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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
of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible Christian Church in New Zealand, was held in 1897.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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THE FIRST CONFERENCE
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1944	3	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 252 Lyttelton Street, Christchurch 2	135
1969	W.A.	Alley, David R., 52 Totara Street, Invercargill	173
1974	4	Amituana'i, Siauala, B.D., 53 Fife Street, Westmere, Auckland 2	D.D. 13
1973	2	Anderson, Ian E. M., 3 Park Avenue, Oxford	154
1956	5	Andrews, Robert S., 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2 (Phone 837-409)	100
1963	9	Ansell, David H., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	66
1963	W.A.	Armstrong, David, C/o Mrs F. Gatman, P.O., Silverdale, Auckland	31
1949	5	Baker, Edward, 25b Haerehuka Street, P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga	67
1953	4	Baker, Frederick J. K., 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth	41
1963	3	Ball, Niven G., 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne	87
1975	2	Bell, Anthony N., L.Th., Willowby R.D. 3, Ashburton	161
1957	9	Bell, G. Basil W., 19 King Street, Whakatane	63
1967	W.A.	Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138, Palmerston North	96
1956	6	Bennett, George L., 23 Landscape Road, Pukekohe	36
1955	3	Bennett, Trevor L., 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland	31
1951	2	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 115 Main Road, Wainuiomata	112
1954	2	Billinghurst, Noel D., 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara	73
1971	5	Blundell, Warren H., 67 Palmerston Street, Riverton	174

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1966	5	Bowden, A. Roy, B.A., Dip.Soc.Wk., 65 Marne Street, Palmerston North	92
1959	2	Bowen, Lewis A., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch	5 147
1955	W.A.	Boyd, Edward P., 17 Lewis Street, Ivercargill	P.C. 173
1960	5	Brazendale, Graham, M.A., 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	24
1969	W.A.	Brookes, Norman E., M.A., C/o Methodist Church Office, 1 Central Buildings, Westminster, London SW1H 9NH, England	146
1941	7	Brown, Harold K., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson (Phone 84-672)	122
1976	2	Bruce, Dougal H. C., L.Th., 50 Kitenui Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	13
1964	1	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com., A.C.A., 77 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland 6	31
1951	W.A.	Burrough, Amos W., 42 Miro Street, Palmerston North	92
1949	3	Burt, Douglas H., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha	46
1974	4	Burton, Restel A., 60 Mulford Street, Green Island, Dunedin	164
1944	1	Bycroft, Leslie F., 40 Crownhill Street, New Plymouth	72
1955	9	Cable, Wilfred J., 4 Claude Street, Hamilton (Phone 57-229)	51
1951	2	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 3 Goldsborough Avenue, Raumati Beach	121
1944	9	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 20 Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch 4	145
1969	6	Chapman, Wallace C., 4 Myers Road, Manurewa, Auckland	34
1965	5	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	36
1960	10	Christian, Owen L., 304 Stanmore Road, Christchurch 1	136
1950	5	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 31 Court Road, Tawa, Wellington	108
1965	3	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D. (Hons.), 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne (Phone 6260)	86
1965	2	Clarke, Ian L., A.C.A., 8a Fovant Street, Christchurch 4	145
1942	6	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., P.O. Box 51-102, Pakuranga, Auckland 6 (Phone 568-470)	16
1947	W.A.	Clements, Leslie C., 17e Chem des Prejins, Grand Saconnex 1218, Geneva, Switzerland	98
1951	10	Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South	60
1965	5	Collingwood, Ronald C., 33 Johnson Street, Milton	170
1960	4	Conway, James H., 42 Ngatai Street, Manaia	77
1969	W.A.	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., 28 Turaki Street, Taumarunui	69
1968	9	Couch, Moke A. G., B.A., 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth	[5]
1953	3	Craig, Hughan M., 5a William Street, Gore	172
1957	4	Cropp, James F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	161
1962	W.A.	Currie, John B., B.A., C/o P.O. Waimarama, Hawkes Bay	84
1973	2	Currie, Lawrence H., 49 Murphy's Road, Blenheim	128
1968	4	Curtis, Darrell R., B.A., 9 Mace Street, Reefton	130
1941	3	Darvill, Harold A., 18 Matai Road, Hataitai, Wellington 3	[6]

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1940	5	Dawson, John B., B.A., 28 Marion Avenue, Mt Roskill, Auckland 4	15
1943	6	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland 3	13
1972	1	Dickie, Arthur W., C.Eng., M.Inst.E., M.N.Z.I.E., Tauranga Road, Waihi	45
1959	7	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	109
1969	1	Eagle, Brian R. J., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt Eden, Auckland 3	15
1954	8	Eastwood, Eric R., 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata	55
1948	W.A.	Eisner, Wilf G., B.A., Tokanui P.B., Te Awamutu	66
1943	27	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch 1 (Phone 66-745)	134
1964	6	Felderhof, Ludwig, 244 Rodney Street, Wellsford	12
1970	W.A.	Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei	8
1948	3	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., 8 Ingestre Street, Wanganui	80
1957	2	Fowler, Irwin J., 406 Thames Street, Morrinsville	47
1952	2	George, R. Leslie, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington	105
1964	4	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 12 Selwyn Street, Leeston	150
1952	2	Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Avenue, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10	E.D. 26
1975	3	Gibson, Roger M., 204 Preston Road, Box 61-171, Otara, Papatoetoe	33
1951	4	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 83 Brougham Street, New Plymouth	72
1958	5	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 22 Hakanoa Street, Huntly	54
1940	2	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 15 Brookfield Terrace, Tauranga	60
1957	W.A.	Glen, Frank G., Myross Bush, R.D. 11, Invercargill	173
1976	2	Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 27 Worksop Road, Masterton	116
1950	6	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 10 Eden View Road, Auckland 3 (Phone 866-387), P.O. Box 5104, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1 (Phone 32-443 Office)	14
1955	2	Goreham, Norman J., B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.), 29 Farley Street, Kaikorai, Dunedin	167
1970	5	Graham, Duncan R., 214 High Street, Dannevirke	89
1956	6	Grant, Ian D., 97 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland 10	27
1973	3	Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., LTh. (Hons.), 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	151
1975	1	Graves, Norman M., 203 Chelmsford Street, Invercargill	173
1972	W.A.	Greenwood, Russell J., B.A., 15 Sidey Street, Dunedin	164
1976	2	Greer, Michael W., LTh., 21 Horoeke Street, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt	109
1959	1	Griffith, Keith C., 235 Karori Road, Wellington 5	99
1974	1	Griffiths, William D., 34 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland 8	22
1943	5	Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Lenihan Street, Northcote, Auckland 9 (Phone 489-332)	30

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1960	9	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 32 Hammersley Avenue, Christchurch 1	136
1954	9	Grundy, John, M.A., 16 Duncan Street, Tawa, Wellington (Phone TWA 3095). Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O. Box 6133, Wellington (Phone 850-352)	E.D. 108
1960	2	Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 151 Kennedy Road, Napier (Phone 38-665)	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	3	Hall, John R., 31 King Street, Waiuku	38
1958	2	Hamlin, R. John, 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth	132
1972	6	Hammond, George M., 436 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3	144
1960	7	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., B.D., 79 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt	109
1969	W.A.	Harkness, Barry G., B.A., B.D., 28 Patrick Street, Christchurch 1	146
1938	7	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	107
1962	2	Hawkey, Graham E., 79 Arthur Street, Timaru (Phone 5625)	155
1968	4	Hay, J. Cedric, 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland 10	26
1966	4	Hendry, Richard J., 30 Kelso Street, Tokoroa	57
1954	W.A.	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey Street, Christchurch 5	H.C. 146
1965	2	Herbert, C. Brice, Te Reinga Street, Kaitia	1
1968	W.A.	Hey, Roger J. E., 2166 Great North Road, Auckland 7	21
1962	7	Hight, Arnold C., 61 Wainoni Road, Christchurch 6	136
1948	3	Hilder, Basil J., The Manse, Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere, Nelson	126
1948	4	Hopkins, George C., 38 Gisborne Terrace, Opunake	78
1962	5	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 801E Queen Street, Hastings	84
1960	7	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 4 Lichfield Street, Stoke, Nelson	122
1960	W.A.	Horrill, C. Seton, 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch 2	I.C. 143
1967	W.A.	Hosking, Bruce L., B.A., B.Com., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), A.C.A., 272 Tramway Road, Hamilton	52
1959	5	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip. Mus., 106 Rata Street, Lower Hutt (Phone 670-652). Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O. Box 6133, Wellington (Phone 850-352)	E.D. 109
1975	3	Jacobson, Patricia M., L.Th., 49 Bryndwr Road, Christchurch 5	146
1961	3	James, Russell E., 23 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch 2	141
1967	4	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E. (Melb.), 43 Ayr Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin	164
1962	5	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 11 Kakariki Avenue, Mt Eden, Auckland 3 (P.O. Box 5023W) (Phone Office 71-843, Home 688-207)	D.D. 17
1949	1	Keightley, Clifford J., 204 King Street, Rangiora	152

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1957	9	Kitchingman, Henry W., 83 Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe	33
1956	W.A.	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Avenue, Hillmorton, Christchurch 2	144
1961	8	Langley, John E., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	8
1963	4	Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., 120 Colombo Street, Christchurch 2 (Phone 327-017)	142
1968	W.A.	Leadley, Alan J., C/o 42 Tainui Street, Torbay, Auckland 10	26
1977	1	Leary, Gordon A., M.A., Dip.Ed., John's Road, Moana, Westland	132
1953	3	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, 81 Gloucester Street, Greenmeadows, Napier	83
1958	6	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 31 Whitby Street, Mornington, Dunedin	164
1942	25	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. (Phone College 585-579, Home 580-426)	Th.C. 18
1968	5	Loader, William R. G., B.A., B.D., Dr.theol. (Mainz), 14 St Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland 5	18
1957	2	Mabon, John C.F., 39 Cleary Street, Lower Hutt	109
1965	W.A.	Mackie, Bruce E., C/o Methodist Central Mission, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia	134
1968	6	Malcouronne, Brian J., B.A., 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	22
1966	W.A.	Manihera, John I., 53 Weir Terrace, Waiouru	C.F. 81
1961	W.A.	Marshall, C. Russell, M.P., 283 St Hill Street, Wanganui	80
1968	6	McIver, Graeme M., B.A., 24 Tyne Street, Timaru	157
1953	2	McKay, Archibald W., 179 Regan Street, Stratford	74
1960	5	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7 (Phone 874-360)	20
1972	3	MacLeod, D. Ian, 3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood	82
1968	W.A.	Meredith, John D., 6 Roys Road, Plimmerton	107
1967	W.A.	Michie, Laurie A., 84 Aeroview Drive, Beachhaven, Auckland 10	27
1942	9	Morrison, William J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest (Box 11007), Hamilton. (Phone Home 64-244, Office 69-056)	51
1960	6	Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin. (Phone Office 70-303, Home 44-165)	164
1964	W.A.	Neal, Barry W., C.F., M.A., Dip.Ed. (B215511 Ch.Cl. II Neal, B.W., C/o 1 R.N.Z.I.R., Dieppe Barracks, Singapore, N.Z.F.P.O. 5 C.P.O., Auckland	C.F. 92
1953	7	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	5	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington	109
1968	1	Norwell, Ian C., 43 Jollie Road, Twizel	157
1977	W.A.	Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A., 103a Ohaupo Road, Hamilton	49
1949	9	Olds, J. Stanley, 11 Redwood Street, Upper Hutt	111
1946	8	Olds, Norman W., 15 Wiggins Street, Christchurch	8 138
1964	W.A.	Olsen, Brian L., 14 Kowhai Street, Tuakau	37
1953	4	Osborne, John H., M.A., 994 New North Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20

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1947	W.A.	Parker, Francis H., 15 Penrhyn Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 3 (Phone 603-970)	H.C. 16
1952	11	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington 1. Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O. Box 6133, Wgtn. (Phone Office 847-699, Home 849-309)	98
1938	6	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9	26
1968	W.A.	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., 5 Albany Street, Dunedin	U.C. 164
1966	W.A.	Pihama, John Te T., 296 Massey Road, Mangere East	[2]
1962	4	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., 12 Poronui Street, Mt Eden, Auckland 3	16
1967	1	Pratt, David C., 67 Shearman Street, Waimate	158
1975	3	Pratt, G. Douglas, M.A., 17 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10	26
1966	W.A.	Prince, Donald F., Rolleston Prison, Box 45, Rolleston	P.C. 148
1954	16	Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt Albert Road, Auckland 3 (P.O. Box 5023W) (Phone Office 71-843, Home 867-364)	M.D. 20
1949	1	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 82 Murray Place, Christchurch 1	146
1950	W.A.	Ramsay, Phillip D., 20 Solar Street, Coorparoo Heights, Brisbane 4151, Queensland	158
1969	4	Rigby, Russell G., B.A. (Hons.), 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	173
1955	4	Rigg, Frank S., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale	40
1974	4	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim. (Hons.), 93 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 9	25
1962	W.A.	Robertson, Ian H., 35 Imlay Crescent, Ngaio, Wellington 4	98
1963	7	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), 52 Monteith Crescent, Meadowbank, Auckland 5 (Phone Office 588-259, Home 546-473)	Th.C. 18
1954	4	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 142 North Street, Timaru (Phone 88-401)	153
1957	7	Russell, Kenneth H., 100 Jed Street, Invercargill (Phone 83-539)	173
1962	3	Rutherford, Maynard G., 16 View Road, Hikurangi	7
1971	1	Salmon, John B., M.A. (Hons.), L.Th., S.Th. (Hons.), A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 1 Chivalry Road, Glenfield, Auckland 10	28
1959	W.A.	Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher Street, Taupo	59
1956	9	Scammell, Bruce, 100 West Street, Feilding	94
1950	8	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 22 Goodwyn Crescent, Palmerston North	92
1975	3	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 817W St Aubyn Street, Hastings	84
1952	5	Shaw, Harry I., 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua	91
1946	11	Shepherd, Trevor, 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton	51
1961	2	Sides, Brian W., 37 Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei (Phone 83-542)	8
1938	14	Silvester, John, M.A., 179 St John's Road, Auckland 5 (Phone 544-788)	Th.C. 19

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1971	W.A.	Simpson, Ronald N., 14 Highbury Street, Avondale, Auckland	I.C. 21
1975	3	Sinclair, Paul F., 202 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst	93
1964	4	Slinn, Stuart G., 6 Haswell Street, Eketahuna	118
1970	3	Smith, G. Clive, L.Th., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson	124
1951	6	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton (Phone Home 81-435, Office 83-951)	49
1973	3	Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol. (Melb.), 175 Queen Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	88
1953	3	Stubbs, David G., 54 Leefield Street, Blenheim	128
1954	3	Tahere, Te Awha W., 84 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch 2	[7]
1955	1	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera	76
1961	W.A.	Taylor, A. Kerry, 47 Maugham Drive, Bucklands Beach, Auckland	16
1966	3	Taylor, Keith J., B.A., 7 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn, Wellington	98
1957	1	Taylor, Philip F., 54 Clevedon Road, P.O. Box 243, Papakura, Auckland	35
1968	10	Te Whare, Morehu, 77 Eban Avenue, Northcote, Auckland 9	[2]
1941	7	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 92 Cambridge Street, Levin	119
1955	3	Thornicroft, Neville, The Manse, 15 Wairau Road, Picton (Phone 129)	129
1954	4	Trebilco, David L., P.O. Box 4, Normanville 5204, South Australia. (Exchanging with Robert E. West of South Australia until January 1978)	16
1963	3	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, P.O. Box 8809, Auckland (Phone Office 74-143). Home 115 Queenstown Road, Auckland 6, Phone 655-453)	O.D. 17
1965	3	Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E., 11 Union Street, Hamilton	[3]
1962	2	Waine, Frederick E., B.A., 8 Tabak Place, Palmerston North	92
1962	7	Wakeling, W.J. Douglas, 164 High Street, South, Carterton	115
1961	5	Wallace, William L., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Road, Christchurch 4	148
1945	4	Watson, Alexander C., 35a Halswell Road, Christchurch 2	143
1977	W.A.	Webster, Alan C., M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S., Massey University, Palmerston North	92
1965	2	West, Norman J., 171 Parsons Street, Wanganui	80
		West, Robert E., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland 3	16
1966	4	West, Stanley J., 31 Beatty Street, Melville, Hamilton	49
1976	2	White, Graeme R., L.Th., 5 Naish Street, Balclutha	171
1959	7	Widdup, Robert W., 18 Chapel Street (Box 5172), Christchurch 5. (Phone Home 529-782, Office 527-952)	147
1942	1	Willing, Leonard V., 8 Murray Avenue, Hawera	[5]
1950	W.A.	Woodfield, Frank H., 233 Dowse Drive, Lower Hutt	109

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1950	5	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5	18
1962	1	Woodley, Alan K., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch (Phone Office 66-049), 32 Ambleside Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 5	G.S.
1941	6	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville (Phone 8724)	9
1971	1	Wright, Jack, Mersey Street, Rongotea	96

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Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
1943	1977	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84B Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe	33
1947	1960	Attwood, A. Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi	45
1924	1956	Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10	26
1936	1977	Beckingsale, George E., 6 Keru Street, Onerua, Waiheke Is.	19
1941	1967	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Road, Wanganui	80
1944	1977	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Melb.), 6 Wesleydale Place, Papakura	35
1949	1967	Benny, T. Ralph, P.O. Box 221, Ashburton	158
1923	1946	Blakemore, Albert, C/o Whareama Home, Neale Avenue, Stoke	122
1917	1958	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., (Melb.), 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch 5	134
1943	1977	Brown, Clifford G., 1 Armagh Terrace, Marton	95
	1977	Brown, F. Gardner, 31 Surf Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa	40
1924	1964	Brown, Hubert G., 36 Brougham Street, Christchurch 2	143
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	143
1949	1977	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., 14 Rangeview Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20
1943	1977	Cramond, George W., 5 Newall Avenue, Christchurch 5	146
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames	42
1944	1969	Dorrian, A. Peter, 2 Attlee Place, Feilding	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
1937	1974	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., (Lond.) Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa	40
1934	1969	Goodman, George H., 13 Middleton Road, Hannah Bay, Rotorua	58
1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R., 46 Mulgan Street, Avondale, Auckland 7	20
1940	1975	Greenslade, Lawrence, 30 Richardson Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20

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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	146
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	18
1952	1977	Handyside, Allan J., 4 Oroua Street, Te Puke	62
1926	1966	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland	13
1936	1970	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 20 Woodham Road, Avonside, Christchurch 6	134
1929	1968	Horwood, Leonard C., 12 Weston Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20
1942	1966	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 41 Paine Street, Judea, Tauranga	60
1919	1954	Jefferson, Alfred E., Garlick Annexe, Everil Orr Homes, Allendale Road, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	14
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey Street, Woodville	90
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron Street, Mornington, Dunedin	164
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	16
1938	1977	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 36 Niagara Street, Christchurch 6	136
1930	1970	Leadley, E. Clarence, 42 Tainui Street, Torbay, Auckland 10	26
1939	1977	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 297 Tawari Street, Matamata	55
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. Alistair, 2 Karaka Street, Beach- lands, Auckland	16
1930	1976	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt Union U.S.A.), 4 Huia Street, Waikanae	121
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
1939	1977	Oldfield, Charles B., 35 Dale Road, Raumati South	121
1951	1977	Olds, O. McLennan, 19 Beach Road, Omokoroa, R.D., Tauranga	60
1931	1972	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), Flat 2, 2 Kingsway Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	21

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
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, Christchurch 5	134
1931	1967	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland 10	26
1955	1974	Pear, Cuthbert F., 79 Clarkin Road, Hamilton	51
1927	1966	Penn, Athol R., Flat 3, 774 Mt Eden Road, Auckland 4	16
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
1957	1972	Reid, Andrew G., 11 Alexander Road, Algies Bay, Warkworth, R.D. 2	41
1960	1969	Roke, Charles E., 141 Ocean View Road, Mt Maunganui	H.M.
1911	1949	Rowe, William, Stoke, Nelson	122
1951	1966	Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon Street, Hamilton	51
1916	1955	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis Street, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20
1945	1977	Shapcott, Leonard, 42 Bowen Street, Cambridge	48
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
1946	1971	Thompson, George R., E.D., 1582 Great North Road, Waterview, Auckland 7	21
1951	1971	Thompson, J. Herbert, 15 de Bloge Place, Christchurch 6	136
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., 105 Rennie Street, Tararu, Thames	42
1931	1971	Williams, David, O.B.E., M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), 20 Weston Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	20
1943	1976	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 8 Rata Street, Helensville	39
1935	1974	Witheyford, Arthur R., B.A., 113 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8	138

MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Bailey, Ivor, 54 Chester Street West, Christchurch 1	134
Borrie, I. Donald, M.A., S.T.M., 55 Warspite Avenue, Porirua	106
Moala, Taniela T., L.Th., 1 Herbert Street, Mt Eden, Auckland	30
Stevens, Ewing C., M.B.E., B.A., 52 Queens Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	164
Vickery, John H., 15 Clayburn Road, Glen Eden, Auckland 7	14

RESIDING IN NEW ZEALAND

Crawford, Samuel J., Okete, R.D. 1, Raglan	60
Sarchet, E., 17 Tawa Road, Te Atatu, Auckland	24
(Ministers in full connexion 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, Kakarama, 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, 31 Arcacia Street, 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 Awamutu	[3]
1971		Rogers, Aperahama Tutanekei, 10 Tawa Street, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	[2]
1969		Rogers, Mare, 26 Orr's Road, Kaikohe	[1]
		Searancke, Paddy, 56 Bader Street, Hamilton	[3]
1970		Taha, George, Dawson's Road, Glen Massey, Ngaruawahia	[3]
1962		Taka, Robert, 64 Fourth Avenue, Whangarei	[1]
1968		Te Hiko, Wiremu Huirama, 31 Manaia Street, Tokoroa	[3]
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]
		Turner, Charlie, No. 2 R.D., Otorohanga	[4]

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
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]

DEACONESSES

1960	.....	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, 80 Fairburn Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 6	..... 32
1964	.....	Sister Shirley Ungemuth, Flat 7, 171 Bayview Road, St Clair, Dunedin	..... 162
1963	..... W.A.	Sister Shirley Wiki, Derrick Road, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	..... [1]
1960	.....	Sister Joan Wedding, Flat 7, 8 Begbie Place, Sandringham, Auckland 3	..... 15
1949	.....	Sister Betty Yearbury, 175 Waihi Road, Hawera	..... [5]
Probationer			
1975	.....	Diana A. Tana, Taheke, P.O. Hokianga	..... [1]

RETIRED DEACONESSES

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
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., 1 Ngaere Avenue, Hamilton	
1943	1973	Sister Anne Wilson, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	

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Guthardt Phyllis, M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Winchester St, Christchurch 1

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Rev. Brian H. Turner, M.A. (Hons.), Rarongo, Theological College via Rabaul, P.N.G.

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Sister Lucy Money, M.B.E., Sasamunga, via Gizo, Solomon Islands.

Sister Lesley Bowen, Tonu Free Bag, P.O. Kieta, P.N.G.

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Miss Patricia A. Moodie, Tari, S.H.D., P.N.G.

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Mr Ian Shakespeare, Munda, Solomon Islands.

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Kaikohe Union Parish: Murray R. McCaskey, B.A., B.D., 3 de Merle Street, Kaikohe.

South Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish: Mark Mete, 5 Leaity Street, Moerewa, Northland.

Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish: R. Stewart Anderson, B.A., P.O. Box 41, Kaeo.

North Hokianga Community Church: P.O. Box 7, Broadwood, Northland.

South Hokianga Co-operating Parish: Ian C. Nairn, LTh., Kokohuia Road, Omapere.

Hikurangi Union Parish: Maynard G. Rutherford, 16 View Road, Hikurangi.

Whangarei Uniting Church: John E. Langley, 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei. Brian W. Sides, 37 Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei.

Ruawai Co-operating Parish: F. J. Bradley, 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai, Northland.

Wellsford Co-operating Parish: Ludwig Felderhof, 244 Rodney Street, Wellsford.

Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish: J. G. Drummond, B.A., 245 Bucklands Beach Road, Auckland.

Glen Innes Co-operating Parish: Brother David John. S.S.F., 132 Taniwha Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 6.

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 Avondale Union Parish: Roger J. E. Hey, 2166 Great North Road, Auckland 7.
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 Raglan Union Parish: C. F. Hay, The Manse, Raglan.
 Chartwell Co-operating Parish: Geoffrey C. Crawshaw, 50 Comrie Road, Hamilton.
 Ngaruawahia Union Parish: J. N. King, 1 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia.
 Matamata Union Parish: Eric R. Eastwood, 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata.
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 Whakatane Co-operating Parish: G. Basil W. Bell, 19 King Street, Whakatane.
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 Turangi Union Parish: I. W. Bayliss, M.A., D.P.S., 4 Hingaia Street, Turangi.
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 Opunake Co-operating Parish: George C. Hopkins, 38 Gisborne Terrace, Opunake.
 Inglewood Union Parish: D. Ian MacLeod, 3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood.
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Eketahuna Union Parish: Stuart G. Slinn, 6 Haswell Street, Eketahuna.

Nelson St Luke's Union Parish: H. C. Swadling, B.A., B.D., D.Sc.Rel., 55 Tipahi Street, Nelson.

Motueka Uniting Parish: Owen T. Jenkin, 11 Eginton Street, Motueka.

Moutere Hills Uniting Parish: Basil J. Hilder, The Manse, Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere.

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.

Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed., John's Road, Moana, Westland.

Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A., 121 Main South Road, Greymouth.

Hokitika Union Parish: Lionel E. Brown, B.A. (Hons.), 118 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika.

New Brighton Union Parish: W. Ivan Bacon, B.A., 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, 27 Damien Place, Woolston, Christchurch 6.

Lyttelton Union Parish: R. Dudley Ives, 27 Sumner Road, Lyttelton.

Halswell Union Parish: George M. Hammond, 436 Halswell Road, Lincoln.

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.

Geraldine (Joint Use of Buildings): F. G. Grimshaw, 10 Cox Street, Geraldine.

Allenton Union Parish: R. P. Fendall, B.A., 14 Belt Road, Ashburton.

Oamaru Union Parish: Clifford M. Russ, 24 Eden Street, Oamaru.

Port Chalmers Union Parish: Ian W. McIntosh, 1 Currie Street, Port Chalmers.

West Harbour United Parish: 19 Ascog St, Ravensbourne, Dunedin.

West Dunedin Union Parish: Norman J. Goreham, B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.), 29 Farley Street, Kaikorai, Dunedin. Brian P. Willis-croft, 31 Balmain Street, Half-way Bush, Dunedin. A. John Calvert, M.A., Dip.Th., 99 Centennial Avenue, Wakari, Dunedin.

Corstorphine Concord Union Parish: David J. Wilson, B.A., 149 Hill-head Road, Corstorphine, Dunedin.

Grants Braes Union Parish: Ian R. Merriman, B.A., 145 Larnach Road, Waverley, Dunedin.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

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| 1911—Rowe, William (Sup.) | 1931—Carr, Thomas H. (Sup.) |
| | „ Carr, W. E. Allon (Sup.) |
| 1916—Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.) | „ Greenslade, William W. H., |
| „ Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.) | „ M.B.E. (Sup.) |
| „ Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.) | „ Moore, William E. (Sup.) |
| | „ Parker, Gordon (Sup.) |
| | „ Payne, Herbert W. (Sup.) |
| 1917—Blight, William T. (Sup.) | „ Williams, David O. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.) | 1932—Day, Reginald (Sup.) |
| | „ Jenkin, William C. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.) | 1933—Patchett, Ralph E. (Sup.) |
| „ Hames, Eric W. (Sup.) | |
| | 1934—Goodman, George H. (Sup.) |
| 1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.) | „ Johnston, Andrew J. (Sup.) |
| „ Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.) | „ Matthews, Howard C. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H. (Sup.) | 1935— |
| | „ Duder, Clifford L. (Sup.) |
| 1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.) | „ Luxton, Clarence T. J. (Sup.) |
| „ Voyce, A. Henry (Sup.) | „ Thornley, Robert (Sup.) |
| | „ Witheford, Arthur R. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.) | 1936—Hopper, Ian H. K. (Sup.) |
| „ Laurenson, George I., C.B.E | |
| (Sup.) | |
| „ Penn, Athol R. (Sup.) | 1937—Francis, William R. (Sup.) |
| „ Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.) | „ Norwell, Leslie T. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1928—Grocott, John D. (Sup.) | 1938—Harkness, Howard E. |
| „ Hailwood, Charlie O. (Sup.) | „ Laws, William R. (Sup.) |
| | „ Petch, Ashleigh K. |
| | „ Silvester, John |
| | |
| 1929—Horwood, Leonard C. (Sup.) | 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A. (Sup.) |
| „ Kent, Arthur T. (Sup.) | „ Grice, Reginald (Sup.) |
| „ Parker, Walter (Sup.) | „ Lucas, Campbell P. (Sup.) |
| | „ Oldfield, Charles B. (Sup.) |
| | „ Watson, John K. (Sup.) |
| | |
| 1930—Leadley, E. Clarence (Sup.) | 1940—Dawson, John B. |
| „ McDowell, M. Alexander | „ Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E. |
| (Sup.) | „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M. |
| „ Parker, J. Wesley (Sup.) | „ 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. (Sup.)
" Brown, Clifford G. (Sup.)
" Cramond, George W. (Sup.)
" Dawson, W. Selwyn
" Falkingham, Wilfred E.,
M.B.E.
" Grounds, Edmund D.
" Williams, J. C. Aldwyn (Sup.)
- 1944—Allen, Robert H.
" Bell, R. Graham (Sup.)
" Bycroft, Leslie F.
" Chambers, Wesley A.
" Dorrian, A Peter (Sup.)
" Sherson, Donald G. (Sup.)
- 1945—Shapcott, Leonard (Sup.)
- 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. (Sup.)
" 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.
" Olds, O. McLennan (Sup.)
" Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)
" Stead, Peter A.
- 1952—George, R. Leslie
" Gibson, Loyal J.
" Hall, John R.
" Handyside, Allan J. (Sup.)
" 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.
" Goreham, Norman 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.
 " Kitchingman, Owen A.
 " Scammell, Bruce
- 1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
 " Cropp, James F.
 " Fowler, Irwin J.
 " Glen, Frank G.
 " 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.
 " Hornblow, Maxwell A.
 " Horrell, 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—Bruce, Maxwell L.
 " 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, John Te T.
 " 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

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| 1968—Leadley, Alan J. | 1973—Anderson, Ian E. M. |
| „ Loader, William R. G. | „ Currie, Laurence H. |
| „ McIver, Graeme M. | „ Grant, Stuart C. |
| „ Malcouronne, Brian J. | „ Stringer, John A. |
| „ Meredith, John D. | |
| „ Norwell, Ian C. | |
| „ Phillipps, Donald J. | 1974—Burton, Restel A. |
| „ Te Whare, Morehu | „ Roberts, John H. |
| 1969—Alley, David R. | |
| „ Brookes, Norman E. | 1975—Bell, Anthony N. |
| „ Chapman, Wallace C. | „ Gibson, Roger M. |
| „ Corlett, Ashley I. | „ Graves, Norma M. |
| „ Eagle, Brian R. J. | „ Jacobson, Patricia M. |
| „ Ferguson, Ronald W. | „ Pratt, G. Douglas |
| „ Harkness, Barry G. | „ Sharp, Gavin B. |
| „ Rigby, Russell G. | „ Sinclair, Paul F. |
| „ Stringer, Robert G. | |
| „ Turner, Brian H. | |
| 1970—Graham, Duncan R. | 1976—Bruce, Dougal H. |
| „ Griffiths, William D. | „ Burrough, Amos W. |
| „ Smith, G. Clive | „ Glensor, Peter E. |
| | „ Greer, Michael W. |
| 1971—Blundell, Warren H. | „ White, Graeme R. |
| „ Salmon, John B. | |
| „ Simpson, Ronald N. | |
| „ Wright, Jack | |
| 1972—Dickie, Arthur W. | 1977—Beckingsale, George E. (Sup.) |
| „ Greenwood, Russell J. | „ Brown, F. Gardner (Sup.) |
| „ MacLeod, D. Ian | „ Leary, Gordon A. |
| | „ Nuttall, A. Roger G. |
| | „ Webster, Alan C. |

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APRIL

MORNING

EVENING

3	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 59:12-20 Matthew 21:1-17	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 John 12:20-36
10	EASTER	No. 72 (Passages) Luke 23:50-24:12	Exodus 12:21-36 Luke 24:13-35
17	1st after Easter	1 Kings 17:8-24 John 20:19-31	Exodus 13:3-16 1 John 5:1-12
24	2nd after Easter	Deut. 4:1, 23-25 Luke 7:1-17	Exodus 13:17-22 John 15:1-11

MAY

1	3rd after Easter (Bible Sunday in N.Z.)	Psalm 19 (No. 23) 2 Tim. 3:14-4:8	Exodus 16:2-15 Romans 15:4-21
8	4th after Easter (Home & Family Day)	Deut. 11:13-28 Ephes. 5:22-6:4	Deut. 8:11-20 Ephes. 2:1-10
15	5th after Easter (Rogation)	Deut. 6:4-9, 17-25 Luke 8:40-56	Exodus 15:20-27 John 15:12-27
22	Sunday after Ascension	2 Kings 2:1-15 Acts 1:1-14	Exodus 3:1-12 Ephes. 4:1-16

***N.B.: WEEK of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension Day to Pentecost) see Passages for Special Days or Prepared Leaflet.

