominational belief and practice. As far as is humanly possible he is freed from secular demands in the military environment and from official pressure to conform to military ideals and norms.

15 This is as far as the Service can go in ensuring that an adequate ministry of the type desired by the Churches can be given. The rest is up to the Churches to ensure that the persons they appoint are qualified to necessary levels and have the personality, gifts and graces to fulfil the office. From there it is for the individual to use the opportunities that are open to him in exercising his ministry within the military community, which is a representative slice of our society.

IV. Final Report to the Committee by Chaplain R. J. Hamlin:

1. It has been my privilege to serve the Methodist Church of New Zealand in the RNZAF and latterly Defence Headquarters since 15th January, 1961 and is to be until 31st January, 1976. To me this has not only been a privilege but also a responsibility of some magnitude.

2. This has not always been a pleasant responsibility for too frequently during the controversy over the Vietnam War one became the whipping boy for both parties, in the Church for the Armed Forces and in the Armed Forces for the Church. However difficult this may have become, and at times it was about as much as one could bear, it did give opportunity to act as an interpreter of each other's point of view. The important point to me was to express Christ's and the Church's concern for people to the point of goodwill towards declared enemies. This I believe was understood.

3. I want in this last report, to express my thanks to the Church for having appointed me to a ministry which I would never have chosen, and at which I was somewhat dismayed when nominated. There can be no doubt that this experience has had a profound effect on my ministry, if not on the total of my life. In many respects I have been a kind of chaplaincy guinea-pig, for circumstances have been such that I have been the one affected when new moves have taken place. For instance, I was the first chaplain to receive an Induction Service into his appointment, a Service Introductory Course, a Junior Staff Course and then a Command and Staff Course. It was my privilege to introduce tri-Service Chaplain Schools with a theological content.

4. During the years I have served, many changes have taken place which have transformed the Chaplains Branch. Just to name a few:

a. The Service of Induction began to recognise the Chaplain as a Minister first rather than as an Officer responsible for religion.

b. The introduction of a formal Character Guidance and Moral Leadership programme in place of the *laissez faire* Padre's Hour put the Chaplain on a proper footing with the Service.

c. The re-writing of Service Orders to define the chaplain's role in a proper way has aided the Chaplain to function in a much more effective manner.

d. The growing emphasis on chaplain training both in Service courses, and chaplain professional work through Chaplain Conferences and Schools has made the Chaplain a much more highly qualified and effective person.

e. The closer and more intimate association of the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council in the work of the chaplaincy has strengthened the bond of the Chaplain with the Church at large, and contributed in large measure to increased recognition in the Services that chaplaincy is the Church in action in their midst.

f. The very much closer ecumenical working of chaplaincy where all participate together and to the full, instead of operating in a kind of triple headed manner, has strengthened the influence of the Chaplain.

g. One of the most hopeful moves has been the growing recognition of the minority religious groups whose rights are being increasingly respected.

h. Additional changes just agreed upon this year promise to take all this one step further. They are:

(1) The institution of a simple Latin Cross Badge as Chaplain insignia which will show quite unambiguously that the Chaplain represents the Church in the Armed Forces.

(2) The introduction of a new Chaplain Organisation which places professional chaplaincy matters clearly in the hands of chaplains which give chaplains a sense of controlling their own professional work.

(3) The new selection procedures for chaplains that will ensure the selection of clergy having the necessary spiritual, moral and personal attributes to meet the special challenges of the Services.

5. Each one of these movements has given the Chaplain added strength, support and efficiency in performing his task. I believe he has as a result, better acceptance both with the hierarchy and the men, and his contribution to the life of the Armed Forces is greater in Christian life terms than it has been in the past. In a very real sense he is able to determine his own message and ministry and personally institute change in the Chaplain programme.

6. It has been a great privilege to have a small part in these developments which augur well for the future of the Churches's ministry to Armed Forces personnel. My one regret is that I have not been permitted to see the newest policies finally implemented.

7. One of the most demanding and at the same time exciting parts of my task, beyond the normal pastoral care of my military parish, has been in my responsibility to speak for and on behalf of the Church in the highest levels of military training and planning. Few ministers of our Church have direct access to the Chairman of Directors of one of the largest concerns in the country or a part in their training machine, where they can give a Christian contribution. This has been my privilege and responsibility over the last three years. I pray I have discharged this duty well.

8. The greatest joy of all has been to lead an interdenominational group of talented, devoted and vitally concerned churchmen in a ministry to people with one of the most difficult tasks in the modern world. It would seem to me that the conflict between law and disorder, peace and war, love and hate, God's love and man's sin, comes into focus in the Chaplain's ministry, and this leads to the loneliness of sometimes being doubted by both Church and military communities. This is the Chaplain's Gethsemane and it has been a privilege to share it.

9. One of the unexpected and heartening discoveries has been the very real humanity and concern that lies deep in the hearts of military personnel. Far from being the "steely-eyed-killers" they are so frequently caricatured as being, their great desire is to create a world where men can live in peace, unmolested by ambitious and violent opportunists. The military profession's aim is the management of violence and the defence of those who are assaulted. The extent to which military personnel, particularly those in the higher levels of command are motivated by these high humanitarian ideals and have been prepared to accept and support suggestions for positive approaches to world peace, has been cause for thanksgiving. I could wish the politicians had a similar motivation. The real danger lies in what the politicians will use them for, that is cause for anxiety to both military men and Chaplains.

10. I want to pay tribute to those who preceded me in the RNZAF and into whose work I entered. To those who have shared with me and been a stimulus and support to me, and to those of other disciplines, including military personnel, who have so loyally supported me in my work, I want to say thank you. A special tribute is due to the late Rev Roy Jamieson a past Senior Chaplain, for the vision which he sustained through many disappointments and which is only now coming into reality. Finally a tribute is due to the present Senior Chaplain, the Rev. R. F. Clement, who by his tireless efforts has assisted and sustained us in the work we have been appointed to do as agents of the Conference. I doubt if the Church is aware of the constant work that Mr Clement has done in supporting the Church and its chaplains, both in personal counsel and official action whenever that has been needed. Finally, to those who follow, may I offer my prayers and best wishes for a most fulfilling tour of duty. I look forward to taking up the circuit ministry again and using the skills the Armed Forces have given me, in the service of the Kingdom.

V. The Rev. R. John Hamlin:

As noted earlier in this report, the Rev. R. John Hamlin returns to Circuit work at the end of this year after a distinguished period of ministry as chaplain to the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Without any warning he was unexpectedly nominated by the Conference in 1960 to serve in this ministry, was duly appointed in 1961, and has served the church in this specialised and demanding ecumenical ministry for 15 years. He was appointed to be Principal Chaplain to the R.N.Z.A.F., and later to the responsible post of Principal Defence Chaplain to the Ministry of Defence. He has held this post for almost four years, during a period of re-organisation which brought additional responsibilities and extraordinary opportunities in shaping the chaplaincy branch of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

He was the first chaplain to study both the Junior and the Senior Staff Course in Service Administration, and passed both with credit. He has represented the Methodist Church well, and has spared no effort to ensure that he and his family maintained close links with the Methodist circuits wherever he has been stationed.

During his whole period of chaplaincy service, and especially during the last years of senior pastoral and administrative responsibility, the Rev. R. John Hamlin has enjoyed the trust and the high esteem of the members of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, the chaplains who served in his three-service team, and the

officers and other personnel of the services with whom he has been associated.

H. F. HART, Chairman.

H. W. TOOTHILL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted with the exception of sections 2 and 3 which are received only and referred to the Committee on Ministry as a working paper.

2. That the Conference place on record its acknowledgement of the outstanding ministry of the Rev. R. John Hamlin in representing the Methodist Church during fifteen years of service as a Chaplain to the Royal New Zealand Air Force of which nearly four years were served as Principal Defence Chaplain to the Armed Services of New Zealand.

3. That the chaplains for 1976 be: (a) Full-time: The Rev. Barry W. Neal (RNZ Army). (b) Part-time: The Revs R. F. Clement (Senior chaplain), R. J. Hamlin, M. L. Dine, S. C. Grant, J. S. Hosking, Ian C. Norwell, John I. Manihera, Keith J. Taylor, Napi Waaka, R. W. Widdup. (c) Methodist representatives on Regional Advisory Committees—Northern: The Rev. R. F. Clement; Central: The Rev. J. S. Hosking; Southern: The Rev. R. W. Widdup.

4. That the committee for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 51—(a) What is the report of:

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND) ANNUAL REPORT, 1975

150th Anniversary "Histories"

The preparation and publication of the "Histories" is the most ambitious project the Society has ever undertaken, and it a great relief to have it successfully behind us. The Church's warmest thanks is extended to all who have helped us: our authors, our printers and especially the people and organisations from whom grants and gifts have been received. Among the latter we should name the Maori Purposes Trust Board, the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust, the Methodist Board of Publications, the Alfred and Marian and Isobel Reed Trust, the Prince Albert College Trust, the Hamilton Methodist Trust, the Pitt Street Church Trust, Trinity College Library Fund, and the Development, Maori and Overseas Divisions.

As there has been some change in titles during the process of preparation, we append the official list of numbers and titles:

Vol. 27, Nos. 1 and 2: **Te Hahi Weteriana**, by G. I. Laurenson.

Vol. 27, Nos. 3 and 4: **Out of the Common Way**, by E. W. Hames.

Vol. 28, Nos. 1 and 2: **Coming of Age**, by E. W. Hames.

Vol. 28, Nos. 3 and 4: **A Family Affair**, by G. G. Carter.

Future Publications

The Rev. G. G. Carter has expanded for publication his lecture on the life of "John Crump—Pioneer Missionary to New Britain" (given at Conference, 1973) and this will appear as a free issue to members as Vol. 29, Nos. 1-4, this year.

The Rev. W. A. Chambers is preparing a supplement to his earlier volume on Canterbury Methodism, "Our Yesteryears", and this will form part of our 1976 publishing programme.

Two Notable Books

During the year two important books in our field of study have been published independently.

(a) **Prophets in the Wilderness**, by J. M. R. Owens. This is probably the most carefully researched piece of New Zealand Methodist history so far published, and deals with a group of our earliest missionaries. (Published jointly by Auckland and Oxford University Presses, \$6.65).

(b) The Tua Marina Church has published, in connection with its centenary, a 91-page copiously-illustrated book by F. W. Smith. It includes some important material relating to pioneer missionary Samuel Ironside. (Price: \$5.00).

The Secretary's Thanks

The Secretary warmly thanks those who ably carried on the Society's work during his illness during late 1974—especially Mr T. G. M. Spooner, who continues to give valuable support as assistant secretary. We also owe our warmest thanks to our Treasurer, Mr Keith Lawry and our Auditor, Mr John Wigglesworth, both of Auckland.

Conference, 1975

As Conference will be held this year in the unusual setting of the Turangawaewae Marae at Ngaruawahia, we have decided to have no "annual lecture" this year. The Conference will be, in itself, an historic event and we extend our greetings to the Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena, President for 1975-76.

G. I. LAURENSEN, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION 51—(b) Custodian of Early Records?

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF EARLY RECORDS

Historical Records:

The care of ministers in forwarding records of our Methodist Churches throughout another year has been appreciated. We would again urge ministers in Union parishes to be careful to forward on for safe custody books of records no longer required.

During the year ended June 30, 1975, Church records of various kinds have been received from the following Circuits and receipts issued for affixing in Circuit Schedule books:

Northland: Kaikohe, Hikurangi, Kaeo, Kawakawa.

Auckland: Waiuku, Auckland.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Waihi.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Patea.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Dannevirke.

Nelson: Nelson, Richmond, Spring Grove.

North Canterbury: Swannanoa, Woodend, Sefton, Southbridge, Linwood, Woolston, Lyttelton, Heathcote, Papanui, Opawa, Richmond, Amberley.

Otago-Southland: Central Mission, Trinity, Palmerston South, Waikouaiti, Dunedin West, Tokarua.

We cannot help noticing that we have very little material from some Districts and would urge District Chairmen and Circuit Superintendents to make enquiries as to the housing of their Circuit records.

Storage of Records:

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office is seeking to arrange extra space for the housing of historical records in the basement of Epworth Chambers. In the meanwhile the staff have been working on the sorting and indexing of records.

In view of the increasing demand on space, enquiries are being made regarding the equipment necessary for microfilming and the costs involved. There is no doubt that the microfilming of certain records would greatly reduce the demands on space and, without a great deal of expense, would enable the Office to continue to assist with the provision of information for those engaged on tasks of historical research.

Current Information:

We are grateful to ministers who have forwarded copies of their Preachers Plans and Bulletins. These provide information regarding the activities of the local church and the service rendered by individuals and is provided in a form that is comparatively easy to house and will be of increasing value to historians in the future.

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Early Church Records.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION—51 (c)

150th ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Fund:

At the 1st June, 1974, the Scholarship Fund stood at \$23,261.52. During the financial year \$2,106.79 was received from donations and \$1,219.28 as interest, making the total \$26,587.59. From this amount the following grants were made up to 30th June, 1975:

- (1) \$220 to the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to meet the fees of nine students from Goldie College at the Honiara Technical Institute.
- (2) \$4,400 being grants made to Wesley College for the further education of one Fijian, one Samoan and nine Maori students. These grants are made to assist parents in meeting the fees for academic study at Wesley College for 1975.

These grants, together with \$19.60 for advertising in the New Citizen leave the balance of the Fund at \$21,947.99 at 30th June, 1975.

Grants now being processed:

Since the 1st July, 1975, the Board has approved grants totalling \$1,955 made up as follows:

- (1) Methodist Church in Fiji: for the payments of fees to enable an ordained minister to complete his B.A. degree the sum of \$1,206. The Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church in

Fiji advises that this student has completed his degree and is now working with the church in Fiji.

- (2) Methodist Church in Samoa. for the payment of \$849 for the support at the University of the South Pacific of one Samoan student for the second year of his studies.
- (3) Wesley College: for the support of two further students (one Fijian and one Maori) of \$400 dollars each.
- (4) Local scholarship: for the assistance in his studies at the Auckland University, the sum of \$100 for a Samoan student resident in New Zealand.

Applications for 1976:

These are now being invited from those eligible.

Further donations:

These may be made at any time by trusts, circuits or individuals to the General Purposes Trust Board, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch. The Scholarship Board thanks those who have made donations to the Fund during the year.

EDITH I. GORRINGE, Convener

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. That the Board consider the reduction of the age limit of those eligible for the Scholarship to 13 years.

QUESTION 52 (a)—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the laws of the Church including the ruling of the President-during the year?

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1975

The Committee now submits its report on various matters referred to it by the 1974 Conference.

(1) Ministers Left Without Appointment

The Committee was directed to bring amendments to give effect to the report adopted at last Conference—see 1974 Minutes pages 77—78.

The Committee now submits the following new question:

New Question 18 (see Section 381 (18) Law Book page 63).

What Ministers are not available for stationing this year:

- (a) Those who do not receive an appointment for health reasons or for the purpose of travel or study within New Zealand or overseas or being a woman Minister who is married.
- (b) Those employed in another Church or Church related position.
- (c) Those not employed in another Church or Church related position.

It is noted that the report suggests that the five yearly review be retained but that there is no reason why a person may not continue for a longer period. To give effect to this suggestion the Committee recommends the following amendment to Section 111D Law Book page 16.

- (2) That Section 111D be amended by adding after the words "Ministry of the Word and Sacrament" the words "unless in each year an extension of time is granted by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee".

(3) Appointment of Ministers

The Committee was requested to redraft the appropriate section in regard to the appointment of Ministers

1973 Minutes Page 115

Resolutions 14—17

1974 Minutes Page 107

Resolution 7

It now submits the following amendments:

Law Book Page 17

Sections 117, 118 and 119 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

117. If the Circuit Stewards or any five members of the Quarterly Meeting intend to raise the question of a change of appointment they shall notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District or his Deputy to that effect at least 28 days before the date of the March Quarterly Meeting.
118. There shall be no discussion at the said March Quarterly Meeting but at that meeting Committee shall then be set up to consider the matter and report to the June Quarterly Meeting or an earlier special Quarterly meeting called for that purpose.
119. The Chairman of the District shall be present at all Meetings when consideration is to be given to a change of appointment.
- 119a. If the appointment of the District Chairman is involved then at all meetings in connection therewith the President or his deputy shall take the Chairman's place.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That No. (1) above be referred to the Committee on Ministry.
2. That Nos. (2) and (3) be adopted.

PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICTS

The 1974 Conference made certain recommendations as to the procedure to be followed in the appointment of a Chairman. However, Conference did not change the Law relating to the appointment of Chairman. The President requested the Committee to prepare amendments to enable the recommendation to be put into force.

The Committee now submits the following:

Section 155 Law Book Page 22 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

155. A District Chairman is a Minister in Full Connexion who is appointed by the Conference to exercise general pastoral oversight of a District and to carry out administrative duties as set out herein.
- 155a. The appointment or re-appointment by the Conference of a District Chairman is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year providing always except as hereinafter provided there shall be no change in the appointment of any District Chairman until he shall have served three years in his present appointment as District Chairman.
- 155b. At the June session of a District Synod for the purposes of nominating a District Chairman to the Synod wherever a vacancy occurs through the death, resignation or incapacity of the existing Chairman and also in every third year of a District Chairman's term of office a Nomination Committee shall be appointed constituted as follows:

Three ministers and three laymen, convener to be the Senior minister so appointed.

Names shall be submitted to the committee in writing within ten days of the end of the June Synod. Such committee before submitting a nomination shall confer with the minister(s) and circuit(s) concerned. Such committee shall act as a consultative committee for the chairman in making appointments in the Synod.

Other names may also be presented to the Synod for consideration but any such additional names must be submitted to the Secretary of the Synod before the opening of the Synod Meeting at which the District's nomination to Conference is to be considered.

Should any election be necessary it shall be by ballot and by an absolute majority of votes cast.

155c. If any District's nominee for the office of District Chairman is transferred then the representatives from the District at Conference shall submit a further nomination.

155d. An induction service shall be held immediately before the appointee enters upon the duties of his office for the first term of appointment thereto or as soon thereafter as is considered practicable.

NEW CONSTITUTIONS

The Constitutions of the Five Divisions have been completed and approved. These are now in order for inclusion in the Law Book. A list of consequential amendments has been prepared.

The Constitution of the Deaconess Order has been completed and approved and is now available for inclusion in the Law Book.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

1. THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION and THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Section 502 Subsection (1) and (2) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Administration Division established under the control of the Conference.
2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference. Its executive officers shall be the General Secretary and the General Treasurer. (Vide Section 502 (6)).
3. The objects of the Division shall be:
 - (a) To promote knowledge and understanding of the outworking of the Church's life and mission.
 - (b) To provide leadership and guidance to the church in matters affecting its basic policy, its day to day administration, the administration, the management of funds, the growth and development of Connexional properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies which Conference shall entrust to it.
 - (c) To exercise a pastoral role among ministers, in particular in matters affecting their personal financial position and among both ministers and laymen in matters affecting finance and administration at circuit, district and connexional levels.
 - (d) To take such steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church.

- Section 502 Sub-Section (3) is hereby amended by the addition of:
- (d) Make arrangements for the holding of District Synods and the Annual Conference.
 - (e) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the ministers of the church, in particular in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.
 - (f) Provide financial guidance, accounting services and administration for Conference Funds.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MAORI DIVISION THE MAORI DIVISION

1. WITHIN the Methodist Church there shall be a Maori Division established under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. THE Division shall be managed by a Board called the Maori Division Board, which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

THE Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representatives of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

3. THE executive officer of the Board shall be the Tumuaki. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as required.

4. THE object of the Division shall be to help realise a Maori response to the Gospel in life, witness and service.

5. THE duties of the Board shall be:

- (a) To give oversight and direction to the Church's Ministry among Maori people.
- (b) To consult with other appropriate boards and committees, and the Maori Circuits, concerning the recruiting, training and general welfare of Ministers, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries under its care.
- (c) To review annually the appointments of Ministers and Home Missionaries in Maori Circuits and make recommendations thereon to the Conference through the Stationing Committee.
- (d) To provide promotional and publicity material and in conjunction with the Education Division, provide Maori-Oriented educational resources.
- (e) To foster relationships between Maori and other members within the Church, with other Maori Churches and groups.
- (f) To manage and administer the finance investments and properties required for its work.
- (g) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
- (h) To perform such other duties as Conference may determine.

6. THE funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Income from properties and investments.
- (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
- (c) Gifts and legacies.
- (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
- (e) Other sources determined by Conference from time to time.

TUMUAKI

7. THERE shall be a Tumuaki of the Maori Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. If a Minister shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the

Laws and Regulations of the Church. He shall act as "Superintendent" and exercise such responsibilities as may be required by Conference from time to time.

THE EDUCATION DIVISION III THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Repeal Section 504 Sub-sections 1 to 7 inclusive and substitute:
Section 504

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Education Division established under the control of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Christian Education which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the existing Board.

The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, where possible such committees shall be representatives of the Board—co-opted members may be appointed when necessary.

3. There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser to the Division. He if a minister shall be appointed in pursuance of part II Section I of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as from time to time shall be necessary.

5. The object of the Division shall be to guide and supervise the Christian Education of the Church.

6. The functions of the Division shall be:

- (a) To encourage the work of Christian Education in every respect of the Church's life among children, young people and adults.
- (b) To help people to understand, experience and value the Ministry and Mission of the Church in the World.
- (c) To give leadership in the educational ministry with children, young people and adults.
- (d) To provide resources and opportunities for ministers and people to acquire and develop Christian styles of life.
- (e) To study and carry through experiments in the Church so as to discover and test new approaches in education.
- (f) To formulate programmes of education for all aspects of Christian stewardship, including finance and be responsible for fund raising.
- (g) To represent the Church in its dealings with bodies responsible for educational and youth services to Churches and Community.

7. Associate and Field Directors, as required for the Division's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board.

Section 504 Sub-section (15) (a) is amended by deleting the word "Department" and substituting therefor the word "Division".

CONSTITUTION OF THE OVERSEAS DIVISION

Section 505 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor.

IV THE OVERSEAS DIVISION

505 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, there shall be an Overseas Division, under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called The Board of the Overseas Division (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall

be appointed annually by the Conference, on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Secretary who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He, if a Minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. The Board shall maintain, develop and direct the Church's involvement with the mission of the Church overseas. It shall:

- (a) Promote within the Methodist Church of New Zealand continuing interest, education and support for the mission of the Church in other lands in particular those to which it has sent personnel.
- (b) Make provision for the adequate preparation and equipment of those sent by the Methodist Church of New Zealand to other lands, and to assist them in their rehabilitation when they finally return.
- (c) Co-operate with other Churches and Church Organisations in maintaining and extending the mission of the Church.
- (d) Encourage and facilitate the coming to New Zealand of Christian workers who would exercise a ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (e) Maintain foster and develop relationships with the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, Pacific Council of Churches, and such other organisations and overseas churches as the Conference may from time to time decide.

5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Offertories, subscriptions and donations.
- (b) Gifts and legacies.
- (c) Grants from Connexional Funds, including the Connexional Budget.
- (d) Grants from Governments and other public bodies.
- (e) Income from properties and investments.
- (f) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

6. The Board shall comprise the President of the Church and the Vice-President of the Church, the General Secretary (ex officio) and such other persons as shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

7. The Board shall elect its own chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.

8. The Board shall submit to Conference. an annual report and financial statements duly audited.

9. The Board shall have power to make and amend rules, regulations and conditions as shall be required to fill its functions as set out in Sub-section (4) hereof.

10. The Board shall negotiate with Churches overseas to which workers of the New Zealand Church shall be sent, in regard to the rate of stipend and allowances and conditions of service for such workers.

11. In each District there shall be a representative of the Overseas Division who shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination

of the District Synod; Such representatives shall be called upon to co-operate with the Overseas Division in furthering the work of the Division.

12. The Overseas Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be the legal successor to the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and the Overseas Mission Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

CONSTITUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Section 506 Sub-section (1) to (8) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

V THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

506 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand there shall be a Development Division, under the Control and the direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called "the Development Division Board" (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He, if a minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church. Other officers as may from time to time be required shall be appointed by the Conference.

4. The Board shall:

- (a) Undertake research into population trends at circuit and national level, changes in community life and ways in which the ministries of the Church can be equipped and shaped to meet such changes.
- (b) Consult with other denominations with a view to joint planning and co-operative action.
- (c) Plan for the development of the Church through the strengthening of present Churches and Circuits, through the creation of new Churches and circuits and new forms of Church enterprises and services.
- (d) Maintain constant and regular contact with Circuits and Synods so that the resources of the Connexion may be made available to each part of the Church, so that in each place ministry and service may be constantly under review and local Churches assist to develop out-reach and service.
- (e) Be responsible for the Church's policy and programme of evangelism.
- (f) Co-operate with the Maori and Overseas Divisions in providing ministries for cultural and ethnic groups.
- (g) Formulate in consultation with Synods and Circuits plans for co-operative work with negotiating Churches the formation of union parishes, joint use ventures, inter-city ministries and other forms of co-operation.
- (h) Maintain close liaison with N.Z.M.S.S.A. and encourage the development and extension of other forms of social service.
- (i) Arrange for such forms of promotion and publicity as would enlist the support of all our people in the task of Mission.
- (j) Be responsible for the Literature and Colporteur Society.
- (k) Provide financial assistance by way of grants to circuits and Churches and to administer the Church extension grants from the Development Fund for Churches and other buildings in new areas, new ministries and chaplaincies.

- (l) Provide "supply" ministries for ministers who are ill, for the President, or for Circuits without appointments and arrange "long service leave".
- (m) Consider and recommend all matters relating to Circuit and District boundaries.
5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources.
 - (a) Income from properties and investments.
 - (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
 - (c) Gifts and legacies.
 - (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
 - (e) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.
6. The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.
7. The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.
8. It shall be the duty of the Board:
 - (a) To prepare a draft of Home Mission appointments for presentation to the Conference.
 - (b) To consider the recommendations of Synods as to grants and all other matters relating to the Development Division and report thereon to Conference.
 - (c) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
 - (d) To make any necessary adjustments in grants in the event of a change of status of either Ministerial or Home Missionary appointment.
 - (e) To consider every application for appointment as a Home Missionary.
 - (f) To sanction, after consultation with the Chairman of Districts concerned, the opening of a new Home Mission Station and the appointment of additional Home Missionaries in the interval between Conferences.
 - (g) To consider resolutions of Synods concerning:
 1. The appointment of additional agents;
 2. Alterations of circuit boundaries;
 3. New Stations;
 4. The formation of Union Parishes, and the establishment of co-operative ventures, and report thereon to the Conference.
 - (h) To arrange, in consultation with the Chairman of Districts and secretaries of District Home Mission Committees for the visitation of every Circuit and Home Mission Station by a suitable deputation.

Sub-section 26 is hereby repealed.

Sub-sections 55 to 66 are hereby repealed.

N.B. Wherever there is a reference to "Home Missions" this be changed to "Development".

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS

Page 6 Section 43—Delete words "Home Mission Board" and substitute "Board of Development Division".

Page 11 Section 77—Delete word “Development” and substitute “Division”.

Page 14 Section 106—Delete words “Home Mission Department” and substitute “Development Division”.

Page 15 Sections 111B and 111C—Delete word “Department” and substitute “Division”.

Page 18 Section 137—Delete all words after the words “Theological Tutor” and substitute “the Administration Division, the Overseas Division, the Development Division, the Education Division and the Maori Division”.

Page 19 Sections 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144—Insert before the word “Department” wherever it occurs the word “Division or”.

Section 138—In Line 2 delete the word “Departmental”.

Section 139—In line 1 delete the word “Connexional”.

Section 140—Insert before the word “Departmental” in each case the words “Divisional or”.

Section 141—In line 1 delete the word “Connexional”.

Section 142—In line 1 before the word “Departmental” insert the words “Divisional or”.

Page 22 Section 154 (2)—In line 2 change “Education Division Board to “Board of Christian Education Division”.

(4)—Insert before the word “Departmental” the words “Divisional or”.

Page 33 Section V—In title after word “Mission” add “and Development”.

Section 231 (1) and (2)—After word “Mission” add “and Development”.

Page 37 Section 259—Wherever the word “Department” occurs add before it the words “Division or”.

Page 39 Section 267 (3)—delete the word “Home” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 41 Section 282—Delete the words “Home Mission” wherever they appear and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 44 Section 284 (e)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 50 Section 322 (n)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

(o)—Before the words “or Department” add “or Division”.

Page 52 Section 338 (4) (d)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 54 Section 338 (43) (a)—Delete the word “Home” and substitute the words “Development Division”.

(b) and (c)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 58 Section 362 (f)—Before the word “Department” add the words “Division or”.

Page 59 Section 364—In line 1 after the words “City Mission” add the word “Division”.

Page 60 Section 370—Before the word “Department” wherever it appears add the word “Division”.

Page 61 Section 373—(E) change name to “Development Committee”.

Section 376—Before the word “Departmental” wherever it appears add the words “Divisional or”.

Page 64 Section 381 (37)—At the end add “and the Education Division”.

Section 381 (41)—

(a) Delete the words "Home Mission and Church Extension Department" and substitute the words "Development Division".

(b) Delete the word "Mission" and substitute the word "Division".

(c) Delete the words "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute the words "Overseas Division".

(43)—(a) Delete the words "the Connexional Office" and substitute the words "The Administration Division".

Page 67 Section 390—In the second sentence delete the words "The General Secretary . . . Overseas Mission" (inclusive) and substitute the words "The Superintendent of the Development Division, the General Secretary of the Overseas Division".

Page 69 Section 412-414—Wherever the words "Overseas Mission Board" appear substitute the word "Board of the Overseas Division".

Page 73 Section 445—Last sentence delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "the Development Division".

73E new title "Development Committee". Section 457—Delete all references to "Home Missions" and substitute the words "Development Division". Delete the words "The Associate Superintendent of Home Missions". Delete the words "The Senior Maori Superintendent" and substitute "The Tumuaki".

Page 74 Section 460—Wherever the words "Home Mission" or "Maori Mission" appear substitute "Development Division and Maori Division" except in Sub-section (e).

Page 75 Section 468—Delete the words "General Secretary" to "Extension Department" and substitute therefor the words "General Secretary Overseas Division, General Superintendent Development Division".

Page 76 Section 475 (1)—Delete the words "Home Mission and Church Extension Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division". Also delete the words "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Overseas Division".

Page 78 Section 486 sub-section 2 (b)—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute therefor respectively the words "Development Division" and "Overseas Division".

Page 79 Section 487—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division".

Page 89 Section 504 Sub-section (21)—Delete the word "Department" and substitute therefor the word "Division".

Page 94 Section 506 sub-section (9)—(10) (b) (e)—In each Sub-section delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 11—In line 3 delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 12—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefor "Development Division".

Sub-section 16—Wherever they appear delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development Division".

Sub-section 17—In line 2 wherever they occur delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 20—Delete the words "No Home Mission Grant" and substitute "No Development Grant".

Sub-section 21—Delete word "Home Mission" before the word "Committee" and substitute the words "Development".

Sub-section 24—In line 1 delete words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development". Also wherever it occurs delete the word "Department" and substitute "Division".

Sub-section 25—In line 1 delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "Development Division".

(a) Delete all words after "Superintendent" and substitute the words "of the Development Division".

Page 101 Section 508 Sub-section 8 and 9—Delete the words "Overseas Mission Board" and substitute the words "Overseas Division Board".

Page 107 Section 511 Sub-section (j)—Delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development".

Page 110 Section 512 Sub-section 17 and 18—Add the word "Division" before the word "Department".

Page 118 Section 513 Sub-section (13)—Add the word "Division" before the word "Department".

Page 120 Section 514 Sub-section 2(b)—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Department".

Page 121 Section 515 Sub-section 2(b) also Sub-section 7—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments".

Page 122 Sub-section 9—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division".

Sub-section 12—In line 6 delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the words "Development Division".

Page 122 Section 516—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Department" where the latter word appears.

Page 127 Section 519 Sub-section 16—Delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Page 128 Section 520—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments" where the latter word appears.

Sub-section 5—Delete the words "Home Mission" and "Overseas Missions" and substitute respectively the words "Development Division" and "Overseas Division".

Page 132 Section 523 Sub-section 3 and Sub-section 5—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute the words "Development Division".

Page 133 Sub-section 9—In line 7 delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "Development Division".

CONSTITUTION OF THE DEACONESS ORDER

(a) The Office of a Deaconess

1. A Deaconess of the Methodist Church in New Zealand is one who has under a call from God, pledged herself to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church. She has been trained and ordained to this ministry of special service and pastoral care in conformity with the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

2. The Office of a Deaconess is recognized by the Methodist Church to be a distinctive office, and to be agreeable to the Word of God.

3. A Deaconess shall exercise a Ministry of an evangelistic, pastoral, educational or social nature with a Division or an institution of the Church or in a circuit. Such service could include conducting or assisting in worship, evangelism, pastoral care, teaching, training for leadership and service, organising Sunday School and/or youth work; and assisting in hospital and prison visitation; and such other duties as may be required. She may serve with an organisation other than in the Methodist Church which is approved by the Deaconess Board and by the Conference.

(b) Organisation and Administration of the Order

A. The Deaconess Board

4. There shall be a Deaconess Board appointed by the Conference. It shall consist of not more than 20 members appointed annually by Conference. The Warden shall be ex officio a member of the Board, The Board shall meet at least once a quarter.

5. The Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer appointed annually by the Board from its members.

6. **General:** The objects of the Board shall be the recruitment and training of students for Deaconess work, oversight of the Deaconess Order and such other objects as may be approved from time to time by Conference.

7. **Relation to the Conference:** The Board shall, without prejudice to its responsibility to the Conference, act as the executive to the Conference in all matters relating to the Deaconess Order, and shall report thereto, annually through the Synods and shall nominate for consideration of the Conference the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

8. A Deaconess shall have right of access to the Deaconess Board. The Board shall be responsible to determine the relationship of a Deaconess to the Order in all matters affecting her fitness and competence to discharge her duties and may recommend the termination of her appointment after due notice in accordance with Sub-section 42 hereof.

9. **Finance:** The Board shall be responsible for all financial arrangements regarding its own administration, and shall annually submit a budget to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee for inclusion in the Connexional Budget, and its financial statements to the Conference.

10. **Roll of Deaconesses:** The Board shall keep a roll of Deaconesses in the manner outlined in Sub-section 62 hereof, and shall supply the roll annually to the Secretary of Conference for inclusion in the Minutes.

11. **Co-ordination:** The Board may, as occasion arises, confer with the Divisions and Committees of the Church, and, if required, with other organisations with which Deaconesses are serving.

12. **Information:** The Board shall keep constantly before the Church the opportunities of service which the Church offers to women, and in particular to Deaconesses and the service by them.

13. **Policy:** The Board shall discuss with other interested bodies any matters affecting the general interest of Deaconesses and their part in the life of the Church.

B. Warden

14. A Minister shall be appointed by the Conference as Warden of the Deaconess Order. He shall be a Minister of academic standing and of circuit experience and administrative ability.

15. The Warden shall:

(a) Be responsible for the general supervision of the Order of Deaconesses and exercise a pastoral ministry to its members.

(b) Act as adviser to the Deaconess Board on all matters relating to the training of and the work of the Deaconesses.

(c) Organise and promote the work of the Deaconess Order throughout the Church.

(d) Advise Divisions, Circuits, Boards and Committees on all matters relating to Deaconesses.

(e) Perform such other duties as the Conference or the Deaconess Board may from time to time determine.

C. Candidate of a Deaconess

16. A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church, of proved ability, and character, and of mature outlook. A Candidate is normally required to offer herself for the general work, but a preference for a particular sphere may be expressed.

17. At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, consider her application and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee shall ascertain her acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church, and her approval of its discipline, and shall assure itself of her acceptability and general fitness for the work.

18. At the June Quarterly Meeting, the Committee shall report on the prospective Candidate, who shall present herself to the Meeting. The prescribed questionnaire having been previously completed and signed by Superintendent Minister shall be presented and read. If in his judgement these preparatory tests have been satisfactorily met, the Superintendent Minister may then nominate the Candidate, and the vote on such nomination shall be taken by ballot.

19. If the nomination be sustained by the Quarterly Meeting, the Superintendent Minister shall forward the same to the Chairman of the District, who shall present it to a Representative Committee of Synod.

20. A Candidate approved by the Quarterly Meeting shall present to the Synod through the Superintendent Minister a Medical Certificate on the prescribed form.

21. On the nomination of the Chairman of the District, the Synod shall appoint a committee to interview the Candidate, and to report through the Synod to the Deaconess Board.

22. Each Candidate shall sit the prescribed entrance examination and be interviewed by the Warden.

23. If the Deaconess Board is satisfied as to the suitability of the Candidate, it shall nominate her to the Conference.

D. Training of a Deaconess

24. Each accepted Candidate shall undergo a period of training as prescribed by the Deaconess Board.

25. The normal period of training shall be four years including at least one year of probation in the active work.

26. The course of study shall be as set forth in the Minutes of the Conference. This shall be at Trinity College or as determined by the Conference.

27. Each Student's course shall be under the personal supervision of the Warden of the Order.

28. Arrangements shall be made for practical training and special courses as required.

E. Probation and Ordination of a Deaconess

29. The term of probation for those who have taken the prescribed course shall be at least one year. Each Probationer shall take such course of reading as determined by the Board. A report on the

prescribed form concerning her work shall be submitted to the Board by her Superintendent Minister.

30. Conference may on the recommendation of the Board admit women who have spent three years on probation in such Church work as shall be approved by the Board and who have during such period taken such course of study and passed such examinations as shall be required by the Board. In such cases the provision of Sub-sections 16-23 hereof shall first be complied with.

31. Conference may under exceptional circumstances admit as a Deaconess any suitable woman provided that her recommendation is approved by two-thirds vote of the Board and also that two-thirds of those present at the Conference vote for her admission.

32. Those who have completed probation and/or have been recommended by the Board and accepted by the Conference shall be ordained during the Conference, and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.

F. Appointment of a Deaconess

33. The appointment or re-appointment of a Deaconess is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year. The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to the Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the First Reading of Stations.

34. Applications for appointment or re-appointment of Deaconesses shall be forwarded to the Board not later than 31st July.

35. An invitation to a Deaconess to continue in her appointment shall be made by the 31st July in each year.

36. A Deaconess may be appointed by the Conference to any position year by year for any number of years successively.

37. No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either party until the third year of the appointment of the Deaconess.

38. A Deaconess seeking a change of appointment should notify the Board and the Division, institution or circuit and the Warden by the 15th June in any year.

39. Seven days previous notice in writing shall be given to the Division, institution or circuit prior to the meeting at which the matter of the change of appointment is to be considered, such notice to state the business to be discussed at the meeting. The voting shall be by secret ballot.

40. No woman shall be engaged as a Deaconess supply or appointed as a Deaconess without the sanction of the Conference, or between Conferences without the consent of the President acting in consultation with the Board of the Development Division and the Deaconess Board.

41. A Deaconess may terminate her work where she is stationed or employed immediately after the last Sunday of January and shall take up duties in a new appointment between the first and second Sundays in February. Her employing authority shall be financially responsible as from the first of February.

42. (a) The Conference may leave a Deaconess without an appointment and without being responsible for her support, provided that

one year's notice has been given her. Such a Deaconess shall be subject to the same regulations as to observance of discipline, enquiries as to character and doctrine and relation to the Retiring Fund as a Deaconess with appointment.

(b) Where in its judgement, a Deaconess has an unsatisfactory record, the Stationing Committee shall refer such case to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report to Conference. The Conference may require such a Deaconess to retire. Upon retirement she shall receive from the Contingent Fund a grant of not less than one half of the minimum stipend for one year. Sub-section 15 of Section 514 shall also apply.

(c) A retired Deaconess may select her own place of residence, but her name shall be printed in the Minutes as attached to some particular Circuit.

43. Between Conferences the President after consultation with the Board and the Circuit, Institution or Division concerned may make necessary adjustments in the stationing of any Deaconesses.

G. Relationship to Official Meetings

44. A Deaconess shall work under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit or head of the Division or Institution in which she is employed.

45. A Deaconess shall be a member of Leaders' Meeting of the Church of which she is a member and of the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit in which she is stationed.

46. Accommodation as approved by the Conference shall be provided by the employing body.

47. Deaconesses shall be entitled to four weeks' annual leave.

48. The removal expenses of a Deaconess shall be paid by the Circuit, Institution or Division in which she is stationed or to which she is appointed.

49. Each Deaconess is a member of the District Synod in the District in which she is stationed. She also is a member of the District Ministerial Committee of that District, having the right to speak and vote on all matters except those related to the selection and training of the Ministry.

50. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order, or who is left without appointment, shall not hold membership in any Leaders' or Quarterly Meeting, as of right, but may hold office if duly elected as a member of the Circuit in which she resides.

51. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order and who is an accredited lay preacher may continue as a lay preacher if so authorised by resolution of the Conference, or with the consent of the President and his Committee of Advice.

52. A Deaconess who is left without appointment shall continue to be subject to the discipline of the Church, including enquiries as to character and doctrine. Her name shall be recorded in the Minutes of Conference.

53. A Deaconess who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other form of occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof. On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purposes Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, provided always that in the Committee and in the Conference at least two-thirds of those present vote for continuance in the active work.

54. Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage, becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available

without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order, upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

55. A Deaconess who is left without appointment because of marriage shall be entitled to funds credited to her according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

56. Any Deaconess who has served for at least 30 years or reached the age of 55 years while in the service of the Order may elect to retire. At age 60 she shall retire, although she may still serve on an annual basis on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

57. A Deaconess who retires under the provisions of Sub-section 56, above, shall be entitled to benefits and allowances payable according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund. With the approval of the Deaconess Board her name shall be placed on the Retired List in the Minutes of Conference.

H. Responsibilities of a Deaconess

58. A Deaconess shall be responsible for her life and doctrine to the Conference through the Synod of the District within which she resides.

59. A Deaconess appointed to a Division, Board or Circuit shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to the Conference through the Division, Board or Circuit to which she is appointed.

60. A Deaconess employed by another organisation shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to such other organisation to which Conference has from time to time approved her appointment.

61. Each Deaconess shall become a member of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

I. Roll of Deaconesses

62. There shall be printed in the Minutes of Conference a Roll of Deaconesses and their appointments, containing the following lists:

(a) An 'active List' giving the names of those engaged in full-time service in Home Work, Maori Work, and Overseas Work, and those serving with other organisations.

(b) Those without appointment: Deaconesses on leave or who are without appointment because of marriage.

(c) A list of Deaconesses retired from service in terms of Sub-sections 56 and 57 above.

There shall also be kept a list of Deaconesses who have died, either in the active service of the Church or having fulfilled the requirements of the Church in years of service.

J. Annual Convocation

63. A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.

64. It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary.

65. The Business of the Convocation shall be:

(1) To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.

(2) To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian service and the welfare of the Order.

(3) To ensure that two representatives to the annual Conference are nominated to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Connexional Office with the Law Revision Committee be asked to update or delete certain questions in the Synod Agenda, e.g. 25, 26, 29, 32, 33.

2. That section 363 (Law Book, p. 59) be amended by adding:
(1a) Methodist Church Investment Board.

3. **General Purposes Committee.** That section 382 of the Law Book be amended as follows:

(1) Delete in line 3 the words "three senior ministers".

(2) Substitute in their stead the words "the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Superintendent of the Overseas Division, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division, the Principal of the Theological College".

(3) Add additional sentence at end of present first sentence as follows: "When necessary, the personnel of the committee shall be selected and nominated by the President and Secretary".

4. That as from 1976 the Board of the "New Citizen" have representation as of right on the Conference Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail and that the Law Revision Committee draw up a suitable amendment to Section 468 of the Law Book.

5. **Stationing Procedures.** That the Law Revision Committee be asked to amend the Law to bring present procedures into line, taking care to preserve the time lag of at least 24 hours between the Second and Third Readings of Stationing in Conference.

6. **Investment Board Representation to Conference.** That Law Book p. 59 Section 1 (a) be amended to entitle the Investment Board to one Lay representative to Conference.

QUESTION 52—(b) Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?
Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.

QUESTION 53—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters previously remitted to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Committees?

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS, 1975

The Committee submits for consideration two questions which were referred to it by Conference 1974 (see Minutes, page 297) and a third question which arose during the year.

CIRCUIT MINISTERS OWNING AND LIVING IN THEIR OWN HOMES

The Committee was asked "to further study the issues involved in Circuit ministers owning and living in their own homes and report to Church Council 1975 offering a formula to be adopted by Conference as the basis on which Circuits can calculate an appropriate house allowance."

A report was presented to the Council in May, recommending that no further action be taken in the matter, on the grounds that devising a satisfactory formula was in itself a very difficult task, universal application of it could lead to anomalies, and provision of a readily applicable scheme would be an encouragement to ministers to own and live in their own homes, a development which the Church does not at present favour. The report also pointed out that

guide-lines for use in the few cases which arose had been laid down by Conference in 1973, which had adopted separate reports from both the Stipends Committee and a joint committee representing the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Management Committee of the Connexional Office which were opposed to any encouragement to ministers to live in their own homes (see Minutes, pages 227-231 and 314-317). It was also indicated that the Presbyterian Church is, in general, not in favour of parish ministers living in their own houses. It might be mentioned here that a firm of business consultants, in reporting to the Uniting Church in New South Wales on housing for ministers, speaks of "the overwhelming case for the Uniting Church to be fully responsible to provide and maintain adequate family accommodation during serving Ministers' ministry." The report sets out a number of cogent reasons why ministers in service should not own and live in their own homes.

The Committee's recommendation that no further action be taken was rejected by the Church Council which directed that a suitable formula be prepared. The Committee is accordingly submitting a formula for consideration but proposes first to refer to the 1973 guide-lines and information obtained as to allowances currently being paid to Circuit ministers living in their own homes.

The guidelines provide that permission for a minister in the active work to live in his own home should be in the hands of Conference, with detailed arrangements as to rate of house allowance, being subject to the approval of the Synod, and the over-riding consideration being, that a minister granted such permission, is not placed in a better financial position than his colleagues who occupy parsonages. With the foregoing in mind, it is also laid down that a Circuit should not assist the minister to such an extent financially, as to be contributing towards the purchase of the house—the acquiring of an asset; it can be regarded as legitimate to pay him sufficient to cover rates, insurances and maintenance, plus interest at a reasonable rate on the money he himself has put into the house, but nothing towards depreciation or interest on mortgage money.

Details of current payments of house allowance are:

Case	Annual Allowance \$	
A	750	Not related to any formula.
B	540	10% of stipend; was adequate because house bought in 1973 and is on leasehold land, but not adequate at today's prices.
C	780	Based on \$15 pw and related to guide-lines and rental of \$25 pw expected from letting parsonage.
D	936	Parsonage let for \$22 pw. Arrangements made 2 years ago. Parsonage was substandard.
E	975	75% of rental value of parsonage.

In its 1973 report the Stipends Committee mentioned that banks and the Public Service commonly assess rents of staff houses at 1/6th of basic salary; and at least one insurance company does the same using a factor of 1/7th. If such a formula were to be used to calculate a minister's house allowance based on his stipend, it would, in fairness to him, be necessary to increase the stipend figure by adding to it an amount representing the housing content of salary before working out the allowance. (For example, \$5,400 x 7/6th = \$6,000; 1/7th of this = \$900.

The Committee has given a good deal of thought to the establishment of an appropriate formula for general use in calculating house allowances. The 1973 guide-lines give a general indication as to costs which can legitimately be taken into account in doing this, but there is a lack of precision in this approach. It seems that the basis outlined in the previous paragraph would be relatively simple to operate and result in "rough justice", provided that the resultant allowance did not exceed, say 80%, of the rental obtained from letting of the parsonage. The 80% limitation is considered to be justified, as there needs to be some financial margin in favour of the Church Trust and the minister is receiving special consideration.

In all the circumstances, the Committee is putting forward a formula based on 1/6th of the minimum stipend (or 1/7th of the enhanced stipend), subject to the calculated allowance not exceeding 80% of the parsonage rental. In doing so, however, the Committee wishes to make it clear that it still disagrees with the setting up of a formula.

STIPENDS FOR HOME MISSIONARIES, DEACONESSSES, ETC.

Conference 1974 resolved: "That because Stipends are considered to be living allowances, the Stipends Committee be asked to report on the principle of payment of stipends for Home and Maori Missionaries and Deaconesses and other workers in the Church on the same relative basis as for ministers and probationers."

It is considered that this subject can conveniently be dealt with under five headings:

- (a) Other Workers in the Church.
- (b) The "Living Allowance" notion.
- (c) Practice of Other Churches.
- (d) Equal Pay Legislation.
- (e) Co-operation with Presbyterian Church.

Other Workers: It is assumed that the framers of the resolution were thinking here of the lay workers employed by the Church in offices, institutions and in social work, etc., that is, those not being paid stipends. The case of these people was fully investigated by the Stipends Committee in 1971 and Conference of that year adopted some recommendations from the Committee relating to the principles and policies to be followed by agencies of the Church in the employment of lay workers. The Committee was given responsibility to check that Conference decisions were being observed. A check made in 1973 showed that all agencies were giving effect to Conference decisions. No further action, apart from a periodic check, seems to be needed in respect of "other workers", especially as trade unions are apparently active in respect of some of the groups concerned.

The "Living Allowance" Notion: The Committee considers that a person on a stipend of \$5400 p.a., plus a free house worth well over \$1000 p.a. and a free telephone worth nearly \$70 p.a., can scarcely be regarded as receiving a "living allowance" only. The Labour Department's April half yearly survey released recently disclosed that, on the average, male gross earnings were \$112 per week (\$100 per week ordinary time earnings) whilst a State Services tradesman receives today \$5,122 p.a. on the average, and a basic grade clerk is paid \$5136 p.a. at his maximum. It is true that the stipend has been referred to in the past as a "living allowance", but since that term

was first used there has been an improvement relatively in stipend rates, partly as a result of comparisons over the years with pay rates of other employees and partly as a consequence of the movement to parity with the Presbyterian basic rate. The term "living allowance" can, it is considered, no longer be justifiably used.

Practices of Other Churches: A circular letter of 5th May 1975 issued by the Presbyterian Church contains this statement:

"Stipend Increase Due 1st July 1975

Ministers in Charge	\$5400
Assistant Ministers	\$4814

Although Deaconesses have been invited to seek ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament there may still be some calculations for which a notional figure is required, viz., \$4333 (90% Assistant Minister)."

The 1973 Stipends Report of the Presbyterian Church lists four categories of workers who are paid stipends: Deaconesses, Assistant Ministers and Commissioned/Ordained Deacons, Ministers in Charge of Parishes, their Colleagues or Associates and Chaplains, and Ministers in Assembly Appointments. The scale of stipends differs for each, ascending from the Deaconess category upwards. In other words, there are two categories of workers which receive less than Ministers in Charge, with which Methodist ordained Ministers and Probationers are basically equated, for stipend purposes.

The situation in the Anglican Church is not fully known, but from newspaper reports which appear from time to time, there are clearly different rates of stipends for vicars, curates and deaconesses.

Equal Pay Legislation: The Equal Pay Act 1972, as amended in 1973, is designed to eliminate sex discrimination in rates of remuneration progressively over a period ending on 1st April 1977. It applies to all types of work, including those occupations in which the vast majority of all workers are female, and to every rate of remuneration however determined. Where work is exclusively or predominantly done by females, these employees are to be given the rate of pay that would be paid to male employees with the same or substantially similar skills, responsibility and service, carrying out the work under the same or substantially similar conditions and with the same or substantially similar degrees of effort.

In the light of this legislation it appears necessary for the Methodist Church to review the present basis of remuneration for Deaconesses. It would seem that this basis may involve an element of sex discrimination; the provision for differential rates according to years of service most certainly appears to. This question is one which the Committee considers it should discuss with the Development and the Maori Divisions. But action already taken by the Presbyterian Church should be noted.

Co-operation with the Presbyterian Church: At its May meeting, the Church Council agreed that the Committee should enter into negotiations with the Presbyterian Church with a view to the establishment of a joint committee of consultation on stipends. A meeting to discuss the question is to be held shortly and it is expected a report on it will be made to Conference. In view of this decision, apart altogether from the other factors already mentioned, it seems

inappropriate to make a change in the basis of fixing stipend rates for Methodist Home Missionaries etc. just now. Their rates relative to those of others who receive stipends would be better examined within the context of discussions with the Presbyterians.

STIPEND MINIMA

During the year the Committee considered what adjustments should be made to the stipend minima for ministers and others in the light of the approved formula for such adjustments and the fact that there has been, since January 1st, 1975, parity with the Presbyterian basic stipend.

The current formula for adjusting Methodist stipends, approved by Conference 1970, provides that State Services percentage adjustments in salary are to be automatically applied to stipend minima three months from the date of the announcement of those adjustments. Conference 1974 accepted the Stipends Committee's proposal that the formula continue to be used, "with the adjustments flowing from its use being compared with those resulting from the Presbyterian formula to keep the basic stipend rates fairly much in line".

It was announced on November 29th, 1974 that State servants were to receive a 4% increase in salaries to bring their rates of remuneration into line with those of other groups in the community. In terms of the formula, Methodist stipend minima should, strictly speaking, because of this increase, have been increased by \$180 p.a. from February 28th, 1975. The Stipends Committee considered, however, that this increase would be difficult to justify since the Methodist minimum had been increased by \$174 p.a. from January 1st, 1975 to provide parity with the Presbyterian rate. No action was, therefore, taken by the Committee on the \$180 increase.

On December 13th, 1974 the Government announced that a cost of living increase of 4% was to be paid from January 1975 on the first \$75 of weekly earnings. At its meeting on April 7th the Stipends Committee considered the application of this increase to Methodist stipends—if paid to be granted from February or March 1975. Because there was now parity at the basic stipend level so far as Methodist and Presbyterian ministers are concerned, and the Presbyterian minimum for the parish minister seemed almost certain to move to \$5,400 from July 1st 1975, the point was raised whether the 4% should be paid from February or March, with an increase on July 1st to the Presbyterian minimum, even although this would mean that for a few months the Methodist minimum would be in excess of the Presbyterian one; or should the 4% increase be foregone and there be but the one increase to the Presbyterian minimum of \$5,400, or whatever the figure finally came out at, from July 1st. (In fact, the figure came out at \$5400.)

The Committee finally resolved to report the matter to the Church Council, **recommending** granting of the one adjustment from July 1st and the entering into negotiations with the Presbyterian Church with a view to the establishment of a joint committee of consultation on stipends. The Council approved the Committee's recommendation.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference reaffirm the conclusions in the 1973 reports of the Stipends Committee and the joint committee representing the Management Committee of the Connexional Office and the Supernumerary Fund Board relating to ministers owning and living in their own homes.
3. That where, because of special circumstances, a minister in active work wishes to live in his own house, he shall communicate his reasons to the Chairman of the District, who shall consult with the Circuit Quarterly Meeting and a Committee of the District Synod. If they agree, a suitable arrangement be worked out, such agreement to be submitted to the President before being finalised.
4. That where a minister is granted permission to purchase and reside in his own house, both he and his Circuit shall as a condition precedent acknowledge:
 - (a) that the Minister's availability for stationing is not thereby diminished, and
 - (b) that the circuit is not thereby relieved of its obligation to provide a standard parsonage.
5. That for all agreements entered into on or after 1/1/76, the house allowance should be one-sixth of the stipend for an ordained minister.
6. That those with responsibility for the letting or other use of parsonages, not currently required for housing of a minister, shall first obtain the approval of the Synod through the District Property Committee.
7. That Conference approve of the Committee approaching the Faith and Order Committee, Development and Maori Divisions concerning stipend minima for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses with particular consideration being given to the application of Equal Pay in respect of Deaconesses; and furnishing a report to Synods and Conference 1976.
8. That Conference confirm the approval of the Church Council, as set out above, relating to stipend minima.
9. That the Committee for 1976 be as printed on Page 5f herein.

QUESTION 54—What are the resolutions of Conference on any other matter?

"That in the event of a Circuit becoming a Union or Co-operating Parish, the 'Year of Annual Appointment' indicated in the alphabetical list of ministers and probationers contained in the Minutes of Conference be the number of years since the formation of the Union or Co-operating Parish".

QUESTION 55—What can be done to promote the Work of God throughout the Connexion?

QUESTIONS 56—(a) When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

In the Wellington District, commencing on Saturday, November 6th, 1976.

(b) When shall the next District Synods meet?

At least Quarterly, the August meeting to be held between 6th and 16th August, 1976.



AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW BOOK

Adopted by Conference 1975

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS

Law Book page 16.

Section 111D be amended by adding after the words "Ministry of the Word and Sacrament" the words "unless each year an extension of time is granted by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee". (1975 Minutes page)

Law Book page 17.

Sections 117, 118 and 119 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

117. If the Circuit Stewards or any five members of the Quarterly Meeting intend to raise the question of a change of appointment they shall notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District or his Deputy to the effect at least 28 days before the date of the March Quarterly Meeting.

118. There shall be no discussion at the said March Quarterly Meeting but at that meeting Committee shall then be set up to consider the matter and report to the June Quarterly Meeting or an earlier Special Quarterly Meeting called for that purpose.

119. The Chairman of the District shall be present at all Meetings when consideration is to be given to a change of appointment.

119a. If the appointment of the District Chairman is involved then at all meetings in connection therewith the President or his deputy shall take the Chairman's place. (1975 Minutes page 275).

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Law Book page 22.

Section 155 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

155. A District Chairman is a Minister in Full Connexion who is appointed by the Conference to exercise general pastoral oversight of a District and to carry out administrative duties as set out herein.

155a. The appointment or re-appointment by the Conference of a District Chairman is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year provided always except as hereinafter provided there shall be no change in the appointment of any District Chairman until he shall have served three years in his present appointment as District Chairman.

155b. At the June session of a District Synod for the purposes of nominating a District Chairman to the Synod wherever a vacancy occurs through the death, resignation or incapacity of the existing Chairman and also in every third year of a District Chairman's term of office a Nomination Committee shall be appointed constituted as follows: three Ministers and three laymen, convener to be the senior Minister so appointed.

Names shall be submitted to the Committee in writing within ten days of the end of the June Synod. Such Committee before submitting a nomination shall confer with the Minister(s) and Circuit(s) concerned.

Other names may also be presented to the Synod for consideration but any such additional names must be submitted to the Secretary of the Synod before the August session.

Should any election be necessary it shall be by ballot and by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

155c. If any District's nominee for the office of District Chairman is transferred then the representatives from the District at Conference shall submit a further nomination.

155d. An induction service shall be held immediately before the appointee enters upon the duties of his office for the first term of appointment thereto or as soon thereafter as is considered practicable.

155e. The Nomination Committee shall act as a consultative committee for the Chairman in making appointments in the Synod. (1975 Minutes page 275-6).

THE CONFERENCE

(a) Constitution

Law Book page 59.

Section 363 is hereby amended by adding the following:

(1a) The Methodist Church Investment Board. (1975 Minutes page 290).

(d) Conduct of Business

Law Book page 63.

Section 381 is hereby amended by repealing question (18) and substituting therefor:

(18) What Ministers are not available for stationing this year:—

- (a) Those who do not receive an appointment for health reasons or for the purpose of travel or study within New Zealand or overseas or being a woman Minister who is married.
 - (b) Those employed in another Church or Church related position.
 - (c) Those not employed in another Church or Church related position.
- (1975 Minutes page)

(e) Committees of Detail

A. General Purposes Committee

Law Book page 65

Section 382 is hereby amended by deleting in line 3 the words "three senior Ministers" and substituting therefor the words "the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Superintendent of the Overseas Division, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division and the Principal of the Theological College".

Section 382 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: When necessary the personnel of the Committee shall be selected and nominated by the President and Secretary. (1975 Minutes page 290.)

INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS and FUNDS

Law Book page 82

1. THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION and THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Section 502 Subsection (1) and (2) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Administration Division established under the control of the Conference.
2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference. Its executive officers shall be the General Secretary and the General Treasurer. [Vide Section 502 (6)].
3. The objects of the Division shall be:
 - (a) To promote knowledge and understanding of the outworking of the Church's life and mission.
 - (b) To provide leadership and guidance to the Church in matters affecting its basic policy, its day to day administration, the administration, the management of funds, the growth and development of Connexional properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies which Conference shall entrust to it.
 - (c) To exercise a pastoral role among ministers, in particular in matters affecting their personal financial position and among both ministers and laymen in matters affecting finance and administration at circuit, district and connexional levels.
 - (d) To take such steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church.

Section 502 Sub-Section (3) is hereby amended by the addition of:

- (d) Make arrangements for the holding of District Synods and the Annual Conference.
- (e) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the ministers of the Church, in particular in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.
- (f) Provide financial guidance, accounting services and administration for Conference Funds.

(1975 Minutes page 276)

III. THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Law Book page 87

Section 504 is hereby amended by repealing sub-sections 1 to 7 inclusive and substituting therefor the following:—

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Education Division established under the control of the Conference.
2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Christian Education which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the existing Board.

The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, where possible such committees shall be representatives of the Board—co-opted members may be appointed when necessary.

3. There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser to the Division.

He if a minister shall be appointed in pursuance of part II Section I of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as from time to time shall be necessary.

5. The object of the Division shall be to guide and supervise the Christian Education of the Church.

6. The functions of the Division shall be:

- (a) To encourage the work of Christian Education in every respect of the Church's life among children, young people and adults.
- (b) To help people to understand, experience and value the Ministry and Mission of the Church in the World.
- (c) To give leadership in the educational ministry with children, young people and adults.
- (d) To provide resources and opportunities for ministers and people to acquire and develop Christian styles of life.
- (e) To study and carry through experiments in the Church so as to discover and test new approaches in education.
- (f) To formulate programmes of education for all aspects of Christian stewardship, including finance and be responsible for fund raising.
- (g) To represent the Church in its dealings with bodies responsible for educational and youth services to Churches and Community.

7. Associate and Field Directors, as required for the Division's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board.

Section 504 Sub-section (15) (a) is amended by deleting the word "Department" and substituting therefor the word "Division".

(1975 Minutes page).

IV. THE OVERSEAS DIVISION

Law Book page 90

Section 505 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

505 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, there shall be an Overseas Division, under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called The Board of the Overseas Division (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference, on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Secretary who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. The Board shall maintain, develop and direct the Church's involvement with the mission of the Church overseas. It shall:

- (a) Promote within the Methodist Church of New Zealand continuing interest, education and support for the mission of the Church in other lands in particular those to which it has sent personnel.
- (b) Make provision for the adequate preparation and equipment of those sent by the Methodist Church of New Zealand to other lands, and to assist them in their rehabilitation when they finally return.
- (c) Co-operate with other Churches and Church Organisations in maintaining and extending the mission of the Church.

- (d) Encourage and facilitate the coming to New Zealand of Christian workers who would exercise a ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (e) Maintain, foster, and develop, relationships with the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, Pacific Council of Churches, and such other organisations and overseas churches as the Conference may from time to time decide.

5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Offertories, subscriptions and donations.
- (b) Gifts and legacies.
- (c) Grants from Connexional Funds, including the Connexional Budget.
- (d) Grants from Governments and other public bodies.
- (e) Income from properties and investments.
- (f) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

6. The Board shall comprise the President of the Church and the Vice-President of the Church, the General Secretary of the Division (ex-officio) and such other persons who shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

7. The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.

8. The Board shall submit to Conference, an annual report and financial statements duly audited.

9. The Board shall have power to make and amend rules, regulations and conditions as shall be required to fulfil its functions as set out in Sub-section (4) hereof.

10. The Board shall negotiate with Churches overseas to which workers of the New Zealand Church shall be sent, in regard to the rate of stipend and allowances and conditions of service for such workers.

11. In each District there shall be a representative of the Overseas Division who shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of the District Synod; such representatives shall be called upon to co-operate with the Overseas Division in furthering the work of the Division.

12. The Overseas Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be the legal successor to the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and the Overseas Mission Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

(1975 Minutes page).

V. THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Law Book page 92

Section 506 Sub-sections (1) to (8) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

506 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand there shall be a Development Division, under the control and the direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called "the Development Division Board" (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He, if a minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church. Other officers as may from time to time be required shall be appointed by the Conference.

4. The Board shall:

- (a) Undertake research into population trends at circuit and national level, changes in community life and ways in which the ministries of the Church can be equipped and shaped to meet such changes.
- (b) Consult with other denominations with a view to joint planning and co-operative action.
- (c) Plan for the development of the Church through the strengthening of present Churches and Circuits, through the creation of new Churches and Circuits and new forms of Church enterprises and services.
- (d) Maintain constant and regular contact with Circuits and Synods so that the resources of the Connexion may be made available to each part of the Church, so that in each place ministry and service may be constantly under review and local Churches assisted to develop out-reach and service.
- (e) Be responsible for the Church's policy and programme of evangelism.
- (f) Co-operate with the Maori and Overseas Divisions in providing ministries for cultural and ethnic groups.
- (g) Formulate in consultation with Synods and Circuits plans for co-operative work with negotiating Churches the formation of union parishes, joint use ventures, inter-city ministries and other forms of co-operation.
- (h) Maintain close liaison with N.Z.M.S.S.A. and encourage the development and extension of other forms of social service.
- (i) Arrange for such forms of promotion and publicity as would enlist the support of all our people in the task of Mission.
- (j) Be responsible for the Literature and Colporteur Society.
- (k) Provide financial assistance by way of grants to Circuits and Churches and to administer the Church extension grants from the Development Fund for Churches and other buildings in new areas, new ministries and chaplaincies.
- (l) Provide "supply" ministries for ministers who are ill, for the President, or for Circuits without appointments and arrange "long service leave".
- (m) Consider and recommend all matters relating to Circuit and District boundaries.

5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Income from properties and investments.
- (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
- (c) Gifts and legacies.
- (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
- (e) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

6. The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.

7. The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

8. It shall be the duty of the Board:
 - (a) To prepare a draft of Home Mission appointments for presentation to the Conference.
 - (b) To consider the recommendations of Synods as to grants and all other matters relating to the Development Division and report thereon to Conference.
 - (c) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
 - (d) To make any necessary adjustments in grants in the event of a change of status of either Ministerial or Home Missionary appointment.
 - (e) To consider every application for appointment as a Home Missionary.
 - (f) To sanction, after consultation with the Chairman of Districts concerned, the opening of a new Home Mission Station and the appointment of additional Home Missionaries in the interval between Conferences.
 - (g) To consider resolutions of Synods concerning:
 - (i) The appointment of additional agents;
 - (ii) Alterations of circuit boundaries;
 - (iii) New Stations;
 - (iv) The formation of Union Parishes, and the establishment of co-operative ventures, and report thereon to the Conference.
 - (h) To arrange, in consultation with the Chairman of Districts and secretaries of Development Committees for the visitation of every Circuit and Home Mission Station by a suitable deputation.
- Sub-section 26 is hereby repealed.
 Sub-sections 55 to 66 are hereby repealed.

(1975 Minutes page).

Law Book page 99. Add the following:

VA. THE MAORI DIVISION

506A.

1. WITHIN the Methodist Church there shall be a Maori Division established under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. THE Division shall be managed by a Board called the Maori Division Board, which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

THE Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representatives of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

3. THE executive officer of the Board shall be the Tumuaki. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as required.

4. THE object of the Division shall be to help realise a Maori response to the Gospel in life, witness and service.

5. THE duties of the Board shall be:

- (a) To give oversight and direction to the Church's Ministry among Maori people.
- (b) To consult with other appropriate boards and committees, and the Maori Circuits, concerning the recruiting, training and general welfare of Ministers, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries under its care.
- (c) To review annually the appointments of Ministers and Home Missionaries in Maori Circuits and make recommendations thereon to the Conference through the Stationing Committee.

- (d) To provide promotional and publicity material and in conjunction with the Education Division, provide Maori-Oriented educational resources.
- (e) To foster relationships between Maori and other members within the Church, with other Maori Churches and groups.
- (f) To manage and administer the finance investments and properties required for its work.
- (g) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
- (h) To perform such other duties as Conference may determine.

6. THE funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Income from properties and investments.
- (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
- (c) Gifts and Legacies.
- (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
- (e) Other sources determined by Conference from time to time.

TUMUAKI

7. THERE shall be a Tumuaki of the Maori Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. If a Minister he shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church. He shall act as "Superintendent" and exercise such responsibilities as may be required by Conference from time to time.

(1975 Minutes page).

Amendments consequential to the adoption of the New Constitutions of the Five Divisions. See pages

(1975 Minutes page).

VI. THE DEACONESS ORDER

Constitution

Law Book page 99:

Section 507 (1) to (47) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(a) The Office of a Deaconess

1. A Deaconess of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is one who has under a call from God, pledged herself to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church. She has been trained and ordained to this ministry of special service and pastoral care in conformity with the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

2. The Office of a Deaconess is recognized by the Methodist Church to be a distinctive office, and to be agreeable to the Word of God.

3. A Deaconess shall exercise a Ministry of an evangelistic, pastoral, educational or social nature with a Division or an institution of the Church or in a Circuit. Such service could include conducting or assisting in worship, evangelism, pastoral care, teaching, training for leadership and service, organising Sunday School and/or youth work; and assisting in hospital and prison visitation: and such other duties as may be required. She may serve with an organisation other than in the Methodist Church which is approved by the Deaconess Board and by the Conference.

(b) Organisation and Administration of the Order

A. The Deaconess Board

4. There shall be a Deaconess Board appointed by the Conference. It shall consist of not more than 20 Members appointed annually by Conference. The Warden shall be ex officio a member of the Board. The Board shall meet at least once a quarter.

5. The Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer appointed annually by the Board from its members.

6. **General:** The objects of the Board shall be the recruitment and training of students for Deaconess work, oversight of the Deaconess Order and such other objects as may be approved from time to time by Conference.

7. **Relation to the Conference:** The Board shall, without prejudice to its responsibility to the Conference, act as the executive to the Conference in all matters relating to the Deaconess Order, and shall report thereto, annually through the Synods and shall nominate for consideration of the Conference the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

8. A Deaconess shall have right of access to the Deaconess Board. The Board shall be responsible to determine the relationship of a Deaconess to the Order in all matters affecting her fitness and competence to discharge her duties and may recommend the termination of her appointment after due notice in accordance with Sub-section 42 hereof.

9. **Finance:** The Board shall be responsible for all financial arrangements regarding its own administration, and shall annually submit a budget to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee for inclusion in the Connexional Budget, and its financial statements to the Conference.

10. **Roll of Deaconesses:** The Board shall keep a roll of Deaconesses in the manner outlined in Sub-section 62 hereof, and shall supply the roll annually to the Secretary of Conference for inclusion in the Minutes.

11. **Co-ordination:** The Board may, as occasion arises, confer with the Divisions and Committees of the Church, and, if required, with other organisations with which Deaconesses are serving.

12. **Information:** The Board shall keep constantly before the Church the opportunities of service which the Church offers to women, and in particular to Deaconesses and the service by them.

13. **Policy:** The Board shall discuss with other interested bodies any matters affecting the general interest of Deaconesses and their part in the life of the Church.

B. Warden

14. A Minister shall be appointed by the Conference as Warden of the Deaconess Order. He shall be a Minister of academic standing and of circuit experience and administrative ability.

15. The Warden shall:

(a) Be responsible for the general supervision of the Order of Deaconesses and exercise a pastoral ministry to its members.

(b) Act as adviser to the Deaconess Board on all matters relating to the training of and the work of the Deaconesses.

(c) Organise and promote the work of the Deaconess Order throughout the Church.

(d) Advise Divisions, Circuits, Boards and Committees on all matters relating to Deaconesses.

(e) Perform such other duties as the Conference or the Deaconess Board may from time to time determine.

C. Candidate for Deaconess Order

16. A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church, of proved ability, and character and of mature outlook. A Candidate is normally required to offer herself for the general work, but a preference for a particular sphere may be expressed.

17. At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, consider her application and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee shall ascertain her acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church, and her approval of its discipline, and shall assure itself of her acceptability and general fitness for the work.

18. At the June Quarterly Meeting, the Committee shall report on the prospective Candidate, who shall present herself to the Meeting. The prescribed questionnaire having been previously completed and signed by Superintendent Minister shall be presented and read. If in his judgement these preparatory tests have been satisfactorily met, the Superintendent Minister may then nominate the Candidate, and the vote on such nomination shall be taken by ballot.

19. If the nomination be sustained by the Quarterly Meeting, the Superintendent Minister shall forward the same to the Chairman of the District, who shall present it to a Representative Committee of Synod.

20. A Candidate approved by the Quarterly Meeting shall present to the Synod through the Superintendent Minister a Medical Certificate on the prescribed form.

21. On the nomination of the Chairman of the District, the Synod shall appoint a committee to interview the Candidate, and to report through the Synod to the Deaconess Board.

22. Each Candidate shall sit the prescribed entrance examination and be interviewed by the Warden.

23. If the Deaconess Board is satisfied as to the suitability of the Candidate, it shall nominate her to the Conference.

D. Training of a Deaconess

24. Each accepted Candidate shall undergo a period of training as prescribed by the Deaconess Board.

25. The normal period of training shall be four years including at least one year of probation in the active work.

26. The course of study shall be as set forth in the Minutes of the Conference. This shall be at Trinity College or as determined by the Conference.

27. Each Student's course shall be under the personal supervision of the Warden of the Order.

28. Arrangements shall be made for practical training and special courses as required.

E. Probation and Ordination of a Deaconess

29. The term of probation for those who have taken the prescribed course shall be at least one year. Each Probationer shall take such course of reading as determined by the Board. A report on the prescribed form concerning her work shall be submitted to the Board by her Superintendent Minister.

30. Conference may on the recommendation of the Board admit women who have spent three years on probation in such Church work as shall be approved by the Board and who have during such period taken such courses of study and passed such examinations as shall be required by the Board. In such cases the provision of Subsections 16-23 hereof shall first be complied with.

31. Conference may under exceptional circumstances admit as a Deaconess any suitable woman provided that her recommendation is approved by two-thirds vote of the Board and also that two-thirds of those present at the Conference vote for her admission.

32. Those who have completed probation and/or have been recommended by the Board and accepted by the Conference shall be ordained during the Conference, and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.

F. Appointment of a Deaconess

33. The appointment or re-appointment of a Deaconess is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year. The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to the Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the First Reading of Stations.

34. Applications for appointment or re-appointment of Deaconesses shall be forwarded to the Board not later than 31st July.

35. An invitation to a Deaconess to continue in her appointment shall be made by the 31st July in each year.

36. A Deaconess may be appointed by the Conference to any position year by year for any number of years successively.

37. No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either party until the third year of the appointment of the Deaconess.

38. A Deaconess seeking a change of appointment should notify the Board and the Division, Institution or Circuit and the Warden by the 15th June in any year.

39. Seven days previous notice in writing shall be given to the Division, Institution or Circuit prior to the meeting at which the matter of the change of appointment is to be considered, such notice to state the business to be discussed at the meeting. The voting shall be by secret ballot.

40. No woman shall be engaged as a Deaconess supply or appointed as a Deaconess without the sanction of the Conference, or between Conferences without the consent of the President acting in consultation with the Board of the Development Division and the Deaconess Board.

41. A Deaconess may terminate her work where she is stationed or employed immediately after the last Sunday of January and shall take up duties in a new appointment between the first and second Sundays in February. Her employing authority shall be financially responsible as from the first of February.

42. (a) The Conference may leave a Deaconess without an appointment and without being responsible for her support, provided that one year's notice has been given her. Such a Deaconess shall be subject to the same regulations as to observance of discipline, enquiries as to character and doctrine and relation to the Retiring Fund as a Deaconess with appointment.

(b) Where in its judgement, a Deaconess has an unsatisfactory record, the Stationing Committee shall refer such case to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report to Conference. The Conference may require such a Deaconess to retire. Upon retirement she shall receive from the Contingent Fund a grant of not less than one half of the minimum stipend for one year. Subsection 15 of Section 514 shall also apply.

(c) A retired Deaconess may select her own place of residence, but her name shall be printed in the Minutes as attached to some particular Circuit.

43. Between Conferences the President after consultation with the Board and the Circuit, Institution or Division concerned may make necessary adjustments in the stationing of any Deaconesses.

G. Relationship to Official Meetings

44. A Deaconess shall work under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit or Head of the Division or Institution in which she is employed.

45. A Deaconess shall be a member of Leaders' Meeting of the Church of which she is a member and of the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit in which she is stationed.

46. Accommodation as approved by the Conference shall be provided by the employing body.

47. Deaconesses shall be entitled to four weeks' annual leave.

48. The removal expenses of a Deaconess shall be paid by the Circuit, Institution or Division in which she is stationed or to which she is appointed.

49. Each Deaconess is a member of the District Synod in the District in which she is stationed. She also is a member of the District Ministerial Committee of that District, having the right to speak and vote on all matters except those related to the selection and training of the Ministry.

50. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order, or who is left without appointment, shall not hold membership in any Leaders' or Quarterly Meeting, as of right, but may hold office if duly elected as a member of the Circuit in which she resides.

51. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order and who is an accredited lay preacher may continue as a lay preacher if so authorised by resolution of the Conference, or with the consent of the President and his Committee of Advice.

52. A Deaconess who is left without appointment shall continue to be subject to the discipline of the Church, including enquiries as to character and doctrine. Her name shall be recorded in the Minutes of Conference.

53. A Deaconess who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other form of occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof. On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purposes Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, provided always that in the Committee and in the Conference at least two-thirds of those present vote for her continuance in the active work.

54. Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage, becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order, upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

55. A Deaconess who is left without appointment because of marriage shall be entitled to funds credited to her according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

56. Any Deaconess who has served for at least 30 years or reached the age of 55 years while in the service of the Order may elect to retire. At age 60 she shall retire, although she may still serve on an annual basis on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

57. A Deaconess who retires under the provisions of Sub-section 56, above, shall be entitled to benefits and allowances payable according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund. With the approval of the Deaconess Board her name shall be placed on the Retired List in the Minutes of Conference.

H. Responsibilities of a Deaconess

58. A Deaconess shall be responsible for her life and doctrine to the Conference through the Synod of the District within which she resides.

59. A Deaconess appointed to a Division, Board or Circuit shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to the Conference through the Division, Board or Circuit to which she is appointed.

60. A Deaconess employed by another organisation shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to such other organisation to which Conference has from time to time approved her appointment.

61. Each Deaconess shall become a member of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

I. Roll of Deaconesses

62. There shall be printed in the Minutes of Conference a Roll of Deaconesses and their appointments, containing the following lists:

(a) An 'active List' giving the names of those engaged in full-time service in Home Work, Maori Work, and Overseas Work, and those serving with other organisations.

(b) Those without appointment: Deaconesses on leave or who are without appointment because of marriage.

(c) A list of Deaconesses retired from service in terms of Sub-sections 56 and 57 above.

There shall also be kept a list of Deaconesses who have died, either in the active service of the Church or having fulfilled the requirements of the Church in years of service.

J. Annual Convocation

63. A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.

64. It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary.

65. The Business of the Convocation shall be:

(a) To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.

(b) To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian service and the welfare of the Order.

(c) To ensure that two representatives to the annual Conference are nominated to the Board.

(1975 Minutes page).

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW BOOK

All corrections and amendments to the Book of Laws from the 22nd April, 1969 up to and including those made by the 1973 Conference are to be found in 1973 Minutes pages 319-359.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS PASSED SINCE THE 1973 CONFERENCE

THE MINISTRY

Section 1 — Candidates

Page 10: Section 72 is hereby amended by deleting in the fourth line the words "three years" and substituting therefore the words "one year".

Section 72 is hereby further amended by repeating the last three lines thereof. (1974 Minutes page 72).

APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS

Law Book Page 16

Section 111D be amended by adding after the words "Ministry of the Word and Sacrament" the words "unless each year an extension of time is granted by the Conference on the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee". (1975 Minutes page).

Law Book Page 17

Sections 117, 118 and 119 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

117. If the Circuit Stewards or any five members of the Quarterly Meeting intend to raise the question of a change of appointment they shall notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District or his Deputy to that effect at least 28 days before the date of the March Quarterly Meeting.
118. There shall be no discussion at the said March Quarterly Meeting but at that meeting a Committee shall then be set up to consider the matter and report to the June Quarterly Meeting or an earlier special Quarterly meeting called for that purpose.
119. The Chairman of the District shall be present at all Meetings when consideration is to be given to a change of appointment.
- 119a. If the appointment of the District Chairman is involved then at all meetings in connection therewith the President or his Deputy shall take the Chairman's place.

(1975 Minutes, page 275)

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Law Book Page 22

Section 155 Law Book Page 22 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

155. A District Chairman is a Minister in Full Connexion who is appointed by the Conference to exercise general pastoral oversight of a District and to carry out administrative duties as set out herein.
- 155a. The appointment or re-appointment by the Conference of a District Chairman is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year providing always except as

hereinafter provided there shall be no change in the appointment of any District Chairman until he shall have served three years in his present appointment as District Chairman.

- 155b. At the June session of a District Synod for the purposes of nominating a District Chairman to the Synod wherever a vacancy occurs through the death, resignation or incapacity of the existing Chairman and also in every third year of a District Chairman's term of office a Nomination Committee shall be appointed constituted as follows:

Three ministers and three laymen, convener to be the Senior Minister so appointed.

Names shall be submitted to the Committee in writing within ten days of the end of the June Synod. Such Committee before submitting a nomination shall confer with the Minister(s) or Circuit(s) concerned.

Other names may also be presented to the Synod for consideration but any such additional names must be submitted to the Secretary of the Synod before the opening of the Synod Meeting at which the District's nomination to Conference is to be considered.

Should any election be necessary it shall be by ballot and by an absolute majority of votes cast.

- 155c. If any District's nominee for the office of District Chairman is transferred then the representatives from the District at Conference shall submit a further nomination.

- 155d. An induction service shall be held immediately before the appointee enters upon the duties of his office for the first term of appointment thereto or as soon thereafter as is considered practicable.

- 155e. The Nominations Committee shall act as a consultative committee for the Chairman in making appointments in the Synod.

(1975 Minutes, page 275-6)

Section VII—Leaders' Meeting

Law Book page 36

Paragraph (c) of Section 251 is hereby amended by deleting the words "One Lay Preacher" and substituting therefor the following:—

(c) All active fully accredited Lay Preachers who are members of the local Church. (1974 Minutes page 104).

Section IX—The Circuit Quarterly Meeting

Law Book page 40

Section 271 paragraph 7 is hereby amended by deleting the words "all fully accredited Lay Preachers in the Circuit." (1974 Minutes page 104).

THE CONFERENCE

(a) Constitution's

Law Book page 59

Section 363 is hereby amended by adding the following:—

(1a) The Methodist Church Investment Board.

(1975 Minutes, page 290)

(d) Conduct of Business

Law Book page 63

Section 381 is hereby amended by repealing question (18) and substituting therefore:—

What Ministers are not available for stationing this year:

(a) Those who do not receive an appointment for health reasons

or for the purpose of travel or study within New Zealand or overseas or being a woman Minister who is married.

- (b) Those employed in another Church or Church related position.
- (c) Those not employed in another Church or Church related position.

(e) Committees of Details

A. General Purposes Committee

Law Book page 65

Section 382 is hereby amended by deleting in line 3 the words "three Senior Ministers" and substituting therefor the words "the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Superintendent of the Overseas Division, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division and the Principal of the Theological College".

Section 382 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: When necessary the personnel of the Committee shall be selected and nominated by the President and the Secretary.

(1975 Minutes, page 290)

INSTITUTIONS ORGANISATIONS and FUNDS:

Law Book page 82

1. THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION and THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Section 502 Subsection (1) and (2) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Administration Division established under the control of the Conference.
2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference. Its executive officers shall be the General Secretary and the General Treasurer (Vide Section 502 (6)).
3. The objects of the Division shall be:
 - (a) To promote knowledge and understanding of the outworking of the Church's life and mission.
 - (b) To provide leadership and guidance to the Church in matters affecting its basic policy, its day-to-day administration, the administration, the management of funds, the growth and development of Connexional properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies which Conference shall entrust to it.
 - (c) To exercise a pastoral role among Ministers, in particular in matters affecting their personal financial position and among both ministers and laymen in matters affecting finance and administration at Circuit, District and Connexional levels.
 - (d) To take such steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church.

Section 502 Sub-Section (3) is hereby amended by the addition of:

- (d) Make arrangements for the holding of District Synods and the Annual Conference.

- (e) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministers of the Church, in particular in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.
- (f) Provide financial guidance, accounting services and administration for Conference Funds.

(1975 Minutes, page 276)

III. THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Law Book page 87

Section 504 is hereby amended by repealing subsection 1-7 inclusive and substituting therefor the following:—

1. Within the Methodist Church there shall be an Education Division established under the control of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board of Christian Education which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the existing Board.

The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees. Where possible such committees shall be representatives of the Board—co-opted members may be appointed when necessary.

3. There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser to the Division. He if a Minister shall be appointed in pursuance of part II Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as from time to time shall be necessary.