29	Pentecost	Joel 2:21-32 Acts 2:1-12	Judges 2:1-5 John 16:7-24
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JUNE

5	Trinity or next after Pentecost	Exodus 6:2-9 John 14:1-24	Isaiah 58 1 John 4:7-21
12	2nd after Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-13 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 4:1-15 James 1:12-27
19	3rd after Pentecost	Daniel 5:1-12 Luke 14:12-24	Nehemiah 5:1-13 2 Cor. 5:11-19
26	4th after Pentecost	Exodus 14:1-14 Matthew 16:1-12	Deut. 4:1-10 Phil. 3:1-16

JULY

	MORNING	EVENING
3 5th after Pentecost	Psalm 23 (No. 25) Luke 15:1-10	Numbers 21:4-9 1 Cor. 1:18-31
10 6th after Pentecost	2 Sam. 15:1-12 Luke 15:11-37	Isaiah 12 Phil. 2:1-18
17 7th after Pentecost	Daniel 5:13-31 Luke 12:13-21	Ezekiel 36:22-38 Coloss. 1:3-23
24 8th after Pentecost	Genesis 43:16-34 Luke 7:36-50	Hosea 14 Romans 8:1-11
31 9th after Pentecost	1 Sam. 4:1-11 Mark 12:1-12	Isaiah 64 2 Cor. 1:1-14

AUGUST

7 10th after Pentecost	Joshua 2:1-21 Luke 16:1-13	Daniel 3:19-30 Romans 1:1-17
14 11th after Pentecost (L.P. Sunday)	Judges 12:1-6 Matthew 25:1-13	Hosea 2:14-23 Romans 8:12-30
21 12th after Pentecost	Ezekiel 39:21-29 1 John 5:1-12	2 Sam. 9:1-11 Luke 19:1-10
28 13th after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:46-53 Hebrews 10:19-39	Genesis 41:25-45 John 4:43-54

SEPTEMBER

4 14th after Pentecost	Job 14 1 Cor. 15:12-28	Isaiah 40:18-31 Luke 8:26-39
11 15th after Pentecost	2 Chron. 15:1-15 James 2:1-13	Isaiah 61 Mark 2:1-12
18 16th after Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1-9 1 Cor. 16:1-9	Psalm 146 Luke 7:11-17
25 17th after Pentecost (Christian Citizenship)	Isaiah 32:1-8 1 Tim. 1:8-17; 2:1-7	1 Chron. 29:10-18 Rev. 19:1, 4-10

OCTOBER

2 18th after Pentecost (World Communion Day)	Genesis 1:1-19 Rev. 21:1-8	Judges 6:1-18 John 3:1-21
9 19th after Pentecost	Numbers 23:17-20 James 3:1-12	Numbers 24:15-25 John 5:1-15
16 20th after Pentecost	Psalm 1 (No. 15) Matthew 5:1-12	2 Kings 8:1-6 John 11:1-11
23 21st after Pentecost (Industrial Sunday)	Psalm 15 (No. 19) James 2:12-26	Nehemiah 2:1-11; 17-18 Luke 4:14-22

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

30 22nd after Pentecost	Nehemiah 7:1-4 Luke 12:35-48	Joshua 1:1-9 Acts 27:9-26
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NOVEMBER		MORNING	EVENING
6	23rd after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-11 Matthew 6:1-15	Ezra 3:8-13 Phil. 4:4-20
13	24th after Pentecost	Psalms 31:19-34 Hebrews 6:9-20	Habakkuk 2:1-4 Luke 12:22-34
20	Next before Advent	Joel 2:1-14 2 Thess. 1:3-12	Isaiah 40:1-11 John 1:15-34
27	First in Advent	Jeremiah 23:1-8 Luke 7:18-35	Zeph. 3:8-17 Rev. 1:1-8
DECEMBER			
4	2nd in Advent	Psalms 119:97-112 John 5:30-47	2 Kings 22:8-20 2 Cor. 3:1-11
11	3rd in Advent	Daniel 7:9-14 Matthew 25:31-46	Jeremiah 24 1 Peter 4:12-19
18	4th in Advent	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 52:1-10 Matthew 18:1-14
25	CHRISTMAS DAY	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 7:10-14 Matthew 1:18-25

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JANUARY			
1	Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 62 1 John 1	Psalms 8 (No. 18) John 1:1-14
8	1st after Epiphany	Micah 4:1-5 Luke 2:25-40	Job 28 (No. 66) 1 Cor. 1:18-25
15	2nd after Epiphany	Genesis 22:1-19 Luke 1:67-80 (No. 5)	1 Sam. 2:1-11 Luke 1:46-56 (No. 7)
22	Septuagesima or 9 before Easter	Nehemiah 9:9-20 Matthew 20:1-16	Job 42:7-17 Mark 9:14-29
29	Sexagesima or 8 before Easter	Isaiah 6 Matthew 13:1-2, 18-23	2 Chron. 30:13-22 2 Cor. 7:5-16

FEBRUARY			
5	Quinquagesima or 7 before Easter	Ruth 1:15-22 Matthew 11:20-30	Proverbs 10:1-12 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13
12	1st in Lent (Covenant Sunday)	Genesis 17:1-9 Romans 12	Judges 7:1-14 Matthew 6:16-34
19	2nd in Lent	Psalms 95 (No. 1) Hebrews 4	2 Kings 5:20-27 Matthew 4:1-11
26	3rd in Lent	Ruth 2:8-23 Ephes. 5:1-14	Daniel 3:8-18 Matthew 15:21-28

MARCH	MORNING	EVENING
5 4th in Lent	1 Kings 19:1-18 John 6:1-14	Nehemiah 4:1-6; 21-23 Luke 11:14-26
12 5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	1 Kings 1:41-53 Matthew 26:36-46	2 Kings 6:8-23 Hebrews 9:11-22
19 Palm Sunday	Jeremiah 29:1-14 Matthew 24:1-14	Zech. 9:9-17 Matthew 21:1-11
26 EASTER	Psalms 16 (No. 20) John 20:1-10	Isaiah 60:15-22 Mark 15:42-16:8

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 Psalms 22:1-8; 15-18; 22-24	John 19:1-30 or Luke 23:26-49
Easter Eve:	Job 19:23-27	Mark 15:42-47

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension Day to Pentecost):
2 Chron. 30:1-9; Psalm 122; Isaiah 55:6-13; Ezekiel 37:15-28;
Matthew 16:13-19; Matthew 18:10-21; John 17:20-26; 1 Cor. 3;
Ephes. 1:3-23; 1 Peter 2:1-10.

Ascension Day: 2 Kings 2:1-15 or Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14; Luke 24:36-53
or Acts 1:1-14.

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

Remembrance Sunday (Nearest 11th November): Ecclesiasticus
44:1-15; Wisdom 3:1-9; Sam. 23:13-17; Isaiah 52:7-12; Romans
8:18-35; Rev. 14:13-15:4; Rev. 19:6-16; Rev. 7:9-17.

Church Anniversary: Gen. 28:10-22; 1 Kings 8:22-30; 1 Chron.
29:1-2, 10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Col. 1:1-20; Matth. 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; Matth. 16:13-28; John 3:1-21; Roms.
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; Matth. 13:24-33, 36-43; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 12:13-34;
John 4:31-38; Gal. 6:6-10.

Spring or Flower Service: Psalm 65; Psalm 126; Genesis 1; 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.

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

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

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

Christmas Day: Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-20; 1 John 3:1-9.

QUESTION 1.—Who are members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 14 to 22 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?

Ian E. M. Anderson	Michael W. Greer, L.Th.
Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.	Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.
Dougal H. Bruce, L.Th.	Ed.
Laurence H. Currie	Graeme R. White, L.Th.
	Taniela T. Moala, L.Th. (at
	request of Tongan
	Conference)

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

Ian E. M. Anderson	Michael W. Greer, L.Th.
Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.	Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Dougal H. Bruce, L.Th.	Graeme R. White, L.Th.
Laurence H. Currie	Taniela T. Moala, L.Th.
	Alan C. Webster, L.Th.
	(Melb.), B.A., M.Div. (Coal-
	gate Rochester Divinity
	School), M.A., Ed.D.
	(Syracuse)

QUESTION 3—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Peter E. Glensor, B.A.

QUESTION 4—What Preachers are now received on Probation?

None.

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

I. Marie Greenwood (with permission to pursue private studies in 1977).

Alan R. Upston
Terence W. Wall, M.A.

Who are continuing for a third year.

Colin A. Milner
Brian M. Small
Anthony D. Stooabant, C.Eng.
Philip Watson

Who are continuing for a second year.

David Arrowsmith, B.A. (training deferred from 1974)
Keith W. Duley (training deferred)
Paul H. Grant, B.Man. Studies (training deferred from 1975)
Andrew Hornblow, M.A. (training deferred from 1975)
M. Joan McIntosh (training deferred)

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

Alan J. Baker	John S. Murray
Donald Biggs	Lesley M. Shekleton, B.A.
David J. Bush, B.Sc.	(Monash), Dip.Ed., B.Ed.,
K. Desmond Cooper	M.A.
Lindsay E. Cumberpatch, B.A.	Robert D. Short
Bruno Egli	Lynette O. Upson (Mrs)
Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.	
Post-Graduate Student: Rev. Donald E. Carrington, B.A., B.D.	

QUESTION 7—No longer applies.

QUESTION 8 (a)—What Deaconesses are Ordained at this Conference?

None.

(b)—What Students are continued 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?

Johanna Maria Bouchier (Mrs)
Heather Smith,

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?

Sister May Barnett	Timu Te Huia (tribute will be
Hector H. Chick	published in 1977 Conf.
W. John Henderson	Minutes)
Wiremu Tonga Pumipi	Eruera Te Tuhi
Rewi Tautari	Harry W. Toothill

SISTER MAY BARNETT

Sister May Barnett, Deaconess of the Methodist Church, died on September 7, 1976.

She was born in Tai Tapu, Canterbury, in 1886 into a God-fearing farming family.

Following her entry into the Deaconess Order in 1913, she served in the South Island Methodist Children's Home (for five years), the Blenheim Circuit and then in Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, for three three-year terms until malaria forced her to retire.

After her retirement she served the Church through the local circuit, and even after going into "Fairhaven" Home for the Aged in 1972 continued as a leader in devotional life.

Strong, upright and caring, devoted to serving other people, Sister May lives on in the hearts of all who knew her.

HENRY HECTOR CHICK

After superannuating as a minister of the British Conference Hector Chick and his wife Lilian emigrated to New Zealand in 1968 to Ohura where his son Julian was in medical practice.

Hector Chick served for several years in Calcutta in India and this was followed later by a period of service in the West Indies

serving the Indian Community there. Following his return to England there followed service in such areas as South Wales, the Stoke-on-Trent area and he was for a period the Chairman of the Somerset District. A full account of his service is given in the Minutes of the British Conference but the salient points are given here to indicate the wealth of background and experience that Mr and Mrs Chick brought to the isolated community of Ohura.

In a short time they won the hearts of the community. With great enthusiasm they entered into many areas of life. The schools, the Scouts and the local prison learnt the love and the warmth and care of their friendship. With a pastoral heart, a strong evangelical faith, and a deep sense of churchmanship, Hector Chick strengthened the life and widened the vision of all the churches in the community.

Hector Chick passed away on March 17 and the funeral service, where almost the whole community gathered to pay its respects, was eloquent testimony to his life and witness. His name will long be a treasured memory to many whose lives have been radically changed by a new found faith in Jesus Christ.

To his wife Lilian and son Julian the Church expresses its love and sympathy and its grateful thanks for the privilege of sharing with Hector Chick in the rich maturity of his faith.

WILLIAM JOHN HENDERSON

The Rev. W. John Henderson was born in Dunedin in 1900 and was educated at Otago Boys' High School. In 1925 he entered the Methodist ministry as a Home Missionary and was stationed at Rakaia, South Canterbury, where he travelled many miles in his model T Ford. During his 38 years in the ministry he served in 11 circuits throughout New Zealand, and was ordained at the Conference in Wellington in 1959. A faithful, humble and dedicated servant of his Lord, John Henderson suffered the hardships and struggles of sharing the Gospel in many a distant preaching place in wide-spread circuits. His independent and determined character carried him through many difficulties.

He was a faithful pastor and a great reader. During his ministry at New Plymouth he met Marjorie, and their marriage was a partnership which encouraged and strengthened his church life. He enjoyed music and singing.

A keen bowler for more than 30 years, he was at one time Manawatu's Singles champion, and his interest in gardening won him awards for growing gladioli and daffodils. His interest in the Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F., led him to attain the position of District Grand Master.

In 1963 they retired to Waipawa because of failing health, where he continued to take an active part in the life of the Church in central Hawkes Bay, and he became Waipawa Borough Librarian. Six years later their only daughter, Eleanor, died of cancer.

During his retirement he found strength in the words of the Covenant Service "I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt." This was the loyalty and love he showed to Christ and His Church, and we give thanks for his ministry, which continued till his death on 16th October, 1976.

WIREMU TONGA PUMIPI

Wiremu was born at Kawhia in 1899 and was a member of the Ngati Mahanga and Ngati Hikairo tribes of Waikato.

He grew up in Kawhia in a marae setting and received his primary education at Kawhia and Waitetuna Primary Schools.

Wiremu never married but adopted 12 of his nephews and neices to whom he gave love and understanding both from a Maori and a Christian point of view.

He was bi-lingual; he learnt and acquired the great skill of Maori oratory from listening to and watching his elders on the marae whilst his mastery of the English language came from his primary school days and help from Father Seamer and Sister Waiata Nicholls and others.

Wiremu was well known throughout Waikato for his knowledge of Scriptures and his ability to quote long passages of Scripture and to indicate the chapter and verse; this skill resulted through his association with great Maori Honorary Home Missionaries such as Paahi Moke, Te Aho Pihama, Hauotu Hapimana, Rev. Tahupotiki Haddon, Sister Nicholls and tribal elders and leaders such as Rore Edwards, Heemi Rihimona, Po Kingi.

In 1940 Wiremu Tonga was made an Honorary Home Missionary; he began his ministry in and around Aramiro then moved to Aotearoa Pa, Te Awamutu in 1947.

He moved to Te Rahui Wahine Hostel, Bryce Street, Hamilton where he became the Elder or Kaumatua of the Hostel and also ministered to the Spiritual needs of the women. In the early fifties he moved to Te Rahui Tane Hostel, London Street.

From Te Rahui Tane Hostel, Wiremu began a 20-year ministry as a travelling preacher taking in the Hauraki Plains to Opotiki, Rotorua to Otorohanga and Central Waikato.

He was well respected in Waikato not just as an Elder and orator, but as a preacher and minister of the Methodist Church, who was ever ready to utter a prayer or conduct a service of worship in a home, hospital or marae; to the end Wiremu was a faithful worker and servant of the Methodist Church.

There is often quoted a proverb when a prominent leader dies, "Hinga atu he tete, ara mai he tete" (when a mature fern frond dies, a young fern frond takes its place). This is so in the case of Wiremu Tonga; although the Church has lost a pillar of the faith, there is new growth already apparent in the areas where he ministered.

Kere e Koro Wiremu; haere ki te au te reena, te urunga te taka, te moenga te whakaarahia; haere ki te wahi kua oti ke mai e te Ataua mo tana te tangata. Haere, haere, haere.

REWI TAUTARI

Ko Rongo i Tuuria
Tu te winiwini
Tu te wanawana
Tu ka whakaputaina
E rangona ai
Rongo-a-whare, rongo-a-marae

The death of Rewi Tautari, who died suddenly at his home in Waiomio, Bay of Islands on 28 March 1976 at the age of 62, was a shock to the Maori Division, his wife and family. He was a member of the Ngati-hine and Ngati-kahu sub-tribes.

He was appointed an Honorary Home Missionary in the Tai Tokerau Circuit in 1969, in which position he was respected by those who knew him. His ministry was highly acknowledged by those whom he visited in the regions for services and other important occasions.

He was always ready and willing to help the people when and where the need occurred.

To his wife, Hera and family, who supported him during his period in the ministry, we extend our deepest sympathy.

No reira e Rewi
Whakapahuhu atu ra
Haere ki te ripo-haere ki te ao tuuroa
Haere ki te ao kumekume-haere ki te po tai-ngahuru
Haere ki a Io nui-haere ki a Io ngaro
E ngaro atu ai koutou; haere, haere, haere

ERUERA TE TUHI, O.B.E.

He tino totara o te wao nui a Tane, Kua Hinga.

The Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi, a much honoured and respected elder among Northland tribes and a father in the Church, passed away at his Dargaville home on January 14, 1976 at the age of 88.

Eruera Te Tuhi was born in Whirinaki where he grew up under the strong Christian influence of both his parents, the Rev. Te Tuhi and Mrs Elizabeth (Morunga) Heretini, and the Methodist Maori Mission staff and work throughout the Hokianga.

Educated at Three Kings School he served briefly as a home missionary before being received as a probationer. In 1915 he was ordained to the ministry. His appointments included Otorohanga, Kaipara, Kawakawa, Waima, Kawhai, Tuakau and finally Auckland. In 1937 he became Senior Maori Superintendent.

Eruera Te Tuhi was a keen member and leader of the famed Waiata Choirs. In 1947 he accompanied a Waikato contingent under the late Princess Te Puea to Tonga and was a member of the Church's delegation to the Solomon Islands Mission's Golden Jubilee Celebration in 1952.

He was a foundation member of the N.C.C. Maori Section on which he was later to serve as one of its Chairmen, and shared in the work of the committee that revised the Maori Bible into its present form.

In 1951 Eruera Te Tuhi received the O.B.E. for his long standing and distinguished service to the Maori people.

He married Atarangi Waata who shared the hardship, as well as the joys, of a full life of ministry until her death some nine years ago. Surviving them are three sons, a daughter and their families to whom the Church extends its deep sympathy.

He was also a member on local marae committees, church property trusts and was active in community affairs and projects where his wisdom, advice and wide experience were always of great value to both Maori and Pakeha.

A deep sense of loss is shared by the larger tribal and Church family throughout the country, a sharing reflected in the hundreds who attended the tangi and the funeral held at Oturei.

Leaders of other churches participated in the funeral service, with Maori Division staff, District Chairman and the President.

HARRY WILLIAM TOOTHILL

Harry William Toothill died suddenly in Wellington on 22 January 1976, aged 59 years. At the time of his death, he was minister of Ngaio Union Church where he had served for five years out of his 30 years as a Methodist Minister.

Harry Toothill grew up in Hawke's Bay and as a young man worked on farms, in freezing works and during the second world war was manpowered to Wellington to work in a bakehouse. It was

at this time, away from his wife Laura and young family, that his lifelong concern for the faith culminated in a call to the Ministry. In 1946 he commenced work as a Home Missionary in Waikouaiti and in 1949 entered Theological College as a Student Pastor. Subsequently, he was appointed to Paraparaumu, Kaitaia, Papakura and Ngāio.

His working background was an invaluable asset, maintaining a deep concern for the labour movement throughout his life. He was heard by the working person. A real pastor, he exercised an eirenic ministry with alcoholics and wherever he went, he loved deeply. He was a man of strong convictions and worked in churches where quite often there were people whose stand was quite different from his own. In these situations he exercised the grace to which he constantly bore witness. Tolerant without jettisoning his ideals, accepting with real understanding, he enabled a unity in diversity.

Harry Toothill was no stuffy ecclesiastic. There was a wholeness in his approach embracing worship and its expression in service. He was an Amos. A sense of justice possessed him and he worked for it. An hour before his death he was at an International Affairs Committee Meeting concerned for racial justice.

As a member of the Masonic Order, he found an avenue of service. As Chaplain, visitor and brother he treasured the opportunity given to him.

He knew what it was like to suffer and he was a brave man. During the last year, he experienced serious ill health yet tried to maintain his ministry to others. It was typical that he was engaged in a pastoral ministry at the moment of his death.

Harry Toothill was meticulous in detail. His preparation for worship and preaching and administration was always careful and detailed.

Everything he did was supported by his family. Loyal and deeply devoted, they supported each other. Harry leaves a widow Laura, Patricia and Ivan, who are married, and Robert who lives at home.

The Church gives thanks to God for a rich servant, committed supremely to God, working for Justice, Peace and Wholeness in Christ.

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

Gladys Marguerite Carter
Sydney Norman Fellows
Gordon Cowie Riddell

GLADYS MARGUERITE CARTER

Gladys Marguerite Carter, born November 8th, 1896, and died August 8th, 1976, was one of a distinguished company of women leaders in New Zealand Methodism whose dedication, zeal and gifts of leadership did so much to foster and maintain interest and commitment in the Church over a long period of years.

Her father was Superintendent of the St Kilda Methodist Sunday School, and here she played an active and effective part. She was Sunday School teacher, organist, soloist (contralto) and accompanist. Following her secondary education at Otago Girls' High School, she almost completed her Accountancy degree before becoming Secretary to the President of Hallenstein Brothers in Dunedin. She met her husband when he was travelling for his firm and visited Dunedin following World War I. They were married in 1920 and had three children, George, Pamela and Gwenneth. There are 10 grandchildren.

Following their marriage the Carters lived for some time in Invercargill where they were active in the Church before moving in 1927 to Auckland where Mr Carter became a buyer for Cambridge Clothing.

Mrs Carter continued active in Church life and work, in Christian home life, local Church fellowship, worship and service, and in the M.W.M.U. District Council (both in Auckland and Waitemata Councils) and in 1957-59 as Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. She was well known as a fluent and factual speaker for the M.W.M.U. at Conferences, at which she also represented her Circuit. (At one stage she celebrated six successive birthdays at Conference.) She was a member of the Overseas Missions Board for six years.

Her warm, outgoing personality, her natural dignity and grace of manner, her well-read and well-informed mind, her wise counsel and deep devotion won for her a permanent place in the esteem and affection of all who came within her influence.

Her interest in Mission work was greatly enhanced by the fact that her son George, with his wife Nancy, served for some 17 years in the Solomon Islands and then became General Secretary of the Overseas Missions Department for nine years.

Undoubtedly the motivating force throughout her life, giving it its natural grace, vitality and buoyancy, was her deep personal faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, into whose nearer presence she has now entered.

We extend our sympathy and our thanks to Mr Carter and to the family.

SYDNEY NORMAN FELLOWS

Sydney Norman Fellows was born in 1910 in Belfast, Northern Ireland of Anglican parents. He was educated in England and it was while there that he came into contact with the Methodist Church.

He emigrated to New Zealand in 1926 where he linked up with the Johnsonville Methodist Church. He commenced work with a major insurance company and, in the course of time, became deeply involved in the work of the Methodist Church. He was an active lay preacher for 37 years altogether, spent many years as a Bible Class leader, served for some time as treasurer of the Youth Board and, over the years, was several times a representative to Synod and Conference.

In 1944, he married Miss Joyce Lowe and together they raised a family of one son and two daughters.

In 1951, they moved to Miramar and took over a dairy/grocery business. From 1954 to 1957, they were in a similar business in Dannevirke and then spent 10 years in Palmerston North. During the latter part of this period, Mr Fellows worked for a short time as a Stewardship Director, mainly in Roman Catholic Churches.

In 1967, they took up residence at Stokes Valley where Mr Fellows resumed employment as an Estate Planning Consultant with the insurance firm he had worked with earlier in his life. He always had a deep interest in Church Union and was member of a Committee which organised the formation of a Union Parish in Stokes Valley.

Their retirement in 1974 at Tauranga (where they attended St Stephen's Church, Otumoetai) proved to be a short one because Mr Fellows' health failed rapidly and he died on 15th February 1976. His funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Body (a niece's husband) and the tribute was paid by an old friend, the Rev. Geo. Goodman.

GORDON COWIE RIDDELL, M.B.E., J.P., F.C.I.S.

"Snowy" Riddell was a many-sided man. As a public Servant, he rose to the position of Auckland's Chief Postmaster. As a soldier, both in the field and in captivity, he rendered conspicuous service to his fellow soldiers, being twice mentioned in dispatches. In the community, he served innumerable voluntary bodies, most of them connected with youth. He was a veteran of the Bible Class movement and of its camping programme. He was a devoted worker for Heritage and for the Auckland Methodist Children's Homes Board; he was a good friend to Dilworth School, the Boy Scout Movement and the Christian Youth Camp Committee at Ngaruawahia. He was an active worker with the Foundation for the Blind and the Auckland Community Chest. In partnership with Rev. R. F. Clement, he helped plan and carry through two Billy Graham campaigns. He died on 6th November, 1975.

His Christian faith was the strength and reference point of his life. Pitt Street Church was his spiritual home and base. For many years he was Trust Treasurer.

"Snowy" Riddell never married. In many ways, his friends in the Pitt Street congregation were his family. Behind the bluff, manly Kiwi exterior was an intensely private person—yet one who in spite of his inner contradictions was able to accomplish an immense amount of good. His chief memorial is the affection of a multitude of men and boys over the years who came to love and honour "Uncle Snow" and who would quietly acknowledge in their hearts "I am a better man because I once knew him".

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

Albert Blakemore	William E. Moore
William Rowe	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Alfred E. Jefferson	A. Peter Dorrian
Charles H. Kendon	George H. Goodman
Ernest E. Sage	John D. Grocott
John H. Bailey	William C. Jenkin
Robert E. Fordyce	Arthur T. Kent
William T. Blight	Charles E. Roke
A. Henry Voyce	H. Ian K. Hopper
A. Francis Attwood	Andrew J. Johnston
Eric W. Hames	E. Clarence Leadley
Hubert G. Brown	M. Alexander McDowell
Walter Parker	Donald G. Sherson
Ralph E. Patchett	W. E. Allon Carr
Thomas H. Carr	William W. H. Greenslade
G. Raymond Harris	Edward M. Marshall
Arthur H. Ivory	Harry Moore
Norman P. Larsen	Clarence T. J. Luxton
Athol R. Penn	J. Wesley Parker
Ivo M. Raynor	George R. Thompson
T. Ralph Benny	John H. Thompson
Herbert W. Payne	David O. Williams
Idris J. Ruck	Gordon Parker
Charles H. Bell	Andrew G. Reid
Reginald Day	Frederick J. Climo
Reginald Grice	Clifford L. Duder
Charlie O. Hailwood	William R. Francis
Leonard C. Horwood	Howard C. Matthews
George I. Laurenson	

Leslie T. Norwell
Cuthbert F. Peart
Frederick D. Peterson
Arthur R. Witheford
Herbert A. Cochrane
Lawrence Greenslade
Alan O. Jones

Robert Thornley
Stanley R. Goudge
D. I. Alister McDonald
Sydney J. Spindler
John K. Watson
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

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

Stanley G. Andrews
George E. Beckingsale
R. Graham Bell
Clifford G. Brown
F. Gardner Brown (tribute will be printed in 1977 Conf. Minutes)
Gordon A. R. Cornwell (tribute will be printed in 1977 Conf. Mins)
George W. Cramond
Alan J. Handyside
William R. Laws
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
O. McLennan Olds
Leonard Shapcott

STANLEY GEORGE ANDREWS, M.A., DIP.ED.

The early retirement for health reasons of the Rev. Stanley G. Andrews brings to a close a missionary-orientated ministry, most of which was spent in service within the Methodist Church in Fiji. He was born at Carterton in 1915 and educated in the Wairarapa and in Wellington.

Mr Andrews went to Fiji in 1938 to serve as First Assistant at Suva Methodist Boys School. When the Pacific War caused the closure of Suva schools he was asked to serve as lay missionary in Lomaiviti; in 1942 he was received as a candidate for the ministry in Fiji and was appointed as Probationer to Levuka. In 1945 at the withdrawal of Mr W. E. Donnelly, Mr Andrews was appointed to succeed him at Lelean Memorial School. He continued his ministerial probation there and was ordained in 1947.

He was appointed Superintendent of Davuilevu in 1948 and placed in charge of the Theological Institution there and in 1951, due to the illness and withdrawal of the Chairman, he served as Acting-Chairman of the Fiji District under the Australian Mission Board while also serving as Secretary of Education that year.

For family reasons he returned to New Zealand in 1952 and was appointed General Secretary of Overseas Mission in succession to the Rev. A. H. Scrivin.

In the course of his service as General Secretary, at a time of crisis, he went for a year to the Solomon Islands and carried the dual role of Chairman of the Solomon Islands District and General Secretary. On deputation within New Zealand his work was of a high order and his visits to Circuits were greatly appreciated. His work took him from home a great deal and during his frequent absences the care of home and family fell upon his wife, Phyllis.

Early in his period of service as General Secretary of Overseas Mission the Methodist Church of New Zealand commenced its participation in the new mission in the Highlands of New Guinea. His editorship of the missionary magazine "The Open Door" was of a consistently high standard.

After serving for 13 years he left the post of General Secretary at his own request; by coincidence the Principalship of Ratu Sukuna Memorial School in Fiji became vacant at that time.

After four years as Principal at Ratu Sukuna Memorial School he was recalled by the Fiji Conference to full ministerial duty in 1968 and appointed Connexional Secretary, in which office he served the constitutional limit of seven years. During that period (1971-1974) he was President of the Methodist Church in Fiji as well as its Connexional Secretary, serving as President for the constitutional limit of three years.

Mrs Phyllis Andrews is a daughter of the late Rev. Hedley and Mrs White and she has shared fully with her husband in the partnership of the ministry. She is warmly remembered in Fiji for a special service which she pioneered in Fiji for rehabilitating needy girls and young women, fostering the organisation now known as VITI CONCERN.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is grateful to God for the dedicated talents of the Rev. Stanley G. and Phyllis Andrews, which their home church has been able to make available to the Methodist people in Fiji and from which missionary ministry they are now received back for their period of Supernumerary ministry in New Zealand.

GEORGE EDWIN BECKINGSALE

George E. Beckingsale entered Trinity College in 1933 and took his probationary ministry in Wakefield, Nelson in 1936. Ordained in 1940, he served subsequently in Kaikohe, Roxburgh and Dundas Street, Dunedin. He retired from the active ministry in 1944 owing to ill health.

Mr Beckingsale then began another form of service when he became a schoolteacher, first in Manual Training and later in general school teaching. He brought his special gifts to the service of the Church by serving in Samoa for three years, 1956-1959. He was largely instrumental in initiating and leading the George Brown High School under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

Mr Beckingsale has always identified himself closely with the local Church and at Takapuna was a Lay Preacher, Circuit representative to Synod, a Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Circuit Steward and President of Takapuna Men's Fellowship. He was also a member of the Waitemata District Education Council until its dissolution. Throughout his various forms of service he has been ably supported by Mrs Beckingsale, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. A. Steele. They have three children.

Mr Beckingsale is a sensitive dedicated man who has never found public life easy—but who has brought a sustained dedication to whatever he has undertaken. He was an early member of the Family Guidance Service and assisted through the years with marriage and adolescent counselling. He has continued, even in retirement, in assisting children with remedial reading. In their retirement at Oneroa, Waiheke Island, Mr and Mrs Beckingsale have linked up with the local Anglican Church where he is Vicar's Warden. His career shows that, while he had to retire early from the normal Circuit ministry, his vocation to serve remained and God has used his gifts through the years in many rewarding ways.

To Mr and Mrs Beckingsale and the family, the Church extends its warm good wishes.

RONALD GRAHAM BELL, M.A., B.D., Theol. M.

For 33 years Graham Bell has given himself completely to the work of the ministry, withholding no gift of heart or brain or time. Few men have given so unstintingly and fewer still have done so while fighting bravely a largely unseen battle against bodily weakness.

He was born in Hamilton in 1922 and brought up from 1928 in Auckland. From his parents he received a dedicated Christian home and shared in the life of Mt. Albert and Remuera churches, being greatly influenced by the late Rev. William Walker. He attended Auckland Grammar School and on his call and acceptance for the ministry trained at Trinity College from 1941-1943. He also persisted in unrelenting study which resulted in the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, University of New Zealand, Master of Theology, Melbourne College of Divinity, and Doctor of Philosophy, International Free Protestant Episcopal University, London. His academic research resulted in a dissertation on the theism of Anselm and Descartes which was accepted on deposit by the centre for Research Libraries in Chicago, U.S.A.

Ordained in Christchurch in 1948, Graham Bell served our Church as circuit minister at Ngaio, Lyttelton, Gore, Northland-Thorndon, and as Superintendent at Feilding, St. Albans and Papakura, two fine modern churches, St. Mark's Feilding and Crossroads Papakura, being built during his ministries.

He spent the academic year from September 1965 to June 1966 as Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Religion at Ohio Wesleyan University, U.S.A. There he earned the esteem and love of faculty, students and local Methodists alike.

In addition to his onerous and faithful ministry in circuits which has always been in first priority, and his continuous reading and study, Graham Bell served the wider Church in a bewildering variety of administrative and theological tasks. These include Wellington District Secretary, Examiner in Greek and Tutor in Theology for Probationers, examiner and lecturer for Deaconess House, Convener of the Spiritual Advance Committee, member of many Church Union committees including our own Church Union Committee for 15 years, Joint Standing Committee and Joint Commission on Church Union, the Joint Board of Theological Studies, the Spiritual Healing Committee, Deaconess Board, Christchurch Central Mission Board, Trinity College Council and the Faith and Order Committee. He was Deputy Chairman for South Auckland of the Auckland District for some time.

Perhaps his most laborious and unspectacular but valuable service has been given as Secretary to the Board of Examiners and Convener of the Conference Examination Committee for eight years, also serving on the Committee on Ministry as Secretary for Examinations for two years. Many ministers have benefited greatly from his high demanding standards and his warm understanding concern as they shaped their ministry and learned their trade.

It was a great grief to Graham when persistent health problems necessitated his withdrawal from all Connexional and Conference committees in 1973. With even greater regret he now accepts that continuing ill-health makes it unavoidable that he leave the work of active circuit ministry and seek early retirement and some other sphere of employment. An outgoing friendly man, Graham enjoyed membership in Feilding and Papakura Rotary Clubs and has been active in the Auckland Asthma Society as 'guinea-pig' and Committee member.

Graham married Grace Rushton of the Tatuani family that has so enriched our Church, in 1946. Her love and faith have sustained him down the years as she has shared his ministry. Their four children are all now engaged in various professions.

As he and Grace now face unknown future tasks they do so with the love and gratitude of the whole Church.

CLIFFORD GEORGE BROWN

New Zealand Methodism is indebted to those who guided Clifford Brown to choose the vocation of ministry rather than opt for the life of a farmer in Northland, where he was born and brought up. Like many of his contemporaries, he was strongly influenced by the Young Men's Bible Class Movement and this led to his offering for ministry in 1937.

He was accepted and served as a Home Mission Probationer in Hawarden and Havelock before entering Trinity College in 1940. Moving to Christchurch to serve under Dr Ray Dudley, he was then appointed to Woolston, where he married Miss Constance Mackley of Invercargill in 1946. This was also the year of his ordination.

The following years in Otorohanga, Opunake and Wainuiomata (as initial appointment to the Union Parish) offered many challenges and Clifford Brown responded to them in his own vigorous and determined way. The characteristics of purposeful leadership and guidance, given with grace and humility, marked his Napier ministry following the untimely death of Dr Dudley.

The Browns moved to Marton in 1969. They will live in the district where Clifford Brown and his sons own an area of good Rangitikei farming land. So a farmer's son takes up another vocation for which he is well fitted.

The years in Marton have been characterised by a deep interest in a variety of community activities. These have included: budgeting assistance to families; guidance of an ecumenical Opportunity Shop; membership of the Edale Home Committee and active membership of Rotary.

The Marton people honour a man who, grounded in strong enduring faith, has always been reaching out to new tasks and offers the challenge to his people to respond to the Great Command to "Go into all the world and serve".

The Conference wishes Clifford and Constance and their family many happy and fruitful years of retirement.

GEORGE WILLIAM CRAMOND

George Cramond was born in Dunedin and spent much of his youth at Nightcaps where he received his education. In his youth he was no stranger to strenuous manual labour, working on farms from 1929 to 1937.

Converted at the age of 18, he eventually became involved in Home Missionary work at Murchison and Ravensbourne. Accepted as a candidate for the ministry, he trained as a student at Trinity College in 1941 and 1942.

Following his College years, he was appointed to the Hauraki Plains Circuit in 1943. He served subsequently at Waiuku, Milton, Oamaru, Leeston and Waimate. Throughout his Circuit ministries, he was involved often in the renovation, replanning or rebuilding of Church buildings. He was able to bring to completion in Oamaru Circuit, extensive renovations to the Church building and the erection of a new hall which has been a tremendous acquisition to both Church

and community. He will be remembered for his conscientious work in this area of ministry but, above all, he will be remembered in the hearts and homes of many people throughout the Connexion as a beloved pastor and a warm, humble man.

Throughout the years, George Cramond brought to the conduct of corporate worship the devotional depth of a man deeply committed to Christ, the sensitivity of a man attuned to the needs and concerns of his congregations. People were helped greatly by the richness of his prayers. He was a good preacher, thoughtful, clear, practical and thorough in his preparation. Always acutely aware of the fact that, for many, life can be very hard, he spoke to the life situation of people.

He was an outstanding pastor. His effectiveness, in some measure anyway, was due to his ability to be himself in a warm and spontaneous way. He was a man in whom people exercised deep confidence. He enjoyed Bible-in-Schools work and developed great skills in this work.

The qualities most marked in him, warmth, conscientiousness and humility, were brought to every aspect of ministerial practice.

It is typical of George that he freely acknowledges his indebtedness and appreciation for all that the Church has given him. But the Church is equally indebted to him for his faithfulness.

Throughout his ministry, his wife Nellie has been a tremendous support to him. She has commended herself in every place by her ability to relate to people warmly, by her kindness and helpfulness, by her loving and generous hospitality.

The Conference records its thanks for his fine service. The whole Church offers its prayers and best wishes for better health and for a quiet, enjoyable retirement as he and Nellie Cramond establish themselves in Christchurch.

ALLAN JAMES HANDYSIDE

The premature retirement of Allan Handyside from the Ministry of the Methodist Church in New Zealand on medical grounds will be greatly regretted by many people. It is hoped, however, that he will be able to continue to serve the Church in a less arduous capacity in a "supply" position.

Allan has served in the Ministry for 24 years and prior to this he was a Home Missionary for several years.

His full time service began in Murchison where he served for a period as a Home Missionary. His time there was cut short when he, along with many others of his generation, was for several years in detention as a conscientious objector on Christian pacifist grounds during the war. After the war he resumed Home Mission work at Hauraki Plains and then after college training travelled in Henderson (Glen Eden), Auckland South (Mt Roskill), Dundas Street Dunedin, Corstorphine Union, Dunedin, Henderson, Nelson South Union and finally Te Puke.

For just over a year he served as an associate member of the Riverside Community in the Nelson District, helping to establish a residential training centre, and for nearly a year as an aid at the Ngawhatu Psychiatric Hospital in Stoke.

Allan has taken his full share of administrative responsibilities in the Church, serving as District Financial Secretary, District Secretary and Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee in Otago, Southland. He also served for two years as Chairman of the New Zealand Methodist Peace Fellowship. Allan is a man of great integrity

which has been revealed in many situations throughout his life and especially in his refusal to compromise on a matter of principle because of his conscientious objection to war and his readiness to suffer the consequences. His ministry has been marked by a compassionate social concern for his own people, the community and the world. As a preacher he has not only challenged people in their own Christian life and experience, but also has constantly reminded them of wider implications of the gospel in the world. In all his circuits his people have appreciated his pastoral care and concern as he has shared with them in their joys and sorrows.