5. The object of the Division shall be to guide and supervise the Christian Education of the Church.

6. The functions of the Division shall be:

- (a) To encourage the work of Christian Education in every aspect of the Church's life, among children, young people and adults.
- (b) To help people to understand, experience and value the Ministry and Mission of the Church in the World.
- (c) To give leadership in the educational ministry with children young people and adults.
- (d) To provide resources and opportunities for Ministers and people to acquire and develop Christian styles of life.
- (e) To study and carry through experiments in the Church so as to discover and test new approaches in education.
- (f) To formulate programmes of education for all aspects of Christian stewardship, including finance and be responsible for fund raising.
- (g) To represent the Church in its dealings with bodies responsible for educational and youth services to Churches and Community.

7. Associate and Field Directors, as required for the Division's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board.

Section 504 Sub-section (15) (a) is amended by deleting the word "Department" and substituting therefor the word "Division".

(1975 Minutes, page).

IV. THE OVERSEAS DIVISION

Law Book page 90

Section 505 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

505 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, there shall be an Overseas Division, under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called The Board of the Overseas Division (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall

be appointed annually by the Conference, on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Secretary who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He, if a Minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

4. The Board shall maintain, develop and direct the Church's involvement with the mission of the Church overseas. It shall:

- (a) Promote within the Methodist Church of New Zealand continuing interest, education and support for the mission of the Church in other lands in particular those to which it has sent personnel.
- (b) Make provision for the adequate preparation and equipment of those sent by the Methodist Church of New Zealand to other lands, and to assist them in their rehabilitation when they finally return.
- (c) Co-operate with other Churches and Church Organisations in maintaining and extending the mission of the Church.
- (d) Encourage and facilitate the coming to New Zealand of Christian workers who would exercise a ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (e) Maintain foster and develop relationships with the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, Pacific Council of Churches, and such other organisation and overseas churches as the Conference may from time to time decide.

5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Offertories, subscriptions and donations.
- (b) Gifts and legacies.
- (c) Grants from Connexional Funds, including the Connexional Budget.
- (d) Grants from Governments and other public bodies.
- (e) Income from properties and investments.
- (f) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

6. The Board shall comprise the President of the Church and the Vice-President of the Church, the General Secretary of the Division (ex officio) and such other persons who shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

7. The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.

8. The Board shall submit to Conference, an annual report and financial statements duly audited.

9. The Board shall have power to make and amend rules, regulations and conditions as shall be required to fulfil its functions as set out in Sub-section (4) hereof.

10. The Board shall negotiate with Churches overseas to which workers of the New Zealand Church shall be sent, in regard to the rate of stipend and allowances and conditions of service for such workers.

11. In each District there shall be a representative of the Overseas Division who shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of the District Synod; such representatives shall be called upon

to co-operate with the Overseas Division in furthering the work of the Division.

12. The Overseas Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be the legal successor to the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and the Overseas Mission Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

(1975 Minutes, page).

V. THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Law Book page 92:

Section 506 Sub-section (1) to (8) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

506 (1) Within the Methodist Church of New Zealand there shall be a Development Division, under the Control and the direction of the Conference.

2. The Division shall be managed by a Board called "the Development Divisions Board" (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

3. There shall be a General Superintendent who shall be the executive officer of the Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He, if a minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church. Other officers as may from time to time be required shall be appointed by the Conference.

4. The Board shall:

- (a) Undertake research into population trends at circuit and national level, changes in community life and ways in which the ministries of the Church can be equipped and shaped to meet such changes.
- (b) Consult with other denominations with a view to joint planning and co-operative action.
- (c) Plan for the development of the Church through the strengthening of present Churches and Circuits, through the creation of new Churches and Circuits and new forms of Church enterprises and services.
- (d) Maintain constant and regular contact with Circuits and Synods so that the resources of the Connexion may be made available to each part of the Church, so that in each place ministry and service may be constantly under review and local Churches assist to develop out-reach and service.
- (e) Be responsible for the Church's policy and programme of evangelism.
- (f) Co-operate with the Maori and Overseas Divisions in providing ministries for cultural and ethnic groups.
- (g) Formulate in consultation with Synods and Circuits plans for co-operative work with negotiating Churches the formation of Union Parishes, joint use ventures inter-city ministries and other forms of co-operation.
- (h) Maintain close liaison with N.Z.M.S.S.A. and encourage the development and extension of other forms of social service.
- (i) Arrange for such forms of promotion and publicity as would enlist the support of all our people in the task of Mission.
- (j) Be responsible for the Literature and Colporteur Society.
- (k) Provide financial assistance by way of grants to circuits and Churches and to administer the Church extension grants from the Development Fund for Churches and other buildings in new areas, new ministries and chaplaincies.

- (l) Provide "supply" ministries for ministers who are ill, for the President, or for Circuits without appointments and arrange "long service leave".
- (m) Consider and recommend all matters relating to Circuit and District boundaries.

5. The funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources.

- (a) Income from properties and investments.
- (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
- (c) Gifts and legacies.
- (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
- (e) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

6. The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may elect such other officers as it shall deem to be necessary for the carrying out of its work.

7. The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

8. It shall be the duty of the Board:

- (a) To prepare a draft of Home Mission appointments for presentation to the Conference.
- (b) To consider the recommendations of Synods as to grants and all other matters relating to the Development Division and report thereon to Conference.
- (c) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
- (d) To make any necessary adjustments in grants in the event of a change of status of either Ministerial or Home Missionary appointment.
- (e) To consider every application for appointment as a Home Missionary.
- (f) To sanction, after consultation with the Chairman of Districts concerned, the opening of a new Home Mission Station and the appointment of additional Home Missionaries in the interval between Conferences.
- (g) To consider resolutions of Synods concerning:
 - (i) The appointment for additional agents;
 - (ii) Alterations of circuit boundaries;
 - (iii) New Stations;
 - (iv) The formation of Union Parishes, and the establishment of co-operative ventures, and report thereon to the Conference.
- (h) To arrange, in consultation with the Chairman of Districts and secretaries of Development Committees for the visitation of every Circuit and Home Mission Station by a suitable deputation.

Sub-section 26 is hereby repealed.

Sub-sections 55 to 66 are hereby repealed.

(1975 Minutes, page).

Law Book page 99. Add the following:

VA THE MAORI DIVISION

506A.

1. WITHIN the Methodist Church there shall be a Maori Division established under the control and direction of the Conference.

2. THE Division shall be managed by a Board called the Maori Division Board, which shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board.

THE Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through committees, such committees to be representatives of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

3. THE executive officer of the Board shall be the Tumuaki. Other officers may be appointed by the Conference as required.

4. THE object of the Division shall be to help realise a Maori response to the Gospel in life, witness and service.

5. THE duties of the Board shall be:

- (a) To give oversight and direction to the Church's Ministry among Maori people.
- (b) To consult with other appropriate Boards and Committees, and the Maori Circuits, concerning the recruiting, training and general welfare of Ministers, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries under its care.
- (c) To review annually the appointments of Ministers and Home Missionaries in Maori Circuits and make recommendations thereon to the Conference through the Stationing Committee.
- (d) To provide promotional and publicity material and in conjunction with the Education Division, provide Maori-oriented educational resources.
- (e) To foster relationships between Maori and other members within the Church, and with other Maori Churches and groups.
- (f) To manage and administer the finance investments and properties required for its work.
- (g) To present to Conference an annual report and financial statement and estimates of income and expenditure for the following year.
- (h) To perform such other duties as Conference may determine.

6. THE funds of the Division shall be derived from the following sources:

- (a) Income from properties and investments.
- (b) Collections, subscriptions and donations.
- (c) Gifts and legacies.
- (d) Grants from Connexional Funds.
- (e) Other sources determined by Conference from time to time.

TUMUAKI

7. THERE shall be a Tuamuaki of the Maori Division. He shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. If a Minister he shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section X of the Laws and Regulations of the Church. He shall act as "Superintendent" and exercise such responsibilities as may be required by Conference from time to time.

(1975 Minutes, page).

AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS

Page 6 Section 43—Delete words "Home Mission Board" and substitute "Board of Development Division".

Page 11 Section 77—Delete word "Department" and substitute "Division".

Page 15 Section 106—Delete words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "Development Division".

Page 15 Sections 111B and 111C—Delete word “Department” and substitute “Division”.

Page 18 Section 137—Delete all words after the words “Theological Tutor” and substitute “the Administration Division, the Overseas Division, the Development Division, the Education Division and the Maori Division”.

Page 19 Sections 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144—Insert before the word “Department” wherever it occurs the word “Division or”.

Section 138—In line 2 delete the word “Departmental”.

Section 139—In line 1 delete the word “Connexional”.

Section 140—Insert before the word “Departmental” in each case the words “Divisional or”.

Section 141—In line 1 delete the word “Connexional”.

Section 142—In line 1 before the word “Departmental” insert the words “Divisional or”.

Page 22 Section 154 (2)—In line 2 change “Education Division Board” to “Board of Christian Education Division”.

(4)—Insert before the word “Departmental” the words “Divisional or”.

Page 33 Section V—In title after word “Mission” add “and Development”.

Section 231 (1 and (2)—After word “Mission” add “and Development”.

Page 37 Section 259—Wherever the word “Department” occurs add before it the words “Division or”.

Page 39 Section 267 (3)—delete the word “Home” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 41 Section 282—Delete the words “Home Mission” wherever they appear and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 44 Section 284 (e)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 50 Section 322 (n)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

(o)—Before the word “or Department” add “or Division”.

Page 52 Section 338 (4) (d)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 54 Section 338 (43) (a)—Delete the word “Home” and substitute the words “Development Division”.

(b) and (c)—Delete the words “Home Mission” and substitute the word “Development”.

Page 58 Section 362 (f)—Before the word “Department” add the words “Division or”.

Page 59 Section 364—In line 1 after the words “City Mission” add the word “Division”.

Page 60 Section 370—Before the word “Department” wherever it appears add the word “Division”.

Page 61 Section 373—(E) change name to “Development Committee”.

Section 376—Before the word “Departmental” wherever it appears add the words “Divisional or”.

Page 64 Section 381 (37)—At the end add “and the Education Division”.

Section 381 (41)—

(a) Delete the words “Home Mission and Church Extension Department” and substitute the words “Development Division”.

(b) Delete the word “Mission” and substitute the word “Division”.

(c) Delete the words "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute the words "Overseas Division".

(43)—(a) Delete the words "the Connexional Office" and substitute the words "The Administration Division".

Page 67 Section 390—In the second sentence delete the words "The General Secretaries . . . Overseas Mission" (inclusive) and substitute the words "The Superintendent of the Development Division, the General Secretary of the Overseas Division".

Page 69 Section 412-414—Wherever the words "Overseas Mission Board" appear substitute the word "Board of the Overseas Division".

Page 73 Section 445—Last sentence delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "the Development Division".

73 E new title "Development Committee". Section 457—Delete all references to "Home Missions" and substitute the words "Development Division". Delete the words "The Associate Superintendent of Home Missions". Delete the words "The Senior Maori Superintendent" and substitute "The Tumuaki".

Page 74 Section 460—Wherever the words "Home Mission" or "Maori Mission" appear substitute "Development Division and Maori Division" except in Sub-section (e).

Page 75 Section 468—Delete the words "General Secretary" to "Extension Department" and substitute therefor the words "General Secretary Overseas Division, General Superintendent Development Division".

Page 76 Section 475 (1)—Delete the words "Home Mission and Church Extension Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division". Also delete the words "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Overseas Division".

Page 78 Section 486 sub-section 2(b)—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and "Overseas Mission Department" and substitute therefor respectively the words "Development Division" and "Overseas Division".

Page 79 Section 487—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division".

Page 89 Section 504 Sub-section (21)—Delete the word "Department" and substitute therefor the word "Division".

Page 94 Section 506 sub-section (9), (10) (b) (c)—In each Sub-section delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 11—In line 3 delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 12—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefore "Development Division".

Sub-section 16—Wherever they appear delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development Division".

Sub-section 17—In line 2 wherever they occur delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 20—Delete the words "No Home Mission Grant" and substitute "No Development Grant".

Sub-section 21—Delete word "Home Mission" before the word "Committee" and substitute the word "Development".

Sub-section 24—In line 1 delete words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development". Also wherever it occurs delete the word "Department" and substitute "Division".

Sub-section 25—In line 1 delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "Development Division".

(a) Delete all words after "Superintendent" and substitute the words "of the Development Division".

Page 103 Section 508 Sub-sections 8 and 9—Delete the words "Overseas Mission Board" and substitute the words "Overseas Division Board".

Page 107 Section 511 Sub-section (j)—Delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute "Development".

Page 110 Section 512 Sub-section 17 and 18—Add the word "Division" before the word "Department".

Page 118 Section 513 Sub-section (13)—Add the word "Division" before the word "Department".

Page 120 Section 514 Sub-section 2(b)—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments".

Page 121 Section 515 Sub-section 2(b) also Sub-section 7—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments".

Page 122 Sub-section 9—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute therefor the words "Development Division".

Sub-section 12—In line 5 delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the words "Development Division".

Page 122 Section 516—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments" where the latter word appears.

Page 127 Section 519 Sub-section 16—Delete the words "Home Mission" and substitute the word "Department".

Page 128 Section 520—Add the word "Divisions" before the word "Departments" where the latter word appears.

Sub-section 5—Delete the words "Home Mission" and "Overseas Missions" and substitute respectively the words "Development Division" and "Overseas Division".

Page 132 Section 523 Sub-section 3 and Sub-section 5—Delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute the words "Development Division".

Page 133 Sub-section 9—In line 7 delete the words "Home Mission Department" and substitute "Development Division".

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VI. THE DEACONESS ORDER

Constitution

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Section 507 (1) to (47) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(a) The Office of a Deaconess

1. A Deaconess of the Methodist Church in New Zealand is one who has under a call from God, pledged herself to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church. She has been trained and ordained to this ministry of special service and pastoral care in conformity with the doctrine and discipline of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

2. The Office of a Deaconess is recognized by the Methodist Church to be a distinctive office, and to be agreeable to the Word of God.

3. A Deaconess shall exercise a Ministry of an evangelistic, pastoral, educational and social nature with a Division or an institution of the Church or in a Circuit. Such service could include conducting or assisting in worship, evangelism, pastoral care, teaching, training for leadership and service, organising Sunday School and/or youth work; and assisting in hospital and prison visitation; and such other duties as may be required. She may serve with an organisation other than in the Methodist Church which is approved by the Deaconess Board and by the Conference.

(b) Organisation and Administration of the Order

A. The Deaconess Board

4. There shall be a Deaconess Board appointed by the Conference. It shall consist of not more than 20 members appointed annually by Conference. The Warden shall be ex-officio a member of the Board, The Board shall meet at least once a quarter.

5. The Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer appointed annually by the Board from its members.

6. **General:** The objects of the Board shall be the recruitment and training of students for Deaconess work, oversight of the Deaconess Order and such other objects as may be approved from time to time by Conference.

7. **Relation to the Conference:** The Board shall, without prejudice to its responsibility to the Conference, act as the executive to the Conference in all matters relating to the Deaconess Order, and shall report thereto, annually through the Synods and shall nominate for consideration of the Conference the members of the Board for the ensuing year.

8. A Deaconess shall have right of access to the Deaconess Board. The Board shall be responsible to determine the relationship of a Deaconess to the Order in all matters affecting her fitness and competence to discharge her duties and may recommend the termination of her appointment after due notice in accordance with Sub-section 42 hereof.

9. **Finance:** The Board shall be responsible for all financial arrangements regarding its own administration, and shall annually submit a budget to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee for inclusion in the Connexional Budget, and its financial statements to the Conference.

10. **Roll of Deaconesses:** The Board shall keep a roll of Deaconesses in the manner outlined in Sub-section 62 hereof, and shall supply the roll annually to the Secretary of Conference for inclusion in the Minutes.

11. **Co-ordination:** The Board may, as occasion arises, confer with the Divisions and Committees of the Church, and, if required, with other organisations with which Deaconesses are serving.

12. **Information:** The Board shall keep constantly before the Church the opportunities of service which the Church offers to women, and in particular to Deaconesses and the service by them.

13. **Policy:** The Board shall discuss with other interested bodies any matters affecting the general interest of Deaconesses and their part in the life of the Church.

B. Warden

14. A Minister shall be appointed by the Conference as Warden of the Deaconess Order. He shall be a Minister of academic standing and of circuit experience and administrative ability.

15. The Warden shall:

(a) Be responsible for the general supervision of the Order of Deaconesses and exercise a pastoral ministry to its members.

(b) Act as advised to the Deaconess Board on all matters relating to the training of and the work of the Deaconesses.

(c) Organise and promote the work of the Deaconess Order throughout the Church.

(d) Advise Divisions, Circuits, Boards and Committees on all matters relating to Deaconesses.

(e) Perform such other duties as the Conference or the Deaconess Board may from time to time determine.

C. Candidate for Deaconess Order

16. A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church, of proved ability, and character, and of mature outlook. A Candidate is normally required to offer herself for the general work, but a preference for a particular sphere may be expressed.

17. At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, consider her application and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee shall ascertain her acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church, and her approval of its discipline, and shall assure itself of her acceptability and general fitness for the work.

18. At the June Quarterly Meeting, the Committee shall report on the prospective Candidate, who shall present herself to the Meeting. The prescribed questionnaire having been previously completed and signed by Superintendent Minister shall be presented and read. If in his judgement these preparatory tests have been satisfactorily met, the Superintendent Minister may then nominate the Candidate, and the vote on such nomination shall be taken by ballot.

19. If the nomination be sustained by the Quarterly Meeting, the Superintendent Minister shall forward the same to the Chairman of the District, who shall present it to a Representative Committee of Synod.

20. A Candidate approved by the Quarterly Meeting shall present to the Synod through the Superintendent Minister a Medical Certificate on the prescribed form.

21. On the nomination of the Chairman of the District, the Synod shall appoint a committee to interview the Candidate, and to report through the Synod to the Deaconess Board.

22. Each Candidate shall sit the prescribed entrance examination and be interviewed by the Warden.

23. If the Deaconess Board is satisfied as to the suitability of the Candidate, it shall nominate her to the Conference.

D. Training of a Deaconess

24. The normal period of training shall be four years including at least one year of probation in the active work.

26. The course of study shall be as set forth in the Minutes of the Conference. This shall be at Trinity College or as determined by the Conference.

27. Each Student's course shall be under the personal supervision of the Warden of the Order.

28. Arrangements shall be made for practical training and special courses as required.

E. Probation and Ordination of a Deaconess

29. The term of probation for those who have taken the prescribed course shall be at least one year. Each Probationer shall take such course of reading as determined by the Board. A report on the

prescribed form concerning her work shall be submitted to the Board by her Superintendent Minister.

30. Conference may on the recommendation of the Board admit women who have spent three years on probation in such Church work as shall be approved by the Board and who have during such period taken such course of study and passed such examinations as shall be required by the Board. In such cases the provisions of Sub-sections 16-23 hereof shall first be complied with.

31. Conference may under exceptional circumstances admit as a Deaconess any suitable woman provided that her recommendation is approved by two-thirds vote of the Board and also that two-thirds of those present at the Conference vote for her admission.

32. Those who have completed probation and or have been recommended by the Board and accepted by the Conference shall be ordained during the Conference, and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.

F. Appointment of a Deaconess

33. The appointment or re-appointment of a Deaconess is an annual one commencing on the 1st day of February in each year. The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to the Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the First Reading of Stations.

34. Applications for appointment or re-appointment of Deaconesses shall be forwarded to the Board not later than 31st July.

35. An invitation to a Deaconess to continue in her appointment shall be made by the 31st July in each year.

36. A Deaconess may be appointed by the Conference to any position year by year for any number of years successively.

37. No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either party until the third year of the appointment of the Deaconess.

38. A Deaconess seeking a change of appointment should notify the Board and the Division, institution or circuit and the Warden by the 15th June in any year.

39. Seven days previous notice in writing shall be given to the Division, institution or circuit prior to the meeting at which the matter of the change of appointment is to be considered, such notice to state the business to be discussed at the meeting. The voting shall be by secret ballot.

40. No woman shall be engaged as a Deaconess supply or appointed as a Deaconess without the sanction of the Conference, or between Conferences without the consent of the President acting in consultation with the Board of the Development Division and the Deaconess Board.

41. A Deaconess may terminate her work where she is stationed or employed immediately after the last Sunday of January and shall take up duties in a new appointment between the first and second Sundays in February. Her employing authority shall be financially responsible as from the first of February.

42. (a) The Conference may leave a Deaconess without an appointment and without being responsible for her support, provided that one year's notice has been given her. Such a Deaconess shall be subject to the same regulations as to observance of discipline, enquiries as to character and doctrine and relation to the Retiring Fund as a Deaconess with appointment.

(b) Where in its judgement, a Deaconess has an unsatisfactory record, the Stationing Committee shall refer such case to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report to Conference. The Conference may require such a Deaconess to retire. Upon retirement she shall receive from the Contingent Fund a grant of not less than one half of the minimum stipend for one year. Subsection 15 of Section 514 shall also apply.

(c) A retired Deaconess may select her own place of residence, but her name shall be printed in the Minutes as attached to some particular Circuit.

43. Between Conferences the President after consultation with the Board and the Circuit, Institution or Division concerned may make necessary adjustments in the stationing of any Deaconesses.

G. Relationship to Official Meetings

44. A Deaconess shall work under the direction of the Superintendent of the Circuit or head of the Division or Institution in which she is employed.

45. A Deaconess shall be a member of Leaders' Meeting of the Church of which she is a member and of the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit in which she is stationed.

46. Accommodation as approved by the Conference shall be provided by the employing body.

47. Deaconesses shall be entitled to four weeks' annual leave.

48. The removal expenses of a Deaconess shall be paid by the Circuit, Institution or Division in which she is stationed or to which she is appointed.

49. Each Deaconess is a member of the District Synod in the District in which she is stationed. She also is a member of the District Ministerial Committee of that District, having the right to speak and vote on all matters except those related to the selection and training of the Ministry.

50. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order, or who is left without appointment, shall not hold membership in any Leaders' or Quarterly Meeting, as of right, but may hold office if duly elected as a member of the Circuit in which she resides.

51. A Deaconess who resigns from the Order and who is an accredited lay preacher may continue as a lay preacher if so authorised by resolution of the Conference, or with the consent of the President and his Committee of Advice.

52. A Deaconess who is left without appointment shall continue to be subject to the discipline of the Church, including enquiries as to character and doctrine. Her name shall be recorded in the Minutes of Conference.

53. A Deaconess who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other form of occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof. On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purpose Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, provided always that in

the Committee and in the Conference at least two-thirds of those present vote for continuance in the active work.

54. Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage, becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order, upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

55. A Deaconess who is left without appointment because of marriage shall be entitled to funds credited to her according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

56. Any Deaconess who has served for at least 30 years or reached the age of 55 years while in the service of the Order may elect to retire. At age 60 she shall retire, although she may still serve on an annual basis on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

57. A Deaconess who retires under the provisions of Sub-section 56, above, shall be entitled to benefits and allowances payable according to the rules of the Deaconess Retiring Fund. With the approval of the Deaconess Board her name shall be placed on the Retired List in the Minutes of Conference.

H. Responsibilities of a Deaconess

58. A Deaconess shall be responsible for her life and doctrine to the Conference through the Synod of the District within which she resides.

59. A Deaconess appointed to a Division, Board or Circuit shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to the Conference through the Division, Board or Circuit to which she is appointed.

60. A Deaconess employed by another organisation shall be responsible for the due performance of her service to such other organisation to which Conference has from time to time approved her appointment.

61. Each Deaconess shall become a member of the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

I. Roll of Deaconesses

62. There shall be printed in the Minutes of Conference a Roll of Deaconesses and their appointments, containing the following lists:

(a) An 'active List' giving the names of those engaged in full-time service in Home Work, Maori Work, and Overseas Work, and those serving with other organisations.

(b) Those without appointment: Deaconesses on leave or who are without appointment because of marriage.

(c) A list of Deaconesses retired from service in terms of Sub-sections 56 and 57 above.

There shall also be kept a list of Deaconesses who have died, either in the active service of the Church or having fulfilled the requirements of the Church in years of service.

J. Annual Convocation

63. A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.

64. It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary.

65. The Business of the Convocation shall be:

- (a) To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.
- (b) To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian Service and the welfare of the Order.
- (c) To ensure that two representatives to the annual Conference are nominated to the Board.

(1975 Minutes, page).

Section XII — Ministers Home Acquisition Fund

Page 118: Section 2 is hereby amended by repealing clauses

- (a) and (b) and substituting therefor the following:—

(a) A subscription of 2½ per cent of the Standard Minimum Stipend shall be paid by each member of the Fund.

(b) A subsidy for each member of the Fund 2½ per cent of the Standard Minimum Stipend shall be paid from the Connexional Budget. (1974 Minutes page 249).

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Section XII A—Ministers' Retirement Home Fund

Constitution

513A (1) There shall be established a Ministers' Retirement Home Fund (hereinafter called "the Fund").

- (2) The objects of the Fund shall be:—

(a) To purchase lease or otherwise acquire land on which to provide residences, or flats, services, and equipment for homes for Methodist Ministers when they become permanent Supernumeraries and for the widows of such Supernumerary Ministers.

(b) All such other matters and things as may be incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes.

- (3) The Fund shall be derived from the following sources:—

(a) Gifts, donations, legacies and grants.

(b) Income from investments.

(c) Any other sources as from time to time determined by the Conference.

(4) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Supernumerary Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").

(5) The provisions of Sub-Sections (3) to (6) Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis.

(6) The Board shall be competent to take or receive by way of gift, or by way of devise or bequest any land, money or other property, either generally or for any special purpose connected with the Fund and shall be competent to hold and administer such land, money or other property for the benefit of the Fund.

(7) The Board for the purpose of administering the said Fund shall have the following powers:—

(a) With the consent of the Conference of the Methodist Church to purchase, lease, take on lease or sell any land, buildings or premises to acquire by purchase or hire or dispose of any real or personal property upon or subject to such terms as the Board in its discretion thinks fit.

(b) For the purpose of acquiring or assisting to acquire real or personal property or of replacing or rearranging mortgages or subdividing and/or improving any real or leasehold property or

making any investment hereby authorised and for any other purposes whatsoever deemed by the Board to be in the interest of the Fund with the consent of the said Conference to borrow or raise either alone or jointly or in common with others or otherwise any moneys on mortgage or overdraft or otherwise with or without security over land chattels or any other property of whatsoever description from any person firm company bank or other corporation at such rate of interest and for such term and generally on such conditions as the Board shall think fit and to sign execute any mortgage, deed, agreement, or other document in connection therewith.

(c) To engage and employ such as Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and other persons as the Board in its discretion shall think fit for the investigation and development of any proposed site or sites for the erection of a residence or residences flat or flats as aforesaid and for the preparation and completion of any plans and specifications in relation thereto plus supervision as required of any work carried out.

(d) With the consent of the said Conference to erect residences flats and other buildings furnish and equip the same in a manner suitable for a residence as aforesaid provided always that in the erection of such residences, flats and other buildings the Board shall not be limited to current designs and plans but may if it thinks fit adopt designs and plans of an experimental nature.

(e) To alter, repair, improve and maintain all or any of the property of the Board.

(f) To invest any moneys forming part of the said Fund not immediately required for the purposes of the Fund at the discretion of the Board in any of the following ways:—

- (i) First mortgage of freehold properties in New Zealand.
- (ii) Stocks, funds or other securities of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.
- (iii) Bonds, debentures or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or local body in New Zealand having authority by law to borrow.
- (iv) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, any bank legally carrying on business in New Zealand or any savings institution with which trust moneys may be invested under authority of the Trustee Act, on the official short-term money market and with such registered Trustee Companies and Building Societies, Local Authorities and other bodies and Companies as from time to time may be approved of by the Conference.
- (v) Debentures, shares stock unsecured or convertible notes or other securities of any Company quoted in the Official List of any New Zealand Stock Exchange provided that nothing contained or implied in this paragraph shall authorise any investment in the shares or other securities of any Company whose business and objects in the judgement of the Board conflict with the rules and usage of the Methodist Church and which are likely to bring reproach on the Church.
- (8) The Board shall submit to each annual Conference a report of its operations during the year together with the annual audited statements of the financial position of the Fund.
- (9) The Board may make and alter by-laws or rules as to the conditions of occupancy of such residences or flats when occupied by Supernumerary Ministers and their wives or their widows.
- (10) The decision of the Board on all matters relating to the Funds and the benefits derived therefrom shall be final.

(11) If at any time the objects of the Fund shall part or if for any other reason the purpose hereof shall become wholly frustrated and incapable of being carried out then the Conference shall have the right to arrange for the Fund to be used for some other object or objects under the control of the Conference relating to Supernumerary Ministers and their widows.

(12) Any sanction approval consent or direction or appointment of and by the said Conference required in respect of the said Fund or the management thereof shall be sufficient if given or made by or on behalf of the said Conference by the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund or of any Committee exercising the function of that Committee appointed by the said Conference. (1974 Minutes pages 250-2).

APPENDIX



NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1975
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
1974					1975	1974					1975
\$					\$	\$					\$
259	Printing Preacher	—	—	—	—	236	Interest:				—
—	Book Awards	—	—	—	—	28	Government Stock	—	—	—	—
23	Stationery, Postage, Etc.	—	—	—	—	56	M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	99
—	Sundry	—	—	—	—	6	Auckland Savings Bank	—	—	—	8
45	Travelling	—	—	—	—	—	Prince Albert College:				—
						59	Received	—	—	—	138
						29	Accrued	—	—	—	46
											184
						229	Total Interest	—	—	—	291
						41	Subscriptions from Branches	—	—	—	27
						6	Contributions to Preacher	—	—	—	7
						276	Total Receipts	—	—	—	325
						51	Excess Expenditure over Income	—	—	—	1
						\$327					\$326
\$327					\$326						

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
1974					1975	1974					1975
\$					\$	\$					\$
2300	Benevolent Fund	—	—	—	—	1,800	M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	1,800
1,905	General Fund Balance	—	—	—	1,854	2,000	Prince Albert Trust	—	—	—	2,000
—	Benevolent Fund Transferred	—	—	—	2,300	325	Auckland Savings Bank	—	—	—	307
						29	Accrued Interest	—	—	—	46
4,205					4,154						
51	Less Excess Expenditure	—	—	—	1						
\$4,154					\$4,153	\$4,154					\$4,153

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balances 1/7/74:								To General Account								283
Prince Albert College Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,000	Balances Carried Down 30/6/75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,800	M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,800
							<u>3,800</u>	Prince Albert	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<u>2,000</u>
																3,800
Interest:																
Prince Albert	—	—	—	—	—	—	184									
M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	99									
							<u>283</u>									
							<u>\$4,083</u>									<u>\$4,083</u>

M.C.G.P.T.B. = Methodist Church General Purposes Trust Board.

Audited and found correct.

C. H. VERRY, A.C.A., Auditor. 15/8/75.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1975

	\$				\$
Balance, National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	25,844.19	Maori Division—Share, Balance Missions General Account			5,944.28
Balance, Post Office Savings Bank, New Plymouth	62.16	Overseas Division—Share Balance Missions General A/c.			5,944.28
Moneys received from Districts as per Summary attached	20,763.39	Mrs D. Herbert, on account Overseas Trip			240.00
Other Sources (\$50.82 included with Bank Interest)	141.00	Development Division—1973-74 Special Objective			7,430.40
Interest—National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	305.68	Overseas Division—1974-75 Special Objective			
Bay of Plenty—Balance in hand after 1974 Convention	306.45			\$10,930.61	
New Plymouth Programme Committee	54.73	Other Objects		68.00	
					10,998.61
		Stamp Fund Grants			3,880.00
		Combined Overseas Grants			2,600.00
		Water for Women			104.18
		Mrs P. M. Greening			90.00
		Programme Committee			26.28
		Working Expenses			732.90
		Balance 31st August 1975—			
		National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.			9,369.78
		Balance 31st July 1975—			
		New Plymouth Programme Committee			116.89
	<u>\$47,477.60</u>				<u>\$47,477.60</u>
Balance	9,369.78				
Balance, New Plymouth Programme Committee	116.89				
	<u>\$9,486.67</u>				

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP **SUMMARY OF MAIN ACCOUNTS, 1974-75**

INCOME		MISSIONS GENERAL	EXPENDITURE	
		\$	\$	\$
Balance on Hand—			Payments to—	
1st September, 1974	....	14,955.42	Overseas Division	5,944.28
Bank Interest	....	223.14	Maori Division	5,944.28
			Combined Overseas	
			Grants	2,600.00
			Mrs D. Herbert	240.00
				14,728.56
			Balance Combined Overseas	
			Grants transferred to Medi-	
			cal and Education A/c.	450.00
		\$15,178.56		\$15,178.56
MEDICAL AND EDUCATION GRANTS ACCOUNT				
Balance — transferred from		450.00	Balance in Hand—	
Mission General	....	2,122.54	31st August 1975	....
Contributions	....			2,572.54
		\$2,572.54		\$2,572.54
STAMP FUND				
Amount in Hand—			Grants Approved	....
31st August 1974	....	4,092.16	In Hand—31st August 1975	....
Contributions from Districts	....	4,865.29		3,880.00
		\$8,957.45		5,077.45
				\$8,957.45
SPECIAL OBJECTIVE—1974				
Rev Siauala Amituanai's Ministry in New Zealand				
Amount in Hand—			Payment to Development	
31st August 1974	....	5,734.66	Division	7,430.40
Further amounts received	....	1,695.74		
		\$7,430.40		\$7,430.40
SPECIAL OBJECTIVE—1974-75. REA MEA PROJECT				
Amount received from Districts		10,930.61	Payment to Overseas Division	10,930.61
		\$10,930.61		\$10,930.61
WORKING EXPENSES				
Amount in Hand—			President's Travelling	
31st August 1974	....	357.52	Expenses	317.45
Membership Fees	....	1,072.85	Less Donations	167.75
Bay of Plenty—Balance in				149.70
hand after Convention	....	306.45	Registration Fees, Subscrip-	
Bank Interest and refund	....		tions, etc.	71.00
cheques returned	....	32.47	Postages and Sundries	90.43
			Printing and Stationery	422.52
			Transfer to Overseas Travel	
			Fund	75.00
			Transfer to World Federation	
			of Methodist Women	75.00
			In Hand, 31st August 1975	885.64
		\$1,769.29		\$1,769.29
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT				
			In Hand, 31st August 1975	\$35.00
OVERSEAS TRAVEL FUND				
Amount in Hand—			In Hand, 31st August 1975	573.02
31st August 1974	....	492.02		
Transfer from Cents for				
Seminar	....	6.00		
Transfer from Working Expenses	....	75.00		
		\$573.02		\$573.02

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SUMMARY OF MAIN ACCOUNTS, 1974-75

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Amount in Hand—		In Hand, 31st August 1975	153.10
31st August 1974	78.10		
Transfer from Working Expenses	75.00		
	<u>\$153.10</u>		<u>\$153.10</u>
PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE			
Amount in Hand—		Expenses	10536
31st August 1974	161.47	In Hand, 31st August 1975	189.92
Sales to 31st July 1975	131.93		
Interest P.O.S.B.	1.88		
	<u>\$295.28</u>		<u>\$295.28</u>
		In Hand, 31st August 1975—	
		P.O.S.B. New Plymouth	116.89
		National Bank, Dunedin	73.03
			<u>\$189.92</u>
KURAHUNA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS ACCOUNTS			
Amount in Hand—		Grants	4,625.00
31st August 1974	1,469.65	Sundries	13.58
Plus Interest from all sources	5,347.62	In Hand, 31st August 1975	2,379.64
Refunds	200.95		
	<u>\$7,018.22</u>		<u>\$7,018.22</u>
KURAHUNA CAPITAL			
Balance, 31st August 1974	\$71,730.00	Balance, 31st August 1975	\$71,730.00
SMETHURST REVENUE ACCOUNT			
In Hand, 31st August 1974	1,186.76	Property Expenses	1,399.12
Income from all sources	1,958.95	Payment to Maori Division	260.00
		In Hand, 31st August 1975	1,486.59
	<u>\$3,145.71</u>		<u>\$3,145.71</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
KURAHUNA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1975

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
1974 Sept. 1		1975 Aug. 31	
By Balance in Hand	1,469.65	To Grants as approved by Committee	4,625.00
1975 Aug. 31		" Cheque Books	1.34
By Peak Longland & Co.—Mortgage Interest	4,546.41	" Stationery and Postage	12.24
" Bank Interest	32.56	" Balance	2,379.64
" General Purposes Trust Board—1 year's Interest			
on deposit of \$11,430.00	628.65		
" Home Mission and Extension Board—1 year's Interest			
on \$4,000.00	140.00		
" Refunds—Grants not required	200.00		
" Unused Cheques on Onehunga Bank	95c		
	\$7,018.22		\$7,018.22
1975 Sept. 1			
By Balance	\$2,379.64		

DISTRIBUTION OF KURAHUNA CAPITAL

	\$
Mortgage Investments—Peak Longland & Co.	56,300.00
Deposits—General Purposes Trust Board	11,430.00
Loan on Call—Home Missions Department	4,000.00
	<u>\$71,730.00</u>

SMETHURST HOUSE PROPERTY ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1975

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
					\$	\$	
1974 Sept. 1				To Auckland Electric Power Board		49.64	
By Balance in Hand			1,186.76	" Tolls and Telephone		111.26	
" Rents Collected—				" Plumbing Repairs		72.67	
A/c. Mrs G. Beavis		546.00		" Repairs to Furniture		105.00	
A/c. A. R. & A. Sinclair		780.00		" Repairs to Fireplace		52.00	
A/c. Deaconess Flat		270.00		" Half Share Cost of Dividing Fence		135.00	
			1,569.00	" Cost of Electric Range		196.80	
" Donations		26.47		" Supplying Concrete for Paths		50.35	
" Refund Toll Accounts		38.42		" Auckland City Council Rates for Year to			
" Bank Interest		38.06		31st March 1976		483.55	
" Methodist General Purposes Trust Board				" Insurance Premiums—			
—Interest on Christchurch Drainage				Additional for year ended 16th May 1975	20.27		
Board Debentures for year ended 31st				Premium for year ending 16th May 1976	69.19		
March, 1975		260.00				89.46	
				" Maori Division—towards Maori Minister's			
				Stipend		260.00	
				" Postage, etc.		2.50	
				" Petty Cash—G. Beavis		48.72	
				" Cheque Books		2.17	
				" Balance as per Bank Statement (Princes			
				Street)	1,770.14		
				Less Cheque Outstanding	483.55		
						1,286.59	
				Imprest A/c.—National Bank. Onehunga	200.00		
						1,486.59	
			\$3,145.71				\$3,145.71
1975 Sept. 1							
To Balance in Hand		1,286.59					
" Imprest A/c.—Onehunga		200.00					
		\$1,486.59					
Investment—Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures—		\$8,000.00					

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 1975357

I have examined the books and records of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship for the year ended 31st August 1975 and in my opinion the above Statements of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet at that date show a true and fair view of the Fellowship's affairs for the year.

I. N. CHADWICK, B.Com., A.C.A.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

	INCOME				EPWORTH BOOKROOM		STEWARDSHIP		TRAINING	
	1974 \$			1975 \$	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975
Trading:										
41,648 Sales—General (adjusted for sales in advance)				38,283	41,648	38,283				
1,333 —At Cost — — — —				2,010	1,133	2,010				
358 42,781 Total Sales — — — —				40,293	42,781	40,293				
12,300 Stocks on Hand, 1st July, 1974 — — —				11,655	12,300	11,655				
27,792 Purchases — — — —				29,889	27,792	29,889				
40,092 Less Stocks on Hand 30th June, 1975 — —				41,544	40,092	41,544				
11,655 — — — —				11,393	11,655	11,393				
28,437 Cost of Goods Sold — — — —				30,151	28,437	30,151				
14,344 Gross Profit from Trading — —				10,142	14,344	10,142				
Other Income:										
16,572 Stewardship Services — — — —				16,035			16,572	16,035		
30,195 Grants—Connexional Budget — — — —				32,893			4,454	6,578	25,741	26,315
922 —Other — — — —				1,136	\$14,344	\$10,142			922	1,136
116 Holiday Camps—Profits and Bank Interest — —				150					116	150
(77) —Other Expenditure — — — —				(50)					(77)	(50)
159 C.E.H. Cost Recovery — — — —				213					159	213
Miscellaneous Income — — — —				276						276
Refunds National C.Y.M.M. Expenses — —				50						50
\$62,231 Total Income — — — —				\$60,845			\$21,026	\$22,613	\$26,861	\$28,090

1974 \$	EXPENDITURE	1975 \$	EPWORTH BOOKROOM		STEWARDSHIP		TRAINING	
			1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975
238	Advertising	279	118	194	116	48	4	37
13	Bad Debts Provision	6	13	6				
227	General Expenses	1,084	221	188	152	345	554	551
167	Insurances	257	84	67	34	113	49	77
—	National C.Y.M.M. Expenses	50						50
466	Postages	398	352	331	—	21	114	46
1,268	Printing and Stationery	1,588	423	422	137	103	708	1,063
139	Promotion Expenses	—	139	—				
10,472	Rent or Property Expenses	9,212	1,890	1,890	2,680	2,680	5,902	4,642
47	Resource Materials and Subscriptions	64			—	31	47	33
31,811	Salaries	34,029	6,772	9,080	12,410	11,574	12,629	13,375
875	Superannuation Subsidy	691	768	663	107	14	—	14
30	Synod Education Conveners' Expenses	—					30	—
226	Special Activities Expenses	205					226	205
435	Telephone	518	121	110	115	240	199	168
5,588	Travelling Expenses	6,059	548	500	2,415	3,157	2,625	2,402
139	Training Expenses—New Zealand	—					139	—
145	—Overseas	1,000			—	500	145	500
52,986	Total Direct Expenditure	55,440	11,449	13,451	18,166	18,826	23,371	23,163
8,952	Office Overhead Allocation (Refer attached Administration Office Income and Expenditure Account)	8,104	2,148	1,966	2,507	2,752	4,297	3,386
\$61,938	Total Expenditure	\$63,544	\$13,597	\$15,417	\$20,673	\$21,578	\$27,668	\$26,549
\$293	Excess Income (Expenditure)	(\$2,699)	\$747	(\$5,275)	\$353	\$1,035	(\$807)	\$1,541

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$		1974 \$		1975 \$
	Income:				Expenditure:	
1,428	Donations — — — — —	3,247		733	Accounting and Audit Services — —	156
242	Interest Received — — — — —	26		306	Depreciation—Equipment — — —	305
376	Salaries Recovered — — — — —	1,029		283	General Expenses — — — —	474
136	Miscellaneous Income — — — — —	268		130	Insurances — — — — —	39
				260	Postages — — — — —	264
\$2,182		\$4,570		707	Printing and Stationery — — —	1,274
\$8,952	Excess Expenditure—Office Overhead —	\$8,104		546	Rent — — — — —	546
				7,950	Salaries — — — — —	9,467
				212	Superannuation Subsidy — — —	121
				7	Telephone — — — — —	28
<u>\$11,134</u>		<u>\$12,674</u>		<u>\$11,134</u>		<u>\$12,674</u>

Allocation of Office Overhead:			
2,148	(24%)	To Epworth Bookroom	— (24%) 1,966
2,507	(28%)	Stewardship — — —	— (34%) 2,752
4,297	(48%)	Planning and Training	— (42%) 3,386
<u>\$8,952</u>			<u>\$8,104</u>

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$					1975 \$	Stewardship Naenae Property	Planning and Training Tawa Property	Planning and Training Auckland Property	Office
	INCOME								
	Parsonage Rent Received	)	—	—	996			996	
7,156	Parsonage Rents Provision	)	—	—	5,832	2,260	1,720	1,852	
1,890	Office Rents—Epworth Bookroom	—	—	—	1,890				1,890
420	—Stewardship	—	—	—	420				420
925	—Planning and Training	—	—	—	924				924
950	—Administration and Other Offices	—	—	—	546				546
\$11,341	Total Income	—	—	—	\$10,608	2,260	1,720	\$2,848	\$3,780
	EXPENDITURE								
308	Office Cleaning	—	—	—	456				456
841	Depreciation	—	—	—	841				841
384	Electricity	—	—	—	397				397
369	Insurances	—	—	—	296	46	61	66	123
1,948	Interest	—	—	—	1,898	861	30	729	278
470	Rates	—	—	—	517	189	129	199	
657	Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	—	903	151	324		428
719	Telephone Rentals	—	—	—	800	69	64	37	630
\$5,696	Total Expenditure	—	—	—	\$6,108	\$1,316	\$608	\$1,031	\$3,153
\$5,645	Excess Income—To Balance Sheet	—	—	—	\$4,500	\$944	\$1,112	\$1,817	\$627
	To provide for—								
	—Loan Repayments								
	—Capital Expenditure								
	—Property Reserves								

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	1974 \$		\$	1975 \$
	LIABILITIES				ASSETS		
	Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:		
1,657	Sundry Creditors		924	98	Cash on Hand and at Bank		1,593
—	Subscriptions Paid in Advance		1,066	4,851	Trade Debtors	3,739	
1,183	Stewardship Deposits Paid in Advance		1,541	100 cr.	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	100 cr.	
2,840			3,531	2,243 cr.	Less Sales in Advance	1,535 cr.	
						2,104	
	Long Term Liabilities:			5,745	Prepayments and Other Debtors	6,522	
48,435	Secured Loans and Mortgages	—	46,262	11,655	Stocks on Hand—Trade	11,393	8,626
				1,355	—Stationery	1,062	
	Reserves:						12,455
28,327	Properties—Balance 1/7/74	48,477		21,361			22,674
	Add: Interest Received on Investments	378					
	Surplus from Property Account	4,500					
20,150	Transferred from Accum. Funds	—					
48,477		53,355			Investments:		
—	Less: Reserves Transferred to Accum. Funds to meet Deficit	2,985	50,370	6,427	Reserve Funds—Properties	6,805	
			911	931	—C.Y.M.M.	911	
931	C.Y.M.M.	—	1,451	1,000	—Staff Training Overseas	1,451	9,167
1,000	Staff Training Overseas	—		50	Secured Loans—Staff	—	—
50,408			52,732	8,408			9,167
	Accumulated Funds:				Fixed Assets:		
33,962	Balance 1/7/74	20,095		1,768	Furniture and Equipment (at Cost)	1,788	
—	Less: Deficit Sectional I & E A/cs.	2,699		244 cr.	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	549	
293	Add: Surplus Sectional I & E A/cs. (73/74)	—		95,500	Properties (at Cost and subject to Mortgages)	95,683	1,239
5,645	Surplus Property A/c. (73/74)	—		5,015 cr.	Less: Accumulated Depreciation on Office Property	5,857	
39,900			17,396				89,826
—	Add: Transfer from Property Reserves	2,985		92,009			91,065
19,805	Less: Transfer to Property Reserves	—					
20,095			20,381				
\$121,778			\$122,906	\$121,778			\$122,906

F. WAINE, Treasurer.
 JOHN GRUNDY, Director.
 M. CLARK, Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
396,177	Loans at 31 May, 1974	378,812	83,876	Repayments of Principal and Working Expenses	61,070
5,069	Working Expenses Charged for Year	5,269	378,812	Loans at 31 May, 1975	391,750
61,292	New Loans Advanced	68,739			
150	Earlier Years Working Expenses Adjustment	—			
<u>\$462,688</u>		<u>\$452,820</u>	<u>\$462,688</u>		<u>\$452,820</u>

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

\$		\$	\$		\$
15,672	Grants Made	16,154	14,662	Balance 31 May, 1974	15,672
	Balance of Fund 31 May, 1975			Contributions Received:	
			410	Interest	432
			600	Grants Refunded	50
<u>\$15,672</u>		<u>\$16,154</u>	<u>\$15,672</u>		<u>\$16,154</u>

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

\$		\$	\$		\$
	Grants Made: Massey	3,000	19,400	Balance 31 May, 1974	16,893
	Glenfield	4,000	3,893	Contributions from Budget (75% of \$2,557)	1,918
	Halswell	3,000	600	Special Donations	—
			—	Grants Refunded	400
7,000	Total Grants	10,000			
16,893	Balance of Fund 31 May, 1975	9,211			
<u>\$23,893</u>		<u>\$19,211</u>	<u>\$23,893</u>		<u>\$19,211</u>

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
200	Grants Made	—	750	Balance 31 May, 1974	1,848
1,847	Balance of Fund 31 May, 1975	2,487	1,297	Contributions from Budget (25% of \$2,557)	639
<u>\$2,047</u>		<u>\$2,487</u>	<u>\$2,047</u>		<u>\$2,487</u>

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
4,800	Administration Charges	5,500	5,069	Working Expenses	5,269	
	Other Expenses:		1,943	Interest Receivable	2,614	
546	Seminars	—	170	Commission Receivable	85	
96	Advertising	100	372	Dividends	380	
288	Audit and General	379				8,348
100	Postages	125				
478	Stationery and Telephone	233				
522	Travelling (General)	429				
150	Special Property Report	—				
<u>2,180</u>		<u>1,266</u>				
	Excess of Income over Expenditure					
574	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	1,582				
<u>\$7,554</u>		<u>\$8,348</u>	<u>\$7,554</u>			<u>\$8,348</u>

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1975

1974		1975		1974		1975
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
	Current Liabilities:			378,812	Loans Current	391,750
782	Sundry Creditors		1,941		Current Assets:	
	Other Accounts Deposited with Fund:			12,778	Cash at Bank—Current Account	23,963
15,672	Sites Fund Account	16,154		1,475	Interest Accrued	640
16,893	Development Fund Account		9,211	88	Sundry Debtors	220
	(for Church Extension)					
1,847	Special Projects Fund	2,487		14,341		24,823
	Account			7,484	General Purposes Trust (Sites)	7,896
34,412		27,852		25,000	General Purposes Trust (General)	
	Accumulated Funds:			8,000	N.Z. Insurance	8,000
	(i) Capital Account at			10,068	U.D.C. Finance Ltd	10,526
407,439	31/5/74	413,276		50,552		26,422
6,187	Add Legacies and Donations	3,109			Other Assets: Shares Bequeathed	
					to Fund	
413,626		416,385			(a) Preference Shares	
	Less Adjustment—Shares			2,000	(Unlisted Company)	2,000
500	Written Off	—		3,300	(b) Ordinary Shares	
413,126					(Listed Company)	3,300
	Add Working Expenses			5,300		5,300
150	Adjustment	—				
413,276		416,385				
	(ii) Administration Funds					
(39)	Balance at 31/5/74	535				
574	Add Excess of Income over	1,582				
	Expenditure					
535		2,117				
	Total Accumulated Funds at					
413,811	31 May, 1975	418,502				
\$449,005		\$448,295		\$449,005		\$448,295

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Loans Account, Sites Fund Account, Development Fund Account, Special Projects Account, Administration Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants
 CHRISTCHURCH, 14th July, 1975

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman
 W. R. LAWS, General Secretary

PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PROPERTY INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

366	EXPENDITURE				INCOME							
	1974 \$			\$	1975 \$	1974 \$	Rent	—	—	—	—	1975 \$
		Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations:				28,723.28						27,149.32
		No. 1 Block	—	1,746.24								
		No. 2 Block	—	1,329.29								
		Cottages, etc.	—	862.50								
	5,763.30				3,938.03							
	872.99	Insurance Premiums	—		716.04							
	195.77	Rates	—		759.41							
		Sundries:										
		Land Tax	—	613.12								
		Legal Acts and Valuation Fees	—	397.00								
		Commission	—	1,650.98								
		Fares and Stamps	—	46.28								
		Sundries	—	12.62								
	2,663.83				2,720.00							
	19,227.39	Surplus from Rent	—		19,015.84							
	<u>\$28,723.28</u>				<u>\$27,149.32</u>	<u>\$28,723.28</u>						<u>\$27,149.32</u>

PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974

Sundries:				19,227.39	Surplus from Rent — —	19,015.84
Audit Fee	—	—	100.00		Interest:	
Commission	—	—	1,335.00		Bank of New Zealand	224.66
Secretary's Salary	—	—	750.00		Prince Albert College Trust	4,037.50
Photocopying	—	—	24.00		Mortgages	22,438.37
Sundries and Stationery	—	—	24.50			
				19,903.25		26,700.53
1,916.22			2,233.50	88.05	Commission (N.Z. Insurance Co.)	36.74
37,302.47	Surplus for the Year	—	43,519.61			
				\$39,218.69		\$45,753.11
\$39,218.69			\$45,753.11			
	Appropriated to Building Renewal			37,302.47	Surplus for the Year — —	43,519.61
10,000.00	Fund	—	10,000.00	13,388.13	Balance—30th June — —	26,690.60
14,000.00	Paid to Theological College	—	17,000.00			
26,690.60	Balance—30th June	—	43,210.21	\$50,690.60		\$70,210.21
				26,690.60	Balance—30th June — —	43,210.21
\$50,690.60			\$70,210.21			

Audited and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN

R. EVANS

17th July, 1975.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Member.

F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1975, and report that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 30th June, 1975, as shown by the Records of the Probert Trust and according to the best of our information.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Member.
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

17th July, 1975.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

	1974/75	1973/74
	\$	\$
Income Received		
Rent—Shops	19,887	18,522
Private Hotel	7,395	7,395
Carports	7,673	8,036
Commercial Building	36,928	34,914
Interest Investments	47,827	32,041
Rates. Insurance and Lighting expense recovered	42	843
	<u>\$119,752</u>	<u>\$101,751</u>
Expenses		
Administration Expense	800	400
Depositors and Debenture Register administration	2,065	597
Depreciation — Buildings	7,044	7,044
Finance establishment cost	5,456	
Insurance — Nett	691	1,010
Interest — Mortgage	4,080	5,538
Depositors and Debentures	54,058	29,631
Land Tax	771	771
Lease Agreement Fees	3,500	347
Legal Expenses	65	315
Mortgage Administration Cost	662	1,107
Postages and copying	84	161
Printing and Stationery	15	104
Property Maintenance — Shops	637	4,959
Car Parks	656	1,020
Building	81	80
Rates — Carports	538	465
Shops	289	504
Rent Collection — Shops	360	360
Rent Commission — Livingstone, Jones, Lang, Wotton	2,980	2,305
Share Commercial Building Expense	555	(92)
Sundry Expense	147	362
Telephones — Cables	27	93
Travel Expense	62	578
	<u>\$85,623</u>	<u>\$57,659</u>
Nett Trading Surplus for year	34,129	44,092
Less Grants	200	1,100
Nett Surplus 1974/75	<u>\$33,929</u>	<u>\$42,992</u>

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1975

Current Assets

Funds at Bank of New Zealand	5,547	26,288
Debtors — Recoverable Expenses	5,007	2,371
Interest Accrued	4,054	4,054
	<u>14,608</u>	<u>32,713</u>

Current Liabilities

Rent prepaid	6,427	6,427
Interest Accrued	10,482	7,812
Creditors	—	4,000
	<u>16,909</u>	<u>18,239</u>

NETT WORKING CAPITAL	(2,301)	14,474
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Invested Funds

Secured First Mortgage advances and deposits	624,359	687,440
Mortgage Endowment Sinking Fund No. 1	46,480	43,492
Mortgage Endowment Sinking Fund No. 2	14,149	12,926
	<u>684,988</u>	<u>743,858</u>

Fixed Assets

	Cost	Depreciation		
Buildings at Cost	232,971	36,501	196,470	201,128
Land 1958 Valuation Including Buildings	241,303	17,172	224,131	226,517
Carparks at Cost	10,857		10,857	10,857
Building Project Cost	212,008		212,008	59,157
Preliminary Finance Costs	21,822		21,822	25,176
	<u>718,961</u>	<u>53,673</u>	<u>665,288</u>	<u>522,835</u>
			1,347,975	1,281,167

Less Fixed Liabilities

Mortgage Turner Street Building — National Mutual Life

Association												60,000	60,000
1st Mortgage 7% — \$126,000 less repaid	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21,200	22,400
2nd Mortgage 7% — \$36,000 less repaid	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	389,062	392,882
Funds held on Deposit	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	194,790	156,890
Subscription to 1st Debenture	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	196	196
Prince Albert College Old Students Association	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
												<u>665,248</u>	<u>632,368</u>
Nett Value of Assets	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	<u>\$682,727</u>	<u>\$648,799</u>
Accumulated Funds at June 30th, 1975	648,799	605,807
Plus surplus for Current Year after Grants	33,928	42,992
												<u>\$682,727</u>	<u>\$648,799</u>

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined the books and Vouchers for the Prince Albert College Trust. In my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet have been properly drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs as at June 30th, 1975.

J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S:

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FROM 1 JULY, 1974 TO 30th JUNE, 1975

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			\$				\$
Grants	.....	.....	986.00	Interest Bank of New Zealand	.....	.....	31.38
Expenses	.....	.....	67.54	Interest J. W. Veale & Anor	.....	.....	880.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	.....	.....	718.43	Interest Prince Albert College Trust	.....	.....	755.62
				Interest Perpetual Trustees	.....	.....	78.66
				Interest A.S.B. General Account	.....	.....	26.31
			<u>\$1,771.97</u>				<u>\$1,771.97</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			\$			\$	\$
Trust Fund Account	.....	.....	23,620.00	J. W. Veale & Anor 8% 1976	.....	.....	11,000.00
Income Account	.....	.....	4,760.61	Prince Albert College Trust—			
				Debtenture Stock	.....	.....	11,620.00
				Mortgage Group	.....	.....	1,000.00
				Cash Balances—			
				Bank of New Zealand	.....	1,856.45	
				Bank of N.Z. Term Deposit	.....	1,000.00	
				Auckland Savings Bank	.....	904.16	
				Auckland Savings Bank Investment	.....	1,000.00	
			<u>\$28,380.61</u>			<u>4,760.61</u>	
							<u>\$28,380.61</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with Bank Pass Books and Certificates.

(Sgd.) J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., Hon Auditor
Auckland, 7 July, 1975

L. W. PEAK, Chairman
E. E. SAGE, Secretary

EMSLY TRUST

1975—June 30th	\$	1975—June 30th	\$
To Interest on Auckland Hospital Board stock to 1/4/75	209.00	By Trinity College	209.00
	<u>209.00</u>		<u>209.00</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

373	1975—June 30th To Capital — — — — — — — 3,800.00		1975—June 30th By Auckland Hospital Board 5½% Registered Stock Due 1/4/76 — — — — — — — 3,800.00
	<u>\$3,800.00</u>		<u>\$3,800.00</u>

Audited and found correct.
A. R. MARTIN
R. EVANS

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Treasurer.

17th July, 1975.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

1974		1974	
\$	\$	\$	\$
25	Audit Fee	4,469	Rents
317	Secretarial Fees and Expenses	5,889	Interest
406	Land Tax		
896	Land Tax Adjustment	10,358	
—	Valuation Fees		
200	Disbursements—Amending Bill	8,514	Brought Down
—	Bond Charges—Masterton Subdivision		
—	Town Planning Appeal		
—	Legal Fees re Leases sold		
8,514	Surplus Carried Down		
10,358			
3,000	Rangiatea Maori College Trust		
5,514	Masterton Children's Home		
—	Transferred to Capital Account		
\$8,514			

25.00
543.65
405.91
—
734.00
955.54
376.00
300.00
468.85
17,032.72
\$20,841.67
4,000.00
7,000.00
6,032.72
\$17,032.72

3,993.57
16,848.10
\$20,841.67
17,032.72
\$17,032.72

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1975

1974		\$	\$	1974		\$
232,993	Capital Account		239,025.23	9,406	A. & N.Z. Banking Group Limited	12,743.50
	Masterton Children's Home:			4,931	P.O.S.B. and National Savings A/c.	5,128.33
75,821	Capital Account	81,758.45		538	Debtors—Rent and Interest Accrued	2,614.42
880	Add Bequests	1,818.17			Deposits:	
5,057	Add Transfer Current Account	6,603.94		1,000	Transport Trust Board	1,000.00
			90,180.56	—	Solicitors Trust Account	481.36
3,000	Rangiatea Maori College Trust		7,000.00	—	Deposit & Securities Ltd.	142,453.32
	Property Reserve Account:			27,217	N.Z. Govt. Stock (Face Value—\$27,700)	26,717.12
7,330	Foxton Land	103,318.05		400	Shares—Nth. Wairarapa Perm. Building Society	400.00
12,144	Masterton Land	12,144.00		67,290	Loans on Mortgage	148,830.00
2,669	Plimmerton Land	2,669.00		12,144	A.M.P. Acceptances Ltd.	—
			118,131.05		Properties:	
3,375	Deposits on Masterton Sections		6,175.00	11,380	Foxton	11,380.00
62	Sundry Creditors		—	56,527	Masterton	94,963.59
				149,300	Wellington	13,800.00
				2,150	N.Z. Govt.—Purchase Kelburn Sections	—
				1,048	—Subsidy Masterton Improvements	—
\$343,331			\$460,511.84	\$343,331		\$460,511.84

NOTE: SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1975

	1975 \$	1974 \$
Income from:		
Land Rents	13,541.45	13,476.79
Noting Fees	22.00	33.00
Mission House Rents	144.00	144.00
Interest	587.96	421.39
Grazing Fees	26.00	26.00
Sundry	7.00	—
	<u>\$14,328.41</u>	<u>\$14,101.18</u>
Expenses for:		
Audit Fee	130.75	160.00
City Rates	84.50	75 87
Commission—Travelling	—	—
Lights—Mana Crescent	71.56	—
Insurances	71.23	40.55
Land Tax	1,619.67	1,619.67
Secretary's Salary	700.00	700.00
Stationery	124.50	63.51
Repairs—Driveway	—	418.10
Sundry Expenses	30.44	6.15
	<u>\$2,832.65</u>	<u>\$3,083.85</u>
Less Income available for appropriation	11,495.76	11,017.33
Less Grants:		
Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' College	4,500.00	4,500 00
Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' College Special Grant	—	250.00
Repairs to Mission property	245.91	1,045.77
Mission Special Grant	147.00	159.50
Maori Division	—	4,000.00
	<u>\$4,892.91</u>	<u>\$9,955 27</u>
Net Income Transferred to Accumulated Funds	\$6,602.85	\$1,062.06

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		1975	1974			1975	1974
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Rents	.....	13,738.00	13,260.18	Term Deposit	.....	10,000.00	—
Noting Fees	.....	22.00	33.00	Legal Expenses	.....	—	—
Rates Refunded	.....	193.78	166.22	Sealing Driveway	.....	—	418.10
Debenture Repaid	.....	4,000.00	—	Insurance	.....	71.23	—
Refund for Sale Joinery	.....	—	85.86	Rates—Water	.....	41.20	35.60
Rent from Mission House	.....	144.00	144.00	—General	.....	241.08	206.99
Interest	.....	587.96	421.39	Audit Fee	.....	130.75	160.00
Grazing	.....	26.00	26.00	Stamps and Stationery	.....	124.50	63.51
Sundries	.....	11.00	—	Mission House	.....	56.91	1,114.62
				Repairs to Building	.....	189.00	17.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS	.....	18,722.74	14,136.65	Repairs to Equipment (Mower)	.....	147.00	—
Opening Bank Balance 1/7/74	.....	7,410.91	5,786.67	Land Tax	.....	1,619.67	1,619.67
				Secretary's Honorarium	.....	1,050.00	350.00
				Grant "Rangiatea"	.....	6,000.00	4,361.76
				Bank Charges and Exchange	.....	7.44	6.15
				Mower	.....	—	159.50
				Maori Division	.....	—	4,000.00
				Moana Crescent Lights	.....	71.56	—
				Valuation Fee	.....	23.00	—
				Rent Repaid	.....	42.35	—
						19,815.69	12,512.41
				Closing Balance 30/6/75 B.N.S.W.	.....	6,317.96	7,410.91
						\$26,133.65	\$19,923.32
		\$26,133.65	\$19,923.32				

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1975

	1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$
Sundry Creditors:			Cash at Bank of N.S.W.	6,317.96	7,410.91
Grant—Rangiatea	—	1,500.00	Investment Accounts T.S.B.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Secretary's Honorarium	—	350.00	Debtors for Rents	1,393.78	1,547.98
		1,850.00	Deposit N.Z. Insurance Co.	—	4,000.00
Accumulated Funds:			Bank Wales—term deposit	10,000.00	—
Balance 1/7/74	12,108.89	11,046.83	Insurance Prepaid	—	—
Add Net Income	6,602.85	1,062.06			
	18,711.74	12,108.89			
Less Grant to H.M. Board from previous year's surplus		—			
		12,108.89			
	<u>\$18,711.74</u>	<u>\$13,958.89</u>		<u>\$18,711.74</u>	<u>\$13,958.89</u>

G. GILBERT, Chairman
M. H. BURN, Secretary.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grey Institute Trust for the year ended 30th June 1975 and report that: (a) Proper books of account have been kept. (b) We have obtained all the information and explanations required. (c) In our opinion, according to the best of information and explanations given to us and as shown by the said books, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 30th June 1975 and of the results of the Rental income and expenditure transactions for the year ended on that date.

New Plymouth,
August 1975.

DINGLE, CHADWICK & CARTER, Chartered Accountants. Auditors.

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
RESIDUARY ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT
INCOME CASH STATEMENT
30th JUNE 1974 TO 30th JUNE 1975

Balance from last Statement					\$	\$	\$	18,604.99
RECEIPTS:								
Interest:								
Perpetual Trustees 3,000 to 7/3/75							262.50	
Perpetual Trustees 5,000 to 22/2/75							381.32	
Perpetual Trustees 10,000 to 15/5/75							626.03	
Perpetual Trustees 12,000 to 15/6/75							519.72	
								1,789.57
Dividends:								
Newton King Ordinary Final							.90	
Farmers Organ. Society Ordinary Final							16.88	
								17.78
Other Income:								
Public Trustee—Interest							279.73	
Newton King—Rebate							7.91	
Farmers Organ. Society—Rebate							90.35	
								377.99
Farm Balances Transferred:								
Upper Riverlea Farm							9,928.20	
Lower Riverlea Farm							11,299.16	
Wai-iti Lease Farm							2,783.24	
Whiteley Farm							4,040.63	
Whiteley No. 2 Farm							652.12	
								28,703.35
Livestock Adjustment Account:								
Balance Transferred								113.92
								TOTAL \$49,607.60
PAYMENTS:								
Other Expenses:								
Perpetual Trustees—Collection Charges								89.17
Meeting Expenses:								
Photostating Minutes							2.70	
Mileage, Meals, etc.							481.35	
Chairman's Allowance—2 Years							150.00	
								634.05
Re: Bursaries and Grants:								
Advertising and Printing							1.10	
Postages							5.20	
Sundry							39.83	
								46.13
								769.35
Distribution:								
Bursaries and Grants							—	
Wesley Training College:								
W. R. Arapo							200.00	
R. A. Cross							200.00	
R. V. Cross							200.00	
								600.00
Under Section C:								
Miss E. L. Darvill								100.00
Under Section D:								
D. C. Askin							180.00	
A. G. Benny							150.00	
M. P. Joyce							100.00	
Miss R. J. Morris							200.00	
Miss M. E. Wastney							100.00	
Miss C. J. Billinghamurst							200.00	
								930.00

Other Grants:

Auckland Methodist Children's Home	500.00	
Manaia Trust	500.00	
Manaia Trust—Painting Hall	695.00	
Masterton Methodist Children's Home	2,500.00	
	<u>4,195.00</u>	5,825.00

Capital Balance:

Balance 30/6/74 Transferred		13,984.13
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Public Trustee:

Charge for Administration		871.00
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TOTAL \$21,449.48

Balance at End \$28,158.12

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1975

		\$	\$	\$
ASSETS:				
Cash:				
Income Account	.....	28,158.12		
Less Capital Account Overdraft	.....	24,301.29		
				3,856.83
Bank:				
N.B.N.Z. Hawera	.....			3,059.79
Fixed Deposit:				
Public Trustee 5% 31st October, 1975	.....	4,704.39		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 6th October, 1976	.....	3,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 17th April, 1977	.....	5,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 15th May, 1977	.....	10,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 10% 15th June, 1978	.....	12,000.00		
N.B.N.Z. Ltd.	.....	6,000.00		
				40,704.39
Livestock:				
34 Cows at \$110.72	.....	3,764.48		
45 Calves at \$30.00	.....	1,350.00		
		5,114.48		
Half Share	.....			2,557.24
Plant and Implements:				
Upper Riverlea Farm:				
GVB Milking Plant and Sundries (as at 30/6/74)	.....	1,260.73		
Less Depreciation	.....	126.73		
			1,134.00	
Lower Riverlea Farm:				
LKJ Milking Plant and Sundries (as at 30/6/74)	.....	825.80		
Less Depreciation	.....	82.80		
			743.00	
Whiteley Farm:				
Milking Plant, Spray Outfit and Sundry Items (as at 30/6/74)	.....	2,049.95		
Less Depreciation	.....	204.95		
			1,845.00	
Wai-iti Lease Farm:				
Milking Machines & Manure Tank (as at 30/6/74)	.....	2,679.59		
Less Depreciation	.....	267.59		
			2,412.00	
				6,134.00
Shares and Stock Units:				
18 Producers Meats Ltd. Ord. \$1 F.P.	.....	18.00		
637 Tara Co-op. Dairy Co. Ord. \$2 F.P.	.....	1,274.00		
375 Farmers Organisation Society Ord. \$1 F.P.	.....	375.00		
6 Newton King Ord. \$1 F.P.	.....	6.00		
421 Clifton Dairy Co. Ord. \$2 F.P.	.....	842.00		
				2,515.00
Land and Buildings:				
Riverlea—Upper and Lower Farms C/T 46/67 and 37/250 GV 71	.....	124,900.00		
Whiteley Pukearuhe C/T 138/247 and Others Purchase Price	.....	90,000.00		
Wai-iti Pukearuhe Lessee Interest C/T 98/168 129/213	Not Valued		
				214,900.00

Other Assets:

Horner & Burns Investment	5,000.00
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TOTAL				<u>\$278,727.25</u>
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LIABILITIES:**Mortgage:**

J. B. Wilkenson—6% 17 April, 1983	30,000.00	
Public Trustee—9% 2nd April, 1981	<u>12,000.00</u>	
				42,000.00

Other Liabilities:

Milking Shed—Lower Riverlea	6,000.00
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Leaving Net Capital Worth:

Net Capital Worth 30th June, 1974	220,044.81	
Plus Increase in Assets	<u>28,682.44</u>	

			248,727.25	
Less Increase in Liabilities	<u>18,000.00</u>	

				<u>230,727.25</u>
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TOTAL				<u>\$278,727.25</u>
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ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
CAPITAL ACCOUNT
30th JUNE 1974 TO 30th JUNE 1975

Balance from Last Statement					\$	OVERDRAFT	13,984.13
RECEIPTS:							
Balance 30/6/74 Transferred from Income Account							13,984.13
Bank:							
N.B.N.Z.							3,049.27
Depreciation:							
Upper Riverlea						126.73	
Lower Riverlea						82.80	
Whiteley Farm						204.95	
Wai-iti Lease						267.59	
							682.07
Mortgage:							
Public Trustee 9% 2nd April, 1981							12,000.00
						TOTAL	15,731.34
PAYMENTS:							
Administration Expenses:							
Costs Re: P.T. Mortgage							212.50
Property Expenses:							
Milking Shed—Lower Riverlea						6,000.00	
Hay Barn—Whiteley						528.40	
							6,528.40
Fixed Deposit:							
Public Trustee 5% 31st October, 1975						279.73	
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 15th May, 1977						10,000.00	
Perpetual Trustees 10% 15th June, 1978						12,000.00	
N.B.N.Z.						6,000.00	
							28,279.73
Shares and Stock Units:							
12 Tara Co-op. Dairy Co. Ordinary							12.00
Other Assets:							
Horner & Burns Investment							5,000.00
						TOTAL	\$40,032.63
BALANCE AT END						OVERDRAFT	\$24,301.29

KAI IWI MISSION FARM
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

384	EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	1974	\$	1974	\$
	26	General Expenses	2,090	Rent
	—	Valuation Expenses	32	Interest—Bank of New South Wales
	101	Interest (State Advances Mortgage)		
	500	Depreciation (Trans. to Reserve Account)		
	1,494	Net Rents (Trans. to Appropriation Account)		
		<u>\$5,138.29</u>		<u>\$5,138.29</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

		\$			\$
600	Grant—Rangiatea	1,200.00	1,494	Net Rents Transferred	4,437.80
	Grant—Maori Boys' Hostel Fund				
600	(Transferred to Reserve Account)	1,200.00			
	Balance transferred to Capital Account	<u>2,037.80</u>			
		<u>\$4,437.80</u>			<u>\$4,437.80</u>

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
\$			\$	\$			\$
2,230	State Advances Mortgage	....	....		Farm Property (Government Valuation		
	Reserves—			67,600	Valuation 1/10/70)	....	67,600.00
	Depreciation Fund:			522	Accrued Rental	....	—
	Balance 1/7/73	....	8,999.21		Bank of New South Wales Current	....
	Add Depreciation for year	....	500.00	430	Account	....	760.24
	Add Interest for year	....	564.79		Depreciation Reserve Investments:		
			10,064.00	899	P.O.S.B.	....	364.00
	Maori Boys' Hostel:			8,100	Local Body Investments (At Cost)	7,200.00	
	Balance 1/7/73	....	6,307.82		N.Z. Insurance Group Investment	....
	Transferred from Appropriation	....		—	Fund	....	2,500.00
	Account	....	1,200.00				10,064.00
	Add Interest for year	....	220.77		Maori Boys' Hostel Reserve Investment:		
			7,728.59	6,307	Investment Funds Board	....	7,728.59
	Capital Account:						
	Balance 1/7/73	....	66,322.44				
	Transferred from Appropriation	....				
	Account	....	2,037.80				
			68,360.24				
			\$86,152.83				\$86,152.83

W. F. FORD, Chairman
A. R. WALLIS, Secretary

Audited and found correct—

(Signed) F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.
17th July, 1975

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1-7-74 TO 30-6-75

					\$	\$	\$
Balance at Bank 30/6/74					9,065.28		
E. W. Blackwell Trust					1,098.55		
						10,163.83	
Receipts							
I.F.B. Interest etc.					2,534.94		
E.W.B. Trust—Rents, A/C.					1,108.64		
Auckland Hospital Chaplaincy Grant					1,216.25		
Connexional Budget					33,549.00		
M.W.F. Samoan Special Objective					7,430.40		
Samoan Donations					20.00		
Sundry Donations					304.74		
Interest, etc.					925.49		
Donation—Mater Hospital					180.00		
Miscellaneous					316.76		
						47,586.22	
							57,750.05
Payments							
Circuit Grants					13,509.75		
E.W. Blackwell Trust					258.69		
						13,768.44	
General Grants							
Lay Visitation Material					21.78		
Ministerial Supply					1,306.59		
E.W.B. Trust (Maori Share)					1,299.00		
Travel (Layman)					284.80		
Sundry Grants					192.95		
						3,105.12	
Superintendent, Administration							
Stipend					4,801.72		
Parsonage Allowance					81.66		
Travel Allowance					569.24		
General Travel					896.12		
Rent					200.00		
						6,548.74	
Office Expenses							
Conferences					78.74		
Staff Amenities					40.28		
Advertising					59.70		
Deputation and Publicity					15.50		
Order of St. Stephen					194.62		
Light, Power and Cleaning					376.24		
Staff Super. Subsidy					56.26		
Library					10.72		
Audit					100.00		
Salaries					2,383.53		
Printing, Stationery and Postage					892.22		
Rent of Office and Rates					1,814.35		
Task Group					53.60		
Telephones					235.30		
Equipment purchased					139.53		
Miscellaneous					230.83		
						6,756.42	
Samoan Ministry							
Stipend					4,137.00		
Parsonage allowance					79.50		
Travel					507.30		
Furniture Loan repayment					180.00		
Car Loan repayment					518.00		
Car maintenance and repair					1,922.82		
Telephone					78.07		
Furniture purchased					152.73		
Rent					1,750.00		
Stationery					3.94		
Secretarial wages					342.16		
Super. contribution					1.90		
						9,673.42	
Ministerial Supply					1,230.03		1,230.03

Chaplaincies					
Hospital (Auckland)	....	....	....	....	3,684.00
Hospital (shared)	....	....	....	....	5,498.55
Industrial (Twizel)	....	....	....	....	82.26
					<u>9,264.81</u>
Balance at Bank 30/6/75	....	....	....	....	6,291.07
E.W. Blackwell Trust	....	....	....	....	649.50
					<u>6,940.57</u>
Refundable Items					
Temporary Loan	....	....	....	....	532.50
					<u>532.50</u>
					<u>57,750.05</u>

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974					
\$			\$	\$	\$
Surplus and Reserves					
	Accumulated Funds.				
	Balance 1.7.74	....	11,241.81		
11,241.81	Plus surplus for period	....	909.39	12,151.20	
	EDITH W. BLACKWELL TRUST.				
	Balance as at 1.7.74	....	1,098.55		
	Add Transfers for period	....	849.95		
1,098.55			1,948.50		
	Less transfer to Maori Division	....	1,299.00	649.50	
	Mater Hospital	....	180.00	180.00	
<u>\$12,340.36</u>	Total Surplus and Reserves	....			<u>\$12,980.70</u>
Represented by					
Current Assets					
	Balance at Bank	....	10,486.50		
	Petty Cash	....	20.00		
11,388.83	Temporary Loan	....	532.50	11,039.00	
Fixed Assets					
	Office equipment	....	517.73		
	Samoan Ministry — Car	....	2,590.00		
4,044.67	Samoan Ministry — Furniture	....	1,229.20	4,336.93	
15,433.50	Total Assets	....		15,375.93	
Less Liabilities					
	I.F.B. Loan Samoan Car	....	1,726.67		
3093.14	I.F.B. Loan Samoan Furniture	....	668.47	2,395.14	
<u>\$12,340.36</u>	Total Net Assets	....			<u>\$12,980.79</u>

We have examined the books and records of the METHODIST DEVELOPMENT Division and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet with Accounts shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30th June, 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

AUCKLAND.
28th October, '75.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors

CIRCUIT/PARISH GRANTS

c = Consultation.

A. UNION PARISHES — 1 JULY 1975 TO 30 JUNE 1976.

1.	Hikurangi	....	....	....	625
2.	Tuakau	....	....	....	100
3.	Turangi	....	....	....	208
4.	Reefton	....	....	....	375
5.	Greymouth-Kumara c.	....	....	....	837
6.	Hokitika c. 7 mths.	....	....	....	584
7.	Halswell c.	....	....	....	962
8.	Mangapapa	....	....	....	—
9.	Lyttelton	....	....	....	500
					<u>\$4,191</u>

B. CO-OPERATING VENTURES

10.	North Hokianga	....	....	....	830
11.	South Hokianga	....	....	....	—
12.	Green Bay Ak.	....	....	....	188
13.	Glendene Ak.	....	....	....	900
14.	Tamatea Napier	....	....	....	784
15.	Twizel	....	....	....	500
16.	Bluff-Greenhills	....	....	....	—
					<u>\$3,202</u>

C. CIRCUITS

17.	Papatoetoe	....	....	....	500
18.	Otahuhu	....	....	....	200
19.	Waiuku	....	....	....	200
20.	Putaruru	....	....	....	400
21.	Tokoroa	....	....	....	900
22.	Otorohanga	....	....	....	150
23.	Huntly	....	....	....	150
24.	Porirua	....	....	....	1,070
25.	Hornby	....	....	....	1,200
26.	Kaiapoi	....	....	....	200
27.	Waimate	....	....	....	300
					<u>\$5,270</u>

**METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975**

1974 \$		\$	\$	\$
	Capital and Reserves			
	Capital Balance 30/6/74	294,885.16		
	Add, Legacies Received	11,106.82		
297,811.66		<u>305,991.98</u>		
	Add, bonus shares etc.	762.00		
297,371.66		306,753.98		
	Less, Yarborough (now loan)	1,000.00		
		<u>305,753.98</u>		
	Less, to Legacy Disbursement Account	3,591.58		
	Less, net Capital adjustments	4,695.11		
294,885.16		<u>297,467.29</u>		
	Legacy Disbursement A/C 30/6/74	13,726.26		
	Less, Payment	1,608.00		
		<u>12,118.26</u>		
	Add, Transfer from Capital	3,591.58		
13,726.26		<u>15,709.84</u>		
	Trust and Other Funds			
	Gerard Grounds	2,784.67		
	E. M. Rushworth	500.00		
	T. G. Brooke	10,494.05		
	T. Buddle	200.00		
	G. Buttle	1,000.00		
	E. D. and M. E. Jones	200.00		
	M. W. F. Emergency	2,125.62		
	A. J. Seamer	600.00		
	Anonymous	150.00		
	P. and E. Rushton	300.00		
	E. W. Blackwell	10,320.55		
	Maori M. W. F.	1,024.76		
19,949.24		<u>29,699.65</u>		
	Capital Receipts Maori Hostels			
	Seamer House, Auckland	50,253.20		
	Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	27,176.03		
	Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	124,723.87		
	Maori Centres	19,688.85		
	Maori Parsonages	13,270.00		
	Maori Deaconess Cottages	5,586.59		
	Property Sales	21,015.33		
	Samoan Parsonage	50.00		
260,422.87		<u>261,763.87</u>		
	Reserves			
	Sinking Fund Bal. 30/6/74	57,739.05		
	Add, Current Transfers	5,205.56		
57,739.05		<u>62,944.61</u>		
	Hostel Painting			
	Reserve (Painting)	800.00		
	Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	200.00		
	Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	150.00		
647,872.58		<u>64,094.61</u>		
	Represented by Current Assets			
	B.N.Z. Bank Balance	30,452.65		
	Sundry Debtors	3,497.62		
21,687.86		<u>33,950.27</u>		
			668,735.26	

Fixed Assets Land and Buildings

Seamer House	69,012.11
Te Rahui (W)	30,881.94
Te Rahui (T)	140,696.28
Maori Centres	30,939.67
Maori Parsonages	101,190.54
Maori Deaconess Cottages	20,641.38
Maori Properties	18,711.74
Other Parsonages	41,032.37
Office space, Central Mission	24,725.46

475,666.82

477,831.49

Investments

Circuit Loans	288,059.26
Mortgages	6,500.00
Southland Building Society	800.00
A.R.A. Redemption Loan	
1/9/80	4,600.00
Auckland Gas Company	1,458.00
A.B. Consolidated	500.00
E. Astley and Sons	2,821.00
Mosgiel Woollen Mills Ltd	190.22
N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd	3,300.00
C.S.R. Limited	337.00
J. Wattie Canneries	2,205.00
Wattie Industries	805.00
Winstones Ltd	13,678.00
Short Term Bill	12,947.13
Allied Farmers	420.00
Farmers Trading	100.00
B.N.Z. Legacy Disbursement	
A/C	4,120.00
P.O.S.B. A/C 782075	60.58
P.O.S.B. A/C 782076	48.91

333,501.78

342,950.30

Hospital Chaplaincy Auckland

Residence	21,865.41
21,893.19 Auckland Savings Bank	65.91

852,754.65

21,931.32

876,663.38

Less, Liabilities

Loans at Call	176,449.06
Creditors, Maintenance	
Accounts	2,226.56

Loans, C.B.L. Fund

Tokoroa Maori Parsonage	750.00
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	1,650.00
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	8,287.49
Samoan Parsonage	4,750.00
Hospital Chaplaincy	—
Auckland	2,896.50
Hospital Chaplaincy	—
Auckland A.S.B.	1,700.00
204,882.07 Hospital Chaplaincy	—
Donations	9,218.51

207,928.12

647,852.58 Total net Assets. as above

668,735.26

We have examined the books and records of the METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD, and in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Funds Board as at 30 June 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

AUCKLAND
28 October, 1975.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS
FROM 1st JULY, 1974 TO 30th JUNE, 1975

	\$	\$
Gross Rent and Rates Received	10,484.04	10,484.04
Less		
Repairs to Buildings	309.84	
Insurances—Buildings	894.08	
Insurances—Glass	40.28	
Rates, etc.	1,552.13	
Depreciation Reserve	550.00	
		<u>3,346.33</u>
		<u>\$7,137.71</u>
Distribution of Net Income		
Capital	1,737.96	
Maintenance Reserve	300.00	
Investment Funds Board	2,549.88	
Development Division	849.95	
Maori Division	1,699.92	
		<u>\$7,137.71</u>

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975
CAPITAL AND RESERVES

1974		1975	
\$		\$	\$
	Capital		
	Balance 1/7/74	38,697.58	
	Add Transfers from Income	1,737.96	
38,697.58	Add Transfers from Interest	943.93	
			41,379.47
	Depreciation Reserve		
	Balance 1/7/74	23,760.37	
	Add Transfers from Income	550.00	
23,760.37	Add Transfers from Interest	1,245.18	
			25,555.55
	Maintenance Reserve		
	Balance 1/7/74	3,258.98	
	Add Transfers from Income	300.00	
3,258.98	Add Transfers from Interest	158.96	
			3,717.94
65,716.93	Total Capital and Reserves		70,652.96
	Represented By		
	Current Assets		
	Balance at Bank		12,160.64
4,435.93	Fixed Assets		
	Land and Buildings		28,433.66
28,433.66	Investments		
	Mortgage	9,800.00	
	Post Office Savings Bank	66.58	
	Auckland Savings Bank	6,192.08	
	Auckland City Council Stock	4,000.00	
	Auckland Harbour Authority	5,000.00	
32,847.34	Auckland Regional Authority	5,000.00	30,058.66
\$65,716.93			<u>\$70,652.96</u>

We have examined the books and records of The Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet with Accounts shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 30 June 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Auckland,
28 October, 1975.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO. Auditors.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM — AUCKLAND
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE. 1975

1974								1975
\$							\$	\$
67,182	Sales	....	....	....	....	....		71,561
340	Sales—Upper Room	....	....	....	....	....	503	
(25)	Less Postages	....	....	....	....	....	34	469
<u>67,497</u>							<u></u>	<u>72,030</u>
	Less Cost of Sales							
16,255	Stock at 1/7/74	....	....	....	....	....	15,652	
44,984	Purchases	....	....	....	....	....	<u>50,771</u>	
61,239							66,423	
15,652	Less Stock on hand and in transit	....	....	....	....	....	<u>17,412</u>	
45,587	Cost of sales	....	....	....	....	....		49,011
21,910	Gross Profit	....	....	....	....	....		<u>23,019</u>
	Less Expenses							
1,666	Accountancy—Monthly	....	....	....	....	....	2,173	
225	Audit	....	....	....	....	....	325	
—	Accident Compensation	....	....	....	....	....	37	
473	Advertising	....	....	....	....	....	451	
80	Cleaning	....	....	....	....	....	96	
107	Commissions	....	....	....	....	....	—
169	Freight	....	....	....	....	....	120	
103	General Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	227	
92	Insurance	....	....	....	....	....	76	
232	Interest	....	....	....	....	....	262	
157	Legal Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	—
567	Postages	....	....	....	....	....	501	
282	Power and Light	....	....	....	....	....	320	
333	Printing and Stationery	....	....	....	....	....	603	
624	Rates	....	....	....	....	....	722	
3,809	Rent	....	....	....	....	....	3,155	
32	Repairs and Maintenance	....	....	....	....	....	33	
9,434	Salaries, Wages and Superannuation	....	....	....	....	....	13,853	
107	Subscription and Fees	....	....	....	....	....	90	
236	Telephone	....	....	....	....	....	226	
46	Travelling Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	76	
206	Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings	....	....	....	....	....	<u>360</u>	
18,980	Total Expenses	....	....	....	....	....		23,706
<u>(2,930)</u>	Nett Loss	....	....	....	....	....		<u>\$687</u>

EPWORTH BOOKROOM — AUCKLAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974		1975		1974		1975	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
	Current Liabilities				Current Assets		
1,251	Bank Overdraft	3,972		5,537	Sundry Debtors	4,997	
3,039	Sundry Creditors	4,088			Less Provision for Doubtful		
427	Bills Payable	1,807		75	Debts	75	
4,717	Total Current Liabilities	9,867		5,462			
	Term Liabilities						
1,950	Anglican Book Centre	—		15,652	Stock in Transit	4,922	
5,300	Loan	5,300		190	Stock on Hand	17,321	
					Superannuation in Advance	190	
7,250	Total Term Liabilities	5,300		21,304	Total Current Assets	22,524	
	Capital and Reserves				Fixed Assets		
3,910	Balance 1.7.74	6,839			Furniture and Fittings Book		
(2,929)	Less Nett loss	687		1,877	Value 1/7/74	2,002	
6,839		6,152		331	Additions	1,653	
	Home Mission Grants			2,208			
4,500	Balance 1.7.74	4,500			Less Depreciation 10%	3,552	
11,339		10,652		206	10% (6 months)	103	
				2,002	Total Fixed Assets	3,295	
\$23,306		\$25,819		\$23,306		\$25,819	

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

We have examined the books and accounts of the Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) for the year ended 30 June, 1975, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts give a true and fair view of the financial affairs for the period. We have received all the information and explanations we have required. We have not directly verified the figures supplied by the Manager for Sundry Debtors and Value of Stock on Hand and Stock in Transit at Balance Date.