Edith, his wife, with her warm personality, has fully shared in this ministry and especially in making the parsonage a place of welcome for all, particularly for those needing help and comfort. Their own faith has been a source of strength to many, and their life has been enriched by an infectious sense of humour which has helped them and others in difficult situations.

The Church is grateful to Allan and Edith Handyside for their ministry and prays for them much joy and satisfaction where ever they may continue to use their gifts and graces.

WILLIAM ROBERT LAWS, M.A., B.D.

William Robert Laws was born at Napier in 1914. He was educated at the Dannevirke South and Parkvale (Hastings) primary schools and later at Hastings High School. Of both the primary and secondary schools which he attended he was dux, and was the first student at Hastings High School to pass a section of a University degree while still attending the school. The closing of the Teachers' Colleges during the depression years led to his working in an Accountancy Office for two years prior to his training for the Methodist ministry.

He entered Trinity Methodist Theological College in 1935 and over the years has continued to expand the training which he there received. He graduated M.A. from the University of New Zealand in 1943 and B.D. from Melbourne in 1948. His interest in theology has been sustained throughout his ministry. He has relished both the biblical and philosophical branches of the discipline and also kept abreast of modern developments in these fields. For a number of years he was College examiner.

Each of the Circuits in which he has served has been left stronger because of his pastoral, preaching and administrative gifts. As a Probationer he served in the Auckland East Circuit (1938) where he commenced the work of the Mission Bay Church in the Berkeley Theatre; and in the Johnsonville Circuit (1941) he took the next steps in developing the new cause at Cashmere. In Caversham (1942), his first ordained appointment, he, together with the late Dr W. G. Slade, was instrumental in drawing up the basis of the Corstorphine Union Parish—a basis which served as a model for some years afterwards. He also met and married Miss Jean Southern (daughter of the late Rev. J. Southern) who through the years has been an active sharer in his ministry. Transferring to St Peter's (Invercargill) in 1947, he began a fund for a new church, shared in the negotiations which led to the appointment of the first prison chaplain and served as President of the local branch of the National Council of Churches. He was stationed at St Paul's (Palmerston North) in 1952 where a new hall was opened in the first year of his ministry. Mr Laws was instrumental in fostering the continuing happy relationships with the clergy and people of the Anglican and Presbyterian Parishes of that area. He was again involved as President of the local branch of the

National Council of Churches, for seven years was Chairman of the Spiritual Advance Committee of Conference and was host to the 1957 Conference. Two years later he was appointed to the Morrinsville Circuit (1959) where much of his time was spent in leading and developing the life of small groups within the Circuit. During all these years he was serving the Church at District level. For eight of the ten years spent in the Otago-Southland District he was its Secretary; was one year Chairman of the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District and four years Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District. As Secretary he was punctilious in all that he did; as Chairman he was trusted by his brethren and amply fulfilled the role of pastor *pastorum*.

In peer groups Mr Laws emerged as a natural leader. Because of his firm grip on Methodist theology, history and polity which arose out of his deep love for and commitment to the Methodist Church—as well as his grasp of the theology and general background of other churches—he was able to relate to ministers of other denominations with assurance and ease.

All of these qualities combined in leading to his nomination as General Secretary in 1964. To this office was added that of Secretary of the Conference in 1966. During his term as General Secretary the work of the Connexional Office has expanded rapidly. The office of General Treasurer was filled in 1968 when the administration of four other Connexional Funds was transferred into the Connexional Office. In 1975 a Finance Manager was appointed.

Mr Laws' knowledge of the Circuits is encyclopaedic. He has served in five of the ten New Zealand Districts, has been a member of all Boards and Committees in the Connexional Office, has travelled widely in the Connexion and, as Secretary of the Conference, has been associated with most other Connexional Boards and Committees. In addition he has represented the Church on the Executive of the National Council of Churches, the Lepers' Trust Board, the Methodist Church Union Committee and the Joint Commission on Church Union.

In 1971 he travelled overseas examining the activities of the Church, particularly in Australia, Britain and the United States. Whilst in the United States Mr Laws represented the New Zealand Church at the 12th World Methodist Conference and Council and was appointed the New Zealand representative to the Executive of the Council. Through his observations he was able to take the preliminary steps which led to the establishment of the Methodist Trust Association and to stimulate considerable interest in the management of Connexional investments.

Throughout the years Mr Laws has sustained a rich interior life and all that he has done has been carried out in the spirit of personal devotion. He thought and acted theologically. One of the highlights of his Presidential year (1973) was the manner in which he set the business of each session of the Church Council into a devotional context appropriate to the business to be considered. Unfortunately, growing concern for his health, his wife's illness, staffing changes in the Connexional Office and proposed radical changes in Connexional administration greatly curtailed his usefulness to the Circuits during his year as President. Some of these factors have led to his retirement a little earlier than he would have hoped. Only loyalty to and love for the Methodist Church has enabled him to carry on for so long. He lays down the reins of office with the esteem, goodwill and love of his brethren and the appreciation of the Connexion whose interests he has always cherished and promoted in fulfilling his vocation.

CAMPBELL PERCIVAL LUCAS, L.Th.

Campbell Percival Lucas was born in Dannevirke in 1912 of farming parents. Following four years at Eketahuna High School he engaged in dairy farming during the stringent depression years of the early thirties. It was while he was leading a country Sunday School at Mangamaire in the Pahiatua Circuit that he experienced a call to the ministry and became a Local Preacher. During these years he owed much to the ministry of the late Rev. W. B. Pickering. In 1934 he offered as a candidate for the ministry and was accepted by the 1936 Conference for theological training in Trinity College where, in his final year, he served as Senior Student.

His four years' probationary period was spent in the Whakatane and Huntly circuits. Following ordination in 1943 he served in Brooklyn (Wellington), Opunake, Levin and Rangiora Circuits for five years in each, and in Matamata and Putaruru for seven years in each. He has completed 38 years in the Methodist ministry and 45 as a Methodist preacher.

His theological outlook has been consistently evangelical and ecumenical and his ministry essentially a pastoral and teaching one. To further equip himself he took, through the Melbourne College of Divinity, the course for the Licentiate of Theology and was one of the first in the New Zealand Methodist ministry to gain this degree.

In his first ordained appointment, a close association was formed with the Boys Brigade. This was maintained throughout his ministry and eventually led to his election for some years to serve on the National Executive of B.B. (N.Z.) at a critical stage when the movement underwent evaluation and reconstruction.

Always a good friend to young people he was secretary of the Wellington District Youth Council during five of its most vigorous years and was Camp Captain of the first mixed Easter Camp, attended by 272 young men and women, at Porirua in 1945. During his years at Levin he served on the Spiritual Advance Committee and was Associate Editor of "The Methodist Times". It was then that he began a ministry which has continued up until his retirement of contributing weekly religious articles to the local press.

His warm friendly disposition and brotherly outlook have won for him the affection and esteem both of his ministerial brethren and of laymen and women in the Circuits in which he has laboured. In each community in which he has served his strong ecumenical convictions have found expression in increased understanding and co-operation with sister churches. The fact that the close of his active ministry has seen the formation in Putaruru of an Anglican-Methodist Co-operating Parish must be to him a source of deep joy and satisfaction.

It was during his Brooklyn ministry that he married Myra Moore who has shared loyally and faithfully in the fortunes and achievements of the years, not least in the raising of a fine family of two daughters and two sons. Her gifts and skills, especially in drama, have been an added acquisition.

As Campbell and Myra Lucas come to retirement the Church gives thanks for a ministry marked by pastoral concern, evangelical preaching, faithful and consistent service and an unflagging enthusiasm for ecumenical action at the local level. Their brethren and many friends pray for them much blessing in their retirement home in Matamata.

CHARLES BRIGHTMORE OLDFIELD

Charles B. Oldfield, the second son of Mr and Mrs Allan Oldfield, was born in the Waiuku District in 1913. He was educated at Otatau Primary School and after completing two and a half terms at Waiuku District High School left to assist on his father's farm. For many years he taught in the Sunday School and began Lay Preaching in 1932. Feeling a strong call to the ministry he accepted Home Mission Supply work, serving at Whakatane and Northcote before being accepted by the 1936 Conference for theological training at Trinity College.

Following training he was appointed to Hauraki Plains Circuit for two years after which he married Dorothy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Roper, loved members of the Takapuna Church in Auckland. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, the elder of whom died in Hamilton in her 21st year. (Their younger daughter, Mrs Janet Gillies, is active in the Stokes Valley Church). Further service was given in Hokianga (Rawene) for five years; Woodville six years; Hamilton East nine years; Blenheim seven years and Karori nine years.

During his ministry, Charles Oldfield served the Connexion through writing devotional notes for the Methodist Times and as secretary to the Spiritual Advance Committee, while stationed at Woodville. He was secretary of the Nelson District for four years and for three years was its Chairman. In latter years, in Wellington, he was a member of the Wellington Council of Churches and of the Joint Regional Committee, which he chaired for five years. He has also been a member of the Methodist International Affairs Committee and has accepted the task of Secretary of the Conference Arrangements Committee on three occasions.

Charles Oldfield, gladly supported by his wife Dorothy, is loved and respected by laymen and ministers alike. A tireless pastor and a good friend, he has carried out a successful pastoral ministry in every circuit to which he has been appointed. Working quietly and faithfully he has served the church well during 39 years of ministry.

We wish them both a happy retirement in Raumati South. We know that their services will still be available to the Church which joins in thanks for a task well done.

OSBORNE MCLENNAN OLDS

Born in New Plymouth in 1915, the eldest son of the late Rev. C. H. Olds, Mac was educated in various schools throughout New Zealand. The depression forcing the decision to leave school before qualifying for matriculation, he was fortunate to secure an office position with an engineering firm, a vocation he followed for 11 years until 1942 when he was called up for military service. He served in New Zealand as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary for 3½ years in Army and Air Force Camps. Mac went farming in 1945 and four years later offered himself as a candidate for the ordained ministry. Married in 1936 to Edith West, Mac and Edith entered the ministry with five children.

Mac is one of a unique trio in the Methodist Church of New Zealand who have followed their father in entering the ministry. Coming as he did through the Home Mission ranks without the advantage of a formal college training, he felt rather keenly the lack of such an experience, yet this was largely cancelled out by a wider experience of life which Mac was able to bring into his ministry.

He has always been a wrestler—one who worried at issues in order to get to the root of the matter and see his way through. He has

a strong sense of justice and goodness so that the plight of people and social concerns have lain heavy on his heart. His Christianity has never made him remote from people—rather it has made him doubly sensitive to the issues ordinary people are trying to cope with. Yet all this concern has been helpfully seasoned with an irrepressible sense of humour.

He has always shown a readiness to try out new ways of making the Gospel live. In this he has been helped by his innate sense of beauty and imagination. His creative nature has been very evident in many ways—in painting, handicrafts, gemstones and a love of music. Like many a man of similar temperament, he has been aware that there is more to life than he could ever hope to explore. May retirement provide such an opportunity! He has been greatly supported throughout his ministry by his wife Edith and he, in turn, has been a true and caring friend to her, especially in times of the limitations imposed by her health.

He has been able to minister to a broad spectrum of humanity; peoples of many different races and people of all ages will have strong and satisfying memories of a man who has cared for them personally in the tradition which was handed down through his parents, but whose inspiration is no other than the Christ himself.

LEONARD SHAPCOTT

Born in Christchurch in 1916, Len Shapcott was the eldest of six children in a family which had old Devonshire and Primitive Methodist connections. He grew up in a working class family in Addington, Christchurch, where he attended the local school and later attended the Christchurch Technical High School as a preparation for entering the building trade. The onset of the Depression in the 1930s compelled him to start work before his fourteenth birthday.

Th family was closely associated with the old Union Church in Selwyn Street and Len attended the Sunday School and Bible Class. He came under the influence of Mr Fred Colechin, leader of the Senior Bible Class, who, when he was converted at the age of 20, encouraged Len to join the Mission Band which took services around the North Canterbury district. His first service was taken at Lincoln Road Church in 1930 and he was accedited as a Local Preacher in 1940.

While working with the Railways he was transferred to Otira. The Rev. A. A. Bensley (Superintendent of the Greymouth Circuit) invited him to take services in the Circuit. A growing sense of call to the ministry made him responsive to the challenge to devote three months of full time service at Runanga with hospitality only provided. A Bible Class was commenced and many life-long friendships formed. In 1941 he was accepted as a Home Missionary Probationer and appointed to the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station in the Nelson District. Under the guidance of the Rev. J. D. Grocott, he was prepared as a candidate for the Ministry. Entering Trinity College in 1943 he studied for two years. Due to the acute shortage of ministers, he was placed on probation in 1945, serving in the Nelson South (1945-46) and Whangaroa (1947-50) Circuits. He was ordained at the Wellington Executive Conference of 1949 and subsequently served in the Waitara (1951-55), Dunedin South (1956-61), Cambridge (1962-70) and Rangiora (1971-76) Circuits.

Len Shapcott has always possessed a strong call to preach and as he was encouraged to fulfil this office to express his faith, he also encouraged young people to find a useful field of Christian service

through lay preaching. His family background as a boy and a young man gave him a ready sympathy with people who were up against it, and an ability to relate to people in a practical way which not only made but kept friends and enabled him to sustain pastorates longer than the average. He is a man of strong political views, cheery good will and ready humour. He never fulfilled high administrative office in the Church, preferring to be with people. Sometimes he felt the limitations of his educational background, yet for many years he has been a keen student of New Zealand history, and has been a member of the Canterbury Regional Committee of the Historic Places Trust and has often been consulted regarding the preservation of historic sites in his area. He is also a keen photographer and has shown daffodils for over 20 years.

In 1946 he married Miss Grace Cowin, member of a staunch Methodist family of Dovedale. Together they have shared ministry for 30 years. They are thankful to the Methodist Church for the many opportunities it gave them to serve Christ and His people. The Conference rejoices in the devotion with which Mr Shapcott has fulfilled the trust which was placed in him when he was ordained to the office of a Methodist minister.

QUESTION 11 (c)—What Supernumeraries return to regular work?

None.

QUESTION 12—What Deaconesses are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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

Frank L. Johnson

A. E. Tardif

H. R. Wright

(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?

Frank G. Glen (from New South Wales Conference)

Maxwell L. Bruce (from U.C.P.N.G.S.I.)

Alan J. Leadley (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 Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

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, to serve with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

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 Churches 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 Shirley Wiki (married Sister)

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

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

David Armstrong

John I. Manihera

Edward P. Boyd

Barry W. Neal

Norman E. Brookes

Alan H. V. Newton

Leslie C. Clements

Donald J. Philipps

Allen H. Hall

Donald F. Prince

C. Seton Horrell

Philip D. Ramsay

Bruce E. Mackie

Ronald N. Simpson

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

William K. Abbott

Haddon C. Dixon

David R. Alley

Wilf G. Eisner

Enid J. Bennett

Ronald W. Ferguson

Amos W. Burrough

Frank G. Glen

Ashley I. Corlett

Russell J. Greenwood

John B. Currie

Barry G. Harkness

Bruce L. Hosking
Owen A. Kitchingman
Alan J. Leadley
C. Russell Marshall
John D. Meredith
Laurie A. Michie
A. Roger G. Nuttall

Brian L. Olsen
John Te T. Pihama
Ian H. Robertson
Lawrence E. Salter
A. Kerry Taylor
Alan C. Webster
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?

None.

(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 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, P.O. Box 6133, Te Aro, Wellington 1.
Candidates for the Ministry

1. Initial enquiries should be made through the Convener of the District Candidates 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?

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

The work of the Committee on Ministry has been facilitated by the frequent meeting of the Executive Committee which has given consideration to many aspects of ministry during the year.

While the major matter may be collaboration with the Faith and Order Committee and the Deaconess Board, in the report on diversity in Ministry there have been many occasions of involvement at a more personal level with those seeking to clarify their relationship with the ministry of the church. We are glad, for example, that a more open attitude to ministry makes it possible for some ministers who had resigned to be recognised as Ministers in Full Connexion and to

be seen as ministers of the Church whether they continue in secular occupations or not.

During the year, the Convener, Rev. Peter Stead, had to relinquish the position in order to prepare for Conference. With the approval of Church Council the Rev. John Osborne was appointed acting-convener.

Ministers Without Appointment:

The Conference last year asked for further clarification of the position of Ministers without appointment. A memorandum setting out this matter was sent to District Chairmen and to Ministerial Synods in March.

It is necessary to make clear that reinstatement to the ministry is in no way a guarantee of future employment. Every application is considered by the General Purposes Committee which may decide that a Minister in Full Connexion is not necessarily to be appointed to a circuit.

Continuing Education for Ministry

The Auckland-based Joint National Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry is responsible to courts for the negotiating churches and reports also to the Joint Board of Theological Education. The fieldworker is a staff member of St John's College, teaching half-time, and is paid accordingly. The continuing education expenses including half stipend, travelling and secretarial assistance are paid for by the negotiating churches according to agreed proportions. The Methodist share of \$1,176—1976/77 budget—(12.6% of the total) is paid on behalf of the connexion by the Trinity College Council.

Two projects which are in the planning stage will be of interest to the church.

(a) The proposal for an **Urban Training Centre** in Wellington, closely linked with the Wellington Inner City Ministry. A widely representative consultation appointed a work group to proceed towards a detailed proposal and this is now almost completed. Very briefly, the Centre will provide courses to help clergy, laity, and perhaps theological students to come to terms with the dynamics of urban society and the nature of Christian Ministry in that setting.

(b) Two meetings have brought together a widely representative group of people with an interest in **pastoral education** under the chairmanship of Archbishop Johnston. From this group has come a proposal for the formation of **CAPE**—the Churches' Association for Pastoral Education, an inter-church body to foster the advancement of supervised training and pastoral care in New Zealand. An Auckland task group has been set up to prepare a concrete proposal.

Both of these ventures include churches beyond the negotiating denominations.

We look forward to the appointment of a continuing education officer for the South Island, perhaps based on Knox College.

The Church is grateful for the work done, both within the College, and throughout New Zealand by Rev. Keith Rowe.

Methodist Commission to Review Armed Services Chaplaincy and its alternatives. Minutes 1975 Page 93, Res. 9

An interim report from the Convener, Rev. K. J. Taylor, indicates that the first necessity was to function as a Commission of Enquiry. Many submissions have been received. The Commission is seeking to familiarise themselves with the present effectiveness and structure of chaplaincy and envisages further investigations and discussions in this area. The Commission will report through the Committee on Ministry during 1977.

Quota on Students for Training

The College of St John the Evangelist is rapidly approaching the maximum student roll. Methodist requirements have usually been estimated as at least eight candidates each year. It is desirable that adequate research into the needs of the Church should be made to avoid future embarrassment. A suitable recommendation is appended.

Ordinands obligation to observe the discipline and polity of the Church. (Law Book paragraph 91, page 13.)

The inflexible nature of this paragraph to which ordinands are required to give assent has been questioned and it seems desirable that the Faith and Order Committee and the Executive Committee on Ministry review these assurances and report any proposed changes in 1977.

Joint Assessment Course

Rev. D. S. Mullan has continued to represent the Methodist Church on the Joint Assessment Committee in Dunedin. Four denominations were represented at the Otaki Course, 48 candidates and 24 staff. In spite of the large numbers, the arrangements provided for a good standard of personal assessment. Of the 12 Methodist candidates present, two were recommended to the Deaconess Board and 10 to the Committee on Ministry.

All concerned are reminded that candidature requires early action at both district and national level; any person who is even thinking about offering for the ministry should be registered with the Convener, P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin, so that personal and district information kits may be forwarded and the normal procedures implemented at the appropriate time.

J. H. OSBORNE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Peter Stead be thanked for his service as Convener of the Committee on Ministry during the initial period of restructuring.
3. That the Rev. John H. Osborne be appointed Convener, Committee on Ministry.
4. That the Oral Examiner for 1977 be Rev. John Silvester, M.A.
5. That the following persons be congratulated on obtaining degrees and diplomas and that these be printed in the Ministers of Conference:
B.A., Rev. Brian Malcouronne, Rev. Frederick E. Waine.
M.A., Rev. Douglas Pratt, Rev. Graham Brazendale, Rev. Barry Neal, Rev. Norman Brookes (2nd Class Hons.).
C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E., Mr Tony Stroobant.
6. That the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee on Ministry, examine the assurances required of candidates for ordination and recommend any appropriate amendment to Synods and Conference 1977. (Law Book, paragraph 91, page 13.)
7. That the College Council, Development Division and the Executive Committee on Ministry, consider the number of students required for Ministerial Training and report to Church Council 1977.
8. That the Commission to Review Armed Services Chaplaincies be given leave to continue its investigations and report to the Committee on Ministry which in consultation with the Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee will report to Conference 1977.
9. That the Committee on Ministry consider during the year and report on the position in the Chronological List of Ministers of:
(a) Ministers who have been reinstated in the Ministry.

- (b) Ministers received into full Connexion from other Conferences.

10. That the Board of Studies for 1977 be as printed on Page 8 herein.

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?

NORTHLAND:

Ruawai 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 Ruawai and the Ruawai Union Parish, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Northland Union District and the Development Division.

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Port Albert Circuit and the Wellsford Presbyterian Parish, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Northland Union District Council and the Development Division.

AUCKLAND:

Auckland Central and West Circuits

That the Auckland Central and West Circuits be amalgamated to become the Auckland Central Circuit.

Ranui-Henderson

That Conference give general approval to the establishment of a shared ministry (Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian) in the developing area of Ranui and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Auckland Synod and the Development Division.

Note: The Shared Ministry is to be based initially on an interim agreement and is to be reviewed in three years.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Hillcrest Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Hillcrest Anglican Parochial District, the Hillcrest Methodist Society of the Hamilton East Methodist Circuit and the Hillcrest Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division. The boundaries to be defined in the Agreement with the boundaries of the Hamilton East Circuit to be adjusted accordingly.

Putaruru Co-operating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Putaruru Anglican Parochial District and the Putaruru Methodist Circuit.

Turangi Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Anglican Mission District of Turangi and the Turangi Union Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District and the Development Division.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

West New Plymouth Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the West New Plymouth Anglican District, the Westend-Westown-Spotswood societies of the New Plymouth Methodist Circuit and the St James Presbyterian Parish New Plymouth, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and the Development Division.

The boundaries to be defined in the Agreement with the boundaries of New Plymouth Circuit adjusted accordingly.

Fitzroy-Bell Block Shared Ministry

That Conference give general approval to the establishment of a Shared Ministry (Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian) in the Fitzroy-Bell Block suburbs of New Plymouth, whereby initially an Anglican Priest has the oversight and Pastoral care of the Fitzroy Methodist Society and at Bell Block exercises a Ministry for and on behalf of the Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian Churches.

That final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and the Development Division.

Note: The Shared Ministry is to be based initially on an interim agreement and it to be reviewed in three years.

Okato Co-operating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Okato Anglican Parochial District and the Okato Circuit and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and the Development Division.

WELLINGTON:

Miramar Co-operating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Miramar Society of the Wellington East Circuit and the Miramar Presbyterian Parish.

Note: The Lyall Bay Society to be under the supervision of the Methodist Minister serving in the Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish.

Porirua Circuit

1. That the present Porirua Circuit be divided and formed into two Circuits, the boundary between them to be i.e. Whitford Brown Avenue (a) from Porirua City Centre to Ascot Park and (b) from Papakowhai in the South to Paekakariki in the North, including Whitby.

2. That the Circuits be named Porirua and Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuits.

3. That the Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit be encouraged to proceed with negotiations towards forming a Co-operating Parish with the Plimmerton Presbyterian Parish.

4. That the new Porirua Circuit be constituted a special Circuit in terms of the style of Ministry, its Government and its financial support; its position to be reviewed in three years time (July 1979).

5. That the Porirua Circuit be governed by a board comprising five or more local representatives, the local minister, two representatives appointed by Synod, one representative from Tawa Union Parish, one from the Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit, one from the Joint Local Committee of the Churches of the Porirua Agreement, one from the

Wellington Maori Circuit. The chairman for the first year to be appointed by the Synod, thereafter the board to elect its own chairman.

NELSON:

Motueka-Moutere Hills Uniting Parishes

That Conference endorse the action of the President acting on the recommendations of the Motueka Circuit, Nelson Synod, Development Division in allowing the Motueka Circuit to participate with the Motueka and Moutere Hills Presbyterian Parishes in forming the two uniting Parishes:—

Motueka and Moutere Hills as from July 1976.

Parklands

That Conference give general approval to the establishment of a Shared Ministry (Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian) in the developing residential area of Parklands and the final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

Note: The Shared Ministry is to be based initially on an interim agreement and is to be reviewed in three years.

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 Conference?

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Te Kuiti

That Conference give general approval to the proposed modified Joint Use of Buildings Agreement involving the Te Kuiti Anglican Parochial District and the Te Kuiti Methodist Circuit whereby the Anglican Parish has use of the Methodist buildings, and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Rangiora Circuit—Woodend

That Conference approve of the Agreement between the Woodend Methodist Trustees and the Woodend Catholic Committee of the Parish of St Mary and St Francis De Sales, Rangiora whereby the Woodend Catholic Committee has use of the Woodend Methodist Church Buildings for Mass and religious instruction.

Leeston Circuit—Brookside

That Conference give general approval to the proposed Joint Use of Building Agreement involving the use of a Sunday School building erected on Anglican property at Brookside by the Leeston Anglican Parochial District, the Leeston Methodist Circuit and the Leeston Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Invercargill Circuit—Otatara

That Conference endorse the action of the President, acting on the recommendations of the Invercargill Circuit—the Otago-Southland

Synod—the Administration and Development Divisions—in approving the participation of the Otatara Society in a Joint Use of Buildings Agreement with the St Paul's Prebyterian Parish Invercargill.

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

NORTHLAND:

Ruawai Co-operating Parish

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

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

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

AUCKLAND:

Auckland Central Circuit

That the staffing be three ordained Ministers and a Deaconess.

Ranui Shared Ministry

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Hillcrest Co-operating Parish

That the initial staffing be one Anglican and one Methodist Minister.

Putaruru Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be an Anglican.

Turangi Co-operating Parish

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

West New Plymouth Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be three ordained Ministers. One Anglican, one Methodist and one Presbyterian.

Fitzroy-Bell Block Shared Ministry

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be an Anglican.

Okato Co-operating Parish

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be an Anglican.

WELLINGTON:

Miramar Co-operating Parish

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

Porirua Special Circuit

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit

That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

NELSON:

Motueka Uniting Parish

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

Moutere Hills Uniting Parish

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

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Parklands Shared Ministry

That the staffing be one ordained Minister. The first Minister to be an Anglican.

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

Ruawai Co-operating Parish; Wellsford Co-operating Parish; Ranui Shared Ministry; Hillcrest Co-operating Parish, Putaruru Co-operating Parish; Turangi Co-operating Parish; West New Plymouth Co-operating Parish; Fitzroy-Bell Block Shared Ministry; Okato Co-operating Parish; Miramar Co-operating Parish; Porirua Special Circuit; Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit; Motueka Uniting Parish; Moutere Hills Uniting Parish; Parklands Shared Ministry.

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

Ruawai Union Parish; Port Albert Circuit; Auckland West Circuit; Hamilton East Circuit; Putaruru Circuit; Turangi Union Parish; New Plymouth Circuit; Okato Circuit; Wellington East Circuit; Porirua Circuit; Motueka Circuit; St Albans Circuit.

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

See Question 22 (a) above.

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

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

The Question be discontinued.

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

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President—PETER A. STEAD, B.A.
Vice-President—Mrs VERA I. DOWIE
Secretary—ALAN K. WOODLEY, B.A.

STATION MINISTERS 1977

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in the Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 179 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, B.A., B.D.).
3. South Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish—
Anglican appointment (A. Robert Cooper).
4. Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish—
Presbyterian appointment (R. Stewart Anderson, B.A.).
5. North Hokianga Community Church—
Anglican appointment.
6. South Hokianga Co-operating Parish—
Anglican appointment (Ian C. Nairn, L.Th.).
7. Hikurangi Union Parish—
Maynard G. Rutherford.
8. Whangarei Uniting Church—
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 Co-operating Parish—
Presbyterian appointment (F. J. Bradley).
11. Paparoa—
One wanted.

12. Wellsford Co-operating Parish—

Ludwig Felderhof.

Clifford L. Duder (Sup.).

Maori Circuit—

[1] Tai Tokerau—

One wanted—(Acting—Herehere Maaka).

13 Home Missionaries.

1 Deaconess Probationer.

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).

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.

B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Tutor in Religious Education and Homiletics within the Pastoral Theology Department), Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry (Ecumenical Appointment).

Auckland Hospital Chaplain—

Francis H. Parker.

Auckland District Tongan Minister—

Taniela T. Moala, L.Th.

13. Auckland Central—

W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.

Dougal H. C. Bruce, L.Th.

One wanted (Supply: Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.)

A Deaconess.

John Silvester, M.A.

Allan 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.

J. Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Sup.)

Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D. (Sup.)

Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).

15. **Balmoral-Roskill—**
 John B. Dawson, B.A.
 Brian R. J. Eagle.
 Lynfield Community Church—Anglican Appointment (Canon
 Manga Cameron).
 Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Development Division).
 W. Geoffrey Tucker (Overseas Division).
16. **Auckland East—**
 R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
 David L. Trebilco (exchanging with Robert E. West of South
 Australia until January 1978).
 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)).
 A. Kerry Taylor (without appointment—see Question 18).
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.).
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.).
 D. I. Alister McDonald (Sup.).
17. **Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (J. G. Drummond, B.A.).
18. **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.).
19. **Glen Innes Co-operating Parish—**
 Anglican appointment (Brother David John, S.S.F.).
20. **Mt Albert—**
 John H. Osborne, M.A.
 Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
 Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division—Tumuaki).
 Lawrence Greenslade (Sup.).
 Ernest E. Sage (Sup.).
 Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.).
 David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Sup.).
 Stanley R. Goudge, B.A. (Sup.).
 Gordon A. R. Cornwell (sup.).
21. **Avondale Union Parish—**
 One wanted—(Supply: Roger J. E. Hey)
 Ronald N. Simpson (without appointment—see Question 18).
 W. E. Allon Carr (Sup.).
 George R. Thompson (Sup.).
22. **Henderson—**
 William D. Griffiths (who shall supervise the Kaipara Circuit).
 Brian J. Malcouronne, B.A.
23. **Ranui—**
 (Anglican/Methodist/Presbyterian) one wanted — (Methodist
 contact William D. Griffiths).
24. **Te Atatu Union Parish—**
 Graham Brazendale, M.A. (Warden of the Deaconess Order).
 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, M.A.
 Loyal J. Gibson (Education Division).
 Alan J. Leadley, B.A., B.D. (without appointment—see Question
 18).

- A. Henry Voyce (Sup.)
 Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).
 E. Clarence Leadley (Sup.)
 John H. Bailey (Sup.)
 Harry Moore (Sup.).
 George E. Beckingsale (Sup.).
 Family Home Chaplain: G. Douglas Pratt, M.A.
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—**
 John B. Salmon, M.A. (Hons.), L.Th., S.Th. (Hons.), A.C.A.,
 A.C.I.S.
 Anglican appointment.
29. **Birkdale-Beach Haven Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (Donald C. Mence).
30. **Northcote—**
 Edmund D. Grounds.
 Taniela T. Moala, L.Th. (a minister of the Free Wesleyan Church
 of Tonga serving in Auckland District under the Auckland
 District Chairman).
31. **Onehunga—**
 Trevor L. Bennett.
 Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.C.A.
 David Armstrong (without appointment—see Question 18).
32. **Otahuhu—**
 One wanted (Supply: Sister Beverley Taylor).
33. **Papatoetoe—**
 Henry W. Kitchingman.
 Roger M. Gibson (who shall supervise the Otahuhu Circuit).
 Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup.).
34. **Manurewa—**
 Wallace C. Chapman.
 One wanted.
 Family Home Chaplain: Wallace C. Chapman.
35. **Papakura—**
 Philip F. Taylor.
 R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Sup.).
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 (William T. Earle, B.Sc., B.D.).
 Brian L. Olsen (without appointment—see Question 18).
38. **Waiuku—**
 John R. Hall.
39. **South Kaipara Co-operating 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.).
 F. Gardner Brown (Sup.).

41. **Mahurangi**—
 Frederick J. K. Baker.
 Andrew G. Reid (Sup.).
- [2] **Tamaki**—
 Morehu Te Whare (Superintendent).
 John Te T. Pihama (without appointment—see Question 18).
 One wanted.
 7 Home Missionaries.
 1 Deaconess.
- COLPORTEUR WORK**—A Home Missionary.
EDMUND D. GROUNDS (Chairman of the District).
HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (Deputy Chairman—South Auckland Sub-District).
ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, B.A. (Deputy Chairman—North Shore).
A. TURNER, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
 E. Sarchet is a minister in Full Connexion with the British Methodist Conference residing in New Zealand.

III. **WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT**

42. **Thames Union Parish**—
 Presbyterian appointment (Glyn E. Thomas).
 One wanted.
 Reginald Day (Sup.).
 John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (Sup.).
43. **Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish**—
 Presbyterian appointment (E.W. Body, B.Com., A.C.A.).
44. **Paeroa**—
 One wanted.
45. **Waihi**—
 Arthur W. Dickie, C.Eng., M.Inst.E., M.N.Z.I.E. (who shall supervise the Paeroa Circuit).
 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, M.A., B.D.).
 One wanted.
 Reginald Grice (Sup.).
 Leslie T. Norwell (Sup.).
 Leonard Shapcott (Sup.).
49. **Hamilton**—
 Peter A. Stead, B.A. (President of the Conference).
 Stanley J. West.
 Roy M. Alexander.
 Alan H. V. Newton (without appointment—see Question 18).
 A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
 Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).
50. **Raglan Union Parish**—
 Presbyterian appointment (C. A. Hay).
51. **Hamilton East**—
 Trevor Shepherd (who shall supervise the Ohura Circuit).
 Wilfred J. Cable.
 William J. Morrison, M.A.
 Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
 Cuthbert F. Peart (Sup.).

52. **Chartwell Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (G. C. Crawshaw).
Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M., A.C.A. (without
appointment—see Question 18).
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.
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Sup.).
56. **Putaruru Co-operating Parish—**
Anglican appointment (G. J. Ginever, B.A., M. A., Dip.Tchg.).
One wanted (Part-time supply: Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
(Sup.)).
57. **Tokoroa—**
Richard J. Hendry.
58. **Rotorua—**
Alan Newman.
One wanted.
George H. Goodman (Sup.).
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.) (President's Supply).
59. **Taupo Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Donald S. Knight, B.A.).
Lawrence E. Salter (without appointment—see Question 18).
60. **Tauranga—**
Ivan J. Clucas.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
One wanted.
Roger J. E. Hey (without appointment—see Question 18).
Arthur T. Kent (Sup.).
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B. Com. (Sup.).
O. McLennan Olds (Sup.).
61. **St James Union Parish, Greerton—**
Presbyterian appointment.
62. **Te Puke—**
One wanted (Supply: Allan J. Handyside (Sup.)) (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 A. Jones, M.A., B.D.).
66. **Te Awamutu—**
David H. Ansell.
One wanted.
Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
67. **Otorohanga—**
Edward Baker.
68. **Te Kuiti—**
One wanted.
69. **Taumarunui—**
One wanted (Supply: Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th., part-time).
Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th. (without appointment—see Question 18).
70. **Turangi Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (I. W. Bayliss, M.A., D.P.S.)

71. **Ohura—**
One wanted.
- [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—**
One wanted (Acting: Sister Barbara Miller).
4 Home Missionaries.
1 Deaconess.

KAWHIA—

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

COROMANDEL—

WILLIAM J. MORRISON, M.A. (Chairman of the District).
IVAN J. CLUCAS, Deputy Chairman (Bay of Plenty).
A BETTANY (Financial Secretary).
Samuel J. Crawford is a minister in Full Connexion with the Irish Methodist Conference residing in New Zealand.

IV. TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

72. **New Plymouth—**
Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
Leslie F. Bycroft (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel) (who shall supervise the Okato Circuit).
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 Co-operating Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (J. C. Howat).
76. **Hawera—**
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
77. **Manaia Union Parish—**
James H. Conway.
78. **Opunake Co-operating Parish—**
George C. Hopkins.
79. **Okato—**
One wanted.
80. **Wanganui—**
Wilfred F. Ford. C.M.G., B.A.
Norman J. West.
C. Russell Marshall (without appointment—see Question 18).
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
Alan O. Jones (Sup.).
Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.).
81. **Taihape—**
One wanted.
John I. Manihara (without appointment—see Question 18).
82. **Inglewood Union Parish—**
D. Ian MacLeod.
- [5] **Taranaki—**
Moke A. G. Couch, B.A. (New Plymouth—Superintendent and Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea).