J. Ballard-SEDON & ASSOCIATES,
Chartered Accountants

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

					\$	\$	\$
Balances at Bank 30/6/74							
B.N.Z. Auckland	....	....	....	....	11,238.11		
C.B.A. Auckland	....	....	....	....	4,738.94		
Auckland Savings Bank	....	....	....	....	53.56		
							16,030.61
Plus Receipts							
Circuit Contributions	....	....	....	....	6,042.00		
Connexional Budget	....	....	....	....	57,315.00		
Grant N.Z.M.W.F.	....	....	....	....	5,944.28		
Donations and Legacies	....	....	....	....	3,335.55		
Interest—Bank	....	....	....	....	31.60		
A.S.B.	....	....	....	....	1.60		
Loan at Call	....	....	....	....	49.61		
Board Meeting Contributions	....	....	....	....	326.62		
I.F.B. Shared Income	....	....	....	....	5,275.66		
Development Division Shared Income	....	....	....	....	1,299.00		
E. W. Blackwell Trust—Share	....	....	....	....	1,699.92		
Insurance Refund	....	....	....	....	205.89		
Contribution Staff Conference	....	....	....	....	81.00		
Rent	....	....	....	....	64.00		
Contribution—Overseas Conference	....	....	....	....	91.10		
Contribution—Urban Marae	....	....	....	....	50.00		
							81,812.53
Less Payments							\$97,843.14
Stipends and Compensation Levy	....	....	....	....	59,117.12		
Travelling (less refunds)	....	....	....	....	4,407.59		
Cars	....	....	....	....	728.67		
Rent, etc.	....	....	....	....	2,989.61		
Seminars and Training	....	....	....	....	109.44		
							67,352.43
Administration							
Tumuaki's Stipend/Allowance/Travelling	....	....	....	....	5,589.43		
							5,589.43
Office Expenses							
Meetings and Conferences	....	....	....	....	685.16		
Interest	....	....	....	....	73.49		
Insurances	....	....	....	....	203.78		
Salaries	....	....	....	....	2,351.01		
Printing, Stationery and Postage	....	....	....	....	449.04		
Rent and Rates	....	....	....	....	618.00		
Superannuation Subsidy	....	....	....	....	49.62		
Subscriptions, N.C.C.	....	....	....	....	170.00		
Telephones	....	....	....	....	401.32		
Bank	....	....	....	....	49.05		
Staff Superannuation Contribution	....	....	....	....	105.89		
Publicity	....	....	....	....	342.19		
Contributions	....	....	....	....	243.68		
Maintenance of Equipment	....	....	....	....	7.50		
Library	....	....	....	....	2.70		
Parking	....	....	....	....	5.00		
Scholarship	....	....	....	....	21.40		
Removals (Deaconesses)	....	....	....	....	201.25		
Waikato Circuit Contributions	....	....	....	....	145.00		
Travel—Clerical Labour	....	....	....	....	36.96		
Subsidy—Seamer House	....	....	....	....	400.00		
New Plymouth Working Expenses	....	....	....	....	70.01		
Office Equipment Purchased	....	....	....	....	108.33		
							6,740.38
Balance at Bank 30/6/75							\$79,682.24
B.N.Z. Auckland	....	....	....	....	18,105.94		
Auckland Savings Bank	....	....	....	....	54.96		

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	\$
	Surplus and Reserves		
	Accumulated Funds Balance Less		
	adj.	13,637.91	
13,860.31	Add, Surplus for Period	1,883.39	
		<u>15,521.30</u>	
	Reserves and Other Funds		
	Cars, Capital Receipts	8,234.53	
	Educational Material	957.49	
	Hymns and Service Books	1,881.38	
	History	96.15	
		<u>11,169.55</u>	
	Less, Travel Overseas	1,030.00	
14,085.63		<u>10,139.55</u>	
27,945.94			\$25,660.85
	Represented By		
	Current Assets		
	B.N.Z. Auckland	18,105.94	
	Auckland Savings Bank	54.96	
	Loans at Call I.F.B.	2,151.38	
	Sundry Debtors	200.00	
	Suspense Debtors	222.40	
21,696.44		<u>20,512.28</u>	
	Fixed Assets		
	Office Equipment	308.83	
	Motor Vehicles	4,839.74	
6,249.50		<u>5,148.57</u>	
27,945.94	Total Assets as above		\$25,660.85

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Maori Division, and in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet with Accounts shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30 June 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Auckland,
28th October, 1975.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

SEAMER HOUSE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS — 1-7-74 TO 30-6-75

					\$	\$	\$
Bank Overdraft 30/6/74	....	....	....	....	4,758.18		
						4,758.18	
Receipts							
Boarding Fees	....	....	....	....	13,600.80		
J. R. McKenzie Donation	....	....	....	....	400.00		
Sundry Donations	....	....	....	....	490.21		
Refundable Items (Telephone)	....	....	....	....	354.62		
						14,845.63	
							\$10,087.45
Payments							
Sundry Expenses and Refunds	....	....	....	....	513.34		
Lighting, Power and Gas	....	....	....	....	978.27		
Rates and Insurance	....	....	....	....	1,171.92		
Provisions	....	....	....	....	5,419.15		
Repairs and Maintenance	....	....	....	....	303.48		
Cleaning and Laundry	....	....	....	....	82.99		
Wages	....	....	....	....	4,741.32		
Salary	....	....	....	....	3,372.30		
Superannuation	....	....	....	....	18.41		
Telephone	....	....	....	....	519.40		
Suspense Creditor	....	....	....	....	90.17		
						17,210.75	
						(7,123.30)	
Bank Overdraft at 30/6/75							
B.N.Z. Auckland	....	....	....	....	7,123.30		
Note: Capital Expenditure made by Investment Funds Board on behalf of Seamer House.							
Land and Buildings	....	....	....	....	59,174.50		
Furnishings and Equipment	....	....	....	....	8,454.69		
					67,629.19		
Less Capital Receipts	....	....	....	....	50,253.20		
Net Loan by Investment Funds Board	....				17,375.99		

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
SEAMER HOUSE

1974 At 30/6/74 \$		1975 \$	\$
	Reserves and Surplus Reserves		
	Piano Fund	44.35	
52.35	A. J. Seamer Prize Account	8.00	
			52.35
	Accumulated Funds	4,548.18DR	
	Add, Deficit for Period	3,160.16	
		7,708.34	
	Less, Receipts		
	Sundry Donations	490.21	
	J. R. McKenzie	400.00	
			6,818.13DR
4,495.83	Total Reserves and Surplus		\$6,765.78DR
	Represented By		
	Current Assets		
	Cash on Hand	50.00	
114.72	Monograms	64.62	
			114.62
	Fixed Assets		
	Furnishing Fund	58.34	
152.73	Television Set	94.39	
267.35			152.73
			267.35
	Less Current Liabilities		
4,758.15	Bank Overdraft B.N.Z.		7,123.30
5.00	Suspense Creditor		90.17
4,495.83			\$6,765.78DR

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Maori Division—Seamer House, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet with Accounts shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30 June 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Auckland,
28th October, 1975.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

						1975	
1974						\$	\$
\$							
16,678	Board Receipts	....	....	....	....		20,124.35
10	Donations	....	....	....	....		138.40
50	Interest Received	....	....	....	....		55.30
200	Grant—McKenzie Trust	....	....	....	....		—
—	Recreation Fees	..	....	....	....		176.30
16,938							\$20,494.35
—	Less Expenses						
—	Fire Prevention	....	....	....	....	16.30	
8,966	Foodstuffs	....	....	....	....	11,590.31	
1,406	Fuel and Power	....	....	....	....	2,408.13	
181	General Expenses	....	....	....	....	287.83	
570	Interest and Insurance	....	....	....	....	844.32	
389	Laundry	....	....	....	....	—
—	Linen Hire	....	....	....	....	896.35	
150	Presentation	....	....	....	....	—
691	Rates and Rent	....	....	....	....	771.48	
1,117	Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements	....	....	....	....	2,391.70	
—	Sports Equipment	....	....	....	....	12.12	
293	Telephone and Tolls	....	....	....	....	232.41	
3,290	Wages and Allowances	....	....	....	....	6,928.22	
17,113							26,379.17
175	Cash Deficit	....	....	....	....		5,884.82
57	Depreciation	....	....	....	....		119.99
232	Net Deficit for Year	....	....	....	....		6,004.81
2,582	Reimbursement previous Deficit	....	....	....	....		492.31
2,350	Net Surplus	....	....	....	....		—
—	Net Deficit	....	....	....	....		\$5,512.50

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MADE BY METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH
EXTENSION FUNDS BOARD ON BEHALF OF TE RAHUI (TANE) HAMILTON**

140,696.28	Land and Buildings	....	....	....	....	140,696.28
124,654.87	Less, Capital Receipts	....	....	....	....	124,723.87
16,041.41	Net Loan by I.F.B. at 30/6/75	....	....	....	....	\$15,972.41

TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

Assets	Book Value at 31/3/74	Additions	Total	Depreciation Rate	Claimed Amount	Book Value at 31/3/75
Polishers (2) 	28.00	431.49	459.49	10% DV	45.49	414.00
Slicer 	337.00		337.00	10% DV	34.00	303.00
Typewriter (1) 	72.00		72.00	20% DV	14.00	58.00
Heater 		34.00	34.00	10% DV	3.00	31.00
Washing Machines (2) 		234.50	234.50	10% DV	23.50	211.00
	<u>\$437.00</u>	<u>699.99</u>	<u>1,136.99</u>		<u>119.99</u>	<u>1,017.00</u>

TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1975

1974		1975	
\$		\$	\$
	Current Assets		
3,748	Bank	—	
54	Interest Refund Due	—	
200	Balance held at Auckland Office	—	
—	Deficit Payment Due	492.31	
4,002			492.31
	Less Current Liabilities		
—	Bank	2,756.43	
2,135	Sundry Creditors	961.81	
—	Advance Methodist Maori Division	1,000.00	
			4,718.24
1,867	Working Capital—Deficit		4,225.93
437	Fixed Assets—As per Schedule		1,017.00
2,304			\$3,208.93
	Represented By		
	Accumulated Funds		
	Balance 1st April, 1974	2,303.57	
	Net Deficit	5,512.50	
2,304			\$3,208.93

We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Te Rahui (Tane) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31st March, 1975, from the books, accounts and vouchers supplied. Insofar as can be established from these records the Accounts and Balance Sheet show a true and fair position of the Centre as at 31st March, 1975.

McKEAN, MALINS, YOUNG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

TE RAHUI (WAHINE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

1974						1975	
\$						\$	\$
9,180	Board Receipts	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,288.10	
—	Donations	.....	.....	.....	.....	109.00	
200	Grant—McKenzie Trust	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
57	Interest Received	.....	.....	.....	.....	64.66	
9,437						12,461.76	
	Less Expenses						
—	Fire Protection	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,244.86	
4,505	Foodstuffs	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,864.91	
190	General Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.45	
804	Fuel and Power	.....	.....	.....	.....	954.44	
78	Interest and Insurance	.....	.....	.....	.....	449.44	
99	Presentation	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
612	Rent and Rates	.....	.....	.....	.....	722.08	
583	Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,741.61	
263	Telephone and Tolls	.....	.....	.....	.....	269.60	
1,877	Wages and Allowances	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,761.59	
9,011						13,035.84	
426	Cash Deficit	.....	.....	.....	.....	574.08	
181	Depreciation	.....	.....	.....	.....	256.00	
245	Net Deficit for Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	830.08	
1,308	Reimbursement of Previous Deficit	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.25	
1,553	Net Deficit	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$818.83	

TE RAHUI (WAHINE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

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Assets	Book Value at 31/3/74	Additions	Total	Depreciation Rate	Claimed Amount	Book Value at 31/3/75
Dishmaster	1,555.00		1,555.00	10% DV	155.00	1,400.00
Filing Cabinet	8.00		8.00	20% DV	2.00	6.00
Refrigerator	100.00		100.00	10% DV	10.00	90.00
T.V. Set	130.00		130.00	20% DV	26.00	104.00
Typewriter (½)	81.00		81.00	20% DV	16.00	65.00
Slicer		90.00	90.00	10% DV	9.00	81.00
Gas Stove	381.00		381.00	10% DV	38.00	343.00
	<u>\$2,255.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>2,345.00</u>		<u>256.00</u>	<u>2,089.00</u>

TE RAHUI (WAHINE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1975

1974						1975	
\$						\$	\$
	Current Assets						
988	Cash on Hand	....	....	....	....	—
941	Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd	....	....	....	....	1,367.58	
130	Waikato Savings Bank	....	....	....	....	133.40	
200	Balance held at Auckland Office	....	....	....	....	—
—	Deficit Reimbursement Due	....	....	....	....	11.25	
2,259							1,512.23
	Less Current Liability						
641	Sundry Creditors	....	....	....	....		547.36
1,618	Working Capital	....	....	....	....		964.87
2,255	Fixed Assets as per Schedule	....	....	....	....		2,089.00
3,873							\$3,053.87
	Represented By						
	Accumulated Funds						
	Balance 1st April, 1974	....	....	....	....	3,872.70	
	Net Deficit	....	....	....	....	818.83	
3,837							\$3,053.87

We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Te Rahui (Wahine) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31st March, 1975, from the books, accounts and vouchers supplied. Insofar as can be established from these records, the Accounts and Balance Sheet show a true and fair position of the Centre at 31st March, 1975.

McKEAN, MALINS, YOUNG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1st JULY, 1974 TO 30th JUNE, 1975

					\$	\$	\$
Bank Balance as at 30/6/74	....	....	....		34,217.71		
						34,217.71	
Receipts							
Connexional Budget	....	....	....	....	127,249.00		
M.W.F. Special Objective	....	....	....	....	5,862.69		
						133,111.69	
Interest and Dividends	....	....	....	....	12,038.44		
Donations and Sundries	....	....	....	....	10,721.79		
						22,760.23	
Mortgage Repayments	....	....	....	....	2,057.00		
Refundable Items	....	....	....	....	2,582.57		
Conference Donations	....	....	....	....	963.12		
Sickness and Accident	....	....	....	....	977.05		
Bank	....	....	....	....	4.53		
Deputation and Publicity	....	....	....	....	691.63		
Department Foreign Affairs	....	....	....	....	2,000.00		
Scholarship	....	....	....	....	120.00		
Leprosy	....	....	....	....	1,080.00		
Debtors	....	....	....	....	5,868.95		
Publications	....	....	....	....	188.15		
						16,533.00	
Legacies							
Working Capital	....	....	....	....	8,566.02		
Building and Special Projects	....	....	....	....	12,829.78		
Pacific Projects	....	....	....	....	10,300.23		
						31,696.03	
Capital							
General Secretary's Car	....	....	....	....	2,290.00		
Typewriter	....	....	....	....	80.00		
						2,370.00	
						\$240,688.66	
Less Payments							
United Church in P.N.G. and S.I.							
Grants—General	....	....	....	....	78,000.00		
Medical	....	....	....	....	2,400.00		
Staff	....	....	....	....	45,190.73		
Freight	....	....	....	....	3,723.38		
Fares	....	....	....	....	8,058.96		
Exchange	....	....	....	....	583.48		
						137,956.60	
Administration (General Secretary)							
Stipend and Allowances	....	....	....	....	4,530.62		
Travel	....	....	....	....	1,562.88		
Car Expenses	....	....	....	....	830.05		
Parsonage Maintenance	....	....	....	....	296.18		
						7,219.73	

Office Expenses

Salaries and Wages	....	....	....	....	4,375.47
Printing and Stationery	....	....	....	....	708.33
Superannuation Subsidy	....	....	....	....	305.71
Postage	....	....	....	....	216.69
Rent of Office	....	....	....	....	1,089.25
Rent of Boardroom	....	....	....	....	30.00
Library	....	....	....	....	16.84
Telephone, tolls, etc.	....	....	....	....	553.41
Subscriptions	....	....	....	....	160.48
Cartage	....	....	....	....	86.78
Company Licence	....	....	....	....	6.00
Audit Fee	....	....	....	....	350.00
Insurances	....	....	....	....	48.18
Maintenance of Equipment	....	....	....	....	79.14
Refundable Item M.W.F.	....	....	....	....	60.00
Bank	....	....	....	....	8.03
Staff Amenities	....	....	....	....	80.00
Conference Costs	....	....	....	....	106.60
Scholarship	....	....	....	....	284.40
Accident Compensation Levy	33.54

8,598.85**Advocacy**

Publication Costs	3,280.25
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Capital Payments

General Secretary's Residence	373.71
General Secretary's Car	4,259.91
Sickness and Accident	....	....	....	....	647.50
Interest Added to Loans	....	....	....	....	5,645.23
Building and Special Projects	....	....	....	....	3,006.02
Working Capital	....	....	....	....	1,089.48
Pacific Projects	....	....	....	....	5,186.32

20,208.17

\$177,263.60

B.N.Z. Bank	....	\$63,027.43
B.N.Z. Sydney	....	\$397.63

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	\$
	Capital Reserves and Trust Funds			
	Part I Capital Funds			
	Working Capital Fund Balance			
	30/6/74	51,531.56		
	Add, Bonus and Rights Shares	1,912.00		
	Add Legacies, etc.	9,236.69		
	Add Donations, etc.	8,194.16		
51,531.56			70,874.41	
	Medical Funds	92,000.00		
92,000			92,000.00	
	Trust Funds			
	Vanes Bequest	1,000.00		
	E. M. Rishworth	500.00		
	A. Woodnutt	2,000.00		
3,500			3,500.00	
	Part II Replacement Funds			
	General Secretary's Residence	4,041.77		
	Add, Appropriations	600.00		
4,041.77			4,641.77	
	General Secretary's Car Balance			
	30/6/74	2,187.33		
	Add, Appropriations	952.00		
2,187.33			3,139.33	
	Office Equipment Bal. 30/6/74	100.00		
	Add Appropriations	100.00		
100			200.00	
	Part II Expendable Funds			
	Leprosy	1,080.00		
	Vanes Bequest	389.51		
	E. M. Rishworth	37.18		
	P. and E. F. Rushton Memorial	200.00		
	C. and N. Keightley Educational	495.93		
	M. W. F. Translation	61.72		
	Fraternal Workers	232.85		
	Solomon Islands History Reserve	180.62		
1,606.81			2,686.81	
	Pacific Projects Balance 30/6/74	3,685.63		
	Add, Legacies, etc.	10,300.23		
		13,985.86		
	Less, Grants	5,186.32		
3,685.63			8,799.54	
	Sickness and Accident Balance			
	30/6/74	5,293.80		
	Add Contributions	977.05		
		6,270.85		
5,293.80	Less Benefits	647.50		
			5,623.35	
	Building and Special Purposes			
	Balance 30/6/74	7,203.36		
	Add Legacies, etc.	12,829.78		
		20,033.12		
	Add Appropriations	6,160.47		
		26,193.59		
7,203.36	Less Grants	3,006.02		
			23,187.57	

	Accumulated Funds Bal. 30/6/74	51,287.39	
	Less Deficit for Year	3,616.23	
51,287.39			47,671.16
222,437.65	Total Capital, Reserves and Trust Funds		\$262,323.94
	Represented By		
	Current Assets		
	Petty Cash	20.00	
	Bank B.N.Z. Auckland	63,027.43	
	Bank B.N.Z. Sydney	397.63	
	Stocks on Hand	389.39	
	Sundry Debtors	1,557.27	
43,667.07			65,391.72
	Fixed Assets		
	Office Equipment	1,497.23	
	General Secretary's Residence	42,475.89	
	General Secretary's Car	4,259.91	
	Space, Central Mission Building	19,907.09	
65,118.82			68,140.12
	Investments		
	Mortgages	1,100.00	
	Prince Albert College Trust	7,862.69	
	General Purposes Trust Board	84,190.30	
	Vanes Bequest A.S.B. A/c.	398.51	
	Shares		
	Astley Holdings	2,820.60	
	Wattie Industries	2,442.50	
	Frank M. Winstone	400.00	
	Auckland Gas Company	2,933.00	
	Farmers Trading Co.	845.40	
	Henderson and Pollard Ltd.	3,364.14	
	N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd.	3,300.00	
	C.S.R. Limited	2,800.00	
	Debentures		
	Wattie Industries Ltd.	1,100.00	
	Central Mission (Auckland)	500.00	
	Auckland Gas Coy. Ltd.	4,619.99	
	Auckland Hospital Bd. (1/6/1980)	14,000.00	
117,474.91			132,676.14
226,260.80	Total Assets		266,207.98
	Less		
	Current Liabilities		
	Loan at Call	3,600.00	
	Sundry Creditors	69.64	
	Sundry Creditors (Tonga)	214.40	
			3,884.04
			\$262,323.94

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Overseas Division and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet shows a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30th June, 1975, so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Auckland,
28th October, 1975.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1975

	\$	\$		\$	\$
To Balance 1st July 1974		1,194.43	By Miss P. Bell (ex Orr Fund)		1,079.96
Levies 1974/75		925.00	General Purposes Trust Board (E. Orr Fund):		
Bank N.S.W. Interest		39.01	Christchurch Central Mission	300.00	
Connexional Budget 1973/74	480.00		Auckland Central Mission	2,000.00	
1974/75	1,150.00		Connexional Budget 1973/74	180.00	
		1,630.00	1974/75	1,000.00	
General Purposes Trust Board:					3,480.00
Refund ex Orr Fund	1,077.96		Dunedin Central Mission (ex Orr Fund		
(Miss P. Bell)	5,000.00		invested for 2 years at 9%)		5,000.00
		6,077.96	Hire Projector—Conference 1974		42.50
Christchurch Central Mission	300.00		Cheque Book	1.00	
Auckland Central Mission, 1974 & 1975	2,000.00		Tolls	10.12	
		2,300.00			11.12
N.Z. M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting: Refund			N.Z. M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting, Otaki		172.00
Travelling Expenses		176.00	N.Z. M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting. Travel-		
			ling Expenses:		
			Dunedin Central Mission	161.00	
			Christchurch Central Mission	60.00	
			Auckland Central Mission	159.00	
			Christchurch Children's Home	20.00	
			North Canterbury Synod	20.00	
					420.00
			N.Z. M.S.S.A. Consultation Otaki Travel-		
			ling Expenses		176.20
			N.Z. M.S.S.A. Executive Travelling		
			Expenses		223.86
			Advertising:		
			Methodist Minutes of Conference	406.37	
			Wood & Mitchell	127.80	
			Butterworths	330.00	
			Charity Gazette	160.00	
					1,024.17
			Credit Balance 1st July 1975		712.59
		\$12,342.40			\$12,342.40

I certify that I have audited this statement and in my opinion it is correct.

L. E. GRACE, M.Com., A.C.A., Hon Auditor

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1975

SCHEDULE 1

1974 \$		\$	\$
Accumulated Funds:			
336,257	Balance 1 July 1974	359,978	
23,721	Income after appropriations—Schedule 5	26,296	
<u>\$359,978</u>		<u>\$386,274</u>	
REPRESENTED BY—			
Current Assets:			
131	Cash in Hand	100	
6,958	Bank of New Zealand	5,687	
2,219	Auckland Savings Bank	2,286	
29	Imprest Account—Manurewa	65	
5,856	Sundry Debtors	3,659	
17,000	Deposit—Methodist Central Mission	14,272	
67,325	Deposit—Prince Albert College Trust	67,325	
—	Deposit—Securitibank	5,000	
2,000	Loan—Kapele	1,368	
<u>101,518</u>		<u>99,762</u>	
Current Liabilities:			
6,608	Sundry Creditors	3,692	
<u>94,909</u>		<u>96,070</u>	
Working Capital			
			96,070
Fixed Assets (at depreciated cost):			
81,443	Lands	82,177	
164,985	Buildings	165,634	
9,989	Plant and Furniture	9,464	
2,847	Vehicles	2,423	
<u>259,263</u>		<u>259,698</u>	
Investments:			
—	Mortgages	12,000	
5,500	Agreements for Sale and Purchase	22,200	
4,000	Government and Local Body Stocks	—	
2,706	Shares—Astley Holdings Ltd	2,706	
<u>12,206</u>		<u>36,906</u>	
Less Trusts for Specific Purposes:			
2,000	Eliza Gilmour Trust	\$2,000	
400	John Rendall Trust	400	
4,000	M. Caughey-Preston Trust	4,000	
<u>6,400</u>		<u>6,400</u>	
5,806			30,506
<u>\$359,978</u>		<u>\$386,274</u>	

C. M. WRIGHT, A.C.A., Accountant

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED
31st MARCH, 1975

SCHEDULE 2

1974 \$		\$	\$	\$
20,849	Income from Maintenance, Social Welfare			
	Benefits and Capitation Fees			13,205
	Expenditure:			
5,251	Maintenance Paid	5,148		
278	Pocket Money	282		
227	Travel Expenses	—		
504	Cleaning and Laundry	—		
345	General Expenses	267		
293	Grounds	434		
688	Insurance	267		
251	Land Tax	321		
34	Medical and Dental Expenses	58		
898	Power and Fuel	60		
1,333	Provisions	—		
802	Repairs and Maintenance	642		
960	Rates	1,397		
6,358	Wages	—		
549	Clothing	587		
114	School Expenses	424		
1,596	Depreciation	627		
20,483		10,514		
	Manurewa:			
1,176	Maintenance paid	2,562		
988	Wages	37		
38	Pocket Money	47		
299	General Expenses	259		
27	Medical Expenses	47		
20	Travel Expenses	95		
324	Power	264		
2,313	Provisions	103		
164	Repairs and Maintenance	473		
104	Rates	180		
119	Telephones	85		
358	Clothing	284		
57	School Expenses	83		
222	Depreciation	149		
6,211		4,668		
	Dominion Road:			
925	Wages	2,744		
26	General Expenses	20		
61	Power	95		
—	School Expenses	58		
—	Pocket Money	33		
333	Provisions	822		
542	Repairs and Maintenance	—		
—	Travelling Expenses	100		
19	Telephone	62		
13	Clothing	37		
3	Depreciation	155		
1,922		4,126		
28,616	Total Expenditure			19,308
\$7,767	Deficit			\$6,103

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED
31st MARCH, 1975

SCHEDULE 3

1974 \$								\$	\$
	Income:								
1,067	Connexional Budget	....	....	....	....	....	....		440
1,220	Auckland Combined Orphanages	....	....	....	....	....	....		1,190
112	Women's Committee	....	....	....	....	....	....		10
109	General Donations	....	....	....	....	....	....		26
1,100	J. R. McKenzie Trust	....	....	....	....	....	....		—
—	Door of Hope	....	....	....	....	....	....		500
3,608									2,166
	Expenditure:								
3,078	Administration	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,757	
4,673	Social Worker	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,938	
—	Audit	....	....	....	....	....	....	175	
—	Depreciation	....	....	....	....	....	....	256	
1,793	Travel Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	....	682	
366	Stationery, Advertising, Postage	....	....	....	....	....	....	108	
541	Telephones	....	....	....	....	....	....	143	
—	Rates (Sunnynook Road, Titirangi)	....	....	....	....	....	....	214	
—	Legal Expenses	....	....	....	....	....	....	53	
10,452									8,326
6,844	Deficit in Above Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		6,160
7,767	Deficit Homes	....	....	....	....	....	....		6,103
\$14,612									\$12,263

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
TRUST INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR NINE MONTHS
ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

SCHEDULE 4

1974 \$								\$	\$
	Income:								
7,616	Interest	....	....	....	....	....	....		6,641
365	Dividends	....	....	....	....	....	....		423
4,801	Rent	....	....	....	....	....	....		2,552
9,014	Legacies	....	....	....	....	....	....		3,284
8,471	Profit on Sale of Sections	....	....	....	....	....	....		25,660
1,225	Profit on Sale of Van	....	....	....	....	....	....		—
5,467	Government Subsidy—Manurewa	....	....	....	....	....	....		—
1,375	Government Subsidy—Wesleydale	....	....	....	....	....	....		—
\$38,333									\$38,559
\$									\$

ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31st MARCH, 1975

336,257	Accumulated Funds 1 July 1974	....	....	....	....			359,978
38,333	Add Trust Income	....	....	....	....	....	....	38,559
374,590								398,537
14,612	Less Deficit on Homes	....	....	....	....	....	....	12,263
\$359,978	Accumulated Funds 31 March 1975	....	....	....	....	....	....	\$386,274

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1974			1975	1974			1975
\$			\$	\$			\$
13,578	Salaries and Superannuation	—	16,193	2,950	Methodist Church Budget	—	1,090
6,074	House Stores and Expenses	—	7,182	—	Methodist Fire Insurance Fund	—	—
1,518	Repairs and Maintenance	—	2,554	509	Donations	—	699
2,288	Drapery and Clothing	—	2,744	7,611	Maintenance	—	11,917
139	Advertising	—	27	1,308	Social Security Benefits	—	1,274
40	Auditor's Honorarium	—	40	6,268	Government Capitation	—	7,735
58	Fares of Children	—	84	2,000	Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	—	2,500
17	General Expenses	—	37	700	J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	—	700
1,447	Heating and Lighting	—	1,685	125	Masterton Trust Lands Trust	—	150
251	Insurance	—	204	1,303	Income from Estates	—	1,082
10	Interest	—	4	3,680	Interest	—	4,098
874	Motor Car Allowance and Expenses	—	1,057	5,515	Wellington Methodist Endowments Board—Share	—	7,000
510	Manager's Disbursements	—	1,840	—	of Income	—	—
—	Maintenance (Boarded Out)	—	—	150	Farm Proceeds	—	—
15	Optical, Dental and Medical Fees	—	—	—	Joan Watson and Gloria Joseph Trust	—	75
218	Postages and Telephones	—	87				
78	Rates	—	93				
165	Removal Expenses (Staff)	—	—				
325	Recreational Expenses	—	579				
500	Secretary's Honorarium	—	500				
208	Stationery and School Requisites	—	478				
100	Subscription—N.Z.M.S.S.A.	—	125				
135	Staff Training (including Keith-Lucas visit)	—	—				
—	E. Orr Training Fund	—	—				
47	Travelling Expenses	—	193				
2,000	Social Workers—Central Districts M.S.S.A.	—	2,000				
929	Depreciation—Plant Furniture and Vehicle	—	773				
31,524			38,479	32,119			38,320
595	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	159
\$32,119			\$38,479	\$32,118			\$38,479

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$				1975 \$	1974 \$				1975 \$
1,864	Current Liabilities:			9,898	939	Current Assets:			
	Sundry Creditors	—	—		2,154	Bank of N.Z. Current Account	—	4,158	
	Special Funds:					Sundry Debtors	—	1,378	
200	Furnishing	—	—	600	3,093	Total Current Assets	—	5,536	
	Recreation	—	—		81,758	Investments:			
	Capital: Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities			600		Held by Wellington Board	—	90,181	
	Balance 30/6/74	—	—	86,924		Fixed Assets:			
	Legacies:					Land and Buildings (vested in Wellington Board \$94,960)			
	Est. W. S. Potter	—	—	600		Furniture and Plant at 30/6/75	—	1,487	
	Est. A. E. Cox	—	—	1,000		Depreciation	—	—243	
	Est. H. E. Collison	—	—	200				1,244	
	Est. I. McSaveny (addtl.)	—	—	18		Holden Station Wagon at 30/6/74	—	2,650	
				1,818		Depreciation	—	530	
				88,742				2,120	
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	—	159		Total Fixed Assets	—	3,364	
86,924	Balance of Capital 30/6/75	—	—	88,583	4,137				
\$88,988				\$99,081	\$88,988				\$99,081

B. D. SMITH, A.C.A., Secretary/Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Children's Home for the year ending 30th June, 1975, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the Balance Sheet, and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Home as at 30th June, 1975, and the result of its transactions for the year ended on that date.

R. C. BEBARFIELD A.C.A. Honorary Auditor 23/9/75.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
25	Expenses and Commission —	22.72		Interest Received:	
200	Share of Administration Charges —	—	57	Bank of New Zealand	161.07
4,603	Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital Account —	6,403.80	4,771	Mortgages, Debentures, Local Body Stock and Other —	6,265.45
<u>\$4,828</u>		<u>\$6,426.52</u>	<u>\$4,828</u>		<u>\$6,426.52</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Capital:			Current Assets:	
76,105	Balance at 31/3/74 —	87,088.35	4,730	Bank of New Zealand —	3,352.77
6,380	Add Legacies received —	3,462.84	133	P.O. Savings Bank —	137.17
4,603	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure —	6,403.80	1,514	Accrued Interest —	1,068.78
		96,954.99	43	Sundry Debtors —	487.13
					5,045.85
	Reserves:		6,420	Investments:	
2,407	Ch.Ch. Combined Homes Appeal	2,407.20	27,668	Local Body Stock —	19,527.00
			1,000	Preference Shares (Legacy) —	1,000.00
			3,700	Debentures —	4,000.00
			1,500	Loan to Papanui Church Trust —	1,500.00
			37,000	Mortgages —	40,323.50
			2,000	Other Interest Bearing Invest. —	16,658.44
			72,868		83,008.94
			10,207	Deposit—General Purposes Trust —	11,307.40
<u>\$89,495</u>		<u>\$99,362.19</u>	<u>\$89,495</u>		<u>\$99,362.19</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the South Island Orphanage Investment Board for the year ended 31st March, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Board as at 31st March, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 11/8/1975.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.
 N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.
 W. R. LAWS, Treasurer.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	\$	1974 \$		1975 \$
		Harewood	Barrington	Total			
1,400	Administration Charges	1,425	250	1,675	49,861	Maintenance Fees	57,575
54	Advertising for Staff	105		105	3,395	Connexional Budget	3,115
4,682	Board Payments	8,399		8,399	625	McKenzie Trust Grant	—
244	Grounds Expenses	213	1	214	4,500	Combined Homes Appeal	6,000
428	Cleaning	898	10	908	—	Hyman Marks Trust Grant	10
884	Clothing and Drapery	1,739	16	1,755	933	Donations (Cash)	768
7,151	House Supplies	7,360	1,416	8,776	865	Donations in Kind	381
772	Insurance	808	118	926	120	Interest Received	249
3,453	Power, Light and Heat	3,834	539	4,373	910	Rent Received	794
—	Music Lessons	17		17		Income from Occupancy during Commonwealth Games	—
131	Medical Supplies and Costs	180	23	203	1,833	1974 Fair Proceeds	1,005
848	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,666	32	1,698	1,316		
511	Pocket Money	740	95	835	64,358		69,897
697	Rates	711	53	764		Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Appropriation Account	3,860
7,081	Repairs and Maintenance	1,279	61	1,340	—		
26,776	Salaries and Wages	30,636	3,275	33,911			
126	School Requisites	161	32	193			
434	Stationery and General	577	5	582			
321	(Telephone	1,168	87	1,255			
	(Tolls	141	2	143			
807	Vehicle Costs and Travelling	1,070	7	1,077			
107	Replacement of Utensils	128	2	130			
56,907		63,255	6,024	69,279			
4,519	Depreciation	3,670	808	4,478			
61,426		66,925	6,832	73,757			
2,932	Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Appropriation Account			—			
\$64,358			\$73,757	\$64,358			\$73,757

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1975

\$		\$		\$		\$
—	Operating Deficit Brought Down	3,860		2,932	Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	—
5,467	Balance transferred to Accumulated Funds	—		2,535	Additional Capitation Grant 1973/74	—
				—	Balance transferred to Accumulated Funds	3,860
<u>\$5,467</u>		<u>\$3,860</u>	<u>\$5,467</u>			<u>\$3,860</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	1974 \$		\$	1975 \$
1,862	Current Liabilities:			6,122	Current Assets:		
—	Sundry Creditors — —	3,792		372	Bank of New Zealand — —	7,510	
	Surplus from Jubilee Fund — —	426	4,218	85	P.O. Savings Bank — —	384	
				6,534	Cash in Hand — —	85	
20,125	Capital and Reserves:			—	Sundry Debtors — —	5,549	
	Capital — — —	20,125			Payments in Advance — —	723	
150,792	Accumulated Funds:			13,113			14,251
166	Balance at 31/3/74 — —	157,275		15,569	Fixed Assets:		
	Add Profit on Sale of Old			4,375	Harewood Road Land — —	15,569	
850	Van — — —	—			Barrington Street Land — —	4,375	
	Gifts of Furnishing and						19,944
	Equipment — — —	—			Harewood Road Home — —	108,161	
151,808		157,275			Less Depreciation — —	2,153	
5,467	Less Balance from Appropria-	3,860		107,674			106,008
	tion Account — — —				Harewood Road Dwelling — —	904	
157,275		153,415			Less Depreciation — —	23	
	Reserves:			904			881
775	Renovation Reserves — —	775			Harewood Road Furnishings	9,917	
2,500	Development Funds (Anony-	2,500			Plus Additions — — —	1,349	
	mous Gift) — — —						
						11,266	
3,275		3,275			Less Depreciation — — —	1,126	
180,675	Total Capital, Accumulated		176,815	9,917			10,140
	Funds and Reserves — —				Barrington Street Home — —	26,333	
					Less Depreciation — — —	527	
				26,333			25,806
					Barrington St. Furnishings — —	2,812	
					Less Depreciation — — —	281	
				2,812			2,531
					Tools — — —	320	
					Less Depreciation — — —	64	

		320			256
			Commer Van	—	1,520
			Less Depreciation	—	304
					<u>1,216</u>
		1,520			
		<u>169,424</u>			<u>166,782</u>
<u>\$182,537</u>	<u>\$181,033</u>	<u>\$182,537</u>			<u>\$181,033</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the South Island Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 31st March, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Home as at 31st March, 1975 and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
Christchurch, 11/8/1975.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.
N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — BOARD OF MANAGEMENT CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
304	Insurance — — — — —	109		Appropriations for Administration Charges:	
150	Interest — — — — —	150	6,500	Supernumerary and Allied Funds —	7,500
132	Lighting and Heating — — — — —	126	6,800	General Purposes Trust —	7,500
1,113	Office Rent — — — — —	2,209	7,000	Fire Insurance Fund —	7,500
189	Repairs to Equipment — — — — —	213	4,800	Church Building and Loan Fund —	5,500
26,248	Salaries and Wages — — — — —	30,694	750	Transport Trust Board —	1,000
—	National Provident Fund — — — — —	257	1,400	South Island Children's Home —	1,675
129	Travel Expenses — — — — —	1	200	S.I. Children's Home Invest. Board —	—
650	Telephone, P.O. Box and Postages — — — — —	923			
1,111	Stationery and General Expenses — — — — —	1,578	27,450		30,675
151	Staff Recruitment and Advertising — — — — —	147	5,660	Connexional Budget — — — — —	6,640
—	Inland Revenue Department—Accident Comp. — — — — —	69	15	Boardroom Rents — — — — —	10
440	Depreciation on Office Equipment — — — — —	453	56	Bank Interest — — — — —	33
	House Property Account:		68	Sundry Income Commissions, etc. — — — — —	92
10	Insurance — — — — —	41			
218	Repairs — — — — —	116			
628	Painting — — — — —	—			
17	Grounds and Sundry — — — — —	—			
211	Rates — — — — —	232			
118	Depreciation on Furnishings — — — — —	109			
1,202		498			
1,430	Excess of Income over Expenditure — — — — —	23			
\$33,249		\$37,450	\$33,249		\$37,450