Leonard V. Willing.

1 Home Missionary.

1 Deaconess.

GEOFFREY T. GILBERT (Chairman of the District).

W. F. FORD, C.M.G., B.A. (Deputy Chairman).

G. A. HUTTON (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.).

Tamatea—

Presbyterian appointment—Rinny W. Westra, B.A., Th.M.

84. **Hastings—**

Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B.

Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.

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

Norman P. Larsen (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 (D. W. Earp).

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

89. **Dannevirke-Norsewood—**

Duncan R. Graham.

90. **Woodville Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (A. J. Thornburrow).

William C. Jenkin (Sup.).

91. **Pahiatua Union Parish—**

Harry I. Shaw.

92. **Palmerston North—**

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

Frederick E. Waite, B.A.

One wanted.

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

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

Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D. (without appointment—see Question 18).

Barry W. Neal, C.F., M.A., Dip.Ed. (without appointment—see Question 50).

Alan C. Webster, M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S. (without appointment—see Question 18).

93. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe—**

Paul F. Sinclair.

94. **Feilding-Oroua—**

Bruce Scammell

A. Peter Dorrian (Sup.).

95. **Marton—**

One Wanted (Supply: Alan O. Jones).

Clifford G. Brown (Sup.).

96. **Sanson-Rongotea—**

Jack Wright.

97. **Foxton Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (S. R. Wishart, M.A.).

Frederick J. Climo (Sup.).

EDWIN B. CLARK, 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.

Leslie C. Clements (without appointment—see Question 18).

Ian H. Robertson (without appointment—see Question 18).

William W. H. Greenslade, M.B.E. (Sup.).

99. **Wellington West—**

Keith C. Griffith.

Gordon R. H. Peterson (Sup.).

100. **Wellington South Union Parish—**

Robert S. Andrews.

Associated Churches of Christ appointment (David P. Buller).

101. **Wellington East—**

Harold A. Darvill, B.A. (part-time—Maori Division).

102. **Miramar Co-operating Parish—**

One wanted (Supply Part-time: Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.).

Presbyterian appointment (Murray F. Hall).

103. **Ngaio Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment.

104. **Johnsonville Union Parish—**

Presbyterian appointment (J. M. H. Highet, LL.B.)

105. **Newlands Union Parish—**

R. Leslie George.

106. **Porirua—**

One wanted (Supply: I. Donald Borrie, M.A., S.T.M., Presbyterian).

Porirua Hospital Chaplain: One wanted.

107. **Plimmerton—Paekakariki—**

Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

John D. Meredith (without appointment—see Question 18).

108. **Tawa Union Parish—**

Colin D. Clark, M.A.

Presbyterian appointment (A. E. B. Johnson, B.A.).

Associated Churches of Christ appointment (D. E. Hollier).

John Grundy, M.A. (Director of the Education Division).

109. **Lower Hutt-Petone—**

E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.

John C. F. Mabon.

Michael W. Greer, L.Th.

Dorothea M. Noble, B.A.

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).
110. **Taita Union Parish—**
One wanted.
 111. **Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish—**
J. Stanley Olds.
One wanted.
Presbyterian appointments (I. A. Milner, W. J. Baker, C. D. Sherriff, B.A., Ph.D.).
 112. **Wainuiomata Union Parish—**
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
One wanted.
 113. **Greytown St Andrew's Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (K. G. Wall, L.Th.).
 114. **Featherston Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (B. T. Doig, B.A.).
 115. **Carterton Union Parish—**
W. J. Douglas Wakeling.
 116. **Masterton St Luke's Union Parish—**
Peter E. Glensor.
Presbyterian appointment (R. McD. Durham).
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Peter E. Glensor).
 117. **St James Masterton Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (A. Ian Hewson).
 118. **Eketahuna Union Parish—**
Stuart G. Slinn.
 119. **Levin—**
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.).
 120. **Otaki—**
One wanted.
 121. **Paraparaumu—**
George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D. (Sup.).
Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.) (who shall supervise Otaki Circuit).
 - [6] **Pooneke—**
Harold A. Darvill (Superintendent).
JOHN A. PENMAN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
E. FRANCIS I. HANSON, B.A., B.D. (Deputy Chairman).
T. J. MARTIN, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- VII. NELSON DISTRICT**
122. **Nelson—**
Harold K. Brown.
Maxwell A. Hornblow.
William Rowe (Sup.).
Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
 123. **Nelson St Luke's Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Harry C. Swadling, B.A., B.D., D.Sc.Rel.).
 124. **Waimea—**
G. Clive Smith, L.Th.
 125. **Motueka Uniting Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Owen T. Jenkin).
 126. **Moutere Hills Uniting Parish—**
Basil J. Hilder (shared ministry with Motueka Uniting Parish).
 127. **Murchison—**
One wanted.

128. **Blenheim.**
David G. Stubbs.
Laurence H. Currie.
129. **Picton Union Parish—**
Neville Thornicroft.
130. **Reefton District Union Parish—**
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. (who shall supervise Murchison Circuit).
131. **Buller Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Campbell Nicol).
One wanted.
132. **Greymouth District Union Parish—**
R. John Hamlin.
Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Presbyterian appointment (Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A.).
133. **Hokitika Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Lionel E. Brown, B.A.).
HAROLD K. BROWN (Chairman of the District).
R. JOHN HAMLIN (Deputy Chairman, Buller-Westland).
O. M. SMITH, F.C.A. (Financial Secretary).

VIII. NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

General and Conference Secretary and Authorised Representative—

Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

General Treasurer—see Question 28.

Finance Manager—see Question 28.

Hospital Chaplain—Ernest Heppelthwaite.

134. **Christchurch Central Mission—**
Wilfred E. Falkingham, M.B.E.
One wanted. (Supply: Ivor Bailey—a minister from the British Conference).
One wanted. (Supply: George W. Cramond).
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.).
135. **Christchurch South—**
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
136. **Christchurch East—**
Arnold C. Hight.
Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
Owen L. Christian.
J. Herbert Thompson (Sup.).
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Sup.) (General Secretary Emeritus).
Parklands—
Anglican appointment.
137. **New Brighton Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (W. Ivan Bacon, B.A.).
138. **Sumner-Redcliffs Union Parish—**
Norman W. Olds.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (Sup.).
139. **South East Christchurch Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Cornelius Van der Kley).
140. **Lyttelton Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (R. Dudley Ives).
141. **Christchurch (Opawa)—**
Russell E. James.
142. **Beckenham-Sydenham—**
Derek G. Laws, F.C.A.

143. **Christchurch (Spreydon)**—
Alexander C. Watson.
C. Seton Horrill (without appointment—see Question 18).
Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.).
144. **Halswell Union Parish**—
George M. Hammond.
Owen A. Kitchingman (without appointment—see Question 18).
145. **Christchurch (Riccarton)**—
Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A.
146. **Christchurch (St Albans)**—
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A.
Patricia M. Jacobson, L.Th.
One wanted.
Ernest Heppelthwaite (without appointment—see Question 28(c)).
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D. (without appointment—see Question 16(c)).
Barry G. Harkness, B.A., B.D. (without appointment—see Question 18).
Norman E. Brookes, M.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
John D. Grocott, B.A. (Sup.).
George W. Cramond (Sup.).
147. **Christchurch (Papanui)**—
Robert W. Widdup.
Lewis A. Bowen.
South Island Children's Home—Chaplain: Robert W. Widdup.
148. **Hornby**—
William L. Wallace, B.A.
Donald F. Prince (without appointment—see Question 18).
149. **Lincoln Union Parish**—
Presbyterian appointment (Rowlatt M. Rogers, B.A., B.Com).
150. **Leeston**—
Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D.
151. **Kaiapoi**—
Stuart C. Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.).
152. **Rangiora**—
Clifford J. Keightley.
One wanted.
153. **Greendale**—
Robert A. Allan.
154. **Oxford District Union Parish**—
Ian E. M. Anderson.
- [7] **Otautahi-Te Waipounamu**—
Te Awha Tahere (Superintendent).
1 Home Missionary.
ROBERT W. WIDDUP (Chairman of the District).
MRS R. W. PRICE, B.Com., A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- IX. SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**
155. **Timaru (Bank Street)**—
Graham E. Hawkey (who shall supervise Temuka Circuit).
156. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)**—
Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
157. **St David's Marchwiell Union Parish**—
Graeme M. McIver, B.A.
Twizel—
Ecumenical Chaplaincy—Ian C. Norwell.

158. **Waimate—**
David C. Pratt, M.A.
Philip D. Ramsay (without appointment—see Question 18).
159. **Geraldine (Joint Use of Buildings)—**
Presbyterian appointment (Frank G. Grimshaw).
160. **Temuka—**
One wanted.
161. **Ashburton—**
James F. Cropp.
Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.).
162. **Allenton Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Robert P. Fendall, B.A.).
163. **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**
- Dunedin Central Mission—**
David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed.
A Deaconess.
164. **Dunedin—**
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
Colin G. Jamieson, Dip.R.E. (Melb.).
Restel A. Burton.
One wanted. (Supply: Ewing C. Stevens, M.B.E., B.A., Presbyterian).
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).
Russell J. Greenwood, B.A. (without appointment—see Question 18).
Andrew J. Johnston (Sup.).
165. **Port Chalmers United Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Ian W. McIntosh).
166. **West Harbour United Parish—**
One wanted (Presbyterian appointment).
167. **West Dunedin Union Parish—**
Norman J. Goreham, B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.) (Kaikorai).
Presbyterian appointments A. John Calvert, M.A., Dip.Th. (Wakari), Brian P. Willisroft (Halfway Bush-Brockville).
168. **Corstorphine-Concord Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (David J. Wilson, B.A.).
169. **Grants Braes Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Ian R. Merriman, B.A.)
170. **Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish—**
Ronald C. Collingwood.
Presbyterian appointment (Victor G. C. Jones, M.A., B.D., Mus.B.).
171. **Balclutha—**
Graeme R. White, L.Th. (shared ministry with St Andrew's Presbyterian Parish).
172. **Gore—**
Hughan M. Craig.

173. **Invercargill—**
 Kenneth H. Russell.
 Russell G. Rigby, B.A. (Hons.).
 Norma M. Graves (St Mark's) (shared ministry, North Presbyterian Parish).
 One wanted.
 Edward P. Boyd (without appointment—see Question 18).
 David R. Alley (without appointment—see Question 18).
 Frank G. Glen (without appointment—see Question 18).
174. **Riverton Union Parish—**
 Warren H. Blundell.
175. **Otautau Union Parish—**
 One wanted (Presbyterian appointment).
176. **Waiono Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointment (Ivan A. Smith, B.A., B.D.).
177. **Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart Island Co-operating Parish—**
 Anglican appointment (Hendrik J. Takens, B.Agr.Sc., L.Th.).
178. **Teviot Union Parish—**
 One wanted (Presbyterian appointment).
179. **Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish—**
 Presbyterian appointments: D. M. Povey, B.A., M.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 year?

1. HOME WORK

(a) In Circuits:

Auckland Central—Sister Joan Wedding.
 Otahuhu—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—
 Probationer Diana Tana.
 Tamaki—
 Sister Hana Hauraki.
 Waikato—
 Sister Grace Clement.
 Rohe Potae
 Sister Barbara Miller.
 Taranaki—
 Sister Betty Yearbury.

Pooneke—

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) With Permission to Study: Sister Pamela Beaumont.

(b) With Permission to Serve with other Organisations:
Sister Edna Jenkin (with the Borneo Evangelical Mission).

(c) Married Sister: Sister Shirley Wiki.

6. ON PROBATION

None.

7. RETIRED DEACONESSES

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:

Tai Tokerau Circuit:

Whirinaki—Mack Morunga.

Omanaia—Tohu Cassidy.

Waima—One wanted.

Kaikohe—Mare Rogers.

Whangaroa—one wanted.

Kawakawa—Waha Wiki.

Waiomio—Tawa Te Riri Kawiti, Hone Wilcox (Retired).

Pokere—Para Piripi Livingstone.

Kamo—Herehere Maaka, Winiata Morunga.

Whangarei—Robert Taka.

Onerahi—Hohepa Hemara (Retired).

Dargaville—Samson Toia, Alan S. Pickering.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT:

South Kaipara Co-operating Parish—Frank L. Johnson (Retired).

Tamaki Circuit:

Panmure—Wiremu Paki Ihaka (Retired).

Te Atatu—Aperahama T. Rogers.

Otara—Te Maruni Toki, Huia Martin.

Mangere—Raka Hunapo.

Manurewa—Matu Makiha.

Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT:

Otorohanga—R. Coombridge (Retired).

Kawhia—one wanted.

Coromandel—one wanted.

Maori Circuits:

(a) Waikato:

Frankton—one wanted.

Hamilton—Tuteao Manihera, Roi Moke, Paddy Searancke, Tame Pihama (Retired).

Ngaruawahia—Henare Te H. Gray, Te Orahi Tonga (Retired).

Tokoroa—Wiremu Huirama Te Hiko, Henare Pate.

Glen Massey—George Taha.

Aotearoa—Pukerau Rangitutia.

(b) Rohe Potae:

Otorohanga—Charlie Turner.

Taharoa—Philip Te Uira.

Te Kuiti—Nguru Winikerei (Retired).

Kawhia—one wanted.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

New Plymouth—H. R. Wright (Retired).

Taranaki:

Pariroa Pa —John Hoani Heremaia.

Hawera—one wanted.

Opunake—one wanted.

Waitara—one wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Otautahi-Te Waipounamu:

Rapaki-Wera Couch.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT:

Dunedin A. E. Tardiff (Retired).

(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. I. G. Pierce (Presbyterian).

Wesley Geriatric—Rev. H. C. Pomeroy.

Greenlane—Rev. J. R. Battersby (Presbyterian).

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

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

Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. W. T. Earle (Presbyterian).

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 (Ecumenical Chaplain).

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth—Rev. G. T. 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. P. F. Sinclair.

Lake Alice—Rev. A. O. Jones.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

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

Silverstream—Rev. M. W. Greer.

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

Porirua—one wanted.

Bowen—Rev. K. C. Griffith.

NELSON DISTRICT—

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

Ngawhatu Psychiatric—Rev. M. A. Hornblow.

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

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

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch Hospital—Revs. R. Millichamp (Presbyterian) and D. Morrell (Anglican).

Princess Margaret Hospital and Christchurch Women's Hospital—Revs. J. P. Edgar (Presbyterian) and M. Finney (Anglican).

Coronation Hospital—Rev. D. G. Laws.

Sunnyside Hospital—Revs. P. Morreau (Presbyterian), W. D. Harding (Anglican), H. G. Brown.

Burwood Hospital—Revs. O. L. Christian, T. G. Johnston (Anglican).

Templeton Hospital—Rev. E. Heppelthwaite.

Calvary Hospital—Rev. I. C. E. Ramage.

St George's Hospital—Rev. I. C. E. Ramage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Oamaru Hospital—Rev. C. M. Russ (Church of Christ).

Timaru Hospital—Rev. M. H. Kerr (Anglican).

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?

Peter E. Glensor

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

Sister Pamela Beaumont Mrs A. B. Beeston
Sister Grace Clement Mrs Vera I. Dowie
Sister Patricia Cumming Mrs S. I. Salisbury

Sister Hana Hauraki G. E. Brown
Sister Barbara Miller R. N. Clucas
Sister Beverley Taylor M. R. Downey

Sister Shirley Ungemuth J. H. Fruin
Sister Betty Yearbury R. C. Gardiner
Sister Joan Wedding C. W. Haliwell

T. Halliwell
 F. L. Johnson
 W. Kettle
 G. Nelson
 K. W. Nelson
 J. V. Salisbury
 C. A. M. Stevens
 H. J. Voice
 R. M. White
 J. L. Woodhouse
 Tohu Cassidy
 Wera Couch
 Henare Gray
 Tawai Te R. Kawiti
 Para Livingstone

Herehere Maaka
 Matu Makiha
 Tuteao Manihera
 Winiata Morunga
 Mack Morunga
 Henare Pate
 Mare Rogers
 George Taha
 Robert Taka
 Wiremu Te Hiko
 Phillip Te Uira
 Samson Toia
 Te Marunui Toki
 Te Orahi Tonga

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

John A. Penman, B.A.

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

Yes—Robert Thornley, M.A.. Dip.Soc.Sc.

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

Thomas G. M. Spooner, M.A.

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. Geoffrey T. Gilbert.

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. Noel D. Billingham

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. Warwick Gust.

Wellington: Rev. Robert S. Andrews

Nelson: Rev. Neville Thornicroft

North Canterbury: Rev. Derek G. Laws

South Canterbury: Rev. Graham E. Hawkey

Otago-Southland: Rev. Edward P. Boyd

(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 A. Bettany, 47 Kulim Avenue, Tauranga.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr G. A. Hutton, 23 Braken Street, New Plymouth.

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 Laymen to be appointed.
Convenor: 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's Legal Adviser, ex-President, President-Elect, ex-Vice-President, Revs. W. J. Morrison, Dr J. J. Lewis.

(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 17-19, 1976.

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

LOCATIONS AND DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 1977:

It was agreed to recommend to Conference as follows:—

(a) **Church Council:** May 16-18 at City Mission Camp, Otaki to be followed by a session for District Chairmen to be held at Wesley, Taranaki Street on the afternoon of May 18.

(b) **Council of Mission:** September 9-11 at Christchurch—consideration of Budget allocations, etc.

(c) **October Committees:** Church Council, Budget and Stationing: October 3-6 at Wellington.

(d) **Conference:** November 5-10 at Durham Street, Christchurch.

ISSUES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 1977:

The Revs. B. E. Jones, W. G. Tucker and D. B. Gordon were appointed a committee to bring recommendations to the October meeting of Church Council of important and relevant issues to be discussed at Church Council 1977. The committee's recommendations are that consideration be given to three basic issues:

1. FAMILY LIFE—The Church's contribution to the quality of family life in the community.

2. COMMUNICATION—(a) Making sense to one another within the Church—affirming our faith as Methodists. (b) Making effective communication within the secular community—establishing creditability within New Zealand society.

3. LOCAL CHURCH VITALITY—Assessing the factors that inhibit the vitality of the local Church's life and worship.

CONFERENCE AS A RESIDENTIAL FUNCTION EVERY THIRD YEAR (1975 Minutes p. 93, Res. 10)

There was considerable discussion as to the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. Church Council appointed a committee to investigate and report to the General Purposes Committee of the 1976 Conference concerning the feasibility and advisability of the 1978 Conference being a residential function.

This matter will be reported on at the forthcoming Conference.

PROGRAMME OF PRESIDENT-ELECT (Rev. P. A. Stead) AND VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT (Mrs V. I. Dowie):

The President-Elect regards one of his aims as being that of visiting areas not visited by either of the two previous Presidents. In his visits he will be emphasizing the need of the Church for a trained ministry and a greater number of candidates.

The Vice-President-Elect sees herself as a resource person informing local Churches of the Connexion and its activities and emphasizing that as Vice-President she will be going to the Connexion as a whole and not merely to Women's groups.

It was reported that the President's Supply for 1976-1977 will be the Rev. Robert Thornley and that the President's travelling expenses will be met by the Hamilton Trust.

REVIEW OF ROLES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT (1975 Mins. p. 93, Res. 11)

Many facets of respective roles were discussed—

* Is such a review really necessary.

* What changes are needed because roles are never static.

* There is need for fuller consideration of the pastoral role of the Church.

* A radical change in the role of the President and the method of his appointment is becoming evident.

Church Council came to the conclusion that important issues were involved and decided to recommend to Conference that the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to give consideration to the resolution of the 1975 Conference and report to Church Council 1977 with special reference to—

(a) Method and length of appointment;

(b) The pastoral and prophetic role of the President and Vice-President in—

(i) The Church as a whole

- (ii) Interpreting the Church's voice on contemporary issues.
A recommendation to this effect is appended.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS:

The Convener, Mr E. G. Heggie, presented a report.

The section on stipend minima was received and adopted.

It was agreed that the minimum stipend for ministers and probationers as from July 1, 1976 be \$5,940 p.a. with proportionate increases for other stipends.

The section on allowances for Divisional appointments was received and adopted and it was agreed that a memorandum be sent to all Connexional Boards and Committees encouraging a review of the stipends and allowances of their employees.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE 1976 ANGLICAN GENERAL SYNOD'S VOTE ON CHURCH UNION:

The Rev. W. J. Morrison presented two reports—

(1) A copy of the Resolutions of the Anglican General Synod regarding the 1971 Plan for Union.

(2) Comments thereon from the angle of the Methodist Church Union Committee.

The reports were received.

It was noted that the J.C.C.U. would be meeting in June and August when further consideration would be given to the decision of the resolutions of the Anglican General Synod.

A further report will be presented to the forthcoming Conference.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE CHURCH REGARDING THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (1975 Minutes p. 209, Res. 2)

The Rev. E. D. Grounds presented the report of the Special Committee appointed by Conference.

The report was received and is being distributed to Synods for information and comment at the August meetings.

A recommendation was received from the Pastoral Committee that the General Secretary designate be appointed by the 1976 Conference to take up duties in February 1977 to enable him to undertake increasing responsibility during 1977 in association with the present General Secretary and to take up the full position on 1st February, 1978.

Church Council endorsed the recommendation.

NEW APPROACH TO BANKING PROCEDURES—CENTRALISING BANK ACCOUNTS:

The Finance Manager, Dr. D. J. Janus, presented a scheme for the pooling of credit balances held in various Bank Accounts throughout the Connexion.

Church Council gave general approval to the proposed scheme and agreed to recommend to the Investment Board that it present full details of the scheme to all Districts, Circuits, Trusts and Connexional Boards in a letter over the signatures of the General Secretary and the Finance Manager.

WHAT METHODISM IS AFFIRMING:

A memorandum was presented by Mr G. E. Hill. The memorandum was received and it was agreed to ask the Committee to send copies, after suitable editing, to the Editor of the "New Citizen" and the Education Division with the commendation of Church Council.

The Rev. B. E. Jones drew the attention of the Council to a series of essays on "Methodism Today" ready for publication and soon to be made available to the Connexion.

INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL CHURCHES IN SOCIAL SERVICE:

The Rev. D. B. Gordon presented a memorandum prepared by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and a general discussion took place regarding the work being done by local Churches both individually and on an ecumenical basis.

It was agreed to ask the J.C.C.U. through the N.Z.M.S.S.A. to draw up guidelines for the co-ordination of Social Services and to ask the N.Z.M.S.S.A. to provide guidelines as to what can be done in co-operation with other Churches and also with Local Bodies.

FORM OF REPORTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL (1975 Minutes p. 93, Res. 7)

The Rev. J. A. Penman presented a memorandum from the Special Committee set up by Conference. The report was received.

It was agreed that the procedure of Church Council should be that proposals from Church Council concerning papers for wider use be referred to the Council of Mission—

(a) To choose the papers that should be sent to local level;

(b) Where necessary to arrange for special preparation and distribution.

It was agreed that the Education Division be asked to accept a Convener role in this matter.

OVERSEAS AID AND DEVELOPMENT (1975 Mins. p. 109, Res. 10, p. 134 Res. 10)

The Rev. J. S. Hosking presented a memorandum in two sections—

Section A: Background to the Question of Aid Programme.

This section was received and adopted and it was agreed to ask the Education Division to ensure that this material was communicated to local Churches in the most effective way.

Section B: Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society.

Church Council agreed to support the principle of an Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society and to recommend that some provision be made in the Connexional Budget for the Church to share in the proposal, the Overseas Division to be asked to bring recommendations to the Budget Committee in this regard.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA—ASSEMBLY 1977:

Church Council endorsed the recommendation of the Ecumenical Committee that Rev. W. G. Tucker be the New Zealand delegate.

W. J. MORRISON, Acting President.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to give consideration to the Resolution of Conference (1975 Minutes p. 93, Res. 11) relating to the roles of the President and Vice-President and report to Church Council 1978 with special reference to—

(a) Method and length of appointment;

(b) The pastoral and prophetic role of the President and Vice-President in—

(i) The Church as a whole;

(ii) Interpreting the Church's voice on contemporary issues.
3. That the M.S.S.A. provide guidelines as to what local churches should and can do in social services and how they can work in co-operation with other churches and local bodies. It is important that this be expanded to community supportive services.

4. Conference 1978 as a possible Residential function—That in the light of all the implications of suitable site, financial involvement and other issues investigated by the committee set up by Church Council, the 1978 Conference be non-residential.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of
(a) Welfare of the Church Committee?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

I. The Invitation Resolution

1. For a long time there has been a desire on the part of a considerable number of Conference members to test the opinion of the Church as to whether the invitation procedures should be retained. (See, for example, Minutes 1965, 70ff). It has proved very difficult to arrange such a test, because of the intervention of alternative proposals, and because of the establishment of a Commission which had a different approach to the question.

In 1973, in an oblique manner and through no initiative of its own, the Welfare of the Church Committee found itself charged with the responsibility of facilitating this vote. In 1975 the objective was reached. Conference was enabled to concentrate its attention and, without confusion or side-track, to ask and answer the question. As it turned out, the desire of Conference was emphatically for a moratorium on invitations. But as far as this Committee was concerned its achievement consisted in making the vote possible, whatever the outcome.

2. Subsequent events

At the beginning of this year the Chairman of Auckland District enquired of the President whether the operation of the Conference resolution could take place on January 1, 1976. This enquiry (which was not intended as a formal appeal) was prompted by the uncertainty of some Auckland ministers as to the status of the resolution in relation to our Law, and a natural desire that the whole Church should proceed on a common understanding.

On April 2, 1976, the Connexional Secretary published a circular exhibiting an opinion of the Legal Adviser and cancelling the operation of 1975/95/2. Synods were directed to vote on a revised resolution and report the results back to the Connexional Office.

It is a serious matter to reverse a democratically-achieved decision of Conference, and our Law Book, para. 170, lays down careful procedures which must be followed. There must be a formal Appeal to the President forwarded through a District Chairman, and there must be prior information to all interested parties 'so that they may have an opportunity of presenting their statement of the case'. The President's ruling must be formally notified to the District Chairman. The procedure chosen by the Connexional Office was intended to clear up an uncertainty as speedily as possible, but that has not been the outcome. This Committee believes that on any similar occasions in the future the Law Book requirements should be carefully observed.

When the April circular was reported to it, this Committee assumed that a formal Appeal had been lodged, and it sought a stay of action so that a 'statement of the case' might be presented. Our consequent submission argued, on the basis of 'the practice and usage of the Church', that the interpretation of the Law presented in the Circular is not the one which has been regularly followed by Conference, and that the Conference action in passing the invitation resolution was in all respects valid.

3. The President's Ruling

The President's statement of 9/5/76 makes it clear that the crux of the dispute is the interpretation of Law Book 370/11 which he finds ambiguous. While he has given a ruling on the side of the April circular he regards this as provisional and looks for a final determination by Conference. This will come when Conference 1976, according to the directions of Law Book 170 (e), 'confirms, modifies or disallows' the President's provisional decision. This section of the Welfare of the Church Committee report is intended to facilitate that process.

The President's ruling is most helpful in clarifying a number of side issues: there is no dispute about what Conference 1975 intended to do, and it is agreed that the resolution was carried by the required majority. The President concedes (with the Legal Adviser) that if Conference acted illegally in 1975 it has also acted illegally on numerous other occasions.

4. The state of the Law

The decision which Conference must make as a result of these events is essentially a determination of the meaning of Law Book 370. There are major implications in this decision, and the Welfare of the Church Committee believes Synods and Conference should consider them carefully. Law Book para. 370 lists among the powers of Conference:

(11) The adoption of any legislation required in the interests of the Church, provided that no change shall be made affecting constitutional questions or the rights and privileges of the Ministry or Laity unless such changes shall have been previously submitted to the District Synods and confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than 55% of the votes of the members present and voting at the next succeeding Conference.

The President suggests two conflicting interpretations:

(a) The Law requires that certain resolutions cannot finally be made Law by Conference unless there has been prior determination of the views of Synods.

(b) The Law requires that certain resolutions must be passed by two successive Conferences and be dealt with also at the intervening Synods.

There is at least one other possible interpretation:

(c) The Law requires that certain resolutions, given prior designation by Conference as 'affecting the rights and privileges of the Ministry or Laity', must be passed by two successive Conferences and be dealt with also at the intervening Synods.

Interpretation (a)—or possibly (c)—is the one under which, it is admitted on all sides, Conference has been working in practice. A search by this Committee (which may not have been exhaustive) has failed to turn up any recent example of a resolution which has been passed twice by Conference on the grounds of interpretation (b). The only apparent exception is the adoption of the 1971 Plan for

Union, but the procedure was adopted in that case as a part of the process of conducting a referendum. On the other hand, there are numerous resolutions which can only be said to have been made Law if interpretation (a)—or (c)—is correct.

The first major consequence, then, of adopting interpretation (b) will be the invalidation of a large number of Conference enactments. Random examples are; 1975/276/1 which apparently establishes the new law for the appointment of District Chairmen, fixing an initial 3-year term, and changing the balloting procedures; 1974/107/3a which makes a dramatic alteration of rights and privileges in the matter of chairing official meetings; 1974/107/4 which creates a class of Leaders whose membership of the Leaders' Meeting is not subject to annual review; 1975/295/5 which generates a right of ministers, and an obligation on Circuits, for set payments when a minister lives in his own house.

Ministers and Laity are probably most sensitive about rights and privileges when these touch the Pastoral Tie. Any variation of the Law at this point is bound to limit some privileges and extend others. Yet none of the alterations to this section of the Law Book since 1968 at least has been established by double passage through Conference. 1968/287/3a, for example, adopted procedures for invitation to a new minister, and referred them to the Law Revision Committee for drafting and report to Synods and Conference 1969. The Law Revision Committee duly reported its draft—which report was received by Conference (1969/312/1)—but the Committee did not invite Conference to 'confirm' its earlier decision.

It is important to note that should these, and similar resolutions, be found not to establish Law for our Church the matter may not be put right by a blanket resolution in 1976, since the Law specifies that confirmation must take place at 'the next succeeding Conference'. It seems that these resolutions would have to be regarded as lapsed, and the work begun again.

A second major consequence of adopting interpretation (b) will be that many uncontroversial decisions will henceforth have to be established by voting at two successive Conferences. By no means all matters which 'affect the rights and privileges of the Ministry or Laity' call for prolonged deliberation, and the rigid application of interpretation (b) would soon lead to a demand for its repeal. Conference has other means, when the occasion demands, for slowing down its decision processes. It does not require the strait-jacket of interpretation (b).

5. Voting on the Invitation Resolution

According to the Connexional Office circular and the later request of the President, Synods are required to vote again on an amended resolution declaring a moratorium on invitations. It may happen that such a vote is taken in Conference also. Synods and Conference have each already debated the issue in two successive years (and many other times in the past 12 years). Any attempt at fresh consideration must inevitably be prejudiced by feelings about the events of this year. It seems to us that Synods—and Conference if necessary—should be content to take the matter without substantial debate, and regard this as a request for formal endorsement of a decision reached by Conference last year, in full awareness of its action and after ample consultation and discussion.

II. Publication of Connexional Material (1975/95/5)

The Committee has been asked to report on ways of improving our communications performance 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 communications field.

There is clearly a weakness in the Church's machinery for getting material into the hands of the local congregations. It is our conviction that the Church must eventually own and operate a small press for 'throw-away' printing. This would not be inordinately expensive and would, in fact, bring some economies in printing and duplication already carried out. However, it is for Conference to judge whether the necessary finance can be provided at this time, and resolution 3 is intended to facilitate this decision. When the Conference can make a specific allocation for "communications" an appropriate Committee of the Church will be able to consider the range and the form of the material to be sent down.

G. R. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

E. R. LEWIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Law Book paragraph 370/11 be interpreted in the following manner:

Law Book 370/11 requires that certain matters (explicitly designated by Conference) must have been considered by Synods before the issues in them are finally determined by Conference.

It is not implied that these issues must necessarily be voted on by two successive Conferences.

Conference is sovereign to decide whether or not a particular matter shall be dealt with under 370/11, and is not constrained to, apply 370/11 automatically to every matter, however minor, which in any way impinges on the rights and privileges of the Ministry or Laity.

Conference refers the Section to the Law Revision Committee for re-drafting.

3. That unless Conference shall have specifically decided that the matter referred to is covered by Law Book paragraph 370/11, it shall be presumed not to have been covered by that Section.

4. That the Development Division formulate and circulate suggestions as to how the new invitation procedures should be implemented.

5. That the request that \$2,000 be added to the Connexional Budget for communications purposes be referred to the Committee established by the decision of this Conference to investigate the possibility of establishing a Communications Department. (See Res. 3, Radio and Television Committee Report).

6. That the following notice of motion be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee to report to Synods and Conference 1977:

"That when Conference decides to count the votes on any question, the voting be recorded in the Minutes as well as in the Journal and be made available to the media."

7. That the Welfare of the Church Committee for 1977 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of

(b) New Zealand Lay Preachers Association?

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1976

Meetings of the Dominion Executive have been held regularly during the year. Messrs H. R. Johanssen and A. E. Perkins were appointed to the executive.

Examination Results:

	Sat	Pass	Fail	Total
Old Testament	9 (6)	7 (2)	2 (4)	9 (6)
New Testament	11 (—)	7 (—)	4 (—)	11 (—)
Homiletics	1 (5)	1 (4)	— (1)	1 (5)
Theology	4 (5)	3 (4)	1 (1)	4 (5)
The Church	7 (5)	6 (4)	1 (1)	7 (5)
	<hr/> 32 (21)	<hr/> 24 (14)	<hr/> 8 (7)	<hr/> 32 (21)

(Last year's figures in brackets)

We thank all Ministers who have acted as supervisors and tutors for the candidates. It is pleasing to note an increase in the number of candidates sitting the examinations, although this fact does not necessarily mean that the candidates go on to become lay preachers. Many candidates take the courses and examinations to increase their background knowledge and to make a more effective contribution to the life of the Church.

Accreditations: We welcome the following members: Eva Bettany (Tauranga), No. 422; John Trim (Sth. Hokianga Co-op. Parish), No. 423; Philip Watson (Opawa), No. 424; Valerie Nicholls (Papakura), No. 425.

Long Service Diplomas have been presented to: W. E. Donnelly, 50 years; Kenneth G. Fowke, 43 years; Ivor G. Baber, 40 years; Alton G. Angel, 29 years; Patricia Hornblow, 29 years; John E. Horrell, 60 years; James Roberts, 41 years; John R. Grigg, 36 years; Robert L. Irvine, 65 years; Norman G. Queree, 44 years; Henry F. Hart, 35 years.

Branches: Contact has been maintained with branches and with contact people in areas where branches are not active. Most members are busily engaged in many aspects of Church work and, although the demand for lay preachers is lessening, many more avenues of service are opening up.

Taranaki-Wanganui report that their members are so involved with other activities that no meetings are possible.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty held their week-end School with Rev. L. J. Gibson as leader.

Auckland branch held two schools, their A.G.M. and Dinner; members take devotions at Astley House regularly. Contacts with Presbyterian and Anglican brethren have proved stimulating.

Napier group is planning evenings together to study the New Testament L.P. course.

There is no news from other groups, but contact is made by occasional news-letter.

The Preacher: Donations from members and a change of printer has enabled this publication to be maintained in spite of rapidly rising and distributing costs. We have continued to send copies directly to

all active Ministers and Deaconesses and many appreciative comments have been received. Following Norman Packham's death, Alan Bailey has acted as Editor, assisted by Alex. Perkins.

Training of Lay Preachers: During the year, the executive co-operated with the Education Division and two other groups to consider matters regarding the training of Lay Preachers. We submitted a written report covering past examination methods, the present course, text books, course supervision, continuing education for lay preachers and lay participation in services. Later, a consultation was held at Palmerston North which discussed the ideas and recommendations which had been submitted and forwarded a report to the Board of the Education Division. (The substance of this report was printed in the June "Preacher"). This report has now been passed on to Synods for discussion and comment.

The executive feels that the report has raised some very important issues in the life of the Church, and that the proposals regarding training are practical and will enable the laity to make a worthwhile contribution to the life, the work and witness of the Methodist Church.

Lay Ministry: North Canterbury Synod requested Conference "to review the present position of lay ministry within the life of the Church and to formulate an up-dated policy and strategy for the future". This matter was referred to Church Council and we forwarded guidelines and suggestions to assist the Council in its deliberations. A report was also presented from the Education Division and a Memorandum from the North Canterbury Synod. The reports were considered in small committees and the essence of the reports was accepted for ultimate presentation to Synods by the Education Division.

We believe that the re-defining of the task and place of the laity, combined with the training programme suggested, will result in a more dedicated trained group of lay leaders with a greater sense of commitment to God and the Church's task. We urge all members to take an active interest in these matters when they are raised at Synods, or other meetings.

Thanks: This is the last report to be prepared by the present executive. We have enjoyed our term of office, and we believe that over the last four years we have made some far-reaching decisions which have resulted in stabilising the finances of the Association and in providing some long-term goals for the future years.

We would like to thank the officers of Conference, Branch officers, and members of the Association for the help we have received during these years. We know that the incoming officers from the North Canterbury District will receive the same help, co-operation and support which we have enjoyed.

For the Executive,

COLIN H. VERRY, President.

ALAN B. BAILEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

QUESTION 36—(d) What are the Reports?

METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1976

It is our pleasure to present the thirteenth Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship.

We pay tribute to all who have been called to higher service during the past year, and in particular we remember with gratitude the loyal and devoted service given to the MWMU and the MWF by Gladys Carter, Shirley Ayers, Loie Coup and Christine Goldsmith.

Within 19 Districts, three of which are Union Districts, our membership stands at 7,396. Each year more Union groups are being formed and out of a total of 275 Fellowships there are now 85 Union Fellowships with a membership of 1,593.

We rejoiced with the Auckland District in May when at a special combined meeting, 50 members of the Samoan Women's Fellowship became affiliated with the MWF.

District reports show a wide range of activities including service within the local church and community and practical and prayerful support of Home and Overseas Missions. The women of the Fellowship have always been generous with their financial support, but it is obvious that they give equally generously of time and talents in service to others.

The National Executive: Has met each month, with extra meetings as necessary, and is especially grateful to Lucretia Spittle and Catherine Sheat, whose regular attendance has involved a considerable amount of travelling.

During the year the President has visited Fellowships in the Northland, Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough and Westland/Buller Districts, and has appreciated this opportunity of meeting individual Fellowship members in their local groups.

The President and President-Elect, Joyce Dey, represented the Fellowship at the May Meeting of Church Council, and the President and Secretary were privileged to attend the memorable Church Conference on the Turangawaewae Marae.

President's Letters and Bulletins have been distributed regularly. Printing costs for the President's Letter have risen considerably, but it is considered that it provides a most valuable personal contact between the President and the individual members of the Fellowship, and also presents the Fellowship to a wider range of readers, including workers at Home and Overseas and also the other church-women's organisations.

The Kurahuna Grants and Scholarship Committee has made grants to 44 students this year and has been able to meet the needs of most applicants. It is likely that there will be increasing calls on the Fund because of the present economic situation in the country and its value cannot be stressed too highly.

The Stamp Fund: Hearty thanks go to the many folk who clean and prepare stamps for sale. This is without doubt an exacting and time-consuming task, but also a most rewarding one, which this year has raised \$4,969.99. The Executive has received many letters of thanks from those who have received grants from this Fund.

Missions: As Mission Convener, Edith James has most enthusiastically encouraged the District in their support of the United Church, and the work of the Maori Division. It has been interesting to see the steady decline in the number of NZ workers now with the United

Church and this will mean we will need to alter our thinking and our support of the United Church. A highlight of the year was the splendid response to the Special Objective to support the ministry of the Rev. Wattie Tahere, and we do thank the Maori Division for the continuing publicity they provided throughout the year.

Finance: This year's Special Objective to support the South Island ministry of the Rev. Wattie Tahere has been very well supported with \$10,790.08 being received by the closing date of 30 June. Support for the Medical and Educational Fund has increased with a total of \$2,491.57 being received. And, as always, the women of the Fellowship have given generously to their local church trusts \$30,000, to other church bodies \$6,500, and to other organisations \$12,000 approximately, including \$5,000 for the Water for Women appeal. Approximately \$19,000 has been forwarded to Circuit Treasurers towards the Connexional Budget allocation. The Executive was most grateful for the generous donations received from Districts towards the Overseas Travel Fund. The \$804.25 which was received enabled the President to attend the World Federation of Methodist Women Assembly held in Dublin in August.

National Programme Committee: Since the beginning of 1976 the Committee has been based in Wellington under the convensership of Mrs Kath James, and has been working most enthusiastically. Contact has been established with the Convener of the new Presbyterian Programme Committee and it is hoped that it may be possible to produce joint programmes again sometime in the future. Fellowships have been invited to comment on the suitability and success of the programmes used.

CORSO: Unfortunately Mrs Bannerman was unable to continue as MWF representative on the CORSO Committee. We were therefore most grateful to Mrs Nell Dixon of Wellington for representing us at the Annual General Meeting in May and the reconvened meeting in July.

National Council of Women: Margaret Hughes has continued to take a special interest in the work of the NCW within the Executive, and it has been good to see so many Districts becoming actively involved in its work. The Executive recently participated in an Inquiry into Nuclear Energy.

Joint Committee of Women's Organisations: Two meetings of this committee have been held during the year. Discussion has centred on Union Parishes, Family Life and various other common concerns. We have appreciated the friendly relationship we have enjoyed with the other church women's groups.

Te Roopu Wahine: There has been a continuing interest between the TPR groups and the MWF, and it was very pleasing to the Executive that donations to the Special Objective were received from two of the TPR groups. In a most gracious gesture, the Taranaki ladies donated material and two of their members embroidered a cloak which the President was proud to wear at the WFMW Assembly.

World Federation: This has been a busy year for the Federation, preparing for the Assembly in Dublin, and the President appreciated the experience and privilege of being able to meet with Methodist women from throughout the world.

Anglican Social Problems Committee extended an invitation to us to send an observer to the meetings of the Committee in Wellington and we are pleased that Mrs Jean Thompson of Manawatu has agreed

to attend on behalf of the MWF. Through the minutes of the meetings, we have been kept in touch with the topics under discussion.

Thanks: As we come to the end of our term of office, we once again record our grateful thanks to all members of the Fellowship, the members of the National Executive, the General Secretary, Rev. W. R. Laws, and the Maori and Overseas Divisions. The MWF has an identity which has been with us for a long time and which will be with us for many years yet.

DORN HERBERT, President.

PEG WILSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Annual Report and Financial Statement be received.

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

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

There are more new than old Board members in 1976. So attention has been given to forming our relationships and sense of team identity, to shaping satisfactory methods of working through committees and together, and to establishing the priorities for Board attention. New people bring new ideas and the Board is strengthened accordingly. But the emphasis remains the same as in recent years—to consider the Christian education work for the local church, when this is seen from the perspective of Christian community.

In this Annual Report, we have chosen to leave more unsaid than said. Attention will be given to 4 matters only—Developments in Lay Training Courses, New Beginnings in Youth Ministry, Christian Life Curriculum Issues, and Stewardship. It is not that a great deal cannot be written on other subjects, but it is because we believe Conference will be better served by focussing its thinking on a limited number of issues. On the first two items, we anticipate that by Conference time, more progress and detail can be indicated.

1. Developments in Lay Training Courses:

In April, the Board distributed to all Synods, and to ministers and LEC'S through the Christian Education Handbook, a first draft proposal for a major development in lay leadership courses. Synods have given this draft a very positive response. Some have been enthusiastic. Practical suggestions have been sent in and the Board is giving this whole development top priority.

In its present planning, and in response to Synod suggestions, the Board is giving first attention to developing module courses in those subjects which could be considered as basic to leadership in the local church. We are planning co-operatively with other Departments, providing for independent modules to allow for maximum flexibility, and taking into account the wide range of courses presently offered by the churches and other agencies. Once a broad description of each module has been established, it will be necessary to define requirements in tutorial assignments, practical work, and group sessions, to decide on text books (where applicable), and to commission writings to test our courses while these pilot courses are being held and evaluated for revision, other modules will be developed. All this will entail a lot of staff work and considerable consultation. But

we believe, and Synod responses to date substantiate this, that systematic lay courses providing training in the theory and practice of leadership are very much needed in our church.

A further progress report will be ready for distribution at Conference time.

2. New Beginnings in Youth Ministry:

The Board has spent many hours looking at a fairly depressing youth ministry scene in our churches, analysing reasons for this, identifying hopeful signs, and trying to agree on useful first steps for a way ahead.

Some pilot programmes for Regional Youth Conventions are being encouraged as one such first step. It is envisaged that such programmes will include recreational, inspirational, educational, and forum elements. But a key hope is that the youth and young adults of a region may be able to make broad plans for such beyond local church activities that they themselves desire and are willing to organise for the year ahead.

At the time of writing this Annual Report, we have no definite proposals to make. But we wish to inform the Church of our concern, and to serve notice that this will be a major priority for attention during the balance of 1976 and into 1977. However, the church must be aware that ready-made solutions are not possible, and that youth ministry will involve us all in disappointment and failure and considerable expenditure in time, energy, nerve, faith and money. We will achieve nothing valuable 'on the cheap'. Nor can we look at youth ministry as an isolated problem area. Youth ministry must be seen always within the context of the whole congregation's life. An unhealthy congregation is unlikely to spawn a healthy youth group.

3. Christian Life Curriculum:

Rev. John Grundy represented the New Zealand Methodist Church at the full Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Christian Education in Melbourne on 13th and 14th July. Loyal Gibson, in Australia for a Joint Board staff training programme and an observation visit to several Australian Christian Education Departments, also attended.

Reports on the CLC Revision 1976 were substantially favourable, and it is not anticipated that major changes will be required for 1978. However, an evaluation programme has been approved and is designed to provide evaluation data for the Board by March 1977.

Changes in 1977 format will include the basing of Children C syllabus around visual resources, the printing of Children C - D session plans in "Discover", and the provision of session plans for Youth 2 which will be printed with Youth 1 session plans in "Impact". The Search Course, with the theme "Search! God gives meaning to Life" will replace the New Beginnings Course.

If extensive revision to the 1976 syllabi is needed for 1978, this will use most of the Board's staff resources, whereas minor revision only will release staff time for work on alternative programmes and resources. The full Board resolved that the final decision will need to be guided by the evaluation data, but a preference was expressed for a revision of teacher materials only with reprinting of pupils resources without significant editorial changes. The hope was expressed that staff could commit themselves to providing in 1978 alternative programmes and resources for Christian education in parishes.

Task groups will be established in Australia and New Zealand to help the Board to identify possible alternative Christian education

programmes for the local church. John Grundy will convene the New Zealand task group.

Dr David Merritt also reported on a two year agreement by which the Joint Board will provide educational resources related to World Christian Action (Australia) and Christian World Service (New Zealand). All churches using the CLC will receive without cost a supplementary packet of resources for use in Christian education classes. This programme is being funded by the two Aid agencies.

To guide future curriculum development, Dr Merritt gave four pointers to give direction to planning. There was some valuable discussion on these at the Conference, and discussion is invited among New Zealand Methodists also.

(a) **More attention must be given to Theology.** We need to be clearer about what it is to be Christian in what we believe and do. There is some disadvantage in emphasising processes to the neglect of the purposeful nature of the Christian life.

(b) **An appropriate tension with our culture must be maintained.** What does it mean to educate for a faith with values different from those operating in our social setting? Is it possible to design an education to assist people to identify points of tension and/or conflict and to build supports to live in that tension? There seems to be no other way to educate for justice and liberation.

(c) **A more critical attitude to nurture is required.** It seems desirable to distinguish the powerful influence of the beliefs of parents, congregation and peer groups which lead to a faith acquired uncritically and unreflectively (i.e. a faith given) from the faith a person works through for himself (i.e. a faith owned). The latter points to conversion in contrast to nurture and requires an education that is reflective, critical, personal and related to awareness, freedom and responsibility. This may turn out to be our major new emphasis with youth.

(d) **A stronger focus must be given to community as the context of learning.** Faith is communicated primarily in groups living by that faith—acting on it, talking about it, liturgically expressing it. Our task for the future could be to work on how to introduce people into a community's faith—both by a socialization process and by a critically reflective educational process.

4. Stewardship:

(a) **Staff.** The Stewardship Section has been most fortunate in securing the services on a part time basis of Mr Stewart Collis and Mr Les Maden, both of Palmerston North. Each is contributing in a significant way in the directing of Stewardship programmes, and both have quickly commended themselves to congregations. We have used again this year four Circuit Ministers to direct programmes—a development that was introduced last year and which it is hoped to continue in the future.

(b) **Programmes.** During this year four Churches have used the alternative programme based on House Groups. It is still too early to evaluate their effectiveness in comparison with the traditional programme, but certain factors are already emerging. Participation and opportunities for real learning are maximised in this new approach; increased demands are made on local leadership and local organisation; the role of the Director is markedly different from that in the more widely accepted Programme.

(c) **Promotion.** The Section has had available a small sum to promote the Connexional Budget. A very real effort has been made by the Stewardship Committee of the Board to ensure that this promotion achieves as wide a coverage as possible. Inserts for weekly or monthly bulletins or magazines are being made available to Circuit Ministers, display advertisements and feature supplements are appearing in the New Citizen, and personal deputation work has been funded from this allocation. It is recognized that an oversupply of promotional material can be produced with resultant minimal impact, and every care is being taken to ensure that neither money nor material is being wasted.

(d) **The Economy and the Church.** The continuing high rate of inflation has affected the Church adversely over the past two or three years and with inflation still running at a double figure annual rate the problem will still be with us for some time. The challenge of Christian giving that is proportionate to one's income is still the main thrust of the challenge of any Stewardship Programme and until such time as this is accepted seriously, the work of the Church both locally and nationally will be compromised.

The majority of the Synods have been visited during the year, and the situation explained as carefully as possible. It is obvious that the three year cycle of Stewardship Missions is no longer valid in today's world, and unless a conscious and thoroughly planned challenge is placed before each Church member at least every twelve months, the work of the Church will suffer more and more. Material to guide annual local reviews is available from the Division.

KEITH J. TAYLOR, Chairman.
JOHN GRUNDY, Director.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Rev. J. S. Hosking be re-appointed for a second term of up to four years as an Associate Director (Stewardship) in the Education Division.

3. Mindful of the positive reception of the New Beginnings Course in 1976, and its advantages for Christian Education through a shared biblical theme, occasional intergenerational sessions and for linking learning groups with congregational worship, Conference commends the 'Search' course to all Methodist and Union Churches in 1977.

4. That Conference asks the Stewardship Section of the Education Division to give consideration to supplying all Stewardship Directors with suitable audio-visual and display materials on the work of the various Divisions for use with local congregations.

5. That the Education Division be requested to give priority to the development of programmes designed to increase sensitivity among Methodist Church members on matters of race and cultural diversity.

In their planning we ask that the Division pay particular attention to the following points:

(a) The urgency of the issue at this time in our nation's development.

(b) The relation of this to the Church's emphasis upon building community.

- (c) The particular need to help Pakehas move from defensiveness or mere toleration towards deep and genuine appreciation of cultural diversity.
- (d) The need to equip Christian people to share in creating the conditions and structures in our society which will best serve the needs of a genuinely multi-cultural society.
- (e) The desirability of local Churches promoting educational programmes with reference to matters of race and cultural diversity within the wider community.
- (f) The possibility of employing the best available people on a short term basis to assist in this work.

6. That the Report of the Task Group on Retirement from the North Canterbury Synod on the need for courses designed to enable ministers and their wives to prepare for retirement be referred to Committee on Ministry for consideration.

7. That the Education Division be requested to give additional attention to the development of strategies designed to equip the Church with the people and the programmes needed to prepare and enable individuals, couples and parents:

- (a) in their own Christian marriage, family life, and parenting skills;
- (b) to be effective contributors to family life in the wider community.

8. That the Board of the Education Division for 1977 be as printed on Page 6 herein.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

NEIGHBOURHOOD TAVERNS

(Resolution 5, p. 124, 1975 Minutes of Conference)

There is a strong measure of interest in the concept of Neighbourhood Taverns. The Royal Commission on Liquor (1974) not only pointed out that it was already the stated policy of the Licensing Control Commission to promote the provision of neighbourhood taverns but went on to state . . . "It was abundantly clear from the evidence that the concept of the neighbourhood tavern receives general approbation and widespread support." (Para. 821).'

The reasons for this support and interest are obvious—

1. A neighbourhood tavern could provide a focal point of community life in an area and be more convenient for customers.

2. Because it would be within walking distance of the homes of patrons no large car park would be needed. Large facilities require large car parks with its attendant problems of drinking and driving. So a neighbourhood tavern would be more acceptable from the traffic and road safety point of view.

3. Many would prefer the smaller and intimate bars to the huge impersonal 'booze barns'. As the Royal Commission aptly commented . . . "With the best will in the world, management and staff in these large bars cannot provide a 'mine host' atmosphere . . . it would not be unfair to say . . . that at peak times a licensee cannot provide hospitality—he can only provide liquor facilities." (Paras. 798-799).

4. The smaller compact bar area is far easier to supervise and control. The bigger the concentration of drinkers in one place the greater the difficulties of controlling standards of sobriety and conduct. It is patently obvious that dangerous situations can and do develop in the larger bars, where because of inadequate control there is encouragement to drink too much.

5. Neighbourhood taverns could be less disruptive in terms of the amenities of local residents. Problems, such as late night noise, may not be eliminated but they would certainly be reduced.

However, the realisation of such a neighbourhood tavern concept is difficult to achieve for a number of reasons. These are worth setting forth—

1. The difficulty in obtaining a suitable site, particularly in an established settled area. Human nature being what it is, many persons will favour the establishment of a neighbourhood tavern provided it is not so close as to become a possible nuisance to them.

2. The need to comply with the requirements of the Local Authority's District Town Planning scheme. Ideally the site should be close enough to a residential area to enable residents to derive full advantage from it. This can lead to zoning difficulties under the Town Planning scheme.

3. The high (and increasing) capital cost of acquiring land and erecting the building coupled with the restricted area of the building and the consequent reduction in space for the accommodation of customers could make the venture economically unsound. No one can reasonably be expected to establish and operate an enterprise which is not economically viable.

4. A successful objection by residents in the locality could frustrate the whole scheme. At best, the hearing of all objections and appeals could cause unpredictable delay.

5. It is sometimes easier, for practical reasons already mentioned, to provide additions to bar space in already overcrowded bars than it is to authorise another tavern, though this is no real solution in the long term.

6. There will always remain a certain demand for some larger units where, for example, entertainment facilities are provided. So it follows that there will need to be a range of licensed premises to meet the differing demands of customers.

The neighbourhood tavern concept, favoured by many people, supported by the Licensing Control Commission, clearly has much to recommend it if for no other reason than as an acceptable alternative to the 'booze barn' where trouble is frequent and effective control almost impossible to achieve.

In order to bring about a real improvement in drinking patterns it would be necessary to have a sufficient number of neighbourhood taverns strategically placed throughout suburban residential areas so that the concentration of large numbers of drinkers in a big hotel or tavern can be broken down and dispersed between a number of smaller taverns where better control by the licensee and his staff, reinforced by the social influence which may operate there, may hopefully reduce some of the existing problems.

However, for the practical reasons we have already outlined, and in view of the country's current economic situation, it is unlikely that any real action to further the concept of neighbourhood taverns will take place in the foreseeable future. The Committee is still to be convinced that the widening of drinking facilities consequent upon the

development of neighbourhood taverns is either necessary or desirable from the community's point of view.

IMPACT OF CONSUMER ORIENTATED COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN N.Z.

(Resolution 8, Page 125, Minutes of Conference 1975)

As requested, the Public Questions Committee of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand have conferred on this resolution. They are of a common mind that on account of their work loads and the great complexity of the subject, they do not have the resources of time or competence to discharge the terms of the resolution.

In their view, the dimensions of the investigation indicated by the resolution need special expertise, particularly in economic and related issues, which neither Committee possesses at this stage.

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THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY IN NEW ZEALAND

Resolution 9, p 125, 1975 minutes.

Introduction:

The 1975 Conference requested that the Public Questions Committee place on its agenda the subject: "The Use of Nuclear Power for the Generation of Electricity in New Zealand" and the Committee has prepared a first report. A substantial proportion of this report is devoted to extracts from reports and statements prepared by Councils of Churches in countries where nuclear power plants are already in operation.

Nuclear Power and New Zealand Power Plans:

The possible use of nuclear power for the future power needs of New Zealand was first mentioned in an official report by the Combined Committee on N.Z. Electric Power Supply in 1957. However, it said that "New Zealand has better sources of power available to meet its needs for some time to come. This indeed is a fortunate circumstance for this country, which can thus reap the benefit of further experience in this very new and promising field".

The 1964 power plan stated "there is no doubt that this means (nuclear) power generation must be introduced by 1977. However, with the finding of the Maui gas field the position changed, and in 1970 the Planning Committee recommended that the nuclear power station scheduled in the 1969 power plan be omitted from the current plan and a 1000 MW dual (oil/gas) fired power station be introduced instead. The 1975 power plan included a 1200 MW nuclear station for 1988, but stated that "Efforts are being made to find suitable alternative indigenous energy resources which could be made available for electricity generation in sufficient quantities and in a reasonably economic and useable form to defer such a station as long as possible".

Inquiries into Nuclear Power in New Zealand:

Because of widespread public concern about possible hazards associated with the generation of nuclear power, the previous Government in 1975 set up a fact-finding group under Sir Malcolm Burns. It is due to report to the Government by March 1977 on the possible environmental consequences of nuclear power production compared with possible alternatives. The present Government on 11 June, 1976, announced the setting up of a Royal Commission to enquire into and report upon the likely consequences of a nuclear power programme. The Commission is to consider such matters as siting, licensing, environmental effects, safety factors, transport of fuel and waste, disposal of water and any other matters which it decides should be brought to the attention of Government. The Commission is due to complete its report in 1977.

Power Production from Nuclear Plants:

Nuclear power stations produce electricity from steam driven turbine generators. The heat required for the steam is produced in a reactor, in present systems from the breaking down (fission) of atoms of uranium 235. This occurs naturally as 0.7% of the uranium is extracted from its ore. The simplest method of producing steam is to have water boiling in the reactor and the steam produced driving the turbine directly. During normal operation of such a station small quantities of radioactive material are produced, but stringent controls are exercised to ensure that any increase in radioactivity caused by the release of such radioactivity is small.

Because the quantities of high grade uranium ore are limited, research has taken place for another generation of reactors "breeder reactors". As well as producing the heat required for steam, these reactors produce plutonium, another radioactive material that could be used as a fuel. Just when such reactors could be available for commercial operation is not definite. A recent report states that such reactors will not now be available by 1990 as originally forecast.

Nuclear Fusion, where atoms combine to form another type of atom, is a theoretically possible way to produce power and would not have many of the problems associated with present processes. However, it is still not established as a practical process and is unlikely to make any contribution to energy requirements this century.

Problems of Nuclear Power:

The problems which cause most concern with the current generation of nuclear power plants are:

- (a) The possibility of an earthquake damaging the plant and causing a release of radioactive material.
- (b) Disposal of waste radioactive material.

(c) The possibility of an accident causing a major release of radioactive material.

(d) Diversion of nuclear material to use in weapons.

On the first issue there is evidence that reactors of adequate strength can be designed. Very considerable research funds have been applied in this area and adequate engineering resources are available. Doubt as to the ability to design reactors of adequate strength should not be based on the performance of commercial buildings in severe earthquakes. Under such conditions commercial buildings are designed to accept some damage because it is economic to do so, but reactors are designed not to be damaged.

On the remaining three issues the Committee has obtained copies of a World Council of Churches report and a statement by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. It is considered the assessments of such bodies should be given considerable weight in coming to any conclusions.

World Council of Churches: Nuclear Power Investigations

In June, 1974 at a World Council of Churches Conference on Science and Technology for Human Development, Bucharest, Rumania, the question was posed to the churches in a statement commenting

"It remains an open question whether the widespread proliferation of nuclear power plants is a desirable choice for society to make, yet throughout the western world there are already clear signs of a growing dependence on this form of energy production . . ."

The Bucharest Conference was not able to resolve the divergent views and recommended that W.C.C. "initiate a study of the major moral, economic, social and scientific implications of the extension of atomic energy plants in the world." The Central Committee of the World Council, in response, asked the Sub-unit on Church and Society to make a preliminary assessment of the risks and potentialities of the expansion of nuclear power. A "Hearing on Nuclear Energy" was held at Sigtuna, Sweden, June 24-29, 1975. The 37 participants included nuclear scientists, scientists from related disciplines, technologists, and politicians as well as theologians and church leaders. The report was published in October, 1975 and Dr Paul Albretch, the Director, Church and Society, World Council of Churches, states that "it will be clear from the report that it is not a highly elaborate consensus document but should be seen as an attempt to describe areas of agreement and to interpret the divergent views".

The report also states that the interest in the Hearing has been so great that a second meeting on the theme of energy is envisaged.

The report dealt with a wide range of issues; two of current interest in New Zealand are Waste Management and Accidents. On these issues the report finds:

Waste Management

"Radioactive wastes are produced by all operating plants in the nuclear power industry. The basic system adopted in waste management is the dilution and dispersal of the low activity wastes, and the concentration and containment of high activity wastes. The latter, which emanate from the fuel-processing facilities constitute about 99.9% of the total radioactive substances produced. They consist mainly of fission products, with some transuranics (actinides). The radioactivity content may be up to 10,000 curies per litre. They are stored first in underground stainless-steel-lined concrete tanks with double containment, and cooling for the decay heat. However, tank

storage for such wastes is an interim measure, and all countries faced with this problem have long-range programmes. These are—

(1) Storage for a finite period, e.g. 5 to 10 years, in tanks to allow for decay cooling.

(2) Solidification in a non-leachable stable material such as glass.

(3) Storage of fixed wastes in an interim vault under controlled conditions, with cooling to dissipate heat and allowance for decay time.

(4) Permanent disposal (if it is necessary to remove the wastes from storage) in a geological environment stable over geological times and with no water ingress possibility. Formations such as deep abandoned salt mines and basaltic and granitic formations have been investigated by different countries.

The problem of transuranic elements (elements above uranium in the periodic table. All 11 transuranic elements are produced artificially and are radioactive) in high activity wastes has been of concern to many because of the long-term control requirement. One solution advocated by some is their separation from the bulk of the high activity waste, separate treatment in special reactors and conversion to less hazardous isotopes. There is need for practical demonstrations of such methods, which would likely increase the cost of waste management. Experience so far indicates that high level activity wastes can be managed safely without separation of the transuranic elements, though review will be needed if and when fast breeder reactors come into operation on a commercial scale; this is unlikely to take place before 1990.

The low and intermediate level wastes resulting from operation of large power reactors constitute less than 0.1% of the total radioactivity but account for a large volume. They are treated by conventional chemical engineering methods and their treatment, containment and disposal operations can be carried out safely without any difficulty. These processes are developed in a high degree of efficiency and a decontamination factor of 100-1000 can be obtained depending on the initial activity and the treatment required to reduce the same to the stipulated levels. Particular care is always taken to remove specifically hazardous isotopes of elements such as strontium, cesium, radium, etc. Airborne wastes are passed through absolute filters which have efficiencies greater than 99.9% down to 0.3 micron particles (or 10^{-6} meters).

The record of radioactive waste management has been good so far and there is no reason to believe that it will not be maintained in the future. Current procedures explicitly involve exposures to workers and the public well below maximum permissible."

Accidents

"The question of the possibility of a large accident in a nuclear power station has been taken very seriously. Every large nuclear power reactor houses such enormous amounts of radioactive materials that under no circumstances should a sizeable fraction of these be allowed to get free. For this reason considerable safety measures were introduced from the beginning of the atomic industry. Thus far any catastrophe has been avoided, though there have been incidents which might have become rather serious. These accidents demonstrate that no let up in vigilance must be allowed; rather a considerable increase will be required in view of the planned global mass deployment of large nuclear power plants. Growing familiarity with the

constant danger, if it leads to carelessness or deviation from accepted safety procedures, will be a hazard in the years to come. The necessity of constant vigilance and the shortage of qualified personnel both impose a limit on the rate of growth of extensive nuclear power programmes."

Nuclear Energy as Challenge

The report sees nuclear energy as a challenge. "The decisions concerning nuclear energy depend on scientific, technical and economic judgements and choices; but also on religious and ethical assumptions. The churches are inevitably drawn into a discussion of the choices, not only by their own sense of responsibility but because scientists themselves are asking for public discussion and guidance on the issues involved. Every conversation during our meeting, no matter how technical the issue, soon became a discussion of human good, ethical decision and the meaning of human life.

We have found, to our surprise and pleasure, that whatever our background and discipline, we have been able to speak and listen to each other with an openness of mind and spirit. We have not come to agreement on all points and in some instances our opinions still differ widely. But this meeting has for us all been a welcome experience in an area of discussion rife with misunderstanding, mistrust and polarization.

We call on all men of good will (and in particular all Christians), to commit themselves to this dialogue. All of us will in the coming years be expected to make critical decisions in this area and we shall need as much information and understanding of the issues involved as we can attain.

We call especially upon all churches to:

1. Further understanding of the problems, both inside and outside the churches, making available to people at all levels of society, reliable and comprehensive information and helping them to interpret and assimilate it;

2. Provide occasions for dialogue where the tension between groups has grown so great as to bring conflict;

3. Bring together those with special responsibility for policy in this field with other strata of persons, especially those they would not normally meet (e.g. problems arise where nuclear planners and engineers do not make an effort to meet with the population of the areas surrounding proposed nuclear power sites);

4. Ask searching public questions on the goals of society and the means it uses, weighing long and short-term advantages and disadvantages, and in this light to provoke the community to examine critically its corporate and individual life styles;

5. Point out that decisions taken in the field of energy ought to diminish and not increase global disparities in economic and political power."

W.C.C. Hearing: Conclusions

The Report reached the following conclusions:

"This Hearing has been a valuable experience to all participants. It has shown both the importance and the feasibility of a dialogue between people with widely differing backgrounds, coming from many different countries, but all of them seriously concerned about the problems nuclear energy may solve or create. It has given a wonderful opportunity to exchange views and to test, to widen or to correct

personal opinion. We are pleased to share the results of our discussion with all those interested and involved in these questions. We hope it will offer some guidance to those who will have to make up their mind on these difficult issues. The rapid growth and increasing complexity of knowledge increases the need for this kind of interdisciplinary dialogue.

The Hearing has also left many of us in a state of perplexity, as we came to realize the meagreness of our knowledge and the momentousness of the decisions the world has to take. The presence among us of foremost experts in several branches of nuclear science and technology has not removed this uneasiness. No Government, no organization, no individual can shirk responsibilities by referring simply to expert knowledge, for no one can be expert on all the physical, technical, geological, medical, biological, economic, social and political aspects of the nuclear issue. Weighing and synthesizing the opinions of many different experts and sifting the enormous amount of data available in publishing reports, tables, monographs and textbooks requires an "expertness" of a higher order. Therefore, our group cannot put forward categorical recommendations. It would not feel justified in either entirely rejecting or in wholeheartedly recommending large-scale use of nuclear energy. All the same we can put forward some conclusions and outline some areas where appraisals diverged.

1. We have been impressed by the reports on the safety of reactors. We are convinced of the deep sense of responsibility of many of those who design and operate nuclear reactors, and we are willing to concede that a nuclear power station operation in a stable world does not present greater risks than many chemical plants we have so far accepted without misgivings. (Some of us may have even begun to worry more about such plants and about the vulnerability of our technological society in general than about nuclear reactors.) We have every reason to believe that at least comparable attention is being paid to the safety aspects of the fast breeder reactors which are being tested and which are potentially more dangerous. From this point of view there is no reason to draw the line between "burners" and "breeders"; there may, however, be other reasons for doing so.

2. Not all of us were aware of the fact that little reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel has as yet been taking place. The nuclear energy delivered thus far stems mostly from the fission of uranium 235; the plutonium fuel cycle is not yet in full swing. Even without plutonium extraction, nuclear reactors can produce nuclear power at comparable cost; this is shown by the Canadian example. But if we continue to work that way the world reserves of cheap uranium will soon be exhausted. Nuclear reactors without fuel reprocessing can therefore provide only a temporary solution: they can help to bridge a gap until other energy sources become available; they do not offer prospects for a long lasting solution of the world's energy problems. Some people would be willing to accept nuclear energy, but only as a limited interim solution. They would, therefore, be against fast breeders, for fast breeders have been developed to use the plutonium recovered from the spent fuel. Those who would in principle be willing to accept a fuller nuclear programme, but who favour a very cautious progress, will have felt relieved by the statement that breeders will not be commercial before 1990. This seems to assure that there will be much more research and testing before they come into widespread use.

3. Speaking of the hazards involved in a large-scale world-wide nuclear programme, the American nuclear scientist, Alvin Weinberg, said: "The price we demand of society for this energy source is both vigilance and a longevity of our social institutions that we are quite unaccustomed to." This statement was endorsed by most members of our group, but opinions differed widely as to the chances for such conditions being realized.

There are those who fear that the required vigilance will in the long run only be possible in an authoritarian society.

Those who are inclined to doubt the possibility of such vigilance and longevity, have either to reject nuclear energy entirely or to accept it only in a severely limited form, i.e. they might accept nuclear reactors without reprocessing and only in locations where favourable conditions for permanent storage of spent fuel exist. This would in no way obviate the need for vigilance with respect to wastes, but the dangers of plutonium theft at (or on the way to or from) reprocessing plants would disappear.

Others believe that the existence of large-scale nuclear energy will force countries to come together and that it will have a stabilizing and pacifying influence. Finally, still others believe that the world is well-prepared for large-scale nuclear energy and that adequate measures exist.

4. The position of developing nations received special attention. Some nations—e.g. India, Brazil, Argentina—have embarked upon extensive nuclear energy programmes. On the other hand, the economies of most of the African countries are not at present prepared to distribute and use the large quantities of electric power produced in a nuclear power station. For the time being more dispersed conventional power units of smaller capacity seem practical to meet the needs of the prevailing economy.

It was the opinion of many that nuclear energy will give the nuclear nations too much technological control over the developing countries as they accept technical assistance in the nuclear field; and the possible influence of large industrial firms on the nuclear economics and politics of such countries was viewed with alarm. (This situation might change as developing countries themselves become exporters of nuclear technology.) The Non-Proliferation Treaty was not acceptable to everyone, especially to those who considered that it interfered with the independence of a country; and some rejected the very idea of a treaty that recognises the right of a few countries to make and possess nuclear weapons, while at the same time seeking to prevent other countries from doing the same.

There was a wide spread of opinions as to whether nuclear energy might possibly be of use to developing countries; some members were convinced that it will be an invaluable aid in fighting famine and misery, while others denied its potential usefulness altogether. All of us agreed that it will be of no avail without a more equitable world economic order.

5. It is regrettable, but inevitable, that one cannot speak about nuclear energy without thinking about nuclear weapons.

For the nuclear nations, the former may be considered a spin-off of the latter; the armaments programme in these countries will hardly be influenced by the existence or non-existence of power producing reactors. For other countries the situation may be just the opposite; nuclear weapons will be a spin-off of nuclear energy. Certainly it is a political decision to make nuclear bombs, but it will

be much easier to carry out this decision if there already exists a general competence in nuclear technology.

So far the existence of nuclear weapons may have contributed to the avoidance of a Third World War. Will this continue to be the case when more and more countries possess nuclear weapons? All of us are deeply convinced that a peace based on nuclear deterrence is at best precarious.

It is not the kind of peace we are longing for, when we read in the gospel about peace on earth.

National Council of Churches of Christ USA: Inquiries

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has commissioned a Committee of Enquiry to assess the prospects of the utilisation of plutonium to produce energy to replace diminishing fossil fuels. Plutonium is not currently used as a reactor fuel in commercially operating power plants in U.S.A., but it is theoretically possible to replace the uranium in a present type of reactor with uranium enriched with plutonium. Some plutonium is produced in present reactors and could be extracted from spent fuel. Plutonium would be produced in considerable quantities in breeder reactors. Concern about plutonium centres on the very long time it stays radioactive—it retains half its activity after 24,000 years. A proposed policy statement was produced on 10 October, 1975 and this statement generated considerable comment. The Council at its meeting on 4 March, 1976 resolved:

1. "That the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches expresses its appreciation and commendation to the courageous persons within the nuclear-energy community who have jeopardized their security and livelihood to call to the attention of the American people the hazards in the nuclear production of energy not adequately safe-guarded by the industry; and

2. That the Governing Board recommends that a suitable objective forum be provided by the Government of the United States to hear and assess the warnings voiced by such persons; and

3. That the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches, expressing profound gratitude to the Committee of Inquiry and to all the church people who have sent thoughtful comments on its report, refers the Proposed Policy Statement on the Plutonium Economy back to the Division of Church and Society for incorporation in the following process; and

4. That the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches directs the Division of Church and Society promptly to initiate and implement a serious study of the theological, economic, socio/political and technical implications of energy use, leading to the drafting of a new Policy Statement. The study should give particular attention to nuclear production for energy and weapons, non-fission alternative energy systems and the proportions of research and development resources allocated to those alternatives. The findings of the Committee of Inquiry and the responses generated by it, as well as the "Proposed Policy Statement on the Plutonium Economy" and the Report to the Churches of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Hearing on Nuclear Energy, shall be incorporated as appropriate. Such deliberations shall include those with experience in the nuclear and related disciplines, as well as those who will be affected by such decisions, including consumers, industry, labour, theologians, ethicists, environmental and Third World Groups. The deliberations should agree upon the criteria to be used to determine when satisfactory solutions have been reached.