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — BOARD OF MANAGEMENT CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
502	Deficit Balance 30th June, 1974 — — — — —	—	—	Balance 30th June, 1974 — — — — —	928
—	Transfer to Salaries Fluctuation and Maintenance Reserves — — — — —	6,164	1,430	Excess of Income over Expenditure — — — — —	23
928	Balance 30th June, 1975 — — — — —	951	—	One Third Share of Income of Thorndon Property — — — — —	6,164
				— 2 Years (January 31st, 1974, 1975) — — — — —	—
\$1,430		\$7,115	\$1,430		\$7,115

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	1974 \$		\$	1975 \$
	Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:		
1,894	Sundry Creditors — — —	2,131		—	Bank of N.Z.—Current A/c.	545	
690	Bank of New Zealand Overdraft — — —	—		—	Bank of N.Z.—Reserve A/c.	6,164	
2,584			2,131	50	Cash in Hand — — —	50	
	Deposits Held for Other Trusts:			2,652	Sundry Debtors — — —	1,401	
12	N.C. Camp Sites Trust — — —	80		209	N.A.C. Bulkair Account — — —	214	
	Loans:			6	P.O.S.B. (Removal Fund) — — —	6	
3,000	General Purposes Trust (General) — — —	3,000		2,211	Removals Fund — — —	2,490	
2,000	General Purposes Trust (Loan for Removal Fund) — — —	2,000		5,128			10,870
			5,000	5,243	Fixed Assets:		
—	Salaries Fluctuation and Maintenance Reserve — — —	6,164		1,682	House Property — 17 Merivale Lane — — —	5,243	
	Capital Account:			—	House Furniture Additions — — —	1,064	
7,370	Balance 30th June, 1974 — — —	6,870		1,682		32	
500	Less Gift of Furniture — — —	—		118		1,096	
6,870		6,870		500	Less Depreciation — — —	109	
928	Add Appropriation Account Balance at 30th June, 1975 — — —	951		1,064	Less Transfer — — —	—	
7,798			7,821	2,376	Office Furnishings Additions — — —	2,479	
				379		—	
				2,755		2,479	
				276	Less Depreciation — — —	247	
				2,479			2,232
				1,418	Office Equipment — — —	1,480	
				246	Additions — — —	590	
				1,664		2,070	
				164	Less Depreciation — — —	206	
				20	Less Sale of Cabinets — — —	—	
				1,480			1,864
				10,266			10,326
\$15,394		\$21,196		\$15,394			\$21,196

Audited and found correct.
W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975**

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
12,626	Removal Expenses Paid	13,631	8,000	Grant from Connexional Budget	12,000
154	Less Reimbursement Received	1,528	15	Interest Received	—
			4,545	Excess Expenditure over Income	278
21	Loan Interest	12,103			
	Stationery, and General Expenses and	110			
52	Audit	65			
—	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—			
<u>\$12,546</u>		<u>\$12,278</u>	<u>\$12,546</u>		<u>\$12,278</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1975

420	1974		1975	1974		1975
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$
	Liabilities:			6	Post Office Savings Bank	6
	Sundry Creditor	710		—	Deposit with Board of Management	214
	Loan Methodist General Purposes			2,212	Deficit Balances of Fund (See Contra)	2,490
2,000	Trust Board	2,000	2,710			
	Accumulated Funds:					
	Balance 30th June 1974 (2,212)					
	Add Excess of Expenditure					
	over Income	278				
	Deficit—(See Contra)	2,490				
	<u>\$2,218</u>	<u>\$2,710</u>	<u>\$2,218</u>	<u>\$2,218</u>		<u>\$2,710</u>

Analysis of Removals by Fund:	No.	Total Cost	Average	1973/74 Average
North Island Changes	25	\$5,455.90	\$218.23	(\$229)
South Island Changes	10	\$1,764.94	\$176.49	(\$232)
Inter Island Changes	13	\$6,409.94	\$493.07	(\$484)
		<u>\$13,630.78</u>	<u>\$283.97</u>	

Refunds Received from Union Parishes:

North Island	2	\$718.00
South Island	1	\$395.00
Inter Island	1	\$413.00

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND — BENEVOLENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
197	Grants	1,335	383	Interest Received	380
186	Balance to Accumulated Revenue			Balance from Accumulated Revenue	955
<u>\$383</u>		<u>\$1,335</u>	<u>\$383</u>		<u>\$1,335</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

232	Balance 31st January, 1974		46	Balance 1st February, 1974	232
—	Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	955	186	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	—
			—	Balance 31st January, 1975	723
<u>\$232</u>		<u>\$955</u>	<u>\$232</u>		<u>\$955</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

4,918	Capital at 1st February, 1974	4,928	5,160	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund Board	4,655
10	Add Donation for Capital	450			
4,928		<u>\$5,378</u>			
232	Accumulated Revenue Account	—723			
<u>\$5,160</u>		<u>\$4,655</u>	<u>\$5,160</u>		<u>\$4,655</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

422

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Charges:			Fund Contributions:	
5,065	Administration Charges — — —	5,518	34,842	Personal Contributions — —	39,373
825	Stationery, General Expenses and Audit Fee — — —	1,189	48,960	Subsidies:	
802	Actuarial Costs — — —	—	3,289	(a) From Connexional Budget —	54,785
				(b) From Other Agencies and Individuals — —	4,750
6,692					
	Interest Paid:	6,707			\$98,908
16,644	To Allied Funds — — —	18,810	87,091	Commission Earned — — —	162
800	Other Interest — — —	1,026	474	Investment Income:	
313	Interest on Morley House Loan — —	—	3,247	Bank and Other Deposit Interest —	5,502
			6,727	Local Body Stock and Debenture Interest — — —	6,793
17,757		19,836	15,908	Mortgage Interest — — —	19,073
	Fund Disbursements:		—75	Less Allowance re Earthquake and War Damage Insurance — —	—
33,721	Annuities — — —	44,689			
4,800	Furniture Grants — — —	2,860	15,833		
3,727	Refunds of Contributions — — —	4,355	4,373	Company Dividends and Convertible Note Interest — — —	6,492
42,248		51,904			
66,697		78,447			
85,389	Transferred to Appropriation Account —	88,252	30,180		37,860

			Property Income:		
	29,334		Epworth Chambers Rents	—	29,193
	<u>— 13,236</u>		Less Expenses	—	<u>16,373</u>
	16,098				12,820
	8,700		Century Property Rents	—	8,700
	<u>— 114</u>		Less (i) Expenses	—	15
	<u>— 2,250</u>		(ii) Mortgage Interest	— 2,400	
				<u>—</u>	<u>2,415</u>
	6,336				6,285
	20,500		Papatoetoe Property Rents	—	20,500
	<u>— 765</u>		Less (i) Expenses	—	991
	<u>— 7,828</u>		(ii) Interest	—	<u>8,845</u>
				<u>—</u>	<u>9,836</u>
	11,907				10,664
	<u>34,341</u>				<u>29,769</u>
<u>\$152,086</u>	<u>\$166,699</u>	<u>\$152,086</u>			<u>\$166,699</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

\$85,389	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	—	—	\$88,252	\$85,389	Balance from Revenue Account	—	—	\$88,252
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
619	Sundry Creditors — — — 8,807		19,943	Bank of N.Z. (Current Account) — — 1,154	
—	Morley House — — — 1,981		30,000	Bank of N.Z. Term Deposit — — 30,000	
3,310	Rates Accrued — — — —		—	Discounted Bills — — — 49,003	
284	Subscriptions Prepaid—Personal — — 414		1,916	Subscriptions Due: Personal — — 1,081	
	Subsidy — — — 109		762	Subsidy — — — —	
4,213		11,311	5,258	Interest Accrued — — — 7,435	
			2,894	Sundry Debtors — — — 8,267	
5,160	Deposits by Allied Funds:		60,773		96,940
102,922	Benevolent Fund — — — 4,655			Investments:	
12,833	Home Acquisition Fund — — 121,551		28,658	Local Body Stock — — — 21,371	
16,203	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund — — 7,789		74,723	Debentures — — — — 77,070	
19,130	Lay Workers Retiring Fund — — 23,482		208,785	First Mortgages — — — — 269,100	
74,279	Deferred Stipend Fund — — 20,541		90,582	Company Shares and Convertible	
	Deaconess Retiring Fund — — 75,807			Notes — — — — 99,312	
230,527		253,825	10,000	Insurance Company Group Investments — — 10,000	
	Term Loans:		—	Perpetual Trustees — — — 10,000	
30,000	Century Property Mortgage (Musson and Others) — — — 30,000		412,748		486,853
	Other Loans:			Properties:	
87,650	General Purposes Trust Board — — 112,650		201,001	Papatoetoe Property at Cost (1970) — — 201,001	
50,000	General Purposes Trust Board (Morley House Loan) — — — 50,000		87,310	Century Property at Cost (1968) — — 87,310	
10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund (Papatoetoe) — — — 10,000		213,080	Epworth Chambers at Valuation (1966) plus subsequent additions at cost — — 213,080	
147,650		172,650	50,000	Morley House Property at Cost (1973) — — — 50,000	
	Accumulated Funds, Reserves and Special Funds:		—	Add Architects Fees — — — 2,000	
10,000	Provisions and Reserves:		—	Rates and Interest on Loan — — — 6,165	
3,000	Investment Fluctuation Reserve — — 10,000				58,165
	Provision for Building Maintenance — — 3,000			Less Rent Received — — — 70	
13,000		13,000			58,095
15,109	Special Fund for Widows' Benefits — — 15,109		551,391		559,486
—	Add Donations — — — — 200			\$150,000 Appeal Fund:	
—	Add Interest — — — — 1,026		—	Grants Made in Advance — — — 4,500	

—	Less Payments Made	—	—	16,335	
				4,000	
					12,335
—	Retirement Housing Fund	—	—		4,500
	Accumulated Funds:				
542,503	Balance 31st January, 1974	—	—	584,413	
70	Add Donations and Grants Received	—	—		
2,326	Add Capital Profit on Sale of Shares	—	—	599	
4,661	Add Transfer from Deaconess Retiring Fund	—	—		
85,389	Add Transfer from Appropriation A/c.	—	—	88,252	
634,949				673,264	
—50,536	Less Annuities Compounded	—	—	23,106	
584,413				650,158	
\$1,024,912				\$1,147,779	\$1,024,912
					\$1,147,779

Notes:

Note 1 Valuation of Shares and Convertible Notes, based on last sales price in January, 1975—\$101,376.

2 Government Valuation of Properties:—

	Unimproved Value	Value of Improvements	Capital Value
Epworth Chambers (1969)	103,800	131,200	235,000
Century Property (1969)	22,600	61,200	83,800
Papatoetoe Property (1971)	70,000	91,000	161,000
Morley House (1969)	37,500	8,500	46,000
			\$525,800

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Revenue Account, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
7,351	Funds Withdrawn	6,394	87,437	Balance 1st February, 1974	100,967
88	Subsidies Forfeited	305		Contributions:	
100,968	Balance 31st January, 1975	118,885	5,232	Personal (Subscriptions)	4,902
			5,521	Personal (Additional Subscriptions Received)	8,761
			3,488	Subsidies	3,376
			14,241		17,039
			6,729	Interest on Accounts	7,578
\$108,407		\$125,584	\$108,407		\$125,584

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

6,729	Interest Allowed to Contributors	7,578	7,390	Interest Earned	8,528
530	Administration Charges	578	88	Subsidies Forfeited (See Note)	—
75	Stationery and General Expenses	90			
7,334		\$8,246			
144	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Revenue	282			
\$7,478		\$8,528	\$7,478		\$8,528

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974			1975			1974			1975
\$			\$			\$			\$
1,055	Balance 31st January, 1975	—	—	1,337		537	Balance 1st February, 1974	—	1,055
						374	Share of Realised Profits during Year	—	—
						144	Transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c.	—	282
<u>\$1,055</u>			<u>\$1,337</u>			<u>\$1,055</u>			<u>\$1,337</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974			1975			1974			1975
\$			\$			\$			\$
809	Fire Insurance Subsidy Balance	—	1,238			102,922	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	—	121,550
100,968	Contributors Accounts	—	118,885						
	Accumulated Funds:								
80	Capital at 31st January, 1974	—	90						
10	Add Donation for Capital	—	—						
1,055	Accumulated Revenue	—	1,337						
			<u>1,427</u>						
<u>\$102,922</u>			<u>\$121,550</u>			<u>\$102,922</u>			<u>\$121,550</u>

Note: Subsidies forfeited have been added back to "Fire Insurance Subsidy" this year.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquisition Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,030	Contributions and Interest Withdrawn	9,586	56,573	Balance at 1st February, 1974	65,569
65,569	Balance 31st January, 1974	66,363		Contributions:	
			2,068	Personal	1,148
			3,508	Subsidy	2,942
			4,450	Interest Allowed	4,090
				Bonus Allowed	5,013
					1,277
<u>\$66,599</u>		<u>\$75,949</u>	<u>\$66,599</u>		<u>\$75,949</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

4,450	Interest Allowed	5,013	5,643	Interest Earned	5,796
685	Administration Charges	747	308	Income Mabel Morley Trust	543
115	Stationery and General Expenses	108			
484	Annuity Paid				
217	Balance to Accumulated Revenue Account	471			
<u>\$5,951</u>		<u>\$6,339</u>	<u>\$5,951</u>		<u>\$6,339</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
—	Bonus Allowed	1,277	1,099	Balance 1st February, 1974	1,608
1,608	Balance 31st January, 1975	802	292	Share of Realised Profits during Year	—
			217	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	471
<u>\$1,608</u>		<u>\$2,079</u>	<u>\$1,608</u>		<u>\$2,079</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

—	Sundry Creditors	1,456	74,280	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	75,807
65,569	Contributors Accounts	66,363	84	Sundry Debtors	—
107	Bonus Allocation—Balances No. 1 Account	107			
650	Grants Allocation Account	650			
	Accumulated Funds:				
11,081	Capital at 31st January, 1974	6,429			
10	Add Donation to Capital	—			
11,091					
4,661	Less Transfer to Supernumerary Fund	—			
6,430					
1,608	Accumulated Revenue Account	802			
8,038		7,231			
<u>\$74,364</u>		<u>\$75,807</u>	<u>\$74,364</u>		<u>\$75,807</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deaconess Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974					1975					1975
\$					\$					\$
1,319	Funds Withdrawn	—	—	—	9,464	9,785	Balance 1st February, 1974	—	—	11,793
11,794	Balance 31st January, 1975	—	—	—	7,749		Contributions:			
						1,054	Personal	—	—	2,023
						1,460	Subsidy from Connexional Budget	—	—	2,380
						12,299				4,403
						814	Interest Allowed	—	—	1,017
\$13,113					\$17,213	\$13,113				\$17,213

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

814	Interest Allowed to Contributors	—	—	1,017	897	Interest Earned	—	—	—	1,086
60	Administration Charges	—	—	65	10	General Donations	—	—	—	—
20	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	24	—	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	—	—	20
13	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—						
\$907				\$1,106	\$907					\$1,106

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
—	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	20	31	Balance 1st February, 1974	87
87	Balance 31st January, 1975	67	43	Share of Realised Profits during Year	—
			13	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	—
<u>\$87</u>		<u>\$87</u>	<u>\$87</u>		<u>\$87</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

11,794	Contributors Accounts	—	—	7,749	108	Sundry Debtor	—	—	—	1,088
	Accumulated Funds:				12,833	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	7,789
1,060	Capital 1st February, 1974	—	—	1,060						
87	Accumulated Revenue Account	—	—	68						
<u>1,147</u>				<u>1,128</u>						
<u>\$12,941</u>				<u>\$8,877</u>	<u>\$12,941</u>					<u>\$8,877</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Missionaries Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,754	Funds Withdrawn — — — — —	3,700	7,765	Balance 1st February, 1974 — —	13,345
—	Subsidies Forfeited — — — — —	—		Contributions:	
13,345	Balance 31st January, 1975 — — — — —	21,756	5,640	Personal and Subsidies — — — — —	9,189
			960	Budget Subsidies (Overseas Division Staff) — — — — —	1,261
					10,450
			—	Bonuses — — — — —	231
			734	Interest Allowed to Contributors — — — — —	1,430
<u>\$15,099</u>		<u>\$25,456</u>	<u>\$15,099</u>		<u>\$25,456</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

734	Interest Allowed to Contributors — — — — —	1,430	975	Interest Received — — — — —	1,443
85	Administration Charges — — — — —	93	—	Subsidies Forfeited — — — — —	—
20	Stationery and General Expenses — — — — —	24		Balance from Accumulated Revenue Account — — — — —	104
839		1,547			
136	Balance to Accumulated Revenue Account — — — — —	—			
<u>\$975</u>		<u>\$1,547</u>	<u>\$975</u>		<u>\$1,547</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
—	To Bonus — — — — —	231	405	Balance 1st February, 1974 — — —	582
—	Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	104	41	Share of Realised Profits During Year — — —	—
582	Balance at 31st January, 1975 — — —	247	136	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	—
<u>\$582</u>		<u>\$582</u>	<u>\$582</u>		<u>\$582</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

1,846	Sundry Creditors — — —	1,049	16,203	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund — —	23,482
13,345	Contributors Accounts — — —	21,756			
	Accumulated Funds and Reserves:				
420	Capital Account 1st February, 1974 —	430			
10	Add Donation Received During Year	—			
430					
582	Accumulated Revenue — — —	247			
1,012		677			
<u>\$16,203</u>		<u>\$23,482</u>	<u>\$16,203</u>		<u>\$23,482</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch, 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEFERRED STIPEND FUND
DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974					1975					1974					1975
\$					\$					\$					\$
4,471	Funds Withdrawn	—	—	—	5,982					15,640	Balance 1st February, 1974	—	—	—	19,075
19,075	Balance 31st January, 1975	—	—	—	20,591					6,649	Deposits	—	—	—	5,922
										22,289					24,997
										1,257	Interest Allowed	—	—	—	1,576
\$23,546					\$26,573					\$23,546					\$26,573

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1,257	Interest Allowed to Depositors	—	—	—	1,576	1,356	Interest Earned	—	—	—	—	1,577
75	Administration Charges	—	—	—	82							
20	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	24							
4	Balance to Accumulated Revenue	—	—	—	—		Balance from Accumulated Revenue Account	—				105
<u>\$1,356</u>					<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$1,356</u>						<u>\$1,682</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEFERRED STIPEND FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
55	Balance 31st January, 1974	—	51	Balance 1st February, 1974	55
—	Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	105	4	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	—
—		—	—	Balance at 31st January, 1975	50
\$55		\$105	\$55		\$105

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

19,075	Contributors' Deposits	—	—	—	—	20,591	19,130	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	20,541
55	Accumulated Revenue	—	—	—	—	—	—	Accumulated Revenue	—	—	—	50
\$19,130						\$20,591	\$19,130					\$20,591

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Depositors Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Accumulated Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch,
 21st April, 1975.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
69,775	Interest allowed to Trusts and Depositors	109,817		Interest Earned	
6,800	Administration	7,500		Local Body Stock and Company	
647	Stationery and General Expenses	1,064	19,355	Debentures	16,608
2,493	Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,035	31,325	Mortgages	46,541
			15,657	Loans	25,559
			11,722	Bank and other Interest	10,281
			—	Lambton Quay Property	19,720
			78,059		118,709
			368	Commissions	145
			1,288	Dividends and Interest on Convertible Notes	1,562
<u>\$79,715</u>		<u>\$120,416</u>	<u>\$79,715</u>		<u>\$120,416</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
1,000	Transfer to General Reserve	2,000	—	Balance June 30, 1974	—
780	Provision for grant to Supernumerary and Allied Funds	1,584		Interest on Lambton Quay Property—	
713	Balance Transferred to Capital Account	1,584		1972-73	1,169
				1973-74	1,963
			2,493	Nett Income for year	2,036
<u>\$2,493</u>		<u>\$5,168</u>	<u>\$2,493</u>		<u>\$5,168</u>

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
9,881	Bank of N.Z.—Overdraft	—	—	Bank of N.Z.—	
384	Sundry Creditors	32,805	—	Current Account	29,545
	Provision for grants to Super-		100,000	Term Deposit	—
780	numerary and Allied Funds	1,583	10,000	Guardian Trust	10,000
				N.Z. Insurance Co. Group	
11,045		34,588	28,000	Funds	28,000
	Short Term Deposits:		39,217	Bills of Exchange	—
7,896	Church Sites Fund	8,429	60,000	Other Short Term Deposits	2,500
25,997	Church Building & Loan Fund	10,019		Sundry Loans to Connexional	
10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance F'd	567	7,000	Funds	10,248
	S.I. Children's Home Invest-		964	Sundry Debtors	788
10,857	ment Fund Board	11,590	15,333	Interest Accrued	13,406
54,750		30,605	260,514		104,487
	Loans—Walters Farm Trust:			Investments and Loans:	
4,381	Home Mission Department	4,094	672,523	First Mortgages	642,751
	Other Liabilities:			Loan—Supernumerary Fund	
	Sundry Church and other		112,650	(Papatoetoe Property)	112,650
1,243,391	Deposits	1,289,289		Loan—Supernumerary Fund—	
	Depositors Holding Specific		50,000	Special Loan	50,000
23,350	Investments	26,500	23,994	Sundry Loans to Church Trusts	29,028
				Loan to Walters Trust	6,000
1,266,741		1,315,789	193,597	Local Body Stock	131,810
	Trusts Administered by General		96,924	Public Company Debentures	77,739
	Purposes Trust Board:			Debentures—Dunedin Central	
180,179	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund	183,655	18,000	Mission	18,000
100,170	Sundry other Trusts	123,371		Shares and Convertible Notes	
			24,070	(Public Companies)	22,045
280,349		307,026	7,000	Specific Assets held for Trusts	26,500
	Accumulated Funds and Reserves:				
	Accumulated Funds as at June		1,199,058		1,116,523
11,391	30, 1974	12,104		Wellington Property Development	
—	Add: Donation Received	50	125,848	Account—Thorndon	—

713	Balance from Appropriation A/c.	1,584	—	Wellington Property Development Account—Lambton Quay	442,680
12,104		13,738		Loans to Transport Trust Board:	
4,000	General Reserve	6,000	27,800	Winstone Fund, Methven and General	27,800
16,104		19,738	20,150	Walters Trust:	
				Additional Land at Cost	20,150
<u>\$1,633,370</u>		<u>\$1,711,640</u>	<u>\$1,633,370</u>		<u>\$1,711,640</u>

Notes:

1. Lambton Quay Property.

Until this development is completed and earning income, interest at 7½% has been capitalised on the progress payments. Interest relating to the previous periods of 1972-3 and 1973-4 has been charged to the Appropriations Account while the interest for the current year is included as Income in the Income and Expenditure Account. This is an interim measure, pending negotiations with the Presbyterian Church.

2. Earning Rate.

Certain assets held by the Trust are for specific purposes, and the income earned is paid as directed by the depositors. The income derived from these assets does not appear in the Income and Expenditure Account.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Board as at 30 June 1975, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

3rd October 1975

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974			1975
\$		\$	\$
24,200	Connexional Budget Payments		27,500.00
164	Conference Arrangements and Collections		881.58
4	Synod Collections		34.50
610	Sales of Printed Matter		317.22
55	Interest Received		93.29
<u>\$25,033</u>			<u>\$28,826.59</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1975

Current Assets:

2,400	Bank of New Zealand	4,716.89	
2,200	Sundry Debtors	2,617.22	
			7,334.11

Balances Due from District Synods:

121	Northland	—	
—	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	311.51	
—	North Canterbury	80.71	
			392.22
3,593	Deficit Balance of Fund (per Contra)		795.77
<u>\$8,314</u>			<u>\$8,522.10</u>

Current Liabilities:

522	Sundry Creditors	—	
2,000	General Purposes Trust Loan	5,138.00	
697	Board of Management Connexional Office	295.80	
			5,433.80

Balances Due to District Synods:

—	Northland	687.99	
317	Auckland	57.28	
2,792	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	107.30	
241	Taranaki-Wanganui	586.10	
94	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	—	
253	Wellington	470.96	
180	Nelson	58.46	
40	North Canterbury	—	
1,056	South Canterbury	724.69	
122	Otago-Southland	395.52	
			3,088.30

Accumulated Funds:

	Deficit 30/6/74	3,593.41	
	Exchange Gain	—	
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year to 30/6/75	2,797.64	
		<u>795.77</u>	
	Deficit Balance 30/6/75 per Contra		
<u>\$8,314</u>			<u>\$8,522.10</u>

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974				1975
\$			\$	\$
Conference Travel:				
1,286	Equalisation Fund		1,238.00	
1,368	Official Representatives, Ordinands, etc.		1,859.45	
				3,097.45
Conference Printing and General Expenses:				
3,230	Conference Agendas		3,645.70	
3,755	Conference Minutes		4,499.35	
295	Station Sheets		215.90	
6	Ordinands Bibles		5.42	
928	Secretarial, Platform and Other Expenses		422.44	
126	J.C.C.U. Report		118.00	
—	Conference Letterheads		45.18	
				8,951.99
Connexional Payments:				
496	President's Travel and Expenses		69.80	
39	Hood and Photo		88.00	
130	Allowance		150.00	
396	Vice-President's Expenses		440.27	
149	General		158.80	
51	Candidates Selection		—	
319	Samoa Travel		—	
253	Conference on Evangelism		—	
—	Ecumenical Committee		10.00	
				916.87
Connexional Printing:				
230	Synod Agendas and Reports		—	
—	Confirmation Certificates		160.10	
—	Membership Cards		168.46	
83	Other Printing		—	
				328.56
Connexional and J.C.C.U. Committees:				
891	District Payments		675.22	
1,308	Paid Direct by Fund		2,122.75	
				2,797.97
722	Church Council		—	1,381.62
4,382	District Expenses		—	6,560.83
1,448	Synod Expenses		—	1,227.44
398	Ministerial Supply		—	—
Grants:				
—	Study and Book Grants		136.40	
200	Sundry Committee Grants		100.00	
			236.40	
220	Less Amount held for World Methodist Council		220.00	
				16.40
General Expenses:				
115	General Expenses		138.00	
60	General		13.32	
				151.32
Special Committee on Investment Board and Finance Manager Expenses:				
	General Expenses		248.10	
	Plus Sundry Debtor—Bulk Air		350.40	
				598.50
2,149	Excess of Income over Expenditure		—	2,797.64
\$25,033				\$28,826.59

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
7,000	Administration Charges	7,500	18,191	Net Commissions earned before charging cost of Reinsurance borne by Fund	
1,147	Stationery and General Expenses	965		(Note 1)	22,402
24	Travel Costs			Interest Earnings:	
20,774	Profit for Year before charging cost of Reinsurances borne by Fund	26,115	1,706	Bank and Deposits	588
			2,152	Loans to Churches and Departments	2,524
			1,994	Local Body Stock	716
			4,902	Mortgages	8,350
			10,754		12,178
\$28,945		\$34,580	\$28,945		\$34,580

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1975

2,800	Transfer to Capital	2,800	708	Balance 31st May, 1974	(144)
	Cost of Reinsurance borne by Fund		20,774	Profit for Year	26,115
	—Public Liability				
333	Camps and Retreats	333			
3,910	Churches, Halls, Preaching Places and Parsonages	2,213			
307	Money Insurance	307			
1,277	Employers Liability—Ministers	100			
		2,953			
		1,697			
	Less 1974 Refund (Note 3)				
		1,256			
13,000	Provision for Grants	20,000			
(145)	Balance Carried Forward	1,915			
\$21,940		\$25,971	\$21,482		\$25,971

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MAY, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
28,431	Sums Due to Reinsurers — — —	45,398	9,340	Cash at Bank (Note 4) — — —	79,166
287	Sundry Creditors — — —	2,135	40,612	Premiums from Trusts due to Fund — — —	29,692
			50	Sundry Debtors — — —	—
28,718	Total Current Liabilities — — —	47,533	2,707	Accrued Interest — — —	1,689
13,000	Provision for Grants — — —	20,000	—	Short Term Deposits — — —	5,087
18,846	Unearned Commission (Note 1) — — —	21,305			
	Reserves:		52,709	Total Current Assets — — —	115,634
600	Doubtful Debts Reserve — — —	600		Investments:	
3,118	Natural Calamities Fund — — —	3,118	97,781	Mortgages (including Contributory	
8,109	Investment Contingency Reserve — — —	8,109		Mortgages) — — —	97,781
			39,258	Loans to Churches and Trusts — — —	39,876
11,827	Total Reserves — — —	11,827	10,000	Loan to Supernumerary Fund — — —	—
	Accumulated Funds:		30,562	Local Body Stock — — —	10,153
155,264	Balance 31st May, 1974 — — —	158,064	177,601	Total Investments — — —	147,810
2,800	Add Transfer from Appropriation A/c. — — —	2,800			
158,064		160,864			
(145)	Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c. — — —	1915			
157,919	Accumulated Funds at 31/5/75 — — —	162,779			
\$230,310		\$263,444	\$230,310		\$263,444

- Notes
1. There has been a change in the method of accounting for commission income. Commission income is recognised as being earned when the period of the insurance cover to which it relates has expired. Commissions relating to the unexpired portion are regarded as unearned. This is shown in the above account to have taken place as at 31st May, 1973.
 2. The opening balance of Accumulated Funds at 1st June, 1973 differs from that shown last year as an amount of \$18,388 representing unearned commissions as at 31st May, 1973 has been transferred from Accumulated Funds to Profit and Loss Account.
 3. From the amount of \$3,910 being the 1974 premium for Public Liability on Churches, Halls, Preaching Places and Parsonages, a refund of \$1,697 was received in this financial year.
 4. There is a commitment for \$50,000 for a mortgage investment.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1975, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. Because of the change in the method of accounting for premium income referred to in Note 1, the accounts for the year are not directly comparable with past years' published accounts. Subject to this, in our opinion the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
Christchurch, 11th August, 1975.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INCORPORATED)
LOANS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

1974					1975					1974					1975
\$					\$					\$					\$
65,473	Loans at 30th June, 1974	—	—	—	66,092	32,152	Loan Repayments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31,624
29,515	New Loans Advanced	—	—	—	31,524	66,092	Balance 30th June, 1975	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69,483
3,256	Interest Charged	—	—	—	3,491										
<u>\$98,244</u>					<u>\$101,107</u>	<u>\$98,244</u>									<u>\$101,107</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

750	Administration Charges	—	—	—	—	1,000	3,256	Interest Receivable	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,491
2,187	Interest Payable	—	—	—	—	2,336									
124	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	149									
<u>3,061</u>						<u>3,485</u>									
195	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	—	6	<u>\$3,256</u>								<u>\$3,491</u>
<u>\$3,256</u>						<u>\$3,491</u>									

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INCORPORATED)
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Current Liabilities:				
8,798	Bank of New Zealand Overdraft —	10,998	66,092	Secured Advances —	69,483
137	Sundry Creditors —	222			
8,935		11,220			
	Loans:				
26,000	General Purposes Trust —	26,000			
1,800	General Purposes Trust (Methven) —	1,800			
1,000	Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust —	1,000			
2,000	Wesley Social Services Trust —	2,000			
5,000	Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Fund —	5,000			
1,000	Te Awamutu Trust —	1,000			
10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund —	10,000			
46,800		46,800			
	Accumulated Funds:				
9,162	Balance 30th June, 1974 —	10,357			
1,000	Add Grant from Fire Insurance Fund Donation P. and E. F. Rushton Memorial Trust —	1,000			
195	Net Income for Year —	6			
10,357	Total Accumulated Funds at 30th June, 1975 —	11,463			
\$66,092		\$69,483	\$66,092		\$69,483

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Transport Trust Board (Incorporated) for the year ended 30th June, 1975. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Loans Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Methodist Transport Trust Board (Incorporated) as at 30th June, 1975, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
 Christchurch,
 11th August, 1975.

N. E. BROOKS, Chairman.
 W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT YEAR TO 30th JUNE, 1975
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
382492	Payments to Departments and Funds (See Schedule I)	408,616	353,477	Contributions Received:	
7,726	Expenses Collected through Connexional Budget and Refunded to Districts	8,982		Methodist Circuits — — —	365,049
95	Stationery, Postages, Tolls, Travel Expenses and General Expenses	411	22,142	(See Schedule II)	
44	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	7,369	Union Parishes (See Schedule III):	
				General — — —	37,509
				Retiring Fund Contributions	9,506
			29,511		
			382,988		47,015
					412,064
			6,100	Refunds from Departments and Funds:	
			618	Supernumerary Fund — — —	2,800
				Deaconess Retiring Fund — — —	1,700
			6,718	Children's Fund — — —	—
					4,500
			337	Contributions for Earlier Years	
			314	Received in 1974/75 — — —	818
				Bank Interest Received — — —	338
				Excess of Expenditure over Income — — —	289
<u>\$390,357</u>		<u>\$418,009</u>	<u>\$390,357</u>		<u>\$418,009</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
210	Payments in Advance 1975/76 —	1,145	7,967	Bank of New Zealand —	11,228
20,251	Final Payments Due to Districts, Non-Guaranteed Funds and Departments	25,257	14,076	Payments received subsequent to 30th June relating to and brought into account for 1974/75 —	16,467
					27,695
<u>20,461</u>		26,402			
	Accumulated Funds:				
1,538	Brought Forward from 1973/74 —	1,582			
44	Less Balance from Income and Expenditure Account —	289			
<u>1,582</u>		1,293			
<u>\$22,043</u>		<u>\$27,695</u>	<u>\$22,043</u>		<u>\$27,695</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1974/75
PAYMENTS TO DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS

Schedule I

Departments and Funds	Allocation		Payment	
	\$		\$	
Supernumerary Fund	62214		62214	
	(Refunded		2800)	
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	1696		1696	
Deaconess Retiring Fund	5490		5490	
	(Refunded		1700)	
Lay Missionaries Retiring Fund	1747		1747	
Removal Expenses Fund	12000		12000	
Conference Contingent Fund	27500		27500	
Education Division	33527		32893	
Board of Management—Connexional Office	7500		7358	
Children's Homes—Auckland	655		643	
Masterton	1000		981	
South Island	500		490	
Development Fund	500		490	
Development Division	34195		33549	
Maori Division	58419		57315	
"New Citizen"	18000		17660	
N.Z. M.S.S.A.	2000		1962	
Overseas Division	129700		127249	
Overseas Aid (1%)	4138		4080	
National Council of Churches	2614		2614	
World Council of Churches	1018		1018	
Churches' Education Commission	1130		1130	
N.C.C. Prison Chaplaincies	60		60	
Armed Forces Chaplaincies	150		150	
University Chaplaincies—N.C.C.	4720		4720	
Overseas Travel Fund	1000		981	
J.C.C.U. (paid on basis of revised budget)	1300		1524.50	
East Asian Christian Council	202		202	
Christian Audio Visual Society	200		200	
Committee on Ministry	400		400	
Pacific Council of Churches	300		300	
	413875		408616.50	

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1974/75

SCHEDULE II

FINAL REPORT (METHODIST CIRCUITS)

(Includes payments received to 11/8/75 relating to 1974/75)

District		District Allocation (including local expenses) (Note 1)	Less Allocated to Union Parishes (other than Parishes formed 1/2/74)	Allocated to Methodist Circuits and New Union Parishes	Payments to date (Methodist Circuits and New Union Parishes)	% Achieved 1974/75	Circuits Fully Paid	Circuits Not Fully Paid	Comparative % June 1974
		\$	\$	\$	\$				
Northland	—	10,726	3,442	7,284	7,035	96.58	5	2	100.47
Auckland	—	91,404	3,168	88,236	88,289	100.06	22	1	100.00
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	—	59,241	6,573	52,668	51,400	97.59	16	4	98.52
Taranaki/Wanganui	—	30,732	1,452	29,280	29,155	99.57	6	2	98.21
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	—	43,864	4,156	39,708	38,243	96.31	7	3	99.82
Wellington	—	48,202	13,150	35,052	34,460	98.30	8	2	97.79
Nelson	—	20,441	3,193	17,248	17,269	100.01	5	—	94.37
North Canterbury	—	70,281	5,529	64,752	60,372	93.23	9	5	97.86
South Canterbury	—	18,624	492	18,132	18,132	100.00	6	—	100.00
Otago/Southland	—	25,720	3,184	22,536	20,694	91.82	7	3	89.53
		419,235	44,339	374,896	365,049	97.37	91	22	98.16

- Note: (1) **District Allocations:** Certain credits have been allowed to Districts for Retiring Fund Contributions content of Budget being collected from Union Parishes separately from Budget contributions.
 (2) **Union Parishes:** The final report on Union Parishes from the Presbyterian Office is appended.
 (3) Guaranteed Funds have been paid 100% and non-Guaranteed Funds 98.11%. This compares with a 99% payout to non-Guaranteed Funds for 1973/74.