The Governing Board calls upon the denominations of the National Council of Churches to participate in these deliberations and to enable them to be effective by providing the necessary financial support and working participants. Further, the Governing Board directs this group to make recommendations for action as appropriate to the Governing Board and/or to program units of the Council, to make progress reports to the Board from time to time, and to present a final report and Proposed Policy Statement to the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches as soon as possible, but no later than the Spring of 1978; and

5. That the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches urges the Government of the United States to declare a moratorium on the development of a plutonium economy so that the people of the United States can assess the pros and cons of the issue, said moratorium to be defined as follows:

A moratorium on the commercial processing and use of plutonium as an energy source, and on the building of a demonstration plutonium breeder reactor, pending further study of the theological, economic, socio/political and technical issues involved."

The New Zealand Situation

Both the reports of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. indicate the complexity of the issues involved and the difficulty in coming to a responsible and conclusive decision in the area of nuclear power, although neither report rejects the continued use of the present type of nuclear power plant.

As far as New Zealand is concerned it is imperative that the alternatives to the use of nuclear energy be given full consideration.

The energy resources available for conventional type plants are:

Coal—Known resources limited

Oil—No known significant resources

Natural Gas—Known resources limited and committed to industry and to presently planned and built power stations

Hydro—Almost all major resources in the North Island utilised. South Island resources will be utilised by soon after the year 2000.

There are, however, numerous minor hydro resources which could well make a contribution to power needs should such modification to the environment be acceptable to the community.

Alternative sources of electric power are being investigated by the New Zealand Energy Research and Development Committee. So far no significant immediately available large scale source of power has been determined, but wind power looks an encouraging possibility in the long term.

An alternative to supplying an increasing demand for power would be to hold demand to a planned slow growth within capacity of present and planned non-nuclear stations by a deliberate policy of rationing by quantity or by major increase in prices. Rationing by quantity, while theoretically practical and fundamentally desirable in the face of the rapid use of the world's resources by the standards of living adopted in New Zealand, has not, as far as is known, been adopted elsewhere in the developed part of the western world and is presumably politically unacceptable in the face of the continued demand for a higher standard of living and the difficulty in allocating fair rations. Reducing demand by major increases in price would have many undesirable social consequences, and it is not clear that major reductions in demand can be achieved by price increases that could be made without disrupting the economy of the country. How-

ever, providing householders with a basic quota of cheap power, and charging relatively highly for any power used above this quota, would discourage waste and would also reflect the true costs of producing power. Fair allocation of basic quotas of cheap power would, however, pose problems not unlike rationing.

Conclusion

The use of nuclear energy for the generation of electricity would assist in meeting New Zealand's energy needs. However, such use poses special problems because of the need to have adequate safeguards in the use, transport and storage of radioactive substances.

The Committee is unable at this stage to reach any firm conclusions and considers that further study of the subject is needed. On this whole matter there is difference of opinion within the Committee, which reflects the differing views held within the community.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION & ABORTION

The formal submissions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to the Royal Commission, follow below. They were presented by the Chairman of the Public Questions Committee to the Commission on 7 April, 1976, in Wellington. Considerable cross-examination followed the submission, questions being directed mainly to changes of attitude relating to abortion law reform within the church since 1971; the status of the foetus; the developmental approach to the question "When does life begin?", as compared to the genetic approach; and the final parties to the abortion decision.

The Committee shares the deep concern and opposition expressed by a great body of community opinion regarding the action by the Minister of Health in introducing legislation to amend the law on abortion, before the Royal Commission has reported to Government.

Introduction

The Methodist Public Questions Committee is appointed annually by the Methodist Conference to "consider moral and social questions as they are related to the spiritual welfare of the community".

In 1971 the Public Questions Committee presented a report on Abortion Law Reform to the Annual Methodist Conference. The report concluded:

"At present the only change that the Conference favours in the New Zealand law on abortion is that necessary to afford legal protection to medical practitioners acting in good faith to preserve the wellbeing of their patients."

After further study of Abortion Law Reform, the Public Questions Committee presented to the Methodist Conference in 1972 another statement which revealed a considerable shift of emphasis in favour of humane changes in the law. The 1972 report supports a law which:

"leave the decision to the patient and her doctor and through government action which makes adequate contraceptive and other facilities freely available to all who need them."

The Methodist Conference, 1972, received the revised report and agreed that it be "circulated for study as a contribution to the ongoing

study of the subject". The report was studied in many local Methodist churches, debated in the 10 district Synods and adopted by Conference, 1974.

The full report is appended to these submissions.

1. The Royal Commission on Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion

A resolution passed at the 1974 Conference:

"calls upon the Government to establish a Commission to investigate the whole issue of abortion in New Zealand and make recommendations concerning any amendment to the law which may be deemed advisable."

The Methodist Conference opposed the Hospitals Amendment Bill as an endeavour:

"to use an administrative device to deal with a complex problem of medical ethics and the law . . . A more fitting line of action would have been to propose an amendment to the Crimes Act which would have opened the basic issues in abortion decisions to Parliamentary debate."

In the event many members in the parliamentary debate on the Hospitals Amendment Bill chose to speak on the ethical issues involved in abortion, which was only marginally relevant to the Bill. It is the hope of the Methodist Public Questions Committee that this Royal Commission will recommend an extensive revision of the present unclear and restrictive law on abortion which will not only provide a basis for new legislation, but will also make a critical assessment of the extensive material on abortion that will make possible a better informed debate in the House.

2. A Suggested Revised Law on Abortion

A resolution passed by the Methodist Conference, 1974, stated:

Conference urges the amendment of Sections 182-187 of the Crimes Act, 1961, to provide for an Abortion Law that would include the following provisions:—

(a) An abortion decision be made by a registered medical practitioner on the request of the patient after adequate counselling has been provided by a person other than the doctor who is to perform the abortion and which will offer alternatives other than abortion.

(b) The abortion in the case of pregnancy of less than 12 weeks' duration to be performed by a registered medical practitioner in a registered clinic or hospital.

(c) The abortion in the case of a pregnancy of 12 to 20 weeks' duration to be performed by a registered medical practitioner in a hospital if the continuation of the pregnancy would involve serious risk to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman, or there was substantial risk of a child being born with severe physical or mental handicap.

(d) Following an abortion adequate follow-up counselling, including contraceptive counselling, be provided.

(e) That no doctor or nurse be discriminated against should they decline to assist in an abortion because of their ethical principles.

The above "Suggested Revised Law on Abortion" is based on the ruling of the Supreme Court in January, 1973, which for all practical purposes legalised abortion in the United States of America.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee supports such a law for New Zealand for the following reasons:

(i) It is consistent with the developmental view of the beginning of human life;

(ii) It will be beneficial to the health of women in New Zealand by reducing substantially the number of illegal abortions and encouraging first trimester abortions;

(iii) It allows freedom of conscience.

3. A Developmental View of the Beginning of Human Life

Ethical judgements cannot be produced from factual premises alone, and in the case of abortion law reform it is impossible to establish a moral policy from biological data. The results of scientific study of human conception and growth are important ingredients of moral judgements, but this scientific data has been defined and interpreted in at least two different ways: the developmental and the genetic views.

It seems unlikely that the Royal Commission will be able to resolve the question as to when human life begins. Justice Blackmun, in *Roe v. Wade*, p. 730, stated:

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

The Methodist Conference report supports the developmental view concerning the beginning of human life, as follows:

"In one sense new life has no specific point of beginning. It is created by the union of two parent cells, each of which can trace its origin to the union of two other parent cells. This union not only initiates a new life, but through a chain of genetic inheritance passes on in potential to this new life all the characteristics that he will later develop. 'His subsequent development may be described as a process of becoming what he already is' (Paul Ramsay). By the eighth week the fetus has all the internal organs of the future adult, and even though very small (less than an inch long) possesses recognisable human physical characteristics. Through the remaining period of gestation the fetus grows and matures. At about the 28th week, sometimes earlier, the fetus is capable of living outside the uterus, i.e. it is 'viable'. After birth the baby is dependent on others for survival."

The relevance of the developmental view in abortion decisions is that it takes into account the ambiguity and conflict of values that are present inevitably in such a decision. James B. Nelson states:

"We can and must, I believe, make some distinctions even though they are risky and relative ones and even though they shade off into one another. Human life, understood developmentally, can exist in **pre-personal** forms (as in the fetus), in **personal** forms (as in the individual with the capacity for consciousness, etc.) and in **post-personal** forms (as in the permanently comatose patient). In all of these stages it is human life and as such it deserves our profound respect and concern. Nevertheless, there are occasions in which the competition of values between lives makes choices about life's qualities imperative." ("Human Medicine—Ethical Perspectives on New Medical Issues", James B. Nelson, Augsburg Publishing House, Minnesota, 1973, p. 20.)

The developmental view allows us to acknowledge that although bodily life is always valuable that value is not unchanging, and that it must be assessed in terms of its presence as well as in the terms of its potential. In the first trimester of the pregnancy the

"humanity" of the fetus is present much more in potential than in actuality. The pregnant woman's family situation may involve a number of people who could be adversely affected by the birth of an unwanted child. If the fetus is to develop its full human potential the woman must provide its total environment for at least 24 to 28 weeks until it reaches the point of viability. It is important that the pregnant woman, in the early stages of her pregnancy, be permitted to exercise her full dignity as a whole person in her own right, whose wishes the doctor can heed and be free to respond to.

It must be acknowledged that this is an area where precise definition is impossible. The Methodist Public Questions Committee supports the above suggested revised law on abortion because it takes cognizance of the gradual development of the blastocyst-embryo-fetus-child, and allows full consideration to be given to the woman's total situation in the first trimester of her pregnancy, provides a bias increasing in favour of the fetus later in the pregnancy, but acknowledges the woman's need through the whole period of the pregnancy.

Individuals and groups who are opposed to abortion, except perhaps in the rarest of situations and only to preserve the physical life of the mother, usually base their moral stance on the genetic view of the beginning of human life. The moment of conception is stated as the point at which human life begins by the members of this school, "The fertilised seed or ovum of plant, of an animal, or of a human, upon the moment of fertilisation and beginning growth, already is in totality that plant, that animal, or that human". ("Handbook on Abortion", Dr and Mrs J. C. Wilke. Hiltz Publishing Co, Ohio; 1971, p. 10. Emphasis added.) The same book quotes with obvious approval the words of Albert Schweitzer, "If a man loses reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all life". (Op. cit., inside front cover.) It follows from this point of view that the rights of the fetus are as absolute as any other human being.

(Additional Note: Schweitzer meant by "reverence for all life" the life of plants, insect and animal as well as human life. The Methodist Public Questions Committee accepts the necessity for an ecological concern that protects all life, but sees a concern for people, human life, as a strong priority. The use of these words of Schweitzer out of context in a discussion on abortion illustrates the failure of many people who hold the genetic view to distinguish between "life" and "human life". Such a confusion has the effect of lessening respect for the sanctity of human life.)

The case of those who are opposed to abortion may be stated in the form of the following syllogism:— All human life is sacred and must never be directly or intentionally destroyed; the fetus is human life from the moment of conception; therefore the fetus must never be directly and intentionally killed by an abortion.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee does not consider that the sacredness of human life is in fact upheld by such a legalistic approach and an undifferentiated concern for life as such. In contrast the Committee accepts a person centred view which is sensitive to the different stages of development of fetal life. It accepts the critical assessment of this anti-abortion point of view made by James B. Nelson, as follows:

"The arguments are made from the external viewpoint by persons who claim the right to judge the actions of others. They use a basically juridical model, determining right and wrong by whether or not the action conforms to a rule of law. They confine the data of the arguments largely to physical (and not emotional

or spiritual) factors. They tend to deal almost exclusively with the patient and physician at the time of that pregnancy, omitting other relationships and a longer view of time. The arguments tend to be rationalist ones, based upon natural law which is assumed to be binding upon all persons regardless of particular religious persuasion." (Op. cit. p. 48.)

There is a tendency in the abortion debate for such terms as "life", "human being", "unborn child", "person", etc., to be used interchangeably, and without further definition, as if they were words of identical meaning. It is important that these terms be used precisely and without undesirable emotional overtones being added for political purposes. For example, abortion is the deliberate destruction of a fetus, a potential and developing human life. It is not the murder of a person; nor the removal of a piece of tissue. Abortion "is a peculiar moral problem that can be neither 'solved' by clumsy analogies nor dissolved by some rhetorical sleight of hand". (R. B. Potter, quoted by Nelson, Op. cit. p. 53.) The term "unborn child" is inappropriate to refer to the conceptus at every stage from conception until birth, and is better restricted at least to use from the point of viability if feeling is not to outstrip real meaning in the use of words.

"Human" can be used in two ways:—descriptively, as an adjective to distinguish one species from other animal species; or normatively, to refer to specific qualities of life and action which a community may accept as ideals towards which all people should strive.

The fertilised egg is "human" in the sense that it has human parents and a unique genetic make-up which determines the basic physical characteristics of the person it will develop into. By contrast to this descriptive use of the term, the Methodist report gives a normative definition of human as implying

"... the capacity to live independently, to reason, to will and to relate to others. This is not achieved in its fullness until maturity, but normally birth (and at least in theory, viability) represents a crisis point in this long process of development for now the baby begins to develop independence as a unique person. Hence even at birth human life is present more in potential than in actuality. In all this process it is an arbitrary assumption to isolate any particular point as the time when human life begins."

"Pro-life" advocates support their case by an unsupported assumption that every fetus has a "right to life". This implies a degree of maturity in the fetus more appropriate to a developed person. The fact that every adult must have been a fetus at the beginning of its development does not imply that every fetus therefore has an inalienable right to become an adult, and that this right has absolute priority over every other person's rights, or over other human considerations.

The developmental view does not see values and rights as existing independently of concrete situations, nor as arising from personal preferences and desires. It is a relational concept that accepts values and rights in "the particular relationships and genuine needs of the beings involved—including the fetus, the woman, the man, others immediately and more remotely related, and God the ultimate Valuer." (Nelson, Op. cit. p. 53.)

4. Beneficial to Women's Health

The establishment of a revised abortion law as outlined above would not mean that New Zealand was pioneering a new social reform, with all the hazards of implementing an untried policy. The

law suggested above is similar in form to that which was instituted in the United States of America as a result of the Supreme Court ruling in January, 1973, and although different sociological factors may suggest some caution in predicting the same results from a similar law in New Zealand, it is reasonable to suggest that the effects would not be radically different.

The Council of the Institute of Medicine, USA, was chartered by the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., to report on the health effects of legalised abortion in the USA. The report of this study, "Legalized Abortion and the Public Health", May, 1975, indicates clearly that the new American law has been beneficial to the health of women in two main ways:

(a) By reducing substantially the number of illegal abortions;
(b) By increasing the proportion of first trimester abortions in relation to the more hazardous second trimester abortions.

(a) The conclusions of the study include the following:—

"Many women will seek to terminate an unwanted pregnancy by abortion whether it is illegal or not. Evidence suggests that legalisation and practices that permit women to obtain abortions in proper medical surroundings will lead to fewer deaths and a lower rate of medical complications than restrictive legislation and practices." p. 8.

"... many women who previously relied on illegal abortions are now obtaining their abortion legally with a lesser risk of severe medical complications." p. 67.

(b) The second main theme of the report was the difference in risks between first and second trimester terminations with the following conclusions:— (cf Similar findings in the British Lane Report, par. 148.)

"The substantial differences between the mortality and morbidity associated with legal abortion in the first and second trimesters suggest that laws, medical practices, and educational programs should enable and encourage women who have chosen abortion to obtain it in the first three months of pregnancy." p. 8.

"In the United States and other countries that have non-restrictive abortion statutes, the risk of death associated with legal abortion in the trimester is markedly lower than that associated with carrying a pregnancy to term, and much lower than the risk associated with frequently performed surgical procedures." p. 85.

In discussing the psychological aspects of first as against second trimester abortions, it is reported:

"After abortion, the second trimester group spoke of the termination in such terms as 'labor', 'delivery', and 'childbirth' and also referred to the 'baby' or 'child' rather than the 'fetus' or 'pregnancy'—terms that the first trimester group used. The mid-trimester group also appeared to undergo more of a mourning period after the abortion than the women obtaining D & Cs... The evidence is consistent, however, with the view that the longer the period of gestation, the more the fetus will be viewed as a 'baby', and the more likely that an abortion will be accompanied by a grief or loss reaction." p. 97. (cf Similar findings in the British "Lane Report", par. 152 (7).)

5. Freedom of Conscience

The suggested revised abortion law contains the provision: "that no doctor or nurse be discriminated against should they decline to

assist in an abortion because of their ethical principles". This contrasts with the present situation where women with unwanted pregnancies may not be permitted to follow their conscience in obtaining an abortion.

New Zealand is a pluralistic society and its citizens accept a wide range of religious, moral and social points of view. The new law on abortion as suggested above would enable a more democratic situation to exist in our country in that people of varying points of view would be free to follow their own principles. From the group that opposes abortion pregnant women would not seek it; doctors and nurses would be free to refuse to be involved in abortion procedures; and there would be no restriction on them if they chose to offer counselling or practical help to any woman trying to avoid an abortion. The claim that "innocent human life" would be destroyed is a premise at best unproven, and which requires "rights" to be arbitrarily ascribed to a fetus on the assumption that it is as much a human person as an adult.

On the other hand, with a reformed law women would be free of unwarranted legal interference in deciding at any specific time whether to bear a child, and doctors willing to assist would be able to exercise their professional judgement, except for regulations ensuring the safest standard of medical treatment.

6. Every Child a Wanted Child

A common motive for seeking abortion law reform, and one which the Methodist Public Questions Committee shares, is to ensure that every child is born a wanted child.

It is acknowledged that many unwanted pregnancies develop into wanted children as the potential parents accept the new situation—at first perhaps with reluctance; later possibly with enthusiasm. Current studies show that many children who have been rejected or abused by their parents were originally wanted by their parents who had planned their birth.

Nor is the worth of the child dependent on its being wanted by parents. From the Christian standpoint any person has value in God's sight quite apart from the attitude of other human beings. The Methodist report states:

"Christian concern for the sanctity of human life affirms that each individual person is of infinite value in God's sight."

This topic was also investigated by the Council of the Institute of Medicine, USA, referred to above, and their findings stated, *inter alia* :

"Although not nearly enough is known about the decisions and problems that face women with unwanted pregnancies, or how they cope with the children who were unwanted at the time the abortion was sought, some recent research has begun to examine these issues. Illsley and Hall (1972) surveyed published reports and concluded that 'although many women who are refused abortion do adjust to their situations and grow to love the child, about half would still have preferred an abortion, a large minority suffer considerable distress, and a small minority (eventually) develop severe disturbance.' . . . The effects on the child born of any unwanted pregnancy are even more difficult to evaluate than the effects on the mother." ("Legalized Abortion and the Public Health." p. 96, cf British "Lane Report" par. 177.)

In spite of the fact that there is little scientific data on the effect of unwanted pregnancies, and human resilience makes possible the development of mature adults in the face of early rejection by parents

and being raised in a hostile environment, the committee believes that the community has a responsibility to make it possible for every child to be born a wanted child. That some well integrated adults have developed from unwanted children does not provide any justification for indifference to situations where they may develop. Personal and community resources can be assembled to meet an undesirable situation, but a better alternative is to attempt to prevent the need for their use.

7. Counselling

The Methodist report states:—

"A change in the law would necessitate the establishment of centres offering a Pregnancy Advisory Service. Such centres would offer a complete counselling service for all women distressed as the result of a pregnancy. It would not just supply information concerning the availability of an abortion, but provide a full discussion of all the alternatives open to the enquirer. This would enable the counsellor to discern the woman's real needs and wishes in the situation confronting her. It would also be able to co-ordinate practical services and offer realistic alternatives to abortion."

It is important for counselling to be readily available in a neutral environment so that the pregnant woman can be encouraged to make an independent judgement whether to seek an abortion or to continue with the pregnancy. The counsellor should not try to persuade the counsellee to accept her own solution but in a non-directive manner to act as a facilitator to support the counsellee as she comes to her own decision.

Counselling has been described as:

"... a process of discussion directed at helping the client decide what her best course of action is and what her wishes are, take responsibility for her own ultimate decision, avoid serious regrets about it later and understand how she came to be in her present difficulty so as to avoid finding herself in the same situation again." ("Abortion Counselling"—Madeleine Simms, p. 4. The Birth Control Trust, London, 1973.)

The above booklet quotes the judgement of the National Marriage Guidance Council (Great Britain):—

"We consider the function of counsellors is not to tell people how they ought to behave, but rather to give them the information on which they can come to informed decisions and to help them consider the implications of possible alternatives." ("Abortion Counselling" Op. Cit. p. 4. Note also the British "Lane Report", par. 292.)

The Public Questions Committee believes that counselling centres should be attached to each public hospital with staff competent to deal with a wide range of family problems. This would enable abortion to be dealt with, and to be seen to be, as part of a wider context, which would include family planning, methods of contraception and sterilisation as well as interpersonal relationships. There would be room in such an organisation for the employment of part time counsellors selected and trained to standards comparable with those of Marriage Guidance Counsellors, provided the use of such counsellors is supervised by competent professional staff, and it is used in conjunction with specialists to whom individuals presented with more serious problems could be referred. The introduction of Human Relationship Courses into schools is likely to motivate young people to seek the help of such counselling services.

The type of person suitable for use as abortion counsellors is described well by John D. Asher, as follows:—

“Important personality traits for an abortion counsellor include the basic counselling attributes of empathy, nonpossessive warmth and genuineness. In addition there should be a certain maturity, flexibility, and willingness on the part of the counsellor to let the woman make her own decision . . . the counsellor must be able to tolerate ambivalence, uncertainty and ambiguity. Many counselling situations will not be clear-cut, and the decision reached will be an imperfect one resulting from a compromise of needs and pressures.” (“Abortion Counselling”—American Journal of Public Health, Vol 62, No 5; May, 1972.)

8. Contraception

The Methodist Conference report states:—

“It is important that a change of law should be accompanied by greater stress on the provision of contraceptive information and supplies . . . The wide dissemination of this information is best achieved by setting up birth control clinics in all hospitals, and including contraceptives on the Social Security list of free medicines . . .”

“It is stressed that contraception for the unmarried is not an encouragement for immoral behaviour; rather, properly offered, it may even be an important chance to encourage the single people involved to think about the nature of their commitment to each other, and to consider for the first time the rightness of their action. Whatever judgement is passed on the apparent increase in extra-marital sexual relationships in recent years, it is a fact of our times to be reckoned with. Any moral standard that has to be enforced by the threat of an unwanted pregnancy, or worse, of an unwanted child is grossly inadequate. There is no inconsistency in the Church insisting that ‘the key aspect of sex in relationship and therefore the central moral criterion should be one of responsibility’. Report on ‘Human Sexuality’, Methodist Conference Minutes, 1970, p. 141), and supporting Government action that will ensure that those who accept a different point of view on human sexuality do not risk the birth of an unwanted child as the result of their action.”

The Public Questions Committee notes that the “Report of the Committee on the Working of the Abortion Act” (Chairman The Hon. Mrs Justice Lane) states concerning the situation in England:—

“After 1 April, 1974 the N.H.S. will have responsibility for comprehensive family planning services and these will be administered by Area Health Authorities. We welcome this and hope that it will be treated as a matter of high priority. We regard contraceptive care as an important part of general health care.” (Volume 1; par. 538.)

The Committee would welcome equivalent provisions for New Zealand.

9. Voluntary Sterilisation

The Methodist Public Questions Committee has not studied in detail the question of voluntary sterilisation, but the report on Abortion Law Reform adopted by the Methodist Conference, 1971, included “the encouragement of voluntary sterilisation” as one of several alternatives to a more liberal abortion law which the report did not favour at that time. The Committee is aware of the difference of practice in relation to voluntary sterilisation in New Zealand

hospitals because of lack of clarity in the law. The Committee still supports provision for voluntary sterilisation eligible for health benefits and freely available in hospitals throughout the country as an action that should be taken in addition to providing more humane abortion laws.

10. Concluding Comments

It is commonplace to affirm that we live in a time of rapid cultural and social change. Current abortion laws in New Zealand have changed little since their original enactment in the 19th century. Medical skill has increased tremendously during this time. There is less willingness to accept in a spirit of resignation indifferent or painful circumstances in which people may find themselves. With increased competence there is a strengthening of the will to strive actively to obtain quality of life. It is time that the abortion laws in New Zealand took cognisance of all these factors.

International Women's Year has made the whole community aware of a broad spectrum of alternatives open to women and indicated a more diverse and richer quality of life for themselves and others closely associated with them. Family planning is part of their overall planning for the future and there is less willingness to submit to additional pregnancies that seriously disrupt their personally fulfilling pattern of life. Abortion should be available as an emergency measure where unwanted pregnancies arise from contraceptive failure.

Some people oppose the humanization of abortion laws on the grounds that this is both evidence of the increasing permissiveness in society, and an encouragement of lower moral standards. A request for an abortion should not be used as an occasion for moralising on how the situation could have been avoided. Prevention is always better than cure. But this truism applies to many other cases which a doctor is required to treat—obesity, drunken drivers injured in accidents, etc. The first action necessary is non-judgemental treatment. Later action can be taken to prevent future occurrences.

"... we do not wish to give any support to those who would encourage a censorious public attitude to those who seek abortion. To suggest that the woman who, after anxiety, heart-searching, and doubt decides to seek an abortion, should instead summon up all her will-power and accept with the best grace she can muster a situation which will often be tragic for her, is advice similar to that so often in past given to those who were suffering from nervous or mental illness—'pull yourself together'. It is advice which in the great majority of cases is crude, unfeeling and ineffectual. We do not think that the Abortion Act can be interpreted, or should be used, in a punitive way in an attempt to improve this society's morals and to diminish sexual misbehaviour." (Lane Report, Volume 1, par. 609.)

The reforms of the abortion laws in both Great Britain, 1967, and the United States of America, 1973, have been subject to close scrutiny. The Lane Report recommended "that the wording of the Act laying down the criteria for abortion be left unamended". The Institute of Medicine, USA, study underlines the benefits of the amended law, as quoted above.

Of the two approaches to abortion law reform the Public Questions Committee supports the American law as a basis for a new abortion law in New Zealand in that it permits the doctor to exercise his professional judgement when a woman requests an abortion, without the constraint of specific grounds for a legal abortion.

In discussing abortion counselling Madeleine Simms notes the difficulty created by the specific grounds for legal abortion in the 1967 Abortion Act and quotes E. J. Lieberman, a psychiatrist, as stating:

"These women . . . are put into the position of having to exaggerate or misrepresent their feelings, to tell the doctor what they think he needs to hear in order to be able to recommend abortion. The result is scarcely compatible with an honest presentation of self by the patient, or an unbiased judgement by the diagnostician." (Op. Cit. p. 6.)

The Methodist Public Questions Committee supports a revised abortion law which allows for full consideration to be given to the woman's total situation in the first trimester, provides a bias increasingly in favour of the fetus later in the pregnancy, but acknowledges the woman's need through the whole pregnancy; and leaves the abortion decision to the professional judgement of the doctor in response to the women's request. A change of law should be accompanied by the provision of facilities to enable a woman's request for an abortion to be processed with a minimum of delay. Lengthy screening processes should be avoided. Adequate counselling and contraceptive services should be provided.

"The passing of the Act exposed many personal problems in the lives of contemporary women which had previously been hidden and the inadequacy of the service which had been instituted to alleviate these problems. By facilitating a greatly increased number of abortions the Act has relieved a vast amount of individual suffering." (Lane Report, Vol. 1, par. 600.)

The Public Questions Committee looks forward to the relieving of "a vast amount of individual suffering" in New Zealand through a more humane abortion law.

SALE OF LIQUOR IN NEW ZEALAND

Written submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on the Sale of Liquor Amendment (No. 2) Bill—made May, 1976.

These submissions are presented by the above committee which is a duly authorised committee of the Methodist Church. They are prepared against a background of research and consideration by the committee over a period of some two years and in the light of extensive correspondence from the different courts of the church.

In presenting these submissions, we claim to speak for a section of New Zealand society including not only members of our Church, but others whose concerns are similar to our own.

1. LOWERING THE DRINKING AGE:

As a committee we are opposed to the lowering of the drinking age to 18 years. The reasons for our opposition are:

(i) Adolescents often do not have the maturity, or the experience necessary to handle alcohol.

To state as does the Royal Commission on Liquor that "We cannot accept that the 18-year-old New Zealander is less mature or responsible than his or her English, Scottish or Australian counterpart" is to beg the question. Any study of reports from the Social Welfare or Justice Department makes it abundantly clear that there are in New Zealand, many immature young people under 20 years of age who are vulnerable to the injurious effects of alcohol. This is particularly true of our Maori and Polynesian people. We note that the Royal Commission on Liquor expressed its concern for these

people strongly, viz "We make it perfectly clear that what we say here is not meant in any way as a criticism of Pacific Islanders nor do we place on them the blame for the unfortunate consequences which flow from the consumption of liquor by some of them . . . the truth is that they are unable to cope with the rapid change from a non-drinking society in their homeland to the sophisticated drinking culture in New Zealand . . . They are attracted by our hotels and taverns to which they have, like all others, unrestricted access, they earn far more money than they did at home and spend too much of this money on the readily available liquor, often with disastrous consequences to themselves and others. This is not fair to them or us. The problem does exist and it would be folly to ignore it . . ."

Paragraph 759 and p. 233 Sale of Liquor in New Zealand.

This point of view is endorsed by Dr Peter Sharples, an executive officer of the Race Relation Conciliators office in Auckland.

" . . . The Pacific Islander and the Maori are particularly vulnerable to our drinking habits. With rapid migration into urban areas, especially Auckland, both groups find they are entering a highly competitive and disciplined society. For many, kinship ties and extended family co-operation give way to a nuclear family struggle for existence, not untypical of city life. The stringent demands of urban living; the pressure to conform; and the fact that Polynesians generally enter the world of work at a much earlier age than the pakeha, and are less equipped educationally to adapt to it, all provide a large number of social casualties. The attraction of the tavern under these circumstances is only too obvious. Too many Maoris and Pacific Islanders drink too much alcohol. Many can ill-afford the money to do so, but even less can they afford the time and the resultant neglect of family life. (Maori Welfare Officers and Church leaders have often quoted the 'abuse of alcohol' as the major social evil which faces the urbanisation of their people today) . . ."

(N.Z. "Listener" 14.6.75, p. 19.)

To lower the drinking age from 20 to 18 at this stage would, we believe, increase the risk that Maori, Pacific Island and Pakeha young people already run from alcohol.

(ii) If the age is reduced to 18, it will simply bring down to say 14 or 16 the age at which young people start drinking or start trying to buy alcohol.

We note with interest that this was one of the points made by the New Zealand Police in its submissions to the Royal Commission.

" . . . 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. It is understood this is the pattern in South Australia where the age was reduced from 21 to 18 years in 1971 . . ."

Consequently, the Royal Commission came out strongly in favour of the use of identity cards as proof of age.

"260 We recommend:

(1) The introduction of an identity card bearing the full name of the person to whom it relates, together with a certified record of his or her date of birth and a photograph of that person for identification purposes. This identity card should be obtained on application by the person concerned at the office of an appropriate Government Department . . .

(2) Any person appearing to be under the age of 18 years who purchases or attempts to purchase liquor in any hotel, tavern, or other licensed premises may be requested to produce an

identity card to prove his or her age or identification . . ."

Sale of Liquor in New Zealand, p. 100.

However, as all that the proposed legislation before the House suggests is that the publican be given the discretion to call for "reasonable evidence", whatever that may mean, we would respectfully suggest that this will do little to reduce the number of under age drinkers.

(iii) It will increase the road toll of traffic accidents causing death or injury and will make worse the prevailing drinking driving problem.

We support the view of the Ministry of Transport which stated to the Royal Commission on Liquor:

"At present 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."

Paragraph 244, p. 95 The Sale of Liquor in New Zealand.

This view was endorsed by the results of two recent surveys. One, conducted by three staff members of the North Canterbury Hospital Board in 1972, found that of the 99 positive samples, 63 per cent came from the 15-24 age group. This group also comprised 64 per cent of all car drivers and motor cyclists coming to the hospital. This report noted that "it is remarkable that 26 per cent of drivers' licences are held by drivers under 25 years".

The other, a D.S.I.R. publication entitled "Alcohol is the Blood of New Zealand Drivers", is an analysis of fatal road accidents in 1970. Alcohol was involved in at least 31 per cent of all fatal accidents, but on Friday and Saturday nights, the percentage rose to 59 per cent. Drivers under 26 years of age comprised 55 per cent of those involved in fatal accidents.

(iv) The number of persons under 20 years of age who have developed alcohol problems has already increased.

The lowering of the drinking age to 18 years will only aggravate what is already a serious problem. A medical hospital superintendent recently stated that with the permitted age at 20 years, 25% of the alcoholic patients at Kingseat Hospital are under 25 years of age.

(v) We are further concerned that any lowering of the age could well lead to an increase in crimes committed by persons under 20 years of age while affected by liquor.

It is sufficient to remind the Committee that the Justice Department report that 80% of crime is committed while people are under the influence of liquor.

In its report, the Royal Commission on Liquor, when discussing the possible lowering of the drinking age to 18, made much of the fact that the voting age has already been lowered to 18 . . . "In endeavouring to reach a realistic decision on this controversial issue we are influenced by two considerations which demand attention. The first is that Parliament has granted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years the right to vote at local body elections. Furthermore both the Government and the Opposition in Parliament have expressed in writing their intention to reduce to 18 years the age at which a person is entitled to vote for the election of members of Parliament. If persons who have attained the age of 18 years are entrusted with the privilege and responsibility of voting at Parliament and local

body elections, it would be quite illogical to deny them the right lawfully to drink in licensed premises."

Paragraph 255, p. 98 Sale of Liquor in New Zealand.

With respect to the Commission, we would not agree that this is a matter of logic. To our mind there is a world of difference between the consequences of voting once every 18 months or so at a local body or Parliamentary election and the consequences of regular imbibing of alcohol.

We would remind the members of the Committee that alcohol is a depressive psycho-active drug, whose continued use by some persons can lead to both physical and psychological dependence and eventually to brain and liver damage and death. Even in small quantities it can be a significant contributing factor in road accidents, domestic disputes and the like. We commend to your attention the article "Alcohol: it is and why it affects you" in Vol. 27. No. 2 of Health.

2. HOURS OF SALE:

The Public Questions Committee is opposed to any extension of drinking time, either through the extension of "drinking up" time to half an hour, or through making it possible for a hotel or tavern keeper to apply to the local licensing committee to remain open until 11 o'clock on Fridays and Saturdays. We firmly hold to our opinion 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 in regard to alcohol related offences. It will also lead to an increase in the already appalling week-end road toll. As we mentioned previously the percentage of fatal accidents in which alcohol was involved in 1970 rose from 31% on week nights to 69% on Friday and Saturday nights.

A reminder of the extent of the alcoholic liquor abuse problem in New Zealand is to be found in paragraph 161 of "The Sale of Liquor in New Zealand". It states "It arises mainly from excessive and irresponsible drinking by both men and women, and particularly those under the age of 25 years whose behaviour while affected by liquor has aroused so much concern. The evidence of this problem is manifested by the number of road accidents resulting in death or injury in which excessive drinking was at least a contributory cause, the commission of crimes where the consumption of too much liquor was a contributing factor, wilful damage to property, disorderly behaviour, disrupted family life, marital discord leading all too frequently to the breakdown of the marriage with its adverse effects on the family and the increasing number of sufferers from alcoholism or alcohol related problems . . ."

Confirmation of the truth of these words can be easily obtained by—spending a Saturday night at the outpatients' clinic at Auckland or Wellington Public Hospitals—spending just a day with a Social Worker or a Joint Team worker—queuing up for a taxi at 10.45 p.m. on a Friday night in any of our main cities—by visiting the city hotels on weekends (all bars).

3. GENERAL ANCILLARY LICENCES:

We hope this section of the Bill will be deferred to enable time to be spent on investigating all the possible consequences of this new type of licence. A quick reading would suggest that it would make it possible for Sports Clubs to sell liquor to those who are under 18, on a Sunday! We refer to 25(3)(c) . . . taking part in any sporting activity . . . , 40(6A) . . . that person is accompanied by his spouse

(being a person of or over the age of 18 years) or by his parent . . . and 25(1) . . . on any day . . .

This whole part of the legislation needs clarification. As it stands it would appear not only to open the door for 16 and 17 year olds—or even less—to drink in sports and other clubs, but also to be the first step towards the introduction of Sunday trading. We also believe that as this section of the Bill is written it assumes, whether correctly or not is not for us to judge, that the Licensing Control Commission is possessed with the wisdom of a Solomon.

The Public Questions Committee would have preferred to have made more positive submissions but there is little, indeed nothing in the Bill, that enables it to do so. Positive recommendations by the Royal Commission on Liquor to encourage more moderate and responsible use of alcohol have been largely ignored by the Bill.

The Bill's pattern of relaxing the law while tightening its policing, ignores the Royal Commission's call for . . . "a sustained public education and information programme . . . to establish a national consensus in favour of moderation and the social control of liquor." After 18 months of work and receiving over 220 submissions from every shade of the opinion, the Commission agreed that ". . . it could not be called positive education in support of moderation only to cite the punitive measures available through the licensing law to restrain those who step outside the boundaries laid down by society".

Yet this in fact is what this Bill does. To rely on tighter policing, rather than the far reaching educational measures proposed by the commission, is to simply repeat the old pattern of legal restrictions which in the past have only served to polarise attitudes to alcohol.

We join with those, like the N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, who are urging the setting up of an Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council. Such a Council could implement alcohol research and education programmes, financed initially by a tax on liquor sales by sports and chartered clubs and eventually by all licensed wholesalers. Responsibility for the abuse of alcohol would thereby be shared by the people who profit by its sale.

"The Council would not be needed at all were it not for the harm, misery and degradation caused by the abuse of alcoholic liquor by some members of our society who are vulnerable to it. These ills derive directly from the nature and effects of alcohol. Therefore it seems to be unassailable logic that those who, for their own reasons, manufacture, sell or consume this potentially dangerous commodity, beverage alcohol, should bear the cost of remedying or reducing the ravages which it causes."

We believe that better socially accepted behaviour would come through education encouraged by a Liquor Advisory Council rather than through reliance on greater penalties,

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

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CO EN CO (CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION)

Committee has discontinued its membership of Co En Co. Initially, it joined when the environment issue and related matters needed a wide measure of support in order to establish a suitable organisation for this purpose. As it now seems that the main contribution lies in

technical expertise, the extent to which the Methodist Public Questions Committee can usefully contribute is rather limited. The organisation has been assured of our continuing interest and support for its aims and objectives.

OTHER SUBJECTS

In addition to the subjects included in this report, the Committee is working on the question of censorship, particularly in relation to films. Other matters awaiting the Committee's attention are Christian Ethics, the Status of Women in Society, Trends in Society and Smoking & Health.

CO-OPERATION WITH PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

After consultations with the Assembly Committee, it has been agreed to undertake joint study and to pool resources in subjects of common involvement, wherever this is feasible. Although it will present some problems on account of differing areas of responsibility, it is felt there is enough common ground to justify a closer working relationship.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Committee is represented on the Council by Revs. C. D. Clark and J. C. F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar. For the second year, Mr Clark has been Chairman of the Council and Rev. G. R. Peterson continues to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Particular subjects with which the Council has been concerned during 1975 are:—

International Women's Year:

The Council gave its support to the main thrusts of this venture—(a) the equality of women especially in the light of the Christian value of each person, (b) a better opportunity for women to contribute to the community, inside and outside the home, and (c) women's contribution to world peace.

Privacy of Records:

The privacy of records which are in the hands of ministers of religion, doctors, counsellors and social workers and adequate protection for them against unwarranted seizure was studied by a special committee of the Council. Although no specific action ensued, the Council has been alerted to the need to watch for possible erosion of security in what is a vitally confidential area.

Marriage by Registrars at Week Ends:

Although the Council made submissions to the previous Government, which introduced the Marriage Amendment Bill in 1975, the Statutes Revision Committee declined to make provision for any of the requested changes. Retention of the designation "officiating minister" in preference to "marriage celebrant" was declined.

Sale of Liquor Amendment (No. 2) Bill:

The Council's submissions on this piece of legislation urged afresh, that a place be included in the legislation for a Liquor Industry Council. It also declared its opposition to the extension of facilities for sports clubs and licensed theatres, especially in relation to Sunday sales; and reaffirmed its opposition to lowering the drinking age in public to 18 years.

Rights of Individual Church & Community Leaders:

Approaches were made by the Council to the Public Questions

Committees of the constituent churches for comment concerning a statement which Council wishes to make affirming the right of church and community leaders to publicly express personal convictions on controversial and political matters, without prejudicing their position.

C. D. CLARK, Chairman.
R. E. SULLIVAN, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE

1. FILM CENSORSHIP:

Film has rightly been called one of the new art forms of the twentieth century. What began three-quarters of a century ago as a dramatic novelty, has evolved through a stage of man's family entertainment into an art form and means of communication so important and so pervasive that it touches all our lives. At its worst, as with other art forms, it can be unspeakably banal and wretched. At its best it can be magnificent.

The Present Situation

Film censorship in New Zealand is controlled by the Cinematograph Films Act of 1961, an Act which repeats virtually unaltered the negative emphasis of the original 1916 Act. The 1961 Act has been variously described as 'out-moded', 'unduly restrictive', 'vague', 'inadequate', and 'inconsistent'. The Chief Censor himself has been one of its severest critics. It compares unfavourably with the Indecent Publications Act 1963. This Act, which covers the censorship of indecent publications, has not only won deserved acclaim overseas, but for 13 years has worked well in practice with booksellers, writers, publishers and the reading public, all well satisfied with its operation.

Two clear attitudes towards film censorship have emerged. There are those who would like to see adults permitted to choose for themselves what they would or would not see, while supporting a system of film censorship designed to protect children and young people.

There are also groups and individuals who are strongly opposed to any change in the censorship laws and would indeed suggest that they be toughened.

One unfortunate consequence of the debate between these two groups has been that it has focussed on sexual items and their treatment, virtually to the exclusion of aspects of society, e.g. violence, which are in fact more destructive of community health. It has also been directed more at serious films rather than at the 'rubbish' which is still being distributed.

Is Censorship Still Needed?

In a previous report we stated 'the aims of censorship in New Zealand are broadly stated, to protect members of the public from confrontation with material of a sexual or violent nature which might be corrupting . . . the assumption on which are based—that people are corrupted by such material—is open to debate. Research that has been carried out so far on this question is not conclusive.'

The mass media, of which the film is one, cannot be considered in isolation; they must be placed in a social context. When this has been done it becomes clear that television, films, etc. are by no means as important in shaping attitudes as are agencies like the family, school, friends, workmates. As a UNESCO report dealing with violence points out:

"The basis of violent behaviour is more likely to be found in the frustration engendered by such factors as inequality, social injustice, over-crowding, urbanisation and so on . . . the media may add to the frustration by encouraging levels of aspiration and status which cannot be achieved."

The Committee spent some time investigating the question whether the depiction of violence and sexual matters by films plays a significant part in the causation of violence and in the formation or changing of sexual behaviour or attitudes in real life.

As far as violence is concerned there appears little doubt that the overall amount of violence viewed by people is one of the determinants of the level of anti-social, aggressive behaviour in the community. Indeed, specific films may present novel and unique forms of aggressive behaviour models which are directly imitated by some people.

In view of these facts, the Committee believes that it is essential that censorship for children and young persons be retained. The same applies in the area of sexual matters. Most of the evidence we surveyed supported the cautious position of the United States Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, who stated:

"1. Extensive empirical investigation, both by the Commission and others, provides no evidence that exposure to or use of explicit sexual materials play a significant role in the causation of social or individual harms such as crime, delinquency, sexual or non-sexual deviancy or severe emotional disturbances . . ."

However, we acknowledge that the research carried out so far is not conclusive, and for that reason we would continue to support censorship where children and young people are concerned.

Towards a New Law

In our 1970 report to Conference we stated—"It is important for people to be able to live in a society which gives them sufficient freedom to grow and develop as responsible persons. For a person to live responsibly in a free society he must have criteria by which to judge and reject the false and the trivial."

We would reaffirm that basic principle and add that in our view there is no longer any justification for denying an individual adult the right to choose for himself what he will see. Later in the report we set out in some detail, a proposed new law for film censorship, which takes that fact into consideration. The reasons for suggesting this change are as follows:

1. It is not films alone which determine the way in which people will behave, but rather the wider influences of family, school, church and other social institutions.

2. Persons will not be able to develop mature judgment and discrimination unless they can themselves set the bad against the good.

3. That what is now decided by others, i.e. the State on the public's behalf may as often as not be wrong.

4. That censorship is the last weapon to choose if the triumph of good over evil is wanted. Wrong ideas are to be fought openly, not suppressed.

5. The cinema does not have a captive audience. Unless a person is particularly naive or obtuse, he knows very well what sort of film he is paying to see and if he is offended, he can walk out.

6. The view that films usually reflect the current state of society deserves attention. To ban undesirable films is merely treating a symptom and not dealing with the disease, which is seen to be false values and debased standards within the community itself.

7. The administration difficulties of censorship are great. Opinions of what is 'indecent' differ markedly even among Christian people. Consequently, the line of demarcation between the objectionable and the acceptable is not always a firm one and may well move either way according to the taste and background of the censor or the spirit of the times.

8. By drawing attention to proscribed material, censorship frequently defeats its own purpose.

One further question remains. How do you define an adult? This is not an easy question to answer, as there is still a divergence of opinion on this matter. As far as film censorship is concerned, the Committee believes that this should be any person 18 years of age and over. They are discerning enough to exercise the right to vote at that age and it is only logical to accept the fact that at that age they no longer need the protection of law when it comes to viewing films. At 18, if they are in the armed forces, they are regarded as old enough, should the situation arise, to exercise the powers of life and death. This being so, then they are old enough to tell the difference between the screen image and real life.

A possible new law could look like this:

(a) An exhibitor of a film would be required to make a declaration to the Censor before any film was first shown publicly.

(b) In such a declaration, the exhibitor would state either

(i) that the film was intended for adult audiences only (i.e. 18 years and over), or

(ii) that the film was intended for a wider audience, including people under the age of 18.

(c) If the film was for adult audiences only (option (i)), then the Censor would automatically give the film an 'Adults Only' certificate. This would restrict exhibition of the film to 18-year-olds and over.

(d) If the film was intended for a wider audience (option (ii)) then the Censor would view the film and give it such certificate, which would enable it to be seen by such children and young people as he considered appropriate. The certificate would state clearly, as to whether the film was for general exhibition, or whether it was approved for exhibition to a 'specified class or description of persons only, or for a specified purpose, or on a specified occasion.' The Censor could, if he wished refuse to approve the film for exhibition.

(e) Under option (ii), the Censor would be permitted to cut the film only with the consent of the exhibitor. A refusal on the part of the exhibitor to agree to a cut being made would either lead to a more restricted certificate being made, or the film being banned.

(f) In viewing a film to be censored under option (ii) the Censor would be required to bear in mind the following criteria:

A. The character of the film itself and in particular:

(i) the dominant effect of the film as a whole;

(ii) the extent to which the film possesses artistic merit or has importance for social, cultural or other reasons;

(iii) the extent and degree and the manner in which the film depicts or is concerned with matters of cruelty, violence, crime, horror or sex;

(iv) the extent to which any persons who are likely to see the film may be expected to benefit from doing so;

(v) the extent to which any persons who are likely to see the film may be expected to be adversely affected by doing so;

(vi) the extent to which the film is intended to appeal to the more perverse or prurient instincts of its audience;

(vii) the extent to which the film displays an honest purpose, or whether its scenes are merely camouflage designed to render acceptable any matter of cruelty, violence, crime, horror or sex.

B. The nature of the audience for which the film is intended.

C. The place, or places at which the film itself will be exhibited, the occasion upon which it will be exhibited and any special circumstances relating to the proposed exhibition of the film.

(g) There should be a procedure for an appeal to an independent tribunal, if the exhibitor wished to contest a decision made by the Censor.

Under the changes proposed above, film censorship would no longer operate for films which are for adults only. Film censorship would continue to apply, very much as it does now, where films are intended for children and young persons.

In drafting this proposed new law we have sought to be as positive as possible and to avoid the use of words which are either very emotional or vague, e.g. obscene, indecent, corrupt, offensive to public feeling, and so on.

There has been some suggestion recently, that instead of a Chief Censor, who is immediately responsible for the examination or censorship of films, there should be a sizeable panel of part-time censors, to carry out these functions, rather along the lines of the Indecent Publications Tribunal. Advantages of such a system could be, first, that the views of a variety of people are available on each case, and, second, that by providing for a gradual rotation of membership the complementary advantages of the retention of experience and the introduction of new blood may both be secured. However, the practical difficulty is that—could such a panel see all the films it might be required to see? The Indecent Publications Tribunal could not operate as it does if it was required to read and pronounce upon a much greater number of books. Its effectiveness is due in part to the comparatively small proportion of all publications that come before it.

2. COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE POLICE

No doubt, communities always have and always will regard those of their number who are placed in some sort of authority over them, with mixed feelings and a certain degree of watchfulness, not to say outright suspicion. To a degree, this is healthy and acts as a safeguard against any abuse of that authority. The Police in New Zealand is no exception to that general rule; it acts under constant and healthy public scrutiny.

In recent months, the Public Questions Committee of the Methodist Church has become concerned at the rather sharper tone which some of this criticism seems to have taken and that this could ultimately lead to an understandable tendency on the part of the Police to 'close the ranks', or to become aloof from the community which it should not only serve, but of which it should be an integral part. It is clear to us that with the continued development of "J teams", the community work undertaken by Y.A.S. officers, and by public relations, that the Police are well aware of this possibility and are continuing to take steps to avoid it. On the other side however, we see the continued development of separate Police canteens and other types of social amenities which to some extent serve to withdraw members of the Police from the community.

Our main concern however, has been caused by the view which many members of the community in general, and of our Church in particular have taken over the tragic events surrounding the death of Daniel Houppapa in Taumaranui. We have read the newspaper

accounts of the incident, the views of Peter Williams, a solicitor, who made some enquiries into the facts, and the findings of the Coroner. These findings of course, bring the particular case to a close, and we have no concern about the decision which he reached.

We are concerned however, with the fact that a large part of the basic investigation, the results of which it is presumed would be very important to the Coroner in reaching his decision, was for lack of any other agency, carried out by the Police. We believe that in a matter as serious as this, such a situation places an unfair burden on the Police.

The Police in New Zealand, has we believe, a proud record of freedom from corruption, and is zealous perhaps even to a fault in bringing any of its members before the Courts, who fall short in the high standards which are set for honesty, or even compliance with traffic regulations. However, in a situation such as that at Taumaranui, where the legal justification for the actions which resulted in a loss of life, rest so heavily on individual judgments, and opinions as to "what might have happened" become so important, the "facts" are very hard to determine. In such circumstances, it is very difficult for the Police themselves to convince an often sceptical and emotionally involved section of the public, that their own investigation has been impartial and free from unconscious bias.

In our view, this is an impossible task, which we, as the community should not ask of the Police. Those involved in the incident and the Police as a whole, should we feel, have the protection, in these circumstances, of an investigation conducted by an agency, which all but the most determinedly sceptical, will acknowledge to be impartial and disinterested.

In our opinion, there is only one agency which could at the moment have the public confidence and the resources to carry out this role. This is the Office of the Ombudsman. We are therefore, suggesting for the Government's consideration, that where a situation has arisen which is likely to give rise to serious criticism of the Police, and where the facts are capable of a wide range of individual interpretations, that the necessary investigation be carried out under the supervision of the Ombudsman, rather than by the Police.

3. SUPPRESSION OF NAMES OF ACCUSED

The Committee made strong representations to the Minister of Justice over the repeal of Section 45B of the Criminal Justice Act 1975. In expressing its opposition to the repeal of the suppression of names, the Committee said:

"We are of the opinion that the fears expressed at the time the Names Suppression Law was introduced have largely proved groundless. Journalists have shown themselves capable of writing intelligible Court reports without having to use the accused's name. The Courts have made judicious use of their discretionary powers to allow publication of the defendant's name where the circumstances of the case were likely to point suspicion to another person and there have been instances of an accused person exercising his right to have his name published.

Most important of all, there have been many families of accused persons who have been spared the suffering which inevitably comes upon them when a name is published.

We would further point out that under the existing law, the majority of those charged with criminal offences and found guilty are eventually named. Our real concern is for the small minority who are found not guilty and who we feel are entitled to be released not only from the Court, but from the lingering burden of suspicion

which inevitably follows from being named as a defendant in a criminal court action.

We regret very much the Government's decision to repeal this piece of humane legislation, particularly when the evidence is clearly pointing to its effectiveness. We believe that the repeal of the Names Suppression Law will return us to the iniquitous situation where only a small proportion of court cases are reported and these appear generally to be only those which are considered newsworthy. We agree with the New Zealand Prisoners Aid Society who, when making submissions on the Bill stated: "It could be argued that the criterion for the publication on names is not so much to demonstrate that justice is being done, but rather that editorial policy believes the details are of definite appeal to the readers."

4. APPRECIATION OF REV. C. D. CLARK'S SERVICES AS CHAIRMAN

Rev. Colin D. Clark relinquishes the Chairmanship of the Methodist Public Questions Committee after 11 years. Joining the Committee in 1965, he was called upon to serve as Acting Chairman at only his second meeting and before the end of the year, the responsibility of Chairman.

During his long term of office, the Committee has been involved in a wide gamut of social and moral issues. With few exceptions, they have involved hard work and painstaking research—and at times reaction and opposition. In areas such as law reform on homosexuality and abortion—to mention just two—Colin Clark has shown insight, conviction and courage of a high order.

For his contribution to the work of the Committee, coupled with his long service on the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, the Methodist Church of New Zealand has cause to count itself fortunate in being served so capably and loyally over such a long period. It is with gratitude that we record this appreciation of his work as Chairman of the Committee. A suitable recommendation of appreciation is appended below.

JOHN C. F. MABON, Chairman.
R. E. SULLIVAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Supplementary Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Government be urged to undertake more positive measures to ensure that electricity and other energy resources are not wasted

3. That Conference expresses its support for the Government's intention to explore alternative sources of energy and urges that priority be given to this task.

4. That the Public Questions Committee continue its study of the question of the use of nuclear power for generation of electricity in New Zealand.

5. That the Report on Film Censorship be received only, and referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for study. Comments to be forwarded to the Convener not later than 31st May, 1977.

6. That Conference urges the Government that where a situation has arisen which is likely to give rise to serious criticism of the Police, and where the facts are capable of a wide range of individual interpretations that the necessary investigation be carried

out under the supervision of the Ombudsman rather than by the Police.

7. That recognising the need for the Police to act, and to be seen as impartial and sensitive upholders of the law, Conference expresses its concern at recent actions which have fostered ill-will towards the Police. Conference, therefore, seeks answers from the Minister of Police to the following specific points:

(a) Can he inform us of the position regarding access of Members of Cabinet to information contained in Police files?

(b) Can he give an assurance that random police checks in the Street against suspected overstayers as took place during Labour Weekend 1976, have been permanently discontinued?

(c) Can he assure us that he will do all in his power to see that no person will in future be detained without adequate cause or arrested without a charge being laid?

8. That because of the humane nature of the recently repealed Names Suppression Law and its undoubted effectiveness in releasing the innocent from unnecessary suffering — without the course of justice being impeded—Conference urges the Government to consider reintroducing Section 45B of the Criminal Justice Act 1975, or similar legislation which would offer the same protection.

9. (a) That the Public Questions Committee investigate contemporary race relations within New Zealand in general, and in particular, to relate to the issues which prejudice good relationships.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee pursue its investigations through a sub-committee having its personnel drawn from the Auckland area. (Sub-committee Convener and Committee to be appointed by Auckland Synod).

(c) That the Public Questions Committee be given an initial grant of \$500 to assist the operations of the sub-committee.

(d) That the basic terms of reference for the sub-committee be

(i) To undertake research into the factors that assist or aggravate race relationships.

(ii) To promote a response to the issues among congregations through the relevant Divisions and Standing Committees of the Conference.

(iii) To work to the maximum possible extent with existing groups and organisations actively involved in promoting healthy relationships between races.

(iv) To consult with the Maori Division/Samoan Policy Committee/Tongan-Auckland/Wellington Fellowships/Auckland Fijian Fellowship/and other interested groups in the course of its investigations.

10. That Conference calls upon the Government to revise its policy regarding Pacific Island overstayers in our country; in particular Conference urges the Government to allow all who on 10th April, 1976, had overstayed their temporary permits and who now wish to stay in New Zealand to do so.

While acknowledging that such a policy may present its own problems and inequities Conference believes that such an action would be less undesirable than the results of police actions which are used to enforce the present policy.

Furthermore such an action would:

(a) Be a recognition that as a community we have over a long period welcomed and enjoyed the presence of Pacific Island workers, overlooking breaches of the immigration laws in the interests of industry.

(b) Be a positive step towards building understanding and goodwill between our various ethnic groups.

(c) Be a positive way of relaxing our present strained relationships with our Pacific neighbours.

(d) Be a recognition that in New Zealand we seek to create a society in which the rule of law is always tempered by an appreciation of the importance of human ties and our responsibility to the wider world community.

11. That failing a positive response by Government to the request of Conference for a radical revision of its policy regarding 'Overstayers' (see Resolution 10 above), the International Affairs Committee be asked to consider as a possible alternate line of further approach to Government the following:

(a) That in view of the strain placed on the resources of Pacific Island countries by the sending home of abnormally large numbers of "overstayers", that Conference authorise the launching of an "Overstayers' Rehabilitation Fund", to be administered by Methodist Church authorities in Samoa and Tonga respectively.

(b) That the New Zealand Government be urged to make substantial compassionate grants (or long-term low-interest loans) to the Governments of Samoa and Tonga, to assist them in the rehabilitation of returning "overstayers".

(c) That, in view of the renewal of a treaty of friendship between Tonga and West Germany, as a matter of urgency, the New Zealand Government seek to collaborate with the West German Government in promoting investment to create job opportunities in Tonga and other Pacific Island countries.

12. (a) That Conference urges where possible Church members to become personally involved in the rehousing and resettlement of Pacific Islanders.

(b) That Conference encourages local congregations to initiate and support sponsorship schemes for Pacific Island workers.

(13) That Conference is encouraged by the formation of the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and the research into immigration and resettlement issues which they propose to carry out, and noting the majority of whites in New Zealand, Conference asks the Commission to prepare proposals which will eliminate the current racial imbalance in New Zealand's immigration policy; the proposals to be presented to Synods prior to the 1977 Conference.

14. (a) That this Conference deplores recent events in Parliament involving the Prime Minister and other senior members of Parliament. Such behaviour not only demeans the institution of Parliament but abuses the justification for the absolute freedom of speech 'privilege' is intended to safeguard. This Conference supports those members of Parliament who see the need for radical change in the conduct of Parliament.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee investigate the institution of Parliamentary Privilege, its use and abuse, and report to Conference 1977 on the desirability of an independent Tribunal to take the place of the Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

15. That this Conference re-affirm "the Social Principles of the Methodist Church" (1967 Minutes of Conference, p. 113) and that these be reprinted and made available.

16. That Conference places on record its sincere appreciation of the contribution made by the Rev. Colin Clark during his eleven years as Chairman of the Methodist Public Questions Committee.

17. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z.I.C.C.P.A. for 1977 be: Revs. C. D. Clark and J. C. F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar.

18. That the Public Questions Committee for 1977 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 38—(b) International Affairs?

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

1. THE PALESTINIAN ARABS

We believe that the time has come for the position of the Palestinian Arabs to be re-examined and their legitimate grievances and aspirations recognised.

In 1974 there were 2,700,000 Palestinians living in countries round about Israel or in territory occupied by Israel in its outwards extension since 1957 (Syria 200,000, Lebanon 320,000, Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai 390,000, West Bank 640,000, Jordan 900,000, Saudi Arabia, the Arab Emirates, Iraq and Kuwait 250,000). A further 470,000 live in Israel itself where they now form a minority in a population of approximately 3,400,000 people. According to their 1973 figures UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) had registered 1.6 million Palestine refugees, and were providing basic food rations for about 827,000 and medical care for 1.4 million.

There is a tendency for many people in the West to ignore the plight of the Palestinian because of a belief that the Jewish people had a right to Palestine, and there seems to be a general vague feeling that the other Arab countries ought to absorb them into their population. But Palestine was their homeland for many centuries, and now that they are deprived of it, many of them have nowhere to go. Some families have been living in refugee camps since 1948. Some of the neighbouring Arab States—Jordan and Lebanon for instance—are not rich countries, and have unemployment problems of their own. They have absorbed some of the Palestinians into their work force, but it would not have been possible to take all of them. Besides Jordan in particular has lost a good deal of its own territory to Israel in the wars since World War II. The Palestinians do not want to accept the principle of giving up their land, for they, too, naturally regard it as their home.

The region of Palestine has been successively ruled by the Hebrews, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Maccabeans, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Egyptians, Crusaders, Mamelukes, and finally the Ottoman Turks who governed the territory from the 16th century until driven out by the British in World War I.

Jewish people began scattering abroad after the Babylonian exile in the 6th century B.C., for at that stage not all preferred to return to their homeland. Generally speaking, Jews seem to have been successful traders and they moved to many cities where trade was good. For instance, there was a large Jewish colony in Alexandria in the time of Alexander the Great, and Paul and the early Christians met other groups throughout Asia Minor. Similarly, there were many non-Jewish inhabitants in "Palestine", in some cities a majority. While it is true that after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 most of the Jewish survivors fled to other communities, it is also true

that they represented but part of the then world's Jewish population. Also their dispersion could in no way be called the responsibility of the "Arabs".

Palestinian leaders have pointed out that for centuries Jews, Christians and Muslims enjoyed equal rights in Palestine. The movement of Jews back into Palestine has been taking place for many centuries and, for instance, many fled there from persecution in Spain and Portugal in the 15th and 16th centuries, and their descendants have lived there ever since. However, the Jewish immigration of this century, together with the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, has turned the area into a Jewish nation with little regard for the rights of those to whom the land formerly belonged.

The British ruled Palestine under a League of Nations mandate for 30 years from 1916. In 1917, in order to gain Jewish support in the war, they issued the Balfour Declaration. In this the British Foreign Secretary stated that "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine." In a Churchill memorandum re-interpreting the Balfour Declaration in 1922, it was stated that immigration was to be limited according to "the economic capacity of the country at the time to absorb new arrivals", and that it was not intended to bring about the "disappearance or the subordination of the Arabic population, language or culture in Palestine". The Balfour Declaration had been made in the face of an earlier British promise to recognise Arab independence in return for full Arab military co-operation against the Turks. Naturally the Arabs have always seen the Balfour Declaration as having been incompatible with the promise of Arab independence.

In 1918 there were 60,000 Jews living in Palestine out of a population of 700,000. A further 117,000 arrived in the period from 1919-1931 and 217,000 more between 1932 and 1938. Thus by 1939 the Jewish proportion of the population had risen to 28% (429,605 of 1,500,000) compared to 17% in 1931.

Back in 1929 communal strife in Jerusalem and several other towns had led to many deaths of Jews and Arabs and both a Commission of Enquiry in 1930 and a Report on the Land Question had recommended that Jewish immigration be cut down. With continuing immigration the Arabs began to despair of getting any redress except by violence. Conflict and tension erupted into war in 1936. The Peel Commission proposed a partition of the land into Arab and Jewish states with Jerusalem and a corridor to the sea still under British mandate. This was not acceptable to the Jews, nor was a British White Paper which would restrict or prohibit the sale of certain land to them, which would keep their population down to one-third of the total and which would allow 75,000 more immigrants during the next five years, but after that the level of immigration would be dependent on the consent of the Arab majority.

Naturally, during the Second World War the Jews opposed Hitler, but they still resented the White Paper. No one would want to deny the right of the survivors of the Concentration Camps finding a home and security among their own people. But on the other hand, there is no reason why the Arab people should have had to suffer the loss of their homes to "make reparation" for atrocities which had nothing to do with them. Also, of the 687,000 immigrants who entered Israel between 1948 and 1951 about 70,000 were survivors of Nazi concentra-

tion camps, and these latter could have been absorbed relatively easily without it adversely affecting the Arab position.

After World War II the British mandate continued but so did the troubles. In 1947 Bevin announced his decision that Britain withdraw and leave the country to the United Nations. The Haganab — the Jewish para-military organisation which had been organising and smuggling arms into the country—swung into action and large numbers of Arabs fled, hoping to return when the situation was quieter. The U.N. set up a partition plan which would allow the Jews and Arabs separate territories and internationalise Jerusalem, but the Jews rejected it, the Arabs did not like it, and there was no way to implement it. In 1948 on the British evacuation, Ben Gurion proclaimed the Jewish State of Israel.

Under the U.N. plan the Jews, who constituted 32% of the population, were to have 55% of the country including most of the Mediterranean surfboard and an outlet on the Gulf of Aqaba. During the fighting of 1948 Israel occupied 77% of the country, including the whole Mediterranean coast, and the Palestinians were thus cut off from the sea as well as being dispossessed of much of their land. Arab refugees living in refugee camps numbered about 580,000 in 1949. But by 1956 their numbers were to swell to 922,000. Most of them were peasants with no skill beyond that of cultivating the land, and no land to cultivate.

In 1950 the Law of Return stated that "every Jew has the right to come to this country as a settler", and the 1952 Law of Nationality granted Israeli citizenship to (a) every Jewish settler whoever comes whether or not he renounces his previous nationality; and (b) every person who was residing in the country on the day the State was proclaimed, or had legally entered before the Law was passed. Any Palestinian since then who has wished to return has had to apply for naturalisation, and this depends on the goodwill of the Minister of the Interior.

In 1956 Israel seized the Sinai Peninsula which previously had belonged to Egypt (and incidentally was never part of Israel's territory in Biblical times). At this stage there were 1,667,500 Jews in Israel as against 200,000 Arabs, with some 922,000 Arab refugees abroad. She withdrew only on condition that the U.N. would guarantee access to the Suez Canal and that the U.N. would occupy the Gaza Strip. When this U.N. occupation ceased in 1967 Israel again attacked Sinai, holding it until the more recent Agreement with Egypt. She also occupied a large area of Jordanian territory that she continues to hold in spite of U.N. resolutions to the contrary. Jewish kibbutism has recently been started there and in other occupied areas such as the Golan Heights.

An estimated 750,000 Arabs fled their homes and farms in terror in 1947. A second wave of Palestinians fled from the West Bank in 1967 after Israeli armoured forces occupied the area during the Six Day War. The West Bank was not part of pre-1948 Palestine, but of Jordan. Israel has declared more than once that she will not give up the area, but whereas the Arabs might acquiesce in being ruled by Israel if they could use the land, now that the Israelis are actually settling the land by establishing kibbutism, the Arabs see themselves losing the only home they have once again.

Meanwhile the Lebanon situation at the moment poses an even more alarming problem for them. The presence of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon is now well known, the tragedy of Tel Zaatar having brought their plight once more to notice.

Lebanon, before the influx of the Palestinian refugees, was fairly evenly divided between Muslims and Christians. The Constitution reflected this, as the President was always a Christian and the Prime Minister a Muslim. However, the influx of Palestinians made the Muslims into a majority, which they have tried to have reflected in a greater balance of power. The situation has been clearly out of control, but it may never have happened if the Palestinian problem had been solved earlier.

While we cannot in any way condone the extreme and brutal actions which have been perpetrated by some Palestinian groups, yet we must recognise the background of frustration and hopelessness against which they are taken.

The Arabs love freedom and their ancestral homes just as much as the Jewish people. Moderate opinion among them would still like to see a democratic secular Palestine with Jews, Muslims and Christians enjoying equal rights, and with the refugees allowed to return home again.

It is questionable how much influence we can have at this distance. In the area of public opinion we can help a recognition of the justice of the Arab cause. As people we have tended to see Israel's point of view more readily than that of those whom they have displaced.

There may be ways in which our country can influence Israel to place a limit on Jewish immigration; offer poorer Arab countries technical and financial help, especially in the settlement of Palestinians; see that reasonable compensation is offered to absentee Arab owners; work for the internationalising of Jerusalem.

In a recent article in the N.Z. Monthly Review, Dr Ronald McIntyre suggests a possible way forward between Israel and the Palestinians. He would hope for the suspension of all conflict; the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip linked by a corridor; reciprocal diplomatic recognition and relations; guarantees of non-bellingerency; a phased return of Palestinians on an agreed quota system to Israel; economic and technical co-operation between both the proposed states; and Jerusalem shared as a common capital.

There appears to be increasing willingness on the Arab side to admit that Israel is here to stay. No longer are they aiming so stridently to "push her into the sea". In the realities of the situation that represents progress. But there can never be a settlement in the Middle East, whatever the Agreements between nation States, while the question of the Palestinian Arabs remains unsolved.

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2. WORLD HUNGER

1975 Minutes, page 134, No. 7. "That in view of the problems 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."

We cannot come to grips with the reality of the world's hunger and still remain the way we are.

Immediately we start asking questions about hunger and starvation, and how we can help, we become involved in questions that are far more complex—trade, and the economic system, for instance—and also very personal. Our own standards of living come under question. Also, we need to be aware that, while the resolution centres our attention on hunger, this is but one facet of an even greater problem. For having given a person food, and the right type of food, what then—Life consists of more than bread, and feeding the hungry has but helped them through the first crisis they must face in achieving human dignity.

"One third of all mankind is ill with chronic hunger. Five hundred million of these are starving children." Herr Willy Brandt used these graphic yet tragic figures when speaking to a UNICEF Conference in 1974.

The optimism of the early 1970s which placed its hope in the startling results of the Green Revolution—the result of the 'miracle seeds' produced by Dr Norman Borlaug—turned to despair in 1973-74 as hunger and famine began ravaging hundreds of millions of the poorest of the earth's inhabitants in at least 40 countries.

World food production went down by 1.6% in 1972, and although it picked up 6% in 1973, saw another down-turn of 3% in 1974. This in a world where there are 200,000 new inhabitants every day, or 75 million a year.

In the face of this situation some people advocate the "life-boat theory"—i.e., that wealthier countries should only help those poorer countries which are most likely to survive.

Others support the "triage" theory, based on the World War I practice of dividing the wounded into survival categories and concentrating only on those who benefit most.

But such thinking can never be adequate as a basis for conscientious action. Every person has a right to life, and to food in particular, and death from starvation is an indictment on the world.

Scientists argue that we can feed the world's population, allowing that a population policy slowing down our growth rate is urgently needed. Alan Begg, for instance, a food and nutrition expert with the World Bank, claims it is within the power of humanity to produce enough food to prevent masses from starving. Dr Norman Borlaug, the father of the Green Revolution, also believes we have the capacity and the land to grow sufficient for all.

If the means are there, why do millions yet remain hungry, and why is half the population in the 60 poorest countries down to one meal a day?

Is it because of an unwillingness to "see" the problem, and because of a lack of will, on the part of individuals, governments and community groups to really come to terms with it?

The matter of hungry peoples remains a "minority concern" within New Zealand. As a country we plan to give \$51 million in Aid from official revenue in 1976, a decrease from \$59 million in 1975. Despite our present economic difficulties, it is not possible to make an adequate case for such a cutback if our own standard of living is viewed in the light of the vast majority of the world's population.

We live in a world in which it is a crime to have one of the highest standards of living, not an asset. The richer we get and the wealthier we are, the greater our responsibility and the judgement under which we stand.

Whereas it is bad enough for our official aid to be cut back, it is even worse that our giving as individuals is so minimal. The plight of our own handicapped and afflicted groups are deserving enough, and the support we give them is right and proper. But how shabbily we treat the deprived millions of the world compared to the way we try to care for those closer to home.

How can we encourage our people towards a greater awareness of and a greater sensitivity towards this issue?