UNION PARISHES—COMBINED BUDGET 1974/75

Schedule III

UNION PARISHES (District Totals)	Combined Allocation	Paid to 31/7/75
	\$	\$
Northland	6,152	6,134.08
Auckland	6,754	4,972.17
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	23,786	22,556.40
Taranaki/Wanganui	4,638	3,433.00
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	8,795	7,087.45
Wellington	35,665	31,748.46
Nelson	9,794	4,509.73
North Canterbury	11,004	10,300.00
South Canterbury	1,829	1,829.04
Otago/Southland	24,875	20,003.00
	<u>133,292</u>	<u>112,573.33</u>

Methodist Share — 33.32% of \$112,573.33 = \$37,509.43
 (Union Parishes fully paid 39 — not fully paid 24)

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GENERAL ACCOUNT CASH POSITION

Opening Balance in Funds	2,601.59	Represented by	
Plus excess Income over Expenditure	768.21	Secured Short Term Investment	3,300.00
		Cash at Bank	69.80
	<u>\$3,369.80</u>		<u>\$3,369.80</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (No. 2 FUND)
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Balance 1/7/74	.....	.....	915.74	Rent Trinity College Buildings	...	.....	40,000.00
Transfer to Staff Houses Account	.....	.....	1,289.16	Interest—	.....	.....
Rent of Staff Houses	.....	.....	4,117.64	ex P.A.C.	.....	.....	3,962.44
Student Fees—	.....	.....		ex B.N.Z.	.....	.....	57.42
Balance (1974)	.....	.....	4,164.98	ex Mortgage	.....	.....	940.59
1975	.....	.....	14,677.00	ex Short Term Investment	.....	.....	148.94
Staff Book Allowances	.....	.....	500.00	Refund Students Fees	.....	.....	1,794.00
Cheque Book	.....	.....	1.00	Deaconess Board Fees	.....	.....	780.34
Study Leave (Principal)	.....	.....	2,500.00	Short Term Investments	.....	.....	11,400.00
Australian Conference (1975)	.....	.....	250.00	Transfer from House Account	.....	.....	830.55
Short Term Investment	.....	.....	16,000.00				
Mortgage Investment (Secured)	.....	.....	15,000.00				
Balance 30/6/75	.....	.....	498.76				
			<u>\$59,914.28</u>				<u>\$59,914.28</u>

NOTE: At 30th June, 1975 balance of No. 2 Account was

Bank Balance	.....	.....	498.76
Short Term Investment	.....	.....	4,600.00
			<u>\$5,098.76</u>

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE HOUSE ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

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EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
Repairs and Renewals	87.79	Rents from Grafton	3,887.31
Furnishings	....	....	....	728.07	Sales	....	....	....	275.00
Postages and Stationery	....	....	....	51.41	Bank Interest	....	....	....	90.48
Student Fees	....	....	....	1,029.00	Staff Houses Account Transfer	....	....	....	515.81
Education Division Rent	....	....	....	120.00					
Conference Fees (3 staff)	....	....	....	18.00					
Telephones and Tolls	....	....	....	209.01					
Valuation (for Sales Purposes)	....	....	....	944.00					
Australian Conference (1974)	....	....	....	250.00					
Cartage to Remuera	....	....	....	168.00					
Wesley Historical Society Donation	....	....	....	100.00					
Student Advance	....	....	....	50.00					
Water Rates (Grafton Houses)	....	....	....	40.11					
Sundry Expenses	....	....	....	90.26					
Transfer to No. 2 Account	....	....	....	830.55					
Excess Income over Expenditure	....	....	....	882.95					
				<u>\$4,768.60</u>					<u>\$4,768.60</u>

HOUSE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1st July, 1974	....	....	....	....	2,174.83
Plus excess as above	....	....	....	....	882.95
Balance in Funds	....	....	....	....	<u>\$3,057.78</u>

LENNA BUTTON FUND

Balance 30/6/75	\$ 92.43	Balance 1/7/74	\$ 75.00
		Interest Received:	
		National Bank of N.Z.	2.76
		General Purposes Trust Board to 30/6/74	7.33
		to 30/6/75	7.34
			17.43
	\$92.43		\$92.43

EST. LILY WHITE

Balance 30/6/75	\$ 86.95	Balance 1/7/74	\$ 83.99
		Interest National Bank of N.Z.	2.96
	\$86.95		\$86.95

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Warden's and Trainees' Account	National Bank of N.Z. Ltd
Trainees' Emergency Fund	Deposits at 12 months call with Prince Albert College Trust
Maori Library Fund	Deposit with General Purposes Trust Board
Lenna Button Fund	
Est. Lily White	
Accumulated Funds (Share of proceeds Morley House)	
\$46,936.29	\$46,936.29

C. J. KEIGHTLEY, Chairman
J. L. CRAWFORD, Treasurer

Audited and found correct—
A. TURNER, A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1975

		LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
454	Capital Account		414,800.81	Fixed Assets	
	Funds Account			Freehold Land	120,000.00
	General Account No 2	20,098.76		College Buildings	250,000.00
	Harrison	8,070.15		Chapel	24,454.24
	House and Service	3,057.78		Organ	5,669.68
	Organ	6,966.67		Furniture and Fittings	8,832.52
	Staff Houses No. 2	3,581.62		Contents Library	8,000.00
	Students Library	5,066.56		Houses—	
	Scholarship Fund	3,106.75		134 Grafton Road	5,668.95
	Travel Fund	2,435.79		Ranston House	19,948.94
			52,384.08	Buttle House	20,000.00
	Capital Reserves			Total Fixed Assets	462,574.33
	Arising from revaluation of			Current Assets	
	Freehold Land	39,500.00		Cash in Hand—	
	College Buildings	54,810.00		General Account No. 1	69.80
			94,310.00	General Account No. 2	498.76
				Short Term Money Market—	
				Account No. 1	3,300.00
				Account No. 2	4,600.00
				Harrison Fund	553.49
				House and Service Account	3,057.78
				Organ Fund	1,566.67
				Staff Houses Account No. 2	3,581.62
				Students Library Fund	2,449.36
				Training Scholarship Fund	906.75
				Travel Fund	435.79
				Total Current Assets	21,020.02
				Investments	
				Prince Albert College	
				College Funds	43,000.00
				Harrison Fund	6,000.00
				Student Library	1,600.00
				School Fund	1,500.00
				Travel Fund	2,000.00
					54,100.00

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$		1975 \$
	Capital Account:			Land, Buildings and Improvements:	
1,136,168	Balance at 1/2/1974 —	1,252,835.49	582,053	Paerata (Note D) —	1,196,795.16
1,954	Grafton Lease Conversions —	2,446.85	513,270	Other Properties (Note E) —	547,721.18
106,777	Sales of Property Waikowhai (Note A) —	123,822.80	1,095,323		1,744,516.34
8,406	Donations Chapel Extension —	5,500.00		Plant and Equipment:	
—	Revaluation Paerata Buildings —	550,943.31	35,170	Furniture and Equipment (Note F) —	45,655.00
300	Blacklock Bequest —	—	10,780	Motor Vehicles (Note G) —	13,460.00
3,130	Excess Income over Expenditure —	27,825.26	880	Farm Machinery —	1,315.00
1,256,735		1,963,373.71	46,830		60,430.00
—1,200	Less Grant to Free Text Books —	—	15,034	Stocks on Hand:	
—2,700	Wesley Scholarships —	—	5,247	Livestock —	15,678.00
—	Bad Debts—College Fees —	4,527.44	4,043	Produce and Sundries—College —	4,252.57
	(Note B) —	—	24,324	Produce and Sundries—Farm —	5,155.42
		4,527.44			25,085.99
1,252,835		1,958,846.27		General Investments:	
	Scholarship Funds:			Shares — Auckland Co-op. Milk	
4,000	Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston —	4,000.00	1108	Producers Limited —	1,280.00
3,000	J. Stuart Caughey —	3,000.00	718	Bank of N.Z.—Current —	20,059.75
2,000	George Winstone —	2,000.00		(Note H) —	—
2,000	Stephen James Ambury —	2,000.00	100,000	Bank of N.Z.—Term Deposit —	25,000.00
1,289	Kingswood (Note L) —	3,815.49		Southern Cross Building and	
1,000	War Memorial (Maori) —	1,000.00	65,440	Banking Society —	112,366.25
500	Henry Wills Memorial —	500.00		(Note J) —	—
—	General (Anonymous) —	3,973.76	276	Savings Bank Accounts (Note K) —	698.56
—	Special Maori Appeal —	5,822.52	81,104	Loan on Mortgage —	79,657.72
		26,111.77	—	Perpetual Trustees Estate and	
				Agency Co. Ltd. —	50,000.00
	Special Funds:		248,646		289,062.28
7,098	College Swimming Pool Fund —	7,475.16		Scholarship and Special Funds	
—	Butland Bursary —	500.00		Investments (Note L):	
20,887		34,086.93	1,750	Debentures —	1,750.00
	Sundry Creditors:		2,233	Loans on Mortgage —	6,233.18
76,000	Loans on Mortgage:		5,250	Public Company Shares —	6,776.20
	South British Guardian Trust —	72,000.00	556	Savings Bank Accounts (Note K) —	564.76

50,000	Methodist General Purposes Trust Board	—	—	50,000.00	11,098	Southern Cross Building and Banking Society (Note J)	—	18,762.79	
9,000	H. J. Newcomb Trust	—	—	—					
48,545	Trade and Other Creditors (Note C)	—	—	70,923.48	20,887				34,086.93
4,073	Undistributed Scholarship Income			2,832.40		Sundry Debtors and Prepayments (Note M)	—	36,507.54	
						Less Reserve for Bad Debts	—	1,000.00	
187,618				195,755.88	25,330			35,507.54	
<u>\$1,461,340</u>				<u>\$2,188,689.08</u>	<u>\$1,461,340</u>			<u>\$2,188,689.08</u>	

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1975

1974 \$		\$	1975 \$	1974 \$		\$	1975 \$
EXPENDITURE—				INCOME—			
College Working Account:				Farm Working Account:			
179,506	Salaries and Wages (Note Q)	—	194,411.49	52,490	Dairy Receipts	—	64,515.19
42,519	Provisions (Note R)	—	37,600.32	5,224	Profit on Cattle	—	3,883.04
12,697	Repairs and Maintenance	—	23,626.78	—	Sale of Timber	—	64.24
5,823	Fuel and Light	—	7,623.73	—	Interest	—	143.02
4,273	Depreciation (Note Y)	—	5,828.87				
14,164	Other Expenses (Note R)	—	14,671.26	57,714			68,605.49
					Less:		
258,982		283,762.45		27,812	Working Expenses (Note T)	37,819.68	
203,502	Less Fees Charged	—	227,923.19		Vehicle Expenses	1,685.07	
				1,117	Repairs and Renewals	2,526.78	
55,480		55,839.26		3,726	Administration	2,083.83	
3,330	Plus Fees Concessions to Staff	—	2,664.00	3,800	Standing Charges	1,982.18	
				1,660	Depreciation (Note Z)	1,784.97	
58,810		58,503.26		636	Development Expenditure	2,697.50	
2,131	Less Rent from Outside Organisations and Staff	—	2,615.14	1,799			
56,679			55,888.12	40,550		50,580.01	
15,487	College Beneficiary Work	—	15,070.00				18,025.48
—	Wesley Scholarship	—	2,000.00	17,164			
11,965	Depreciation Buildings and Improvements (Note X)	—	180.00	1,435	Maurice Harding Park:		
10,177	Administration and General Expenses (Note S)	—	17,382.64	28,055	Scoria and Metal	—	
3,130	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	27,825.26	1,000	Royalties	—	8,869.83
					Rents	—	42,638.53
					Sundry	—	—
							51,508.36
					Less:		
				171	Rates	—	191.09
				1,504	Repairs and Maintenance	—	3,507.20
				—	Other Expenses	—	1,287.50
							4,985.79
				28,815			46,522.57
				13,918	Waikowhai Park:		
				2,597	Rents	—	11,884.30
				210	Less Rates	—	3,110.91
					Other Expenses	—	—
							3,110.91
				11,111			8,773.39

\$97,438		\$118,346.02
(Government Grants received and applied during the year against College payments as follows):		
1,105	Capital Items of Equipment and Library Books	1,413.05
15,604	Revenue Items	23,082.30
\$16,709		\$24,495.35
\$386	Balance Unexpended	\$38.45

459 **Note:** To enable insurances to be placed on a Replacement and Reinstatement basis an independent Registered Valuer was engaged to value all Paerata buildings. Following on from this it was decided to write up the book value to the Indemnity Value assessed, with the Capital Account being credited with the difference, and also it was decided not to charge depreciation for those buildings for the current year as had been the previous practice, the last year charge being \$11,785.

City Property Rents:			
1,765	Grafton	—	1,751.36
999	Carlton Gore	—	1,222.78
	(Note N)		
17,183	Interest (Note O)	—	2,974.14
20,400	Investment Properties Rents (Note P)	—	21,568.38
			20,482.06
\$97,437			\$118,346.02

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Board, so far as appears from our examination of those books. In our opinion, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the said books, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account together with the note thereon are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Board's affairs as at 31st January, 1975, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Auckland,
20th August, 1975.

HUTCHINSON, HULL & CO. Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND
WARDENS AND TRAINEES ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

Warden's Honorarium	\$ 100.00		Credit Balance brought forward 1/7/74	\$ 1,322.45
Warden's Expenses	23.00	\$ 123.00	Interest Received—	
Trainees' Allowance, Board and Book Allowance	780.34		National Bank of N.Z.	28.22
Trainees' Travelling Expenses and Hospitality	44.10		Prince Albert College Trust	75.00
Trainees' Convocation Fees	13.00		General Purposes Trust Board to 30/6/74	1,250.00
		837.44	to 30/6/75	2,500.00
Secretary's Petty Cash		12.00		
Stationery		23.00		
Candidate's Convocation Expenses		97.00		
Grant—D. Tana for Overseas Trip		200.00		
Grant—Deaconess Association to Convocation				
Travel Expenses		200.00		
		1,492.44		
Credit Balance 30/6/75		3,683.23		3,853.22
		\$5,175.67		\$5,175.67

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SPECIAL FUNDS
TRAINEES EMERGENCY FUND

Balance 30/6/75	\$ 1,289.44	Balance 1/7/74	\$ 1,206.63
		Interest Received:	
		National Bank of N.Z.	7.81
		Prince Albert College Trust	75.00
			82.81
	\$1,289.44		\$1,289.44

MAORI LIBRARY FUND

Balance 30/6/75	\$ 117.57	Balance 1/7/74	\$ 113.56
		Interest National Bank of N.Z.	4.01
	\$117.57		\$117.57

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST MAY, 1975

1973 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$
	Income from:		
18,526	Fees	16,333.40	19,470.25
144	Staff Board	522.00	136.00
1,000	Lease N.P. High School Board	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Lease Hickland	160.00	20.00
4,500	Grants—Grey Institute Trust	4,500.00	4,750.00
600	Kai Iwi Farm	1,500.00	600.00
2,750	Wellington Methodist C.E. & E.	—	2,750.00
7,850			
1	Interest	1.78	2.45
598	Rent	377.60	366.00
76	Sundry Receipts	36.00	1.00
146	Profit on Livestock	—	250.98
\$28,341	Total Income	\$24,430.78	\$29,346.68
	Expenses For:		
	Administration:		
369	Audit Fee	472.50	406.60
16	Bank Charges and Exchange	9.95	5.50
—	Bad Debts	1,727.75	—
253	Printing and Stationery	121.71	157.55
788	Secretary's Salary	900.00	900.00
146	Telephone Rental and Tolls	190.09	232.30
7	Newspapers	26.10	16.98
1,579		3,448.10	1,718.93
	Grounds:		
175	Maintenance	156.15	153.31
2,272	Wages	1,476.76	2,143.18
2,447		1,632.91	2,296.49
	Hostel Working Expenses:		
4	Advertising	209.42	272.21
260	Car Depn. & Travelling	—	130.00
514	Cleaning	460.69	620.15
54	General Expenses	269.57	30.98
822	Electricity	679.92	914.60
811	Heating and Fuel	1,556.92	1,016.11
439	Insurances	936.13	166.65
540	Rates	704.00	592.60
134	Rates (Water)	111.35	188.80
136	Repairs to Furniture	445.80	23.95
877	Buildings	1,106.30	82.14
330	House Equipment	518.10	470.29
219	Laundry Equipment	41.23	82.45
11	Linen	—	324.67
36	Crockery	—	105.60
11,092	Wages	11,625.25	11,693.27
16,279		18,664.68	16,714.47
	Provisions:		
771	Bread	716.91	910.53
2,874	Meat, Fish, Eggs	2,977.45	3,139.94
510	Milk	395.81	534.15
2,993	Groceries	3,078.83	3,007.82
883	Fruit and Vegetables	1,136.82	1,147.91
26	Medicines & Medical Supplies	33.27	35.92
8,057		8,339.09	8,776.27
	Financial Charges:		
189	Interest Paid	287.96	129.22
	Depreciation:		
1,233	Buildings	1,239.00	1,239.00
446	Furniture and Fittings	384.00	426.00
1,679		1,623.00	1,665.00
\$30,230	Total Expenditure	\$33,995.74	\$31,300.38
\$1,889	NET LOSS transferred to Accumulated Funds	\$9,564.96	\$1,933.70

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1975

	1975 \$	1974 \$	1973 \$		1975 \$	1974 \$	1973 \$
Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:			
Bank of New South Wales (Secured)	8,771.40	4,079	1,514	Canteen Stocks	503.62	374	509
Matron's Imprest A/c.	315.75	—	—	Matron's Imprest Account	—	218	65
Sundry Creditors	1,542.64	1,336	1,365	Cash on Hand	355.76	3	22
Students Funds Held	1,113.29	950	554	Fees Owning	1,188.00	5,946	4,112
Fees Paid in Advance	522.00	711	1,609	Students Accounts due to Board	375.22	948	1,683
Ground Rent received in Advance	—	100	—	Livestock on Hand	—	—	240
	12,265.08	7,176	5,042	Grey Trust Grant Due	4,000.00	1,500	1,111
				Prepayments	82.70	112	—
Accumulated Funds:					6,505.33	9,101	7,742
Balance 1/7/74	118,082.04	120,036	121,925	Fixed Assets:			
Special Grant—Grey Trust	—	—	—	Land	8,592.23	8,592	8,592
Losses Transferred	9,564.96	1,954	1,890				
	108,517.08	118,082	120,035	Furniture and Equipment	17,443.71	17,444	17,194
Funds for Special Purposes:				Less Depreciation	13,986.11	13,602	13,176
Balance 1/7/74	1,176.88	1,350	1,027		3,457.60	3,842	4,018
Profit from Canteen	115.14	194	235				
	1,292.02	1,544	1,262	Hostel Buildings	123,910.53	123,846	123,364
Expended during the year	—	367	—	Additions	—	64	483
Received during the year	141.95	—	88		123,910.53	123,910	123,847
	1,433.97	1,177	1,350	Less Depreciation	20,249.53	19,010	17,772
					103,661.00	104,900	106,075
					115,710.83	117,334	118,685
	\$122,216.13	\$126,435	\$126,427		\$122,216.13	\$126,435	\$126,427

We have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the year ended 31st May, 1975 and certify that in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our knowledge and the information given to us and as shown by the records of the Trust.

August 1975.

MORINE AND JAMES
Chartered Accountants—Auditors

THE NEW CITIZEN
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

Editors Salary and Superannuation	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 6,603.88	Advertising Receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 8,172.50
Travel	—	—	—	—	—	618.50	Partners in Print	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,603.76
Payment to Contributors	—	—	—	—	—	115.69	Connexional Budget	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,660.00
Wages: Office Assistants	—	—	—	—	—	2,852.64	Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	795.74
Wages: Editors Assistant	—	—	—	—	—	3,767.14	Donations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,513.00
Accountants Fees	—	—	—	—	—	300.00									
Rent	—	—	—	—	—	731.20									35,745.00
General Expenses (Stationery, Postage etc.)	—	—	—	—	—	2,328.91	Excess Expenditure over Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	831.09
Printing Costs	—	—	—	—	—	16,553.58									
Photographs	—	—	—	—	—	209.62									
Distribution Costs	—	—	—	—	—	2,423.32									
Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	71.61									
						<u>\$36,576.09</u>									<u>\$36,576.09</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1975

Bank of New Zealand	—	—	—	—	—	3,295.43	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,060.89
Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	—	—	1,809.41	Office Equipment:								
Accumulated Funds:							Cost	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,189.49	
Balance 1/7/74	—	—	—	—	—	431.65	Less Depreciation	—	—	—	—	—	—	544.98	
Less Excess Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	831.09								<u>644.51</u>	
						<u>Dr. 399.44</u>									
						<u>\$4,705.40</u>								<u>\$4,705.40</u>	

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the New Citizen for the year ended 30th June, 1975, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the New Citizen for this period.

C. S. WILKIE, B.Com., A.C.A.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

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1974		1975	1974		1975
\$		\$	\$		\$
890	Stock of Booklets—1st July, 1974	834.35	1,685	Sale of Booklets — — —	2,069.70
	Printing Booklets:		4	Interest—Nat. Bank of N.Z. Ltd. —	11.42
	Prayer Manuals — — —	475.88	107	Investment Funds Board —	86.97
	Induction Orders — — —	9.15			98.39
	Alternative Communion — — —	60.26	50	Donations to Printing Costs —	—
	Covenant — — —	495.31			2,168.09
	Prayers for the Sick — — —	35.00	1,846	Excess Expenditure over Income	
	Winds of the Spirit — — —	451.08	591	for Year — — —	—
2,240		1,526.68			
3,130		2,361.03			
834	Less Stock of Booklets, 30/6/75 —	876.63			
2,296	Cost of Sales — — —	1,484.40			
7	Advertising — — —	44.28			
64	Petty Cash, Stationery, Net Postage	28.91			
50	Travelling Expenses and Allowances	50.00			
10	Board Room Rent — — —	10.00			
10	Insurance — — —	10.50			
		1,628.09			
—	Excess Income over Expenditure for	540.00			
	Year — — —				
\$2,437		\$2,168.09	\$2,437		\$2,168.09

BALANCE SHEET AS 30th JUNE, 1975

1974			1975		1974			1975
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
600	Loan—Contingent Fund	—	—	—	604	Cash at National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	—	—
	Accumulated Funds:				—	Cash of Bank of New Zealand	—	771.67
4,457	Balance as at 30/6/74	—	3,865.92		2,750	Investment Funds Board—3 Months' Call	—	2,336.50
—	Plus Net Income for Year	—	540.00		159	Sundry Debtors	—	302.13
					834	Stock of Booklets, as per list	—	876.63
4,457			4,405.92		65	Typewriter at Cost	—	65.00
591	Less Deficit for Year	—	—		54	Filing Cabinet	—	53.99
3,866	Balance as at 30/6/74	—	—	4,405.92				
\$4,466			\$4,405.92		\$4,466			\$4,405.92

Audited and Found Correct.
R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.
4th September, 1975.

H. C. POMEROY, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S.
Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CHAPLAINCY FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1975

RECEIPTS						PAYMENTS					
					\$						\$
Balance at 30th June, 1975	—	—	—	—	271.66	Expenses to Senior Chaplain 1973/74	—	—	—	—	20.00
Budget Allocation	—	—	—	—	150.00	Special Travelling Expenses 1974/75	—	—	—	—	50.80
Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	8.02	Letters to Ministers	—	—	—	—	9.50
						Letterheads	—	—	—	—	21.00
						Whitcoulls—Stationery	—	—	—	—	6.10
						Secretarial Expenses	—	—	—	—	10.00
						Grants to T.F. Chaplains:					
						M. L. Dine	—	—	—	10.00	
						J. I. Manihera	—	—	—	10.00	
						N. Waaka	—	—	—	10.00	
						S. C. Grant	—	—	—	10.00	
						K. J. Taylor	—	—	—	10.00	
											50.00
						Expenses to Senior Chaplain 1974/75	—	—	—	—	20.00
						Credit Balance National Bank	—	—	—	—	242.28
					<u>\$429.68</u>						<u>\$429.68</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the receipts, cash book and bank statements for the year ending 30th June, 1975, and I am of the opinion that the statement correctly shows the position in that Fund for the year 1974/75.

L. R. GIBBS, A.C.A.N.Z., Auditor.

H. W. TOOTHILL, Secretary-Treasurer,
 Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1975

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
1974				1974			
	General Funds (Auckland Savings				Sundry Purchases		
1,820.20	Bank 1/7/74)		366.14		Balance of "Te Hahi Weteriana"		
	Subscriptions				(400 copies)	450.24	
75.25	Arrears	30.50			"I Remember" Inez Hames	121.57	
231.43	Current	226.10			4 Histories (Fourth Volume)	2,617.51	
23.25	In Advance	38.70			"Prophets in the Wilderness"	155.52	
			295.30		Sundries	9.22	
	Sales			3,736.35			3,354.06
201.00	General Literature	261.05		—	Subscriptions to Societies		2.50
1,062.68	4 Histories	1,105.56		—	Presentation to 4 Histories Authors		18.55
77.74	Sundries	3.80	1,370.41	37.52	Advertising		68.51
				66.00	Donations		—
	Donations			131.94	Postage, Stationery and General Ex-		48.19
42.50	150th Anniversary Fund	80.53		366.14	penses		
42.03	General	535.60	616.13		General Funds		
			2,850.00		Auckland Savings Bank 30/6/75		2,062.95
700.00	Subsidies and Grants		53.73				
61.87	Bank Interest		3.05				
—	Sundry Receipts						
4,337.95			\$5,554.76	4,337.95			\$5,554.76

NOTE: The Society holds stocks of Books on hand to the value of not less than \$3,300 (last year \$2,500) and Sundry Debtors at 30th June 1975, amounted to \$195.32 (last year \$89.39).

27th August, 1975.

AUDITORS' REPORT:

KEITH H. LAWRY, Treasurer.

We have examined the books and records of the Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand) and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the transactions of the Society for the year ended 30th June 1975.
 Auckland, 1st September, 1975.

PORTER, WIGGLESWORTH & GRAYBURN,
 Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

**General Statistical
Returns
for the Year Ending
30th June, 1975**

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1975

NATIONAL SUMMARY

DISTRICTS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching places	Number of school-rooms	Number of Parsonages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Number on Electoral Roll - 30 June last yr.	Removed from Electoral Roll by death	Number on Electoral Roll - 30 June this year
NORTHLAND	28	27	26	12	58	6	20	991	20	944
AUCKLAND	62	28	55	53	431	11	86	6030	102	5915
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	49	33	50	33	204	8	28	4037	62	3915
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	25	7	21	13	143	2	25	1952	39	1811
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	33	13	28	21	169	3	34	2514	53	2471
WELLINGTON	39	19	37	32	270	4	99	3075	43	3040
NELSON	29	15	17	17	85	5	26	1387	28	1351
NORTH CANTERBURY	53	20	51	33	204	19	95	4432	84	4218
SOUTH CANTERBURY	13	5	10	9	57	1	28	1063	18	1070
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	35	11	23	16	54	2	13	1829	39	1777
TOTALS	366	178	318	239	1675	61	454	27310	488	26512

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925

DISTRICT: .. NORTHLAND

CIRCUITS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching Places	Number of School- rooms	Number of Parson- ages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirma- tions	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 last year	Removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 this year.
MANGONUI COUNTY UNION	2	3	2	2	1	-	3	100	-	100
KAIKOE	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	35	6	31
SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS										
KARO-KERIKERI	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	82	2	66
NORTH HOKIANGA	4	5	2	-	4	-	-	40	-	31
SOUTH HOKIANGA										
HIMERANGI	2	6	3	2	6	-	2	58	-	57
WHANGAREI	3	3	3	2	24	2	6	311	7	305
DARGAVILLE	2	1	4	1	13	-	3	177	3	170
PAPAROA	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	60	2	60
RUAWAI	3	2	3	-	4	-	-	64	-	58
PORT ALBERT	5	3	6	2	6	4	4	95	-	95
TOTALS	26	27	25	12	58	6	20	1020	20	973

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1922.

DISTRICT: AUCKLAND

CIRCUITS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching Places	Number of School-rooms	Number of Parson-ages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirma-tions	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 last year	Removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 this year.
AUCKLAND CENTRAL	4	-	4	4	32	1	13	420	6	402
AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	2	-	1	2	5	-	-	234	11	209
BALMORAL-ROSEHILL	2	1	2	2	27	2	8	446	9	445
AUCKLAND WEST	2	-	1	1	16	-	3	68	1	66
AUCKLAND EAST	4	-	4	6	46	1	9	639	15	639
ORATEI	3	-	2	2	15	2	3	385	5	291
GLEN INNES CO-OP PARISH	1	-	1	1	8	-	-		1	39
MT. ALBERT	2	1	2	3	19	-	-	327	4	319
AVONDALE UNION PARISH	2	2	2	-	13	-	-	90	12	71
HENDERSON	3	4	3	2	38	-	2	275	2	278
TŌ ATATU UNION PARISH	1	1	1	1	9	-	-	74	-	76
DEVONPORT	1	-	1	1	5	-	7	166	1	153
TAKAPUNA	4	1	3	4	26	-	2	713	12	681
BIRKENHEAD	1	-	1	1	4	-	-	262	1	180
GLANFIELD-ALBANY CO-OP PARISH	1	2	1	1	11	-	3		1	79
BIRKENDALE-BEACH HAVEN UNION P.	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	40	-	40

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: AUCKLAND

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

CIRCUITS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching Places	Number of School-rooms	Number of Parson-ages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirma-tions	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 last year	Removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 this year.
THAMES UNION	2	4	1	1	3		1	140	5	118
HAURAKI PLAINS UNION	3	1	1	1	7			45		43
PAEROA	1		1	1	8	1	3	68	1	69
WAIHI	1	2	1	1	2			72	1	76
TE AROHA	2		2	1				166	3	153
NORMINSVILLE	3	3	3	2	12		3	241	3	221
CAMBRIDGE UNION	2		2	1	6			179	1	184
HAMILTON	4	3	5	3	30			579	6	550
RAGLAN UNION	1	1	3	1				43	1	38
HAMILTON EAST	4	2	6	3	18	2	10	493	3	473
NGARUAWAHIA UNION	3	2	2	1	1			40		43
HUNTLY	1	4	1	1	11			108	1	80
KATAHATA UNION	2	2	1	1	8	4	6	187	3	189
POTARURU	1	1	1	1	2			97		95
TOKOHOA	1		2	1	15	1	1	125		127
ROTORUA	2		1	1	17			269	4	238

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: ...HAWKES BAY-WAIPU...

CIRCUITS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching Places	Number of School-rooms	Number of Parsonages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 last year	Removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 this year.
NAPIER	5	-	5	2	20	-	5	406	8	404
HASTINGS	3	-	3	2	9	-	-	405	8	402
GISBORNE	1	-	1	1	7	-	-	147	5	142
MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH	1	-	1	1	7	-	-	95		104
MAIROA PARISH	1	-	1	1	5	-	-	42	-	42
DANNEVIRKE-NURSEWOOD	2	5	-	1	3	-	3	125	2	119
WOODVILLE UNION PARISH	2	1	2	2	11	-	2	74	6	68
PAHIATUA UNION PARISH	1	-	-	1	17	1	1	95	3	86
PALMERSTON NORTH	3	3	3	3	29	1	15	488	8	478
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	3	-	2	1	10	-	-	106	3	102
FEILDING-OROUA	3	2	2	2	21	1	-	245	4	243
MARTON	1	-	1	1	2	-	4	93	3	79
SANSON-RONGOTEA	3	1	3	1	9	-	-	144	2	143
WAIPIPAHUA-IPUKURUWAI	2	1	2	1	10	-	-	50	1	47
FOXTON UNION PARISH	2	-	2	1	9	-	4	68	1	67
TOTALS	33	13	28	21	169	3	34	2583	54	2526

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925.

DISTRICT:WELLINGTON.....

CIRCUITS	Number of Churches	Number of other Preaching Places	Number of School- rooms	Number of Parson- ages	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirma- tions	Number on Electoral Roll June 30 last year	Removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Number Electors Roll June 30 this year
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	2	-	2	2	29	-	4	318	6	307
" EAST	3	-	3	2	13	-	8	158	1	157
" WEST	2	-	2	2	5	-	5	198	4	183
" SOUTH UNION	2	3	3	3	4	-	-	78	2	64
LOWER HUTT. PETONE	5	2	5	4	49	-	43	582	5	595
UPPER HUTT	1	2	2	1	22	1	9	180	-	200
NGAIO UNION	2	1	2	1	6	-	6	* 207	1	207
NEWLANDS UNION	1	-	1	1	5	-	2	27	-	24
JOHNSONVILLE UNION	1	-	-	1	10	1	8	* 274	-	288
TAWA UNION	1	-	1	1	12	-	-	203	1	215
PORTRUHA	3	2	2	2	14	-	-	183	1	170
PAPARAUUMU	3	-	-	1	3	-	-	145	3	158
OTAKI	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	62	5	61
LEVIN	1	-	1	1	11	-	-	274	4	236
WAINUIOMATA	3	-	-	2	14	-	-	* 192	3	143

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925.

DISTRICT: WELLINGTON

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DISTRICT: NELSON

[illegible]Number
of
ChurchesNumber
of other
Preaching
PlacesNumber
of
School
roomsNumber
of
Parson
ages

Infant
Baptism

Adult
Baptisms

Confirmations

Number on
Electoral
Roll
June 30
last year

Removed
from
Electoral
Roll
by Death

Number on
Electoral
Roll
June 30
this year

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: NORTH CANTERBURY.....

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: NORTH CANTERBURY.....

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

[illegible]

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

DISTRICT: OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.....

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THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION 1975

Roll of members, September 12, 1975

Anglican: The Rt. Rev. P. A. Reeves (Convener), The Most Rev. A. H. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. M. A. Bennett, The Rt. Rev. E. A. Gowing, The Rt. Rev. E. K. Norman, The Rt. Rev. W. W. Robinson, The Ven. E. G. Buckle, The Rev. Canon W. M. Davies, The Very Rev. J. O. Rymer, Miss M. Brown, Mr M. B. Trower, Mr D. M. Wylie. Proxies: The Very Rev. B. N. Davis, The Rev. M. I. May, Dr R. Lavery.

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Methodist: The Rev. C. D. Clarke (Convener), The Rev. J. Grundy, The Rev. W. R. Laws, The Rev. W. J. Morrison, The Rev. A. K. Petch, The Rev. R. D. Rakena, Mr E. G. Heggie, Mr G. H. Peak. Proxy: The Rev. P. A. Stead.

Presbyterian: The Rev. R. K. J. Clark (Convener), the Rev. J. A. Balchin, The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev. T. M. Corkill, The Rev. N. K. Dewes, The Rev. N. E. Ripley, Mrs J. M. Anderson, Mrs C. M. Marshall, Mr D. G. Weir. Proxies: The Rev. D. C. Evans, Mr G. R. Milne.

Chairman, The Maori Council on Church Union: The Rev. M. Te Whare.

Secretary: The Rev. J. E. Stewart.

ELEVENTH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

The Joint Commission on Church Union in New Zealand submits this, its Eleventh Report to the Negotiating Churches, dated September 12, 1975.

The Report comprises the following sections:

- I. "IN A COMMON OBEDIENCE "
 - A. The Commission
 - B. The Executive
- II. "INTO ONE CHURCH "
 - A. The Processes of Decision
 - B. Parish Boundaries and Diversity in Worship.
 - C. On Being a Multi-Racial Church
 - D. Memorandum on Co-operating Parishes
 - E. Consultation on Union and Co-operative Ventures
- III. "TO RECEIVE NEW INSIGHTS "
 - A. The Toronto Consultation
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 - Appendix II: Report on the Toronto Consultation.
 - B. The Work of the Committees.
- IV. "TO DO TOGETHER "
 - A. The Joint National Committee on Church Extension
 - B. The Joint Board of Theological Studies
 - C. The Maori Council on Church Union
- V. THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION
 - A. Finance
 - B. Meetings in 1976
- I. "IN A COMMON OBEDIENCE "

A. The Commission

1. The Commission met on Te Tira Hou Marae, Auckland, April 13-16, 1975, 31 members and proxies and ten additional participants being present. The Chairman, the Rev. A. K. Petch, presided. The opening worship was led by the Rev. C. Maitai, and at the Communion Service, the Rt. Rev. M. A. Bennett presided, others assisting. The main business for the meeting was consideration of the theme "On Being a Multi-Racial Church".

2. The Commission met in Wesley Lounge, Wellington, on September 9-10, 1975. The Chairman presided, 35 members and proxies being present. The meeting was opened with worship in Wesley Church conducted by the Chairman at which the Secretary preached. During the morning and afternoon sessions of the second day, a Consultation was held on Union and Co-operative Ventures, 13 additional participants attending. The meeting concluded with a Communion Service in the Lounge at which the Rev. D. E. Hollier presided.

B. The Executive

The Executive met on November 13, and December 11, 1974, February 11, March 20, May 8, July 4, August 6 and September 9, 1975. It reported fully to the Commission.

II. "INTO ONE CHURCH "

A. The Processes of Decision

1. The 10th Report, p. 7, contained the resolution of the Anglican General Synod, March 1974:

That this General Synod asks that the other negotiating Churches should of their charity exercise forbearance and patience in waiting a further period for the Church of the Province of New Zealand to reach a final decision on the Plan for Union 1971.

The Report at p. 8 stated that "a cordial response was expressed" and this was confirmed by the Church Courts later in the year.

2. The proposal of the 1974 General Synod to enter into union with the other negotiating Churches was made known to the Diocesan Synods. Their decisions were made on the basis of the following formal motion:

(a) That this Synod having received the Plan for Union 1971 assents to the re-adoption of the Plan by the General Synod as the basis upon which the Church of the Province of New Zealand may enter into Union with the other negotiating Churches.

(b) That the President be requested to communicate this resolution to the Primate.

In the Auckland, Waikato and Waiapu Diocesan Synods the motion was carried.

In the Nelson, Wellington and Dunedin Diocesan Synods the motion was lost.

The Christchurch Diocesan Synod is to meet in October.

In addition to the decision on the formal motion as above, three Synods made recommendations to General Synod as follows:

Auckland:

That this Synod expresses to the General Synod its concern about the manner and timing of the implementation of the Plan, notes with pleasure the P.C.C.U. resolution reported in "Background" of March 1975 and the positive response by the J.C.C.U. to this resolution and urges General Synod to give close attention to the sensitive respecting of the character of existing Congregations and Dioceses.

That this Synod expresses its concern for any dissenting minority, and the President be asked to communicate this concern to the Primate.

Nelson:

That this Synod urges General Synod, with the clear evidence of many Anglicans being opposed to any organic union being effected upon the "Plan for Union" at this time, that it should consider an alternative to re-affirm the principle of Church union and take steps to allow everything possible to be done to encourage deepening ecumenical work in local areas, and

That this Synod commends study of the paper entitled "Which Way to Unity" to all Anglicans as a contribution towards this local ecumenical approach.

Dunedin:

That this Synod supports the extension of co-operation with other denominations and desires that the Church of the Province of New Zealand should persevere in working towards union with the negotiating churches and with other churches.

B. Parish Boundaries and Diversity in Worship

A letter dated April 28, 1975, was sent to the Conveners of Church Union Committees conveying a resolution of the Commission at its April meeting.

"One of the matters considered at the meeting of the Joint Commission, April 14-16 April, was reported by the Executive as follows:

"The Executive received a letter dated November 19, 1974 from the P.C.C.U. advising that the P.C.C.U. 'has unanimously requested the J.C.C.U. to give consideration to the expansion of Paragraph 2' of the Statement on Local Co-operation and Organic Union, Ninth Report, page 8. The P.C.C.U. expressed a concern that some groupings feared that the re-development of parishes following union could involve the disturbance of long familiar traditions in ministry, worship and organisation. The P.C.C.U. felt 'that the J.C.C.U. could well assist the Church in the future by expanding this statement more fully' concerning the determination of parish boundaries with respect to the particular needs of each congregation and area, and in regard to diversity in worship. The executive anticipates that there will be furnished to the Commission a memorandum as a basis for further discussion."

The Commission gave careful attention to this and, after revising the draft resolution which had been furnished at the meeting, agreed as follows:

1. That the Commission re-affirm paragraph 2 of the Statement on Local Co-operation and Organic Union, 1973 Report, p. 8:

2. In the event of union there will be no hasty amalgamation of local areas into parishes of the united Church. The Plan for Union has always recognised (paragraph 497) that initially each existing parish continues as an interim parish of the united Church. The determination of parish boundaries being the function of each Diocese, the Commission believes there will be consultation with and respect for the particular needs of each congregation and area. The Plan (paragraphs 63-65) recognises that the life of the Church will involve varying traditions of worship. The Commission is aware that diversity now enriches the life of the Church, and that this diversity will continue in the united Church. Similarly, the concept of team ministers will not be appropriate in every case.

2. That the Commission gives approval to the following statement:

It is the accepted understanding of the J.C.C.U that throughout New Zealand the rate of amalgamation of Parishes or Charges will be governed by local circumstances or the particular situations existing in that area. Certain Dioceses for example may have to provide for some existing parishes to continue for an indefinite period to ensure that their particular needs and special traditions are respected.

The important point is that paragraph 497 of the Plan for Union will be implemented by the decisions of the local Diocese rather than at the direction of the National Assembly.

The Commission hopes that you will make these resolutions widely known."

C. "On Being a Multi-racial Church"

At its meeting in September 1974 the Commission decided that the main business for the first meeting in 1975 should be consideration of the theme "On Being a Multi-racial Church". It authorised the Executive to make careful preparation for this and hold a representative preparatory meeting; the members included the Chairman of the

Maori Council, the Convener of the Pacific Islanders' Committee, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Maori Synod, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division of the Methodist Church and the Bishop of Aotearoa. This meeting was held in November and arrangements were confirmed for the Commission to meet on the Te Tira Hou Marae, April 13-16, 1975. It was the concern of the Commission that the theme should receive sustained consideration and in view of its nature it was decided that it would be appropriate for it to be dealt with in the pattern of procedure normally followed on a marae.

Six background papers formed the basis for discussion:

1. On Being a Multi-racial Church: Rev. R. K. J. Clarke.
2. Multi-racial Training in the Theological Hall, Knox College: Rev. J. Irwin.
3. Worship in a Multi-racial Church: Rev. R. D. Rakena.
4. Enriching the Life of the Church: Rev. H. Te K. Kaa.
5. Maori Participation in the Church of Christ in New Zealand: Rt. Rev. M. A. Bennett.
6. The Church, the Future and the Maori: Rev. K. M. Ihaka.

On April 13, members of the Commission and the additional participants were welcomed on Te Tira Hou Marae in the Tuhoe tradition by local elders, members of the Presbyterian Maori Synod and Auckland members of the newly established Maori Council on Church Union. Members of the Commission and additional participants replied and exchanged greetings, with the Chairman of the Commission concluding the reply speeches with the presenting of the members' koha. The exchange of greetings continued during the evening session. The various acts of worship together formed a multi-racial pattern: they were led by the Rev. C. Maitai, the Rev. E. R. Vickery, the Rev. L. I. Sio assisted by other ministers and members of Pacific Island congregations, Mrs J. M. Anderson, and at the communion service the Rt. Rev. M. A. Bennett presided assisted by the Rev. T. Hawea, the Rev. M. I. May and the Rev. R. D. Rakena.

The consideration of the theme was based on the preparatory papers and proceeded with the Rev. R. D. Rakena as Co-ordinator of the discussion. The pattern of marae procedure facilitated a very thorough and frank discussion which continued during the morning, afternoon and evening session on Tuesday, 15th. At the conclusion of the evening session a committee was appointed to draft a summary of the points made on the main theme. This summary was furnished to members the following day, discussed and amended. It was then agreed that approval be given to the summary as a whole, reading as follows:

We heard the deep sense of grievance which Maoris have about the injustice, rejection and paternalism in the New Zealand Society of which the Church is a part.

The reaction of participants varied between puzzlement, frustration and anger. But as part of the Marae experience this has been the beginning of real understanding.

The hope for our Society lies with those who feel weak and rejected. It is this sense of wanting to be free which gives urgency to our tasks as Christians in the world.

We all earnestly desire that we might grow together in the fellowship and service of those who are in Christ.

D. Memorandum on Co-operating Parishes

At its meeting on May 8, the Executive received information regarding some points of difficulty in the formation of Co-operating Parishes. It considered that it would be of assistance if attention were drawn to some matters which are important in the preliminary consultations. It approved a Memorandum which was issued to members of the Commission, Church Union Committees, the Joint National Committee on Church Extension and Joint Regional Committees. The Memorandum included the following clauses:

1. We would draw attention to the need for care in these consultations for the reasons set out in the Guide to Procedures, Section 'Making and Accepting Ecumenical Appointments', second paragraph:

"It is clear that great sensitivity is needed in ministering in this new era of co-operation. Styles of leadership, liturgical expectations and awareness of denominational needs are some of the areas that need to be considered to avoid frustration in ecumenical appointments."

2. In preparing the Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish, the J.C.C.U. appreciated that the difficulties which may arise when parishes co-operate could be similar to those which may arise in the inauguration of the union. The Executive therefore directs attention to the guidance offered for meeting some of the difficulties at inauguration in its 1973 statement, reaffirmed at the meeting of the Commission, April 14-16, 1975. These statements emphasise that it is important to respect differing traditions, particularly in worship. Also, the Commission emphasised that as "diversity now enriches the life of the Church" . . . "this diversity will continue in the united Church".

3. The Guidelines recognise that in some situations there are pastoral needs which can be met only within the framework of the existing constitution and order.

4. There may be different interpretations of the phrase "the fullest possible ministry of Word and Sacraments". It is impossible to be more specific and its meaning can only be worked out in relation to the circumstances of each situation, by consultation and by experiment.

5. The Executive considers that where there is only one minister in the Co-operating Parish, every endeavour should be made to apply the principle in Clause 1, "one minister acting for all the Churches in that area".

6. With regard to arranging services of Holy Communion, it would be helpful to bear in mind the following:

(a) It is now possible for all communicant members to attend the communion services conducted by the ministers of the negotiating Churches.

(b) Where it is necessary for a minister to be appointed to meet particular sacramental needs as in Clause 11, he can be assisted in the service by the minister of the Co-operating Parish.

(c) The encouragement given by the Presbyterian General Assembly to more frequent communion, perhaps monthly (1972 B.B., p. 86), may make it much easier to arrange a more regular frequency of Communion services where the minister of the Co-operating Parish is a Presbyterian.

7. The Executive felt that the preliminary consultations would be greatly assisted by the use of the "Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parishes".

E. Consultation on Union and Co-operative Ventures

At its July meeting, the Executive received a letter from the Superintendent of the Development Division of the Methodist Church conveying a request from the Church Council for discussion between the negotiating Churches on matters relating to union and co-operative ventures. The Executive considered that this was more directly the responsibility of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. It enforced the proposal of a consultation and suggested that it be on a wide basis including those concerned with planning parish life of the Churches. It was decided that this purpose could be well served by having a consultation as part of the September meeting of the Commission. Reference is included in the account of the work of the J.N.C.C.E., Section IV, A, later in this report.

III. "TO RECEIVE NEW INSIGHTS"

A. The Toronto Consultation

A letter from the W.C.C. Faith and Order Commission inviting a representative of the J.C.C.U. to attend the Toronto Consultation in June 1975 was received by the Commission at its meeting in June 1974. The Commission asked the Executive to investigate ways of securing representation and it appeared likely that that could be done by someone who would be visiting Canada at that time. This proved to be impossible, and the Executive recommended to the April meeting that the Secretary should attend, and that efforts be continued to make this possible. This was approved by the Commission. Contributions from the Churches met most of the cost, the balance being met from the Commission's funds.

As part of the preparation for the Consultation, a Survey was prepared showing the course of the negotiations in New Zealand. The Executive decided that copies of this survey should be made available to members and Committees and a shortened form printed in "Background". The Commission decided it should be included in this report and it follows this section as Appendix I.

On his return the Secretary furnished a report to the Executive drawing attention to parts of the Message of the Consultation and making some personal observations. The Executive felt the Consultation had given expression to a number of things which are very relevant to the New Zealand situation and that some of the personal comments contained matters that were also significant. It therefore decided that both should be printed in "Background" and included in this report. They follow this section as Appendix II.

The Message of the Consultation "Called to Witness to Christ's Cross and Glory" was received and considered by the Commission at the September meeting.

APPENDIX I

SURVEY OF CHURCH UNION NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW ZEALAND

A. The Joint Commission's Formation

The Joint Standing Committee of the Presbyterian Methodist and Congregational Churches was formed in 1951; the Associated Churches of Christ joined in 1955. The 1964 Report of the Committee includes the resolution of the General Synod in April 1964 accepting the invitation of the other four Churches to enter the negotiations. That resolution included:

That this Synod now seeks to enter into negotiation with the said Standing Committee in the hope that a basis of union may be found. That this Synod accepts as a starting point the Lambeth Statement re-affirmed in 1958.

The Joint Standing Committee Report for 1964 includes the recommendation to the Churches that the Joint Commission on Church Union be formed with the following order of reference:

"To seek God's will for His Church in New Zealand by studying the issues involved in union, by preparing the basis required for such a union, and by advising the Churches on any steps to be taken to this end"

B. Preparation of the Plan for Union**1. The Act of Commitment**

At the first meeting of the Joint Commission, the possibility emerged of an Act of Commitment which would at once "make evident our mutual and serious intentions as well as provide a basis of confidence which would encourage and facilitate various forms of joint action. It proposes a serious action by the responsible courts of the Churches by which we commit ourselves in common obedience to Christ to the use of our best endeavours to achieve that unity which is according to His will."

The Act of Commitment was entered into at a service in the Cathedral of St. Paul, Wellington, on Wednesday, May 10, 1967. The Churches appointed some 150 representatives, their leaders conducted the service and the preacher was the Most Rev. Frank Woods, Archbishop of Melbourne.

2. Three Main Concerns

In considering how the five negotiating Churches should approach the preparation of a basis of union it was agreed that attention should be concentrated first on three areas in which in the earlier negotiations between the four Churches it had proved difficult to reach the desirable measure of agreement. These concerned the Faith of the Church, Baptism and the Ministry. It was noted that these matters are raised in the Lambeth Statement as of special significance. Study Committees were set up to deal with these matters the first object in each case being to see whether there was some factor which could prove an insuperable barrier to union, and the second to provide some guidance to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.

(a) A Statement of Faith

In presenting the 1965 Report, the Commission submitted a Statement of Faith, so that it might be examined carefully by each of the Churches for the immediate purpose of giving evidence of a sufficient

agreement in matters of faith to enable the Commission to proceed with the preparation of a basis of union.

A revised Statement of Faith was prepared and presented to the Churches in 1968 with the request that each Church convey an expression of its "approval for inclusion in the Basis of Union". This approval was received. The Anglican General Synod's resolution was "That the General Synod approves the Statement of Faith" . . . "and rejoices that it has clearly expressed the convictions of the Creeds which have come down to us from the undivided Church".

(b) Baptism

The 1965 report of the Study Committee on the Sacraments concentrated attention on Baptism:

The report was adopted by the Commission "as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Baptism to enable the Churches to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union". The Churches were asked to express their approval of the report for this purpose and did so in that form.

Similar approval was given to a report on Holy Communion and Confirmation in 1966.

(c) Ministry

In 1965 the Commission presented a report on The Ministry and asked for an expression of approval of it "as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice concerning the Ministry to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of Union". This approval was expressed, the Anglican General Synod asking for a further report, rather more extended in nature:

The 1966 Report included a comprehensive report, "The Ministry of the Church", under the following headings:

- (1) The Ministry of Christ.
- (2) The Ministry of the Whole People of God.
- (3) The Ordained Ministry.
- (4) The Church as the Instrument of Christ's Ministry and Mission.
- (5) Conclusion.

Approval was requested for this "as a statement regarding the Ministry sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union". Four of the Churches expressed approval in those terms, the Anglican General Synod resolution being:

"That the General Synod approve the Report . . . 'The Ministry of the Church' as a statement showing sufficient agreement about the nature, ordering and function of the Ministry to enable further discussion to take place which will lead us towards a basis of union."

In 1965 the Commission submitted a report on the Inauguration of the Union and the Unification of the Ministry.

"It is envisaged that there will be an act of union in which the five Churches come together through duly appointed representatives, accept one another as true Churches of the one Lord Jesus Christ and become one Church. Within this there will be an act of the unification of the ministries. At a separate service, probably the next day, the united Church will consecrate new bishops."

It asked the churches for approval of it "as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union". This was expressed by four of the Churches. The Anglican General Synod recommended the report to Diocesan Synods and asked for comments to be made to the Provincial Commission on Church Union.

6. The Plan is Written

(a) In these vital matters, the foundations upon which the Plan was prepared were in this way submitted by the Commission, examined by the Churches and, with the approval expressed, used in the more detailed preparation of the Plan.

These reports, so approved, formed the basis of three sections of Part 1 of the Plan, The Principles.

(b) In March, 1968, the "Proposed Outline of Church Government" was referred to the Churches for detailed comment. It was revised in the light of the comments received, and included in the Plan.

(c) In 1969 the first edition of a Plan for Union was presented to the Churches for consideration and revision.

When the replies from the Churches and other groups were received, they were considered by the Commission and a revision was undertaken in 1971.

(d) The revision of the 1969 edition of the Plan was completed in July 1971. In September, bearing the title "The Plan For Union 1971" it was submitted to the Churches as the basis upon which a decision to unite could be taken.

The Plan for Union contains three parts and an appendix:

1. The Principles.
2. The Structure.
3. The Inauguration.

The Appendix: (a) The Ordinal. (b) Service for Commissioning of Elders. (c) Admission of Ministers from Other Churches.

The Principles were deliberately placed first to make evident the basis of theological agreement on which the structure had been worked out. Three new sections were added to the Principles:

The Mission of the Church.

The Multi-racial Nature of the Church.

The Proclamation of God's Word.

C. The Referendum

The summary of voting is as follows:—

	ANGLICAN		
	Total Valid Votes	For	Against
Parishioners	61,438	58.06%	41.94%
Clergy in active ministry	565	53.98%	46.02%
Other clergy including retired	101	47.52%	52.48%
Bishops	10	7	3
Retired Bishops	2	1	1

In 70.38% of the parishes throughout New Zealand the majority of parishioners' votes was in favour.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Total Valid Votes	For	Against
2647	1445 55%	1202 45%
Of the 43 Churches participating, 24 had a majority in favour and 19 a majority against.		

CONGREGATIONAL

Total Valid Votes	For	Against
335	182 54%	153 46%

METHODIST

Total Valid Votes	For	Against
23012	19782 86%	3230 14%

PRESBYTERIAN

Total Valid Votes	For	Against
Communicants	74423 51707 69.4%	22716 30.5%
Adherents	5078 3711 73.1%	1367 26.9%
	<hr/> 79501 55418 69.7%	<hr/> 24083 30%

D. The Decision to Unite**Associated Churches of Christ:**

The Convener reported a majority decision of the Associated Churches of Christ Annual Conference in favour of uniting with other negotiating Churches on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971. Each affiliated Church will need ultimately to determine by the decision of a congregational meeting its future relationship to the proposed Church of Christ in New Zealand following up the decision of the Anglican General Synod in 1976.

Congregational Union:

"At the Assembly it was noted that six Churches had declared they would not go into Union and two Churches would . . ."

Methodist:

"That Conference in the light of the voting of Members, Quarterly Meetings and Synods declares its readiness to unite on the basis of the Plan for Union . . ."

Presbyterian:

1. That the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand enter into union on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971.

2. That the General Assembly, conscious of the Act of Commitment in 1967, resolves to wait for the final decision of all the five negotiating Churches before implementing the Assembly's decision to unite.

Anglican: A. General Synod, April, 1972

"That this General Synod receives the Plan for Union 1971 and adopts the same with a view to its being made known to the Diocesan Synods . . . as the basis upon which the Church of the Province may enter into union with the other negotiating Churches".

"That this General Synod warmly approves the Plan for Union 1971 and, believing that the General Synod resolution of 1964 has been fulfilled, commends it to the Church of the Province for study and decision." (The reference to the 1964 General Synod is to the resolution which sets out the Lambeth Statement 1958).

B. General Synod 1974 (from Tenth Report, 1974, p. 6)

The proposal of the 1972 General Synod with the responses of the Dioceses was considered at the meeting of General Synod in March 1974.

The principle motions included the words . . . This Synod:

1. Confirms the adoption of the Plan for Union 1971.
2. Resolves that the Church of the Province enter into union . . . in terms of the Plan for Union 1971 subject to the passing of enabling legislation by Parliament.

The motions were declared lost not having been carried by the requisite two-thirds majority in each house.

That this General Synod re-adopts the Plan for Union 1971 with a view to its being made known again to the Diocesan Synods . . . as the basis upon which the Church of the Province may enter into union with the other negotiating Churches.

Agreed to.

That this General Synod asks that the other negotiating Churches should of their charity exercise forbearance and patience in waiting a further period for the Church of the Province of New Zealand to reach a final decision on the Plan for Union 1971.

Agreed to.

E. The Growth of Co-operation

1. One notable feature of the last ten years has been the formation of the Joint Board of Theological Studies in 1967. A common syllabus was agreed upon, leading to the diploma, Licentiate in Theology. In 1971, an advanced diploma, Scholar in Theology, was offered. Churches and Colleges have freedom to make their own requirements of candidates, but the L.Th. provides a basic common standard.

Co-operation in training has been furthered with the combining of Anglican and Methodist training in St. John's College, Auckland. In Dunedin, staff and students of the Churches of Christ and the Presbyterian Church work together in the Theological Hall, Knox College.

A Joint Assessment Committee was formed to advise on the acceptance of candidates. Following a consultation involving the Joint Board and representatives of the Departments of Ministry of the Churches, a Joint Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry has been established and a field-worker has been appointed to serve the ministers of all five Churches.

2. The responsibility for oversight of co-operative activities has been entrusted to a special committee, the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. In addition, there are twenty Joint Regional Committees.

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension acts in a consultative and advisory capacity to the Churches in "seeking ways of common action" as stated in the Act of Commitment. The J.N.C.C.E. is specifically concerned with three types of co-operative ventures:

(a) Co-operative ventures based on the joint use of buildings are initiated by members of the negotiating Churches in a particular locality who desire "now to do together many of the things which in the past we have done separately".

(b) Union Parishes are those in which the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand have agreed to combine on all levels with a shared ministry and in accordance with standard rules and procedures.

(c) Co-operating Parishes are those formed under the provisions in "Guidelines for forming a Co-operating Parish", approved in 1974.

The Guidelines refer to a Co-operating Parish as "enabling Negotiating Churches to work together as one Parish where it is not possible to form a union parish", and "one in which the Churches involved in the present agreement concur in the principle of one minister acting for all the Churches in that area". Provision is made to meet particular sacramental or pastoral needs; for a Parish Council as outlined in the Plan (paragraphs 219-235), and representation in the District and National Courts.

3. The most recent development has been the formation of the Maori Council on Church Union. The Council was formed on the recommendation of the Study Committee on Maori Participation and its function was set out as follows:

(a) To deal with all matters relating to Maori participation in Church Union.

(b) To encourage and facilitate corporate action on matters relating to the development of Maori work where agreement has been reached.

(c) To study and recommend action to the member Churches on issues affecting the welfare of Maori people, and Maori-Pakeha relations in general.

(d) To foster and sustain relationships between member Churches and the Maori section of other Churches, Maori Churches and Maori organisations.

4. In addition, closer relationships between the Women's Organisations of the Negotiating Churches have been established by the recent formation of The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations. Consultations continue between the Departments of Christian Education of the Churches and are shortly to be held between the Boards on Overseas Mission.

F. The Present Situation

At the present moment, April 1975, the five Churches are involved in a complex process of waiting and activity. The Anglican decision will be made by the General Synod in May 1976 after receiving the replies from the Diocesan Synods which meet later this year. While this decision is awaited, the sharing in forms of local co-operation increases steadily.

Two factors in the present situation compel attention and encourage hope for the future:

1. One is that the decisions of the Churches to commend or adopt the Plan as a basis on which union could be entered express a significant measure of agreement on faith and order.

2. The other is that the co-operation at the parish level, which was given impetus by the Act of Commitment, has steadily increased.

The Churches' responsibility for the oversight of the various forms of co-operation at national, regional and local levels grows more complex and more urgent. Without processes which order and integrate this life, the Churches face a massive fragmentation of what they have known. Continued co-operation without any indication that it may ever

come to more, postpones to the uncertain future questions which need to be faced now, and indeed would seem to be easier solved by union on the basis of the Plan.

APPENDIX II

REPORT ON THE TORONTO CONSULTATION JUNE 2-9, 1975

I. The Consultation

1. "The Toronto Consultation of the United Churches and Committees on Union, June 2-9, 1975", was convened by the W.C.C. Faith and Order Commission. The date was arranged to coincide with the 50 years celebration of the inauguration on June 10, 1925 of the United Church of Canada, which was host to the Consultation.

2. The members represented 15 United Churches in 15 different countries, two Churches formed by unions within the one denomination and 13 Committees involved in negotiations for union in 13 different countries.

3. The denominations involved in the Unions which brought the United Churches into being included the following: Anglican, Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Congregational, Disciples (Churches of Christ), Society of Friends, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant Churches (Belgium), various denominational groups (Japan).

II. The Working of the Consultation

The Consultation did its work by two parallel processes:

A. A preliminary draft of a statement had been issued before the Consultation. This was introduced in a plenary session and then discussed in four groups. A revision was discussed in plenary sessions and finally approved as the Message from the Consultation.

B. There was a series of addresses and panel presentations followed by discussion on the following subjects:

1. "Models of United Churches": Canada, Australia, Zaire.
2. "What are United Churches": Bishop N. D. A. Samuel (C.S.I.).
3. "The Relation of Union to Mission": Canon Burgess Carr.
4. "How does Union Enhance Mission": (Belgium, Pakistan, Ghana).
5. "Relation of United Churches to World Confessional Families": Rev. Professor Martin Cressey (U.R.C. Eng. and Wales).
6. "The Life of United Churches—Opportunities and Problems": North India, Japan, Madagascar, United Church of Christ U.S.A.

III. The Message of the Consultation

1. The Consultation made it clear that the United Churches are set in very different contexts of Christian living. The fact that there were United Churches in Belgium, Canada, England, Jamaica, India, Pakistan, Zaire, just to mention a few, indicates the varied circumstances of life. There was also evidence of a great diversity, not only in the life of the various communities, but also in the features of the life of the various Churches. Yet this acknowledged diversity was subsidiary to the acknowledged unity in "a common inheritance" of Christian faith. This was clear in the opening worship, it continued to find evident expression in the frank and courteous discussions, and it was most abundantly shown in the final communion service.

2. As representing United Churches and Committees engaged in negotiating for union, the Consultation made an emphatic call for continued persistence in seeking organic union. There was no inclination at all to settle for any of the easy options that have been considered as possible alternatives to the exacting process of organic union. There was a frank recognition of the difficulties, stresses and pains that are involved in this process of organic union which was expressed in the question, "Why do you press so hard for acts of union?"

"Our answer arises from our sense of God's call to witness to Christ's cross and glory. We believe that he is calling us to overcome the sinfulness and pain of our present divisions, leaving behind personal and group security to serve not only the needs of individuals but also divided communities and nations. This is the way in which our churches have heard the call of Jesus to take up our cross and follow him. This is the way in which we have begun to appropriate the truth that we are "fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him". (Romans 8.17). It is as we have entered upon a costly unity of the church which is a death to the selfhood we cherish but new life at the command of the Risen Lord, that we have been set free to face the conflicts and tensions of our present situations in the world."

3. The Message contains a clear recognition that the achievement of any projected union "is only a step on a long road". "We must be uniting as well as united churches. In the distance we see a vision of one church, the whole people of God, made up of particular churches. Each particular church at its appropriate level—village, town, city, district, region, nation, continent—expresses the fellowship of Christians in the one faith, one baptism, one eucharist, in mutual care and responsibility, in common witness and service."

4. The United Churches have found that their experience of entering into union and their sharing a life together has been a powerful stimulus to the service of the mission of God to the world.

"In the process of negotiations, the churches see themselves as in a mirror. Out-dated forms of belief and structure are brought to notice, and as the churches unite, they find themselves impelled to re-examine the mission in their setting. Organic union requires a conscious effort to understand and express together the Gospel and to reflect on the nature and structures of the church. It is an opportunity for genuine renewal. . . . The true impulse of organic union, however, leads rather to more serious reflection on the meaning and the proclamation of the Gospel in the world."

5. Along with a realistic view of the process of organic union as costly, the United Churches, out of their experience, expressed their conviction that as Churches enter into a union "the newly found fellowship will have strength enough to face and solve conflicts". There was a recognition that entering into union requires the clarification of many issues beforehand, but also the advice that "as many decisions as possible should be left to the United Church".

6. The experience of the United Churches showed clearly that a remarkable diversity is to be discerned in their total fellowship. Taking them together, they have brought together churches and groups from

very diverse traditions in many matters, the Anglican, Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Congregational, Disciples, Friends, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant and Reformed Churches. This diversity showed itself in differing practices and also in a dynamic potential of accommodation within the unity of a common life.

SOME PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Some negotiations are referred to as being merely top level planning without "grass roots activity"; my observations lead me to think that there is often much more "grass-roots" activity than finds expression in relation to Church courts and ecclesiastical processes.

2. Where spontaneous grass-root activity proliferates without some process of oversight and accountability, a stage is reached where it seems impossible to create any orderly system of oversight.

3. Where spontaneous grass-root activity occurs within some sort of framework to maintain orderly relationships, the difficulties of keeping this effective seem likely to be incredibly complex and demanding, indeed so considerable as to be almost doomed to failure.

I draw the conclusion that we should be very energetic in developing our JNCCE and JRC set-up, and in streamlining our procedures so that our church courts are not overwhelmed.

4. Because of our small numbers, the meetings of Conferences and Assemblies each year, our annual reports, our Church procedures for referring matters, etc., we have managed to achieve a considerable success in involving our Church courts, down to congregational levels in some matters. This has brought a level of participation in the negotiations which is quite noteworthy. It seems to me that we should be continuing this in whatever ways may be appropriate at these stages of our negotiations.

5. There is no doubt that the action of our five Churches in entering into the Act of Commitment represents a most significant feature in negotiations for union. Where this has not been done, it is seen as a most desirable step, indeed a critical step, bringing all sorts of advantages. I draw the conclusion that we should not allow our action in 1967 to lose its very deep significance.

6. In our negotiations for union (1940-1948; 1948-1964; 1965-1975) and in our fellowship in the N.C.C., we have had a remarkable experience of learning, growing and serving together. We have a responsibility for prizing this heritage within our own Churches' life, and for making, in all humility, its benefits available to others. I conclude that we should be ready to take opportunities in the future that may enable us to participate in the quickening of the ecumenical movement by the witness of the united Churches and also of those who have been involved in negotiations for union. E.g.: We could help the next W.C.C. Assembly by giving those attending the opportunity of being well informed on our work, say by inviting those not on the J.C.C.U. to attend the September meeting.

7. I would recommend that we set aside some money each year to provide a travelling expenses fund so that we can be represented in future consultations.

8. There are many meetings of Union Negotiations or United Churches at which the occasional visitor would be most welcome. We

should be on the watch for these in advance: e.g. COCU, C.N.I., Australia. And vice versa, we should be alert to inviting visitors to our meetings or special occasions.

9. One question discussed was "How does unity enhance mission?" I found the remarks of Dr Andre Pieters of the Protestant Church of Belgium very illuminating. He said: "If that means a totally new achievement, a totum novum, no. But some things not done or poorly done before are now being done. There are some positive factors: (i) There is a growing awareness of the influence of the church in daily life. (ii) One great advantage is that you are almost faced with a mirror and forced to have a good look at yourselves—e.g. the Re-reformed in our Church are not asking for a new Confession but a permanent commission for interpreting the task of the Church in society, i.e. the Lordship of Christ over the community. (iii) We are using our resources better."

10. There is one dimension of our responsibility in seeking the unity of the Church that I think is mentioned less than it ought to be. It is the factor of obedience. Our concern with the unity of the Church is not simply a matter of making congenial decisions—its distinctive ingredient is a matter of obedience to the Head of the Church. This is expressed in our Act of Commitment: "We now commit ourselves in a common obedience to Him and offer to Him our utmost endeavours that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one Church according to His will, to the glory of God the Father".

In this connection, I was very struck by some words of Bishop John Samuel, Bishop of Multan in the Church of Pakistan:

"Whenever we have tried to obey the call of Christ, more unity has been manifested".

J. E. STEWART, Secretary.

B. The Work of the Committees

1. Social Services

The Committee on Social Services (Convener: the Very Rev. G. F. McKenzie) had arranged a meeting for July, but members considered that it would be more profitable to defer this until the future becomes clearer. At the September meeting of the Commission attention was drawn to the urgency of Christian witness in expressing and communicating the concerns of the Gospel. It was agreed to ask the Committee on Social Services "to give advice and guidance as to how the several arms of the Churches' social service can be brought together into a more effective agent of witness and service".

2. The Maori Council on Church Union

The Rev. Canon R. H. Rangihū had asked to be relieved of the position of Convener of the Study Committee on Maori Participation. The Executive and also the Commission in April conveyed to him an expression of appreciation of his work as convener since the formation of the Study Committee.

At the September meeting of the Commission general approval was given to the proposed Terms of Reference of the Council and it was asked to make a recommendation which would make clear the relationship of the Council to the JCCU and to report on provisions for the appointment of members and the officers of the Council.

The Council met on February 21 and its recommendations were submitted to the April meeting of the JCCU and approved as follows:

"That the following recommendations of the Council on the members and officers of the Council be approved:

(i) That the Maori Council consist of four representatives each from the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Maori membership, plus a chairman appointed by the Council, with the secretary and chairman of the Joint Commission being members ex officio.

(ii) That the chairman of the Maori Council be a full voting member of the Joint Commission.

(iii) That there be a secretary appointed by the Council from among its own members.

(iv) That the positions of chairman and secretary of the Council be annual appointments."

"That the following response of the Council regarding the relationship of the Council to the Commission be approved:

In response to the request of the Commission that this be made clearer, attention was drawn to the fact that:

(i) Developing relationships was already written into the functions of the Maori Council under (d) of the order of reference.

(ii) A firm relationship would be established, with the chairman of the Maori Council being a full member of the Joint Commission."

The Council appointed the Rev. M. Te Whare its Chairman, and the Rev. W. R. Te Haara, Secretary.

The Commission expressed appreciation of the steps taken by the Council to produce an additional "explanatory leaflet" entitled "Maori Participation". This was published in May, 5,000 being printed.

3. The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations

As was mentioned in the 1974 Report, p. 18, the Commission invited the negotiating Churches Women's Committee to report to the April meeting on its order of reference and personnel. The Committee's recommendations were received by the Commission and approved as follows:

"That as recommended by the Joint Committee of Women's Organisations, the Commission approve the following regarding the name, order of reference, membership and meetings:

1. **Name:** That the Committee be known as 'The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations of the Negotiating Churches'.

2. Order of Reference:

(a) To work in co-operation with women of the Negotiating Churches in areas of common concern.

(b) To do everything possible to bring about the full partnership of women with men as equal partners in the whole life and mission of the Church.

(c) To report to the Churches through the Joint Commission.

3. **Number of Members:** That there be 10 members comprised of three Anglicans, three Presbyterians, two Methodists, one Associated Churches of Christ and one Congregational Union, with the Secretary of the Joint Commission as Ex Officio Member, the Committee to have power to co-opt.

4. Meetings: The Committee shall meet at least once a year and as required."

As requested by the Committee, the Commission agreed:

"That Church Union Committees be asked to advise their Churches of the appreciation expressed by the Joint Committee of Women's Organisations of the Negotiating Churches 'of the increasing involvement of women of ability in all aspects of Church life and administration', and the Committee's awareness 'that this can only continue to evolve from the changing attitudes of both men and women toward a full acceptance of each other as people, at all levels'."

The committee has appointed the following officers:

Chairman: Mrs Jean Gillies.

Secretary: Mrs Mary Davies.

4. General Administration and Finance

The Committee on General Administration and Finance (Convener: Mr R. F. Wilson) met on March 25 and made a careful study of the business the various matters which had been referred to it for consideration and report when appropriate. It was agreed "that the projected revision of the committee's reports and consideration of references from the Commission since our last meeting be deferred until after specific priorities have been notified us".

With reference to housing for clergy, it was agreed "that individual churches should be recommended to proceed with their current policies concerning housing for clergy in the expectation that, upon union, the co-ordination of those policies and their development is unlikely to pose serious problems".

5. Committee on Overseas Mission

A letter from the Anglican PCCU dated November 19, 1974, asked that the integration of Presbyterian and Methodist Overseas Mission should be considered by the Commission's Committee on Overseas Mission. The Committee met on March 19 and considered this and other matters. The minutes of the meeting were circulated and its recommendations were considered by the Commission at the April meeting. The Commission agreed as follows:

"1. That in response to the recommendation of the Committee on Overseas Mission the JCCU invite the Overseas Mission Boards of the negotiating Churches to consult concerning all aspects of their work; and that the Secretaries of the respective Mission Boards be asked to form a sub-committee to prepare for the consultation; and that the Rev. D. E. Duncan be asked to convene the consultation.

2. The Consultation of Overseas Mission Boards be asked to advise the Committee on Overseas Mission if there are any specific tasks that it sees that this Committee should undertake.

3. That the Secretary of the JCCU be asked to investigate a way in which the relationship of the 'Church of Christ in N.Z.' with the Churches in the Pacific could be taken up at the Pacific Council of Churches in 1976."

The Consultation on Overseas Missions met in Auckland on May 23-24, 1975, the Rev. A. K. Petch being Chairman, and 16 representatives being present. The resolutions of the conference were as follows:

"1. We recommend to the respective Mission Boards of the negotiating Churches that a committee of two representatives of each Board (Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of Christ, Congregational), plus a representative of C.M.S., plus the Secretaries, be set up to help the process of co-ordination policies. Functions would include — publicity, recruitment, training, orientation.

2. The respective Mission Boards be asked to receive members of other Boards as observers. We would ask that minutes be exchanged and any other relevant material.

3. That the Secretaries be instructed by their Boards to be in constant consultation to deal with matters of common concern, e.g., recruitment, training, publicity, etc.

4. We express the concern of this Consultation to Joint National Committee on Church Extension concerning the difficulties being experienced in Union Parishes, and Co-operating Parishes in their contribution towards the missionary activities of the respective churches and requests the JNCCE to include as a matter of urgency this matter in their consideration of the general budget responsibilities of Union Parishes and Co-operating Parishes.

5. We recommend to the JIB that it delays further administrative restructuring until the Committee (1) above does its initial work.

6. The Consultation regards it as important that dialogue should be developed and maintained with the areas of the Church overseas to which the several Boards are related. It asks the Boards to remember that greater co-ordination of policy must meet the needs and plans for mission of the overseas churches. If the Boards approve the above recommendations, they convey their intentions and hopes to the churches overseas and ask for their reactions.

7. That the JCCU be advised of these recommendations and that that body be asked to consider whether (1) might take the place of Overseas Study Committee."

The report and resolutions of the Consultation were received at the September meeting of the Commission. Letters were received expressing the approval of the Mission Boards relating to the formation of the joint committee recommended in resolution (1). The Boards also expressed approval of the suggestion in resolution (7) that the joint committee on Overseas Mission take the place of the JCCU committee on Overseas Mission. This was approved with the request that the joint committee report annually to the JCCU.

The next Assembly of the Pacific Islands Conference of Churches is to be held in Papua New Guinea, January 10-21, 1976, and it is hoped that a representative from New Zealand may act as a representative of the JCCU.

6. Hymnbook Supplement Committee

Arrangements were made for the work on a Hymnbook Supplement to be carried forward by a Committee in Wellington, the Rev. J. S. Murray continuing as convener, assisted by the Revs. A. G. Georgantis, D. E. Hollier, J. S. Hosking and J. L. Gammon as a corresponding member. The convener reported progress to the September meeting of the Commission.

The object is the publication of a supplement to existing denominational books. The scope of the supplement will be wide enough to include contemporary hymns in English, a selection of Maori hymns, both traditional and new, together with some of the well-known hymns sung by Pacific Islanders in the four languages of the groups in New Zealand. The supplement will also include some worship resource material, some modern translations of prayers and responses in English and in other languages, and also some modern affirmations of faith. It is hoped that it may be published for Pentecost, 1976.

IV. "TO DO TOGETHER"

A. The Joint National Committee on Church Extension

The Annual Report to the Negotiating Churches and the JCCU, 1975

1. Terms of Reference

The comments of Church Union committees and the JNCCE on the suggested terms of reference (1974 Report, p. 22), were considered by the JCCU at the September meeting. The following revision was approved:

(1) There shall be a Joint National Committee on Church Extension, consisting of representatives appointed by the negotiating Churches according to the following formula:

Anglican	5
Presbyterian	4
Methodist	3
Associated Churches of Christ	2
Congregational	1

with power to co-opt additional members.

(2) The Joint National Committee on Church Extension shall act in a consultative and advisory capacity to the negotiating Churches and the JCCU in "seeking ways of common action" (Act of Commitment, 1967), and ensuring that the negotiating Churches plan their extension work together rather than in isolation from each other. It shall report annually to the negotiating Churches through the JCCU.

(3) The Joint Committee on Church Extension shall also encourage the exploration of new styles of mission, aided as necessary by appropriate sociological research. It shall revise existing forms of joint action, at the request of the JCCU, or the negotiating Churches, or as the situation demands, and submit them to the negotiating Churches for approval through the JCCU.

(4) (a) There shall be Joint Regional Committees appointed in Northland, Auckland, South Auckland, North Shore, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, Gisborne, Manawatu, Wairarapa, Wellington, Nelson, Westland-Buller, Marlborough, Christchurch, Mid and South Canterbury, Dunedin, and Southland and in any other place that the JNCCE may determine.

(b) They shall consist of representatives with appropriate responsibilities appointed by the district or diocesan courts of the negotiating Churches of the area.

(c) The functions of the Joint Regional Committees are as set out in 1971 Report pp. 10-13, and reviewed from time to time.

(5) The Joint National Committee on Church Extension shall maintain regular contact with the Joint Regional Committees to

enable it to exercise a national oversight over joint agreements; to act in a consultative and advisory capacity on all matters referred to it; and to initiate new or amended forms of joint activity for implementation at the regional or local church level.

(6) It shall also maintain regular contact with the Maori Council on Church Union.

(7) The Joint National Committee on Church Extension, on receiving the recommendation of the Joint Regional Committee, shall decide on the **denomination** of ministers to be appointed to Union Parishes when a new parish is inaugurated or when a vacancy occurs, in accordance with Clause 21 of the "Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes" (Fourth JCCU Report, 1968; p. 43). (After consulting the Session or Parish Council and receiving its recommendation as to the **denomination** of the minister to be appointed, the Joint Regional Committee shall make its recommendation to the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, who shall make the final decision on the denomination of the minister to be appointed. The intention of this provision is to prevent a disproportionate number of ministers from one denomination being appointed to Union Parishes at any one time.)

(8) The Joint National Committee on Church Extension, on receiving the recommendation of the Joint Regional Committee, shall decide on the denomination of ministers to be appointed to Co-operating Parishes, in accordance with Clause 10 of "Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish". (Tenth Report JCCU, 1974; p. 9).

2. The Committee

The Committee met November 27, 1974, March 5 and August 5, 1975.

The membership of the JNCCE at September 12 was as follows: Anglican: The Venerable E. G. Buckle, the Rev. A. G. Georgantis, the Venerable J. D. Hogg, Messrs R. S. Jebson and T. G. Procter. Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev. H. C. Bischoff, the Rev. E. R. Vickery.

Congregational Union: The Rev. J. B. Chambers.

Methodist: The Rev. C. D. Clark, B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie.

Presbyterian: The Rev. E. K. Orange, M. D. Thawley, W. B. Watt, Mr A. B. Robertson. Proxies — the Rev. W. A. Best, R. J. Weeks.

The Committee agreed that the appointment of the Chairman should be for a term of two years.

At the March meeting Mr E. G. Heggie was elected Chairman.

3. Growth of Union Parishes and Co-operative Ventures

The growth of union and co-operative ventures of various sorts is a matter of some complexity. A register of these ventures is being compiled and the activities listed under the following headings:

A. Name of Parish Under the Agreement.

B. Date of Inauguration.

C. **Type of Agreement** (refer 1972 Report, p. 10).

Union Parish under the Standard Constitution (1968 Report, p. 40).

Union Parish, Special Category (1972 Report, p. 10).

Reciprocal Membership Agreement (refer 1972 Report, p. 10).

Co-operating Parish (1974 Report, p. 9).

Joint Use of Buildings (1968 Report, p. 36, amended 1974, p. 24).
Other kinds of Agreement (specify character).

A survey shows that at June 30 the total number of congregational "units" involved in co-operative ventures of various sorts has increased as follows:

1972	1972 Report p. 10	203 units
1974	1974 Report p. 23	259
1975	estimated at	275

At June 30, there were 65 Union Parishes as follows:

Church of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian	3
Church of Christ and Methodist	3
Methodist and Presbyterian	58
Presbyterian and Congregational	1

In addition to the 65 Union Parishes listed above, there were 16 Union and Co-operating Parishes involving Anglican parishes.

Preliminary discussions and negotiations for forming Co-operating Parishes are proceeding, at present involving at least 25 proposals.

Initially, Union Parishes were established in new suburban developments and rural areas. Increasingly, however, Union and Co-operating Parishes are developing within established areas. For example, in prominent centres like Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Thames, Cambridge, Taupo and Greymouth, the Union Parish is the only expression of the Methodist/Presbyterian presence in the area.

Nor is it only the smaller churches that are uniting. Big and strong ones are too. In seven of the 65 Union Parishes, at least two of the participating denominations each have memberships of over 100. In five Union Parishes the combined membership is over 500.

4. Guide to Procedures

In May, a collection of documents relating to co-operative ventures was issued in a form that would make for ease of reference. It included some formal documents and also some additional material designed to give guidance in the many matters involved in the formation of co-operative ventures and accepting appointments. Entitled "Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parishes", it contained the following:

1. Steps in the formation of Co-operative Ventures.
 2. Making and Accepting Ecumenical Appointments.
 3. Suggestions for Services of Inauguration and Induction for Union Parishes and Other Co-operative Ventures.
 4. Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes.
 5. Standard Agreement for Co-operating Ventures Based on the Joint Use of Buildings.
 6. Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish.
- Copies are available from the Secretary on request.

5. Consultation on Union and Co-operative Ventures

At its August meeting, the committee received a letter from the Development Division of the Methodist Church suggesting that a consultation be held to consider various matters relating to union and co-operative ventures. It also received a letter from the Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church requesting the holding of a

meeting to clarify the interpretation of some provisions for co-operative ventures.

It was agreed that a consultation be held, and in consultation with the Executive of the JCCU, that it be held during the September meeting of the JCCU. Each church was asked to appoint additional participants to provide a representative attendance, 12 attending. The morning and afternoon sessions on Wednesday were devoted to this purpose. An agenda had been circulated and the Rev. B. N. Rowe acted as co-ordinator of the discussion.

After an introductory period, it was agreed to focus attention on questions relating to the ministry and the provisions in Clause 11 of the Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish and the discussion continued.

At the afternoon session, the Chairman raised the question whether it was felt that there was need to amend the Guidelines and it was decided that no alteration is required.

The Consultation then formed into groups to isolate the main issues as follows:

1. Questions re regional authority and developing situations.
2. Interim co-ordinating structures.
3. Ministerial appointments, orientation of clergy, congregations, and confirmation.
4. Worship in Co-operating Parishes.

The Consultation then considered the recommendations from the groups and agreed to the following resolutions:

(1) To request the JNCCE to clarify the areas where Joint Regional Committees can make decisions with regard to Co-operating Parishes and what specific matters need to be settled by Presbytery, the Bishop in Council and the Methodist Synod in consultation.

(2) That the JNCCE be requested to explore the possibility of setting up co-ordinating committees contiguous with each of the established Anglican dioceses to deal with the matters set out in the section of the Agenda A (c) and to make recommendations to the JNCCE as considered appropriate.

(3) To draw the attention of the JNCCE to the need for participation of congregations in the appointment of ministers and also for the orientation of ministers and congregations in preparation for co-operative ventures, and also the need for account to be taken of Maori parishes and Pacific Island groups.

(4) That with a view to greater flexibility in the conduct of worship, the Executive of the JCCU forward to the PCCU a request that consideration be given to (a) making provision for Anglican priests to use liturgical material of other Churches, and (b) clarifying questions arising from the use of Anglican orders of service by the ministers of other Churches.

6. The Constitution and Function of Joint Regional Committees

The 1974 Report of the JCCU at p. 12-13 contains a section on the functions and responsibilities of Joint Regional Committees and refers to the meetings of regional leaders with Joint Regional Committees and the communication with Church courts. The JNCCE was asked

to prepare a memorandum to be sent to JRCs for their use in the continuing discussion.

A memorandum on "the Consultation and Function of Joint Regional Committees" was prepared and the JNCCE decided on November 27 to forward it to JRCs and district church courts with the request for comments to be returned by July 31. The replies were received at the August meeting. It was decided that the replies from Church courts be sent to the appropriate committee of each Church for consolidation and report to the November meeting. It is hoped that it will be possible to complete the revision at that meeting.

7. Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures

The amendments to the text of the Standard agreement for co-operative ventures based on the joint use of buildings as set out in the 1974 Report pp. 24-27 have now been approved by the appropriate committee of each Church.

E. G. HEGGIE, Chairman.

September 12, 1975.

B. The Joint Board of Theological Studies

In the absence of the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis, who is overseas on sabbatical leave, I submit the report of the Joint Board of Theological Studies for 1974-75.

(1) The two significant steps mentioned in last year's Report deserve further mention.

a. Joint Assessment Committee

This Committee of the Joint Board of Theological Studies has continued with the Rev. D. S. Mullan, Dunedin, as convener and been responsible for an assessment course each year at the Bridge Lodge, Otaki. The conferences have been mainly the assessment of candidates from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the one in August, 1975, being attended by 16 Presbyterian students and six Methodist, with a staff of 12 Presbyterian, six Methodist and one Anglican.

b. Field Worker in Continuing Education

This development from the Joint Board, which was mentioned as a possibility in last year's Report, has now become a reality with the appointment of the Rev. B. K. Rowe to the staff of St John's College and as Field Worker in Continuing Education. Mr Rowe's appointment is intended to be for the benefit of the Church at large, and he has already initiated a number of valuable meetings of clergy in various parts of New Zealand. He works in close conjunction with the sub-committee on continuing education centred in Auckland under the chairmanship of the Rev. Don Glenny. It is apparent that the work of this committee and the activities of Mr Rowe will play a larger part in the life of the negotiating Churches in the future.

(2) **Examinations.** Last year, 1974, enrolments for the Joint Board L.Th. examinations were fewer; 80 as against 87 in 1973 (however, 96 have enrolled for 1975). In 1974 13 completed the L.Th. Diploma, one with second-class honours and one completed the S.Th.; two further extra-mural students have completed the S.Th. since the beginning of this year.

A significant rise has taken place in the number of extra-mural students — 37 for 1975 (33 in 1974) — 16 of these are completing work already begun in College, but 31 represent lay people who, for one reason or another, are interested in passing papers of the L.Th.

The Syllabus is constantly under review. Attention has been given to the details of it and to close working together between Knox College and St John's College. Flexibility has been maintained in the teaching work at the Colleges and extra-mural students have been catered for on request.

Only a few clergy have enrolled for the S.Th., but those so studying are appreciative of the freedom which the Syllabus allows.

The Board has continued to keep in touch with the Australian and N.Z. Society for Theological Studies and with the Australian and N.Z. Association of Theological Schools. Moves are afoot for establishing a Chapter of the ANZATS in New Zealand, and this will be discussed at a special meeting at the time of the Joint Board Annual Meeting in February, 1976. ANZATS has expressed interest in having its Annual Meeting for 1977 in Auckland, and further negotiations are taking place to enable this to come about.

WATSON ROSEVEAR, Secretary.

C. The Maori Council on Church Union Report to JCCU and the Churches, 1975

The matter of membership, functions, and the relationship of the Council to the Joint Commission were clarified at the Council's February meeting and reported to the meeting of the Commission in April.

In collaboration with the Secretary of the Commission a leaflet concerning "Maori Participation" was produced during the year, together with a translation in Maori for those requiring it.

The Council was grateful for the opportunity to help plan and share in the April meeting of the Commission, held on the Te Tira Hou Marae, Auckland. The occasion offered a larger number of Maori and Pacific Islanders to give voice to their concerns and underline some of the issues implied in being a multi-racial church in New Zealand.

Suitable hymns and worship resources in Maori are being considered for inclusion in the proposed Hymnbook supplement.

B. TE HAARA, Secretary.

V. THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION

A. Finance

1. The Treasurer, Mr D. G. Weir, presented to the April meeting a statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended December 31, 1974, duly signed by the auditor, Mr P. H. Johnsen. This was adopted and is as follows:

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT FOR YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1974.

RECEIPTS

	\$	\$
Balance at January 1, 1974		34.45
Contributions from Churches —		
Anglican	5,376.00	
Churches of Christ	121.00	
Congregational	22.00	
Methodist	1,385.00	
Presbyterian	4,089.00	
	<hr/>	10,993.00
Interest on Bank Account		22.38
Recovered cost of Forum and Leaflets		164.14
Sales of Tenth Report		193.80
Churches share of Otaki meeting		303.75
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		\$11,711.52

PAYMENTS

Stipend and House Allowance, Secretary	7,784.77
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	678.33
Office rent	600.00
Lighting, heating, cleaning	34.92
Travelling, Secretary	240.74
Travelling, Chairman	325.91
Secretarial Assistance	373.83
Stationery	203.68
Post, telephone	383.81
Insurance and Acc. Comp. levy	21.19
" Background "	85.00
" Forum " and leaflets	305.58
Tenth Report	260.17
Otaki meeting	337.21
Sundries	52.79
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	\$11,687.93

Bank balance at 31/12/74 \$23.59

I have inspected the books of accounts and vouchers of the Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended December 31, 1974.

December 1973 PAYE \$180.65 was paid in January, 1974. Consequently the Stipend and House Allowance for the year to December 31, 1974, is increased by that amount.

An account rendered to the Methodist Church of N.Z. for 300 copies of Forum amounting to \$50.11 is unpaid at December 31, 1974.

Subject to the above, the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account correctly states the transactions for the year ended December 31, 1974.

P. H. JOHNSEN, Chartered Accountant.

2. The Budget for 1975 totalling \$13,900 was allocated to the churches as follows:

Anglican	7,093
Churches of Christ	153
Congregational	24
Methodist	1,664
Presbyterian	4,966
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	\$13,900

3. At the meeting on September 10, 1975, the Executive submitted a Budget for 1976 totalling \$14,900. This was approved, to be allocated to the churches on the basis of membership figures when received.

4. The resignation of Mr D. G. Weir as treasurer was received at the April meeting, and the thanks of the commission expressed for his work since his appointment in 1973. Mr W. A. Poole acted until Mr George Nelson was appointed in August.

B. Meetings in 1976

The Commission has arranged to meet in 1976 as follows:

February 17-18 in Wellington and June 2-3 at a place to be arranged.
September 12, 1975.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

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