We can provide material which can put people in touch with those already at work in this field, for a multitude of agencies already exist which attempt to play their part in channeling our concern overseas. This would include information on the better-known organisations such as the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal, Regional Committees of CORSO, the United Nations Association, UNICEF, World Vision, etc. We can also put people in touch with more specialist agencies such as the Overseas Development Committee, Trade Aid, the New Zealand Coalition for Trade and Development, the Guild of Raphael, etc. This we hope to be able to do in our later proposal.

We can encourage our people to act as a "ginger" group by lobbying M.Ps and Ministers of the Crown concerning Overseas Aid. What we give as a country is dependent to some degree on what successive Governments think is politically desirable. There is no one, apart from concerned people, who will argue in favour of giving more and more of our resources away. We must not let this matter go by default.

But what is needed is an effort to get this question beyond the Conference Minutes and into the thinking and action of local congregations. Two years ago the Committee co-operated with the Education Division to produce a Christian Education Handbook on this subject. How well has this material been used? Have congregations found any way of using it? Have they wanted to?

In an effort to help local congregations come to grips with this issue, we suggest that churches set aside a week during Lent 1977 when material produced by the Committee, in conjunction with the Education Division, can be studied in depth and actioned. Lent seems a very appropriate season for such a venture. Besides the material already produced we envisage the type of material to be provided could include:

Potted sermons; a reading list of key books and pamphlets; book reviews of some of the important literature; lists of organisations and contacts involved in relief and development; suggestions for youth activities; practical projects; suggestions for expression work—e.g. posters, collages; group discussion and Bible Study material; suggestions for symbolic actions and happenings; hymn and drawing contests; making use of the "New Citizen", local media and personnel who could help, etc. This would naturally involve a lot of work in preparation, but it would be well worthwhile if there was a desire at the local level to do something serious about the issue.

Ecumenical Secretariat on Development. Members of the Committee represented us at a recent Seminar comprising representatives of the Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Delegates shared information and material on development issues, including the Anglican Lenten Study produced for use during 1976. It was recognised that as well as our being aware of the needs of the wider world, we also need to study the meaning of development within more affluent nations, our own included. Two courses of action are to be pursued: (a) a Lenten Study is to be available to all who care to use it; (b) a loose-leaf folder on matters relating to development is to be prepared.

CORSO: As members of Conference will be aware, there have been major Constitutional changes made during the year. At the time of writing the matter is still very fluid, and so the Committee intends to report directly to Conference.

3. NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE

New Zealand Volte-Face

The present Government stance on nuclear-powered vessels and armaments seems not only at variance from the recent past, but diametrically in opposition to it, if we are to follow the logic of the Caucus decision to host nuclear-powered warships in N.Z. ports under ANZUS.

On December 12th, 1975 N.Z.'s initiative in the United Nations in favour of a South Pacific Nuclear-free Zone won a 110-nil victory with 20 (among them the Great Powers) abstaining. Early in 1976, the Secretary-General of the U.N. visited this country and had talks with the Prime Minister from which we expected much. Now it seems all that is set aside.

Reasons for such a Zone

Seeing it in relation to the visit of U.S. warships, there are several—

1. N.Z. being drawn into the nuclear group of nations:

Surely we ought to be able to debate this matter before it is decided for us. Many appeals have been made in the past by groups (such as WILPF; Synods, etc.) and individuals—many of them in recent months, but this volume of opposition seems to be set aside. Government authority appears to hold the sway. Yet President Eisenhower once said: "Indeed I think people want peace so much that one of these days Governments had better get out of their way and let them have it."

2. The affirmed wish of smaller nations in this area:

Fiji has expressed its desire that this should be so. Indeed, it is possible that the ultimate nuclear-free zone may include such Powers including Latin America but excluding Australia and N.Z. who are already committed as they understand ANZUS obligations. But nations such as Fiji have traditionally looked to N.Z. for support in such matters—apparently in vain on this issue.

3. All the risk factor of nuclear involvement:

The possibility of accident and the threat to the lives of so many in such areas as are intended to be used. (Incidentally, Australia seems to be playing somewhat safer in this case by offering hospitality to the U.S. nuclear ship far on the west coast and well south of Fremantle—clear of any built-up areas!). There is also the "target" factor. By establishing such a base here, we will naturally attract the interest of enemy ships who would otherwise have no motivation to do so.

OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A ZONE—

1. Anzus obligations don't allow it:

It is claimed that we cannot avoid this. If we want U.S. protection, we must accept it on their terms. But the Anzus Pact is a partnership agreement which need not include an agreement in any specific area such as this. As in years past, the hosting of nuclear-armed ships is not required unless N.Z. wishes it to be so.

2. Living in today's world:

We must grow up and play our part in the world as it is today. Nuclear power in peace and war is "part of the 'in thing'" now and if wish to be "up with the play", this is the way. And, of course, if we accept this view, so are the consequences of the actions we take, eg., provoking a Russian response. We seem to be in danger of resuming "cold war" thinking which belonged to a state of international politics of the past. Also, a part of the reality of today's world is the existence of zones of the type we suggest—outer space; the ocean bed; Antarctica; Latin America; Scandinavia—and even some of the cities and ports of the United States of America.

3. Denying access on the high seas:

We have no moral or legal right to prevent other ships who wish to travel in these areas to do so. It is important to note that the terms under which such nuclear-weapon-free zones are set up apply only to territorial waters, leaving the great sea lanes free and open for the use of all who wish to use them.

CONCLUSION:

With the recent announcement by the N.Z. Government that nuclear-powered vessels are due in N.Z. waters we must assume the probability of their being nuclear-armed since there is no denial of this. It appears that the matter has already been decided. But if that is so, we still have two areas in which we can, if we wish, lend our weight—

1. The South Pacific countries, other than Australia and N.Z., can still decide where they stand in the matter. Some have already done so, and can be encouraged to persist in their convictions in the interests at least of a partially-free zone.

2. The South American Zone extends far west into the Pacific Ocean in terms of the territorial waters involved. It is possible that other Pacific areas, who are still free to decide on their attitude in this matter, might well be linked up with the South American Zone to create an enlarged area free of nuclear-armed ships.

The proposed visit by a nuclear-powered vessel raises not only the moral issues regarding nuclear policy, it also signals again the fundamental shift which has taken place in our foreign policy. We have changed back from a more independent line with the initiatives it allowed us to take a position where we are firmly involved in ANZUS and under the protection of the American nuclear umbrella. We do not feel that our Church ought to give ready acquiescence to this move.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA

All Black Rugby Tour:

Our 1975 (p. 132-133 Minutes) report tried to summarise once again some of the reasons why the Tour should not have gone ahead. Both the Committee and the Conference have been consistently opposed to this kind of venture where political decisions in South Africa dictate on racial grounds who shall not be able to play in a

representative South African team. Those who argue that sport and politics must not be mixed must face the fact that the whole question has "blown up" because South African politicians have imposed political restrictions, and enacted racial legislation.

Earlier in the year the Committee co-operated with Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian Church leaders in making another appeal to the N.Z. Rugby Union to have the tour cancelled. And even on the day of the team's departure a last effort was made at the time in that a Petition from concerned New Zealanders was presented. These, like earlier expressions, were of no avail.

The boycott by African and Arab nations of the Montreal Olympics, and the tragic events which have developed in South Africa since the Soweto riots confirm the diagnosis we have been making. Hopefully they have brought home to New Zealanders something of the seriousness with which the world at large views the situation. The present position seems to mean that sporting organisations are dictating our country's foreign policy, or at least our image, in the eyes of the world. While this remains, they must face far more seriously the moral issues involved in their actions. There are far greater and more world-wide political implications in playing against apartheid-selected teams than there are in our Government's advising sporting bodies of the likely outcome of their decisions and recommending a certain course of action.

Church Investments in Companies Trading in South Africa:

(See 1975 Minutes pp. 127-129 and Resolution 4, p. 134.)

Members of our Committee have been working during the year in consultation with members of the relevant Presbyterian Committee. At the time of writing this Report both the N.Z.I. and South British Insurance have agreed to place the Church-sponsored resolution on their Agenda for their Annual Meetings this year. The N.Z.I. Annual Meeting is due to be held prior to Conference, and the South British after Conference. It has been agreed that in each case the resolution will be formally moved and spoken to by a Presbyterian leader, and seconded by a Methodist leader. The resolutions need to be seen as official actions by our churches who as shareholders in both Companies wish to raise the matters of moral concern.

In terms of the resolution, the Companies are being asked to publicly declare their belief in the right of equal opportunity in employment; to take the necessary steps to make this right a reality; and to report progress to the Annual Meetings of the Companies in 1977.

We have been encouraged by a reply from the N.Z.I. which reads, *inter alia*:

"... The Directors have formally recorded ... the following resolution: 'The Directors confirm their adherence to the principle of equal opportunity in employment with the Company wherever it and its subsidiaries operate. Appointments are made on the basis of the ability of the employee to carry out the responsibilities of the position in the best interests of the Company. The Directors have in the past and will continue in the future to pursue a policy of providing such training programmes as will enable employees regardless of colour, and/or religion to take their places within the Company at all levels consistent with their ability.'"

This reply seems to accept a good deal of the Church resolution, and therefore we are somewhat perplexed to discover that the Company also says—

"The Board . . . will not be able to vote in favour of the same or recommend it to shareholders."

A further report will be made at Conference.

E. F. I. HANSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. **Palestinian Arabs:** That the International Affairs Committee continues to explore the possibilities for practical action on the issues raised in the report.

3. **World Hunger:**

(a) Conference calls on circuits and congregations to study seriously our responsibility and actions towards hungry and undeveloped peoples during a week in Lent 1977.

(b) That, where possible, material produced by the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development be used for this purpose.

(c) That the International Affairs Committee and the Education Division co-operate in making additional resource material and suggestions available to congregations.

4. **CORSO:**

(a) That the Methodist Church of New Zealand continue as a Constituent Member of CORSO.

(b) That Conference urge Methodist people to involve themselves in CORSO developments in local areas.

(c) That the Methodist Church of N.Z. agree to pay the annual membership fee of \$25.00 for Constituent Members.

5. **SOUTHERN AFRICA:**

Church Investments, etc.

That Conference notes the responses of the New Zealand Insurance and South British Insurance Annual Meetings to the Joint Presbyterian-Methodist resolution. In view of the need for further consultation with the Presbyterians it asks the International Affairs Committee to make further recommendations to next Conference.

6. That the International Affairs Committee take up through the National Council of Churches Committee the matter of a Consultation of Churches at national level regarding the nature and extent of New Zealand Church investments and its effect on society.

7. In view of Conference Resolutions opposing apartheid, the International Affairs Committee be asked to assess the work of the National Anti-Apartheid Committee with a view to recommending possible financial support from the Connexional Budget in the 1978-79 financial year, and to report to Synods and Conference, 1977.

8. (a) Recalling that as long ago as 1948 the World Council of Churches declared that war is contrary to the spirit and teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ and that the part that war plays in our present life is sin against God and a degradation of man; that as recently as September, Pope Paul denounced modern weaponry and said war is a sin, is a suicide, is against mankind; while only last month United Nations Secretary Waldheim said the world's arms race is a raging epidemic completely out of control, Conference calls on every Christian to renounce war and (b) Asks the International Affairs Committee to report to Conference 1977 on the following: Conference urges our nation to make a positive move towards world peace by

(i) permanently renouncing all military pacts and alliances

(ii) offering every other nation a non-military pact of friendship, co-operation and non-military mutual aid, commencing with our nearest neighbours and proceeding firstly to all non-aligned nations and finally to great powers such as Russia and America and their allies.

9. Nuclear Weapon-Free South Pacific Zone:

(a) That believing in the sanctity of human life, and acknowledging our responsibility to the peoples of the Pacific, and wholeheartedly endorsing the action of the United Nations which has voted without dissent that the South Pacific should be a nuclear weapon-free zone, Conference asks the Government to follow actively the lead given by the world body, thus taking a positive step toward the non-proliferation of nuclear arms.

(b) That in the light of this, Conference expresses to Government its total opposition to any future visits to New Zealand ports by nuclear-armed vessels.

10. HART and CARE:

That the matter of continuing support of Hart and Care be referred to the International Affairs Committee for comment and report, along with the resolution on the National Anti-Apartheid Committee (Res. 7 above), to Synods and Conference 1977.

11. That the International Affairs Committee for 1977 be as printed on Page 8 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, 1976 TRUST ACCOUNTS

		\$	\$
Credit Balances at June 30, 1975:			
General Funds		447,010	
Special Funds		1,297,789	
			1,744,799
Receipts for the Year:			
Total Loans received		265,787	
Bequests		43,927	
Sale of Land and Buildings		291,312	
Grants from non-Circuit sources		79,668	
Transfers from other Trusts		34,585	
Special efforts		87,376	
Grants from Circuit Budget		246,298	
Rents, interest, etc.		693,371	
Other receipts		260,616	
For Special Purposes		10,500	
			2,013,440
			3,758,239
Debit Balances at June 30, 1976			12,592
GRAND TOTAL			\$3,770,831
		\$	\$
Debit Balances at June 30, 1975:			
General Funds			30,188
Payments for the Year:			
Loan repayments		140,351	

Administration charges (C.B. & L. Fund)	3,744	
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	34,492	
Purchase of Land, Erection of or Additions to Buildings	466,203	
Transfer to other Trusts	95,764	
General payments — Rates, Insurance, Repairs, Maintenance, etc.	719,127	
Special payments	225,411	
		<u>1,685,092</u>
		<u>1,715,280</u>

Credit Balances at June 30, 1976:

General Funds	642,029
Special Funds	1,413,522

GRAND TOTAL

\$3,770,831

DEBT POSITION

	\$	\$
A. Balances at June 30, 1975:		
Church Building and Loan Fund	333,937	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	23,099	
General Purposes Trust	23,035	
Home Mission Investment Fund	204,184	
Other Church-based Funds	1,500	
Commercial	361,891	
Private	52,993	
TOTAL A		<u>\$1,000,639</u>

B. New Loans Received:

Church Building and Loan Fund	54,100	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	12,000	
General Purposes Trust	—	
Home Mission Investment Fund	50,801	
Other Church-based Funds	4,000	
Commercial	99,000	
Private	43,241	
TOTAL B		<u>\$263,142</u>
TOTAL A + B		<u>\$1,263,781</u>

C. Loan Repayments:

Church Building and Loan Fund	45,451	
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	3,624	
General Purposes Trust	1,838	
Home Mission Investment Fund	21,739	
Other Church-based Funds	260	
Commercial	45,181	
Private	22,505	
TOTAL C		<u>\$140,598</u>

D. Balances at June 30, 1976:

Church Building and Loan Fund	326,522
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	31,476
General Purposes Trust	33,728

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

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B. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

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SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by 31st January, 1978, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (*).

AUCKLAND

Point Chevalier: Church and Hall, 640 sq. metres, \$18,000.
Auckland Central Mission: Old Mission Church for demolition, \$1,200. **Kingsland:** Parsonage, \$32,000. **Tuakau:** 1 rood, 1.2 perches, \$7,000. **Waiuku:** 2 roods 29.4 perches and dwelling, \$30,000. **Swanson:** Church, \$18,000. **Auckland Children's Home:** Lot 5, \$10,000. **Wesley Training College—Waikowhai Park Estate:** 24 acres \$40,000, lot 5 \$16,000, lot 21 \$52,500, lot 226 \$9,500.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Cambridge Union: Church buildings and surplus furniture.
Matamata Union: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre and house, \$15,000 and old church gifted to Historical Society.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

West End, New Plymouth: 32 perches and dwelling, \$24,000.
Inglewood: 43 perches, \$1,200. **Gonville:** 23 perches and parsonage, \$16,000.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Roslyn, Palmerston North: 1 rood 29.95 perches and dwelling, \$27,000.

WELLINGTON

Wesley, Masterton: Church and hall, \$80,000. **Eketahuna:** 36 perches and church, \$1,000.

NELSON

Hokitika Union: 1 rood, \$6,500.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Aldred Memorial Church, Christchurch: 31.9 perches and house, \$20,000. **Kaipoi:** Sections 36.2 perches \$7,500, 27.1 perches \$7,500, 2 roods \$14,000.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street, Timaru: 1 rood 36.6 perches and dwelling, \$18,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Roxburgh: Parsonage 2 rood 7 perches, \$9,205.

PURCHASES

The following purchases have been approved:

AUCKLAND

Auckland Central Mission: 20.7 perches and dwelling, \$28,000.
Kingsland: 29.5 perches and dwelling \$37,500.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Wanganui: 1155 sq. metres parsonage, \$41,000.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

St Pauls, Palmerston North: 855 sq. m and parsonage, \$48,000.

WELLINGTON

Upper Hutt: 36.4 perches and dwelling, \$28,000.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street, Timaru: 1 rood 19.3 perches plus 8 perches, \$8,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Dunedin Central Mission: 13.27 perches at Hillside Road, \$11,000,
and cottage at Kawarau Falls, \$16,000.

BUILDINGS

Erections (E). Additions and Alterations (A). Final Costs not known (*).

NORTHLAND

Raumanga, Whangarei: Hall (E) \$49,000.

AUCKLAND

St Luke's, Northcote: Parsonage (E) \$45,000. Papatoetoe: Parsonage (A) \$10,000. Onewhanga: Parsonage (A) \$12,000.
Auckland Central Mission: Social Service buildings \$300,000.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Ngaruawahia: Manse (E) \$36,000. Matamata: Church, Peria Road (A) \$33,000.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Hastings Wesley Church: (A) \$12,000.

WELLINGTON

Elsdon camp site, Porirua: (E)*.

NELSON

Stoke: Parsonage and flats (E) \$120,000. Picton: Wesley House (A) \$325,000.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Redcliffs: (Summer-Redcliffs Union) Hall (A)*. Wainoni: Parsonage (E)*. Aldred Memorial, Christchurch: Church (A) \$26,000. Kaiapoi: Church centre (E)*. Wainoni: Church (A) \$1,000. South Island Children's Home: Outbuildings (E) \$9,000.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street, Timaru: Hall (A) \$3,600, flats (E) \$33,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Wesley, Dunedin: Church (A) \$9,000.

LOANS

At 31st May, 1976, there were 180 loans current (186 last year), distributed among the Synodal Districts as follows:—

Northland	8	Wellington	22
Auckland	53	Nelson	7
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	22	North Canterbury	30
Taranaki/Wanganui	4	South Canterbury	7
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	13	Otago/Southland	14

New Loans:

18 new loans totalling \$71,100 were advanced during the year as follows:—

Auckland:	\$
Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission—Associate Director's dwelling	2,500
Pakuranga—Church	2,000
Glen Eden—Church (no. 2 loan)	5,000
Glen Eden—Church (no. 3 loan)	5,000
Northcote—Parsonage	5,000
Waitoki—Church	1,000
Waikato/Bay of Plenty:	
Ngaruawahia—Manse	5,000
Matamata—Church	5,000
Ngongotaha—debt reduction	2,600
Greerton—Church	5,000
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu:	
Hastings—Church alterations	3,000
Wellington:	
Epworth Bookroom — Lower Hutt Parsonage (since repaid)	4,500
Upper Hutt—adjacent property	5,000
Masterton—Church alterations	5,000
Nelson:	
Stoke—Section (severance strip)	2,500
North Canterbury:	
Somerfield—Sunday School alterations	3,000
Opawa—Church (no. 2 loan)	5,000
Masham—Parsonage	5,000
Sites Fund:	
Grants were made as follows:—	\$
Stoke	500
Masham St. Stephens	500
Upper Hutt	1,000

Development Fund:

During the year, the following grants were made: Pakuranga Church \$2,000, Glen Eden \$3,000. For special projects the sum of \$1,922 was contributed, this amount being 25% of the Connexional Budget allocation.

At 31st May, 1976, the balance in the Fund stood at \$9,977.

We are glad that provision has been made in the 1976/77 Budget for an allocation of \$19,109.

Use of Proceeds of Sale of Redundant Properties and Special Fund for Sector Ministries, etc.:

The 1975 Conference agreed that the sum of \$25,449 be granted to the Development Division to assist with the stipends of hospital chaplains and various ecumenical projects.

At 30th June, 1976 a balance of \$2,197 remained.

Legacies:

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee continues to receive legacies from supporters of the Fund. During the year, legacies were received from—

Estate M. B. Gilmour	.....	.....	.....	\$	308.68
Estate E. E. Clark	.....	.....	.....		426.45
Estate R. J. Pratt	.....	.....	.....		100.00
Estate A. H. Hayman	.....	.....	.....		2,033.34
Estate C. F. A. Hight	.....	.....	.....		410.99

\$3,279.46

Standing Commission on Church Property:

During the year, the Committee has consulted with the Investment Board on the role of the Standing Commission in the future. The Committee is of the opinion that the Investment Board with the Finance Manager as its Executive Officer is well placed to advise Trusts with investments in commercial enterprises and sees the role of the Standing Commission as being more one of emphasis on the mission of the Church and the use of moneys for this objective. In other words, the Investment Board advises on the investment of moneys and the Standing Commission advises on the uses to which the resultant income is put.

In time, the Methodist Trust Association will be the channel for the Church's principal investments, but the Committee believes that the essential role of the Standing Commission to promote the mission of the Church will remain.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Administration revise requirements for standard Parsonages and Union Parish Manses and communicate these to Circuits and Parishes.
3. That the Board of Administration be asked to consider making insulation of Parsonages mandatory.

THE METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

FINANCE MANAGER'S SPECIAL REPORT

A study of the operations of the Church Building and Loan Fund over the last six years gives an idea of its effectiveness in the recent past and provides some food for thought about its ability to serve the needs of the Church in the future.

The Fund itself as at 31 May, 1970 had accumulated funds totalling \$381,795, of which the Capital Account totalled \$378,738 and the Administration Account \$3,057.

From legacies and donations \$41,326 was received in the last six years bringing the total Capital Account to \$419,964 as at 31 May, 1976.

In the intervening years inflation has been eroding the Fund's worth (in real terms) to a very marked degree.

In the year just ended (i.e. between 30 June, 1975 and 1976) building costs in New Zealand have increased by 20.9%. In the year before it was 15% and two years ago 19%. For earlier years the figures are lower, but still substantial (correct figures not available to us at present).

The "Beehive" in Wellington in the process of being built as an extension of Parliament buildings was in 1970 estimated to cost \$9 million, but recent estimates are that when completed within the next 12 months it will have cost \$22 million.

Roughly, the purchasing power of the Fund has been reduced to 50% in the last six years.

Of course, year by year, the loans from the Fund have served the purpose of buying "bricks and mortar" at the then ruling prices. It was money well spent, as building then was cheaper than building now. The difficulty is that the Fund is on a money value basis—kept intact by repayments, but the repaid instalments buy less and less as time goes on.

Luckily the Fund has been augmented by legacies and donations totalling \$41,326 which represents an increase of 10.9% on its 1970 Capital. However, this amount was given in various amounts spread over the six years and therefore shares in the downturn in purchasing power.

The problem is easier stated than solved. One of the directions in which a solution can be sought is the method under which those who had the use of "cheap money" are charged with the obligation to help keeping the purchase power of the Fund intact or, in any case, to help part of the way. The method means the charging of an interest rate which has to be on a flat rate basis, and the payment of instalments on a monthly basis. Monthly payments (instead of quarterly) will quicken the turn around of money and this coupled with flat rate charges will ensure a higher return. In addition to this loans should be for the shortest possible terms so as to allow for the possibility to help as many applicants for loans as possible or to increase the loan amounts. A flat rate of 6% interest for a five-year term will thus effectively return nearly 11% to the Fund. If these interest earnings are retained and combined with the legacies and donations (which used as loan monies will also return the yield mentioned) the purchasing power of the Fund can possibly be maintained or in any case will not deteriorate too much.

The other solution is the boosting of the Loan Fund by more substantial grants and legacies, but more importantly by contributions (see under). In this connection the following may be quoted from the "Laws and Regulations of the Church":—

519 (2) The Fund shall be derived from the following sources:—

- (a) Annual contributions from Boards of Trustees.
- (b) Income investments.
- (c) Gifts, legacies and grants.
- (d) Other sources from time to time determined by Conference.

In the last six years only the Fire Insurance Fund has made a grant, which was actually not to the Church Building and Loan Fund but to the Allied Sites Fund. No contributions seem to have been made by any other Board of Trustees.

The "other sources determined by Conference" have not made any contributions to the Church Building and Loan Fund either, though the Development Fund and Special Projects Fund have been receiving a share from the Connexional Budget.

The point is stated here nevertheless, that the Loan Fund has missed out completely.

It is suggested that the matters stated above deserve serious consideration and probably have to be brought before Conference.

Outstanding Loans

(After deduction of working expenses relating to future periods) as at 31 May, 1970 were \$383,698.

As at 31 May, 1976, outstanding loans were \$400,464 and the estimated working expenses relating to future loans were \$23,672 which brings the principal portion of loans outstanding as at that date to \$376,792.

The loans outstanding would have been considerably higher if the loans granted in the intervening years had kept pace with purchasing power.

Allied Funds

These have been of real assistance in recent years, especially as the following table shows that the grants made have generally matched the receipts, that is the money was spent when it was received and did not lose much of its purchasing effect in the process.

	Development Fund	Special Projects Fund	Sites Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
May 1970	18,730	—	9,127	27,857
Budget receipts	37,819	7,858	—	45,677
Donations	600			600
Refunds and grants ...	400	500	1,744	2,644
Interest			2,539	2,539
Home Mission Dept. ...			800	800
Fire Insurance Fund			3,700	3,700
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	\$57,549	\$8,358	\$17,910	\$83,817
Grants made	47,572	3,950	3,100	54,622
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Balance May 1976	\$9,977	\$4,408	\$14,810	\$29,195
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Total received in six years				\$55,960
Total grants made therefrom				54,622
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Increase in funds				\$1,338

Administration Account

An analysis of this account over the last six years shows:—

	\$
Opening balance, 1 June, 1970	2,957
Working expenses received	23,525
Interest received	10,404
Commission received	553
Dividends received	1,978

Administration Charges		\$28,600	
Other expenses		8,856	
		<hr/>	37,456
Closing balance, 31 May, 1976			<hr/> \$1,961
Total Administration costs therefore			\$37,456
of which the users have paid			<hr/> 23,525
Shortfall			<hr/> \$13,931

In the proposed 1977/78 Connexional Budget the allocation for the Church Building and Loan Fund Administration charges is \$13,000 against \$6,500 actually charged for 1975/76.

On the basis of the 1975/76 figures, if the Administration charges had been \$13,000 and other expenses \$1,105, total \$14,105, to be recouped from the same lending (\$71,100 new loans advanced), the working expenses charged should have been \$14,105

$$\frac{\text{---}}{\$5,433} \times 1\% = 2.6\%$$

On the basis that of the \$14,105 needed \$2,016 would have been received from interest, commissions and dividends, working expenses still had to be \$14,105 less \$2,016 = \$12,089 and the percentage of working expenses charged \$12,089

$$\frac{\text{---}}{\$5,433} \times 1\% = 2.2\%.$$

In conclusion: it is recommended that the charge for working expenses be increased from 1% to 2.25 or 2.5%. Also that the matter of annual contributions from Trusts to keep the Fund viable be further pursued.

D. J. JANUS,
Finance Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted and referred to Synods 1977 for their comments and suggestions with a view to the Board of Administration reporting to the 1977 Conference.
2. That the administration charges on all loans be increased from 1% to 2.5% as from 1 June, 1977.

C. CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

1. TITLES

For the year ended 30th June, 1976 the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:—

AUCKLAND

Massey (Henderson) Church.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Rotorua Church.

WELLINGTON

Porirua Parsonage.

NELSON

Severance Strip, Stoke.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Riverton Church; St Mark's Church, Invercargill; Parsonage, Chelmsford Street, Invercargill.

2. NEW TRUSTS

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Wanganui Parsonages.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Withells Road, Riccarton Cemetery; Journeys End Campsite; Leigh Campsite.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

West Dunedin U.P.

3. TRUSTEES

Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

Districts	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland	6	11	4
Auckland	27	105	45
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	13	47	21
Taranaki-Wanganui	5	6	14
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	6	10	16
Wellington	10	26	12
Nelson	3	7	1
North Canterbury	24	53	49
South Canterbury	3	4	2
Otago-Southland	10	43	10
	<hr/> 107	<hr/> 312	<hr/> 174

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 June 30, 1976.

The net surplus for the year was \$54,519 as against \$43,519 in the previous year. With one major exception, all tenancies are kept short-term and all mortgages are also for a short period. This has resulted in the Trust being able to obtain the benefits of increased rental and interest rates, and gives flexibility of policy.

Appropriations during the year were \$21,950 to the Trinity Theological College and \$10,000 to the building fund.

The Trustees are concerned with the steady deterioration of the buildings and the repairs, that are and will be, necessary to maintain them in reasonable condition, pending better utilisation of the site. The motorway system, unfortunately, is further delayed and this precludes the full value of the site being appreciated. However, there

has been an increasing number of enquiries for the property during the year. The Government Valuation of the property as at July 1974 was \$609,500 but the actual value of the property is well in excess of this.

The deposit of \$85,000 made by the Trustees with the Perpetual Trustees for on-lending to Prince Albert College Trust, is now frozen by Government Legislation, but pressure is being maintained to have this amount repaid to the Trustees.

During the year the death occurred of Mr G. C. Riddell, who has been a valued member of the Board for 16 years. His services are sadly missed.

The Members of the Board are: Revs. E. D. Grounds, E. W. Hames, Dr J. J. Lewis, Messrs W. F. Christian, A. L. Caughey, M. N. Furness, T. L. Hames, L. V. Riesterer, F. M. Souster, W. F. Winstone.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

F. M. IZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

To better co-ordinate the preparation of our annual accounts and reporting with the requirements of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and with the debenture trustee, the Trust's accounting year end is now 31st March. Accordingly the accounts presented with this report cover a nine-month period only.

FINANCIAL RETURNS

Total Revenue Receipts for the period were \$101,772 including \$47,208 Rentals. Expense of operations was \$51,562 leaving a nett of \$50,210. After making grants of \$500 the surplus for the period was \$49,710. In line with our policy of Rent Reviews each three years an increase in Rentals was negotiated with tenants in respect of the shops in January. Extension and development of car parking facilities has been carried out since the end of the financial year and this will add considerably to the Trust's Car Park Revenue in the new year.

PROPERTY VALUE

In common with all property values in the Central City area, the value of our real estate has risen substantially over recent years. This has been recognised in this year's balance sheet as a revaluation reserve of \$1,298,000.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

In retrospect it becomes even more certain that the Trustees made a correct decision when they decided to cease work on the Office Building project in December 1974. Although this was a bitter disappointment after the years of work and planning that had been expended, the fact that the contract was halted before major excavation had begun proved to have been prudent. The later difficulties experienced by Perpetual Trustees who had undertaken to provide

finance for the project, and whose financial stringency would have brought the project in jeopardy independently of the other pressures on the Prince Albert College Trust, were added confirmation.

The Trustees had been eager to increase the return on the valuable land equity which the Queen Street site represents, and had felt the pressure of Conference opinion that this should occur. Naturally the P.A.C. Trustees are disappointed that this major project was not able to be brought to fruition.

This past year has been a time of "tidying up". Much time was spent in negotiating the financial obligations, which the Trust had incurred, to the contractors and its professional advisers, and these are now completely finalised and discharged.

It is agreed that the office project should further be postponed. When it does proceed it will probably be very different from that previously envisaged. The Trustees are presently making another comprehensive review of the entire property, preparatory to further building development. No definite decisions have been made yet, but in the light of the increasing age of the "Rembrandt" private hotel buildings and the pressure from the Auckland City Council for its major renovation or replacement, the Trustees are of a mind that the progressive replacement of the residential private hotel should be their next development project. This has the advantage of being divisible into three or four stages of development, each of which will be more easily digestible as a project, both in finance and in planning.

This development stage necessitates the land area being viewed as a whole so that the hotel project will be a part of, and harmonious with, the total development.

It is hoped that the next few months will see commencement of planning this project, and that the Trustees will be able to report firm proposals to Conference 1977.

The continued support of its friends who comprise the large company of depositors and debenture holders is greatly appreciated by the Trustees, and this support has been invaluable especially during the past two difficult years. As the Trustees begin to plan for the next stage of development, they will look to their established friends to continue and to develop their financial assistance of the Trust by maintaining and extending their debenture support, and will ask for new friends to assist by the investment of new money for the purpose.

In this property in Upper Queen Street the Church has a potentially valuable revenue producing asset which needs the application of a large amount of capital and much dedicated planning and driving power in order to produce the returns of which this site is ultimately capable. The record of the Prince Albert College Trust over the past fifteen years has been to increase markedly the value of this property. Apart from the set-back occasioned by the abortive office block project, the progress has been extensive and profitable. Having experienced a failed enterprise and having cleared the debris, the Trustees have learned from their experience and are getting ready to move forward again.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

R. A. BARFOOTE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3. THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

(REPORTS BIENNIALY)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

4. THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

The Board's policy of revising its investments in order to achieve greater income and capital conservation has been continued. All the Kelburn properties have either been sold or have had deposits paid on them. The sub-division of the Masterton Property has been completed and paid for. As the costs have now been funded, it is intended to release the remainder of the sections for sale over the next two years so that the proceeds are available in mid 1978, when almost the total investment portfolio will mature and be available for long-term re-investment.

Support to the Masterton Children's Home has been increased and a staff residence erected. The Masterton Committee's report and recommendations were endorsed. The escalating costs involved in operating the Home continue to cause concern and have outstripped the Board's capacity to increase income.

The Board has maintained its grant to the Rangiatea Maori College Trust and has maintained contact and support in the Trust's deliberations as to the future of the Hostel.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

T. J. MARTIN, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

5. THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6. GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

The Annual Accounts for the year ended 30th June show an excess of Income over Expenditure of \$10,872.73. While this may appear acceptable at first glance, it cannot represent a satisfactory return on lands worth in excess of \$700,000 at 1970 Government values alone. Current land values would be double this.

The Trustees have been concerned at two points in relation to income:—

(a) That it represents less than 1% on the current value or the assets of the Trust.

(b) The serious adverse effect there would be on the image of the Church if rentals on residential sections were increased to a level required to return only 8% on the funds. A return which could be regarded as modest on today's markets. Present annual rentals are about \$50 per year for each lease. For an 8% return this would need to be increased to \$400 per year.

The Trustees have been considering this situation with a view to selling the freehold of the residential sections and investing the proceeds in commercial land and premises.

Discussions have been held with Dr D. J. Janus, Finance Manager of the Church, and deliberations are continuing on these lines. Present leases expire in 1986 so the sooner a decision can be reached the sooner the income of the Trust can be improved.

During the year the Trust has continued to make grants to Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel and support the Maori Division. An application has been received for special assistance to the Maori Division and further consideration will be given to this.

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

(REPORTS BIENNIALY)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

8. ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED

30th JUNE, 1976

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the activities and financial results of the Robert Gibson Trust dairy farms and distribution of funds for the year ended 30th June, 1976.

This has been our best year as far as production is concerned that we have ever experienced, as I will show a little later, and whilst credit for such an achievement must surely go to the sharemilkers concerned it must nevertheless reflect on the splendid efforts and oversight of our farms supervisor, Mr Thomas, and his farm committee—not forgetting of course favourable weather conditions that obtained during the milking season.

But having noted this high production level it is interesting to note that our net profit figure is down on all farms, with the exception of the Wai-Iti farm which shows an increase of 8.62% (from \$2,783 to \$3,021).

This is a problem not only facing the farming industry but some sections of commerce and industry as well.

The total pay-out for last season for the two South Taranaki farms was 135.25270 cents per kg. and this year to date (30th June) is 124 cents.

The total payout from the Clifton Dairy Co. was 69.45 cents for butter fat and 118 cents for casein and this year to date is 76 cents for butter fat and 110 cents for casein.

The actual final pay-out figure from the Taranaki Dairy Co. is 144 cents and, of course, this will be reflected in next year's accounts.

The pay-out figure from the Clifton Dairy Co may not change—it did not do so last year—but, of course, this company has now amalgamated with the Bell Block Dairy Co. and the pay-out amounts could be calculated on a different basis.

In the summary I have prepared below it will be seen that our total production shows an increase of 7.07% over last year, from 74,376 kgs. to 79,635 kgs. this year and you will see the relationship of this to each farm.

From this increase of 7.07% of production we generated an increase of only \$5,865 or 5.79% over last year's returns and with increased costs incurred in producing we concluded with a reduced net profit, as I will also show.

Total Kilograms of Butterfat

	1975		1976	
Lower Riverlea	20,588	2.79% Plus	21,112	2.91% Plus
Upper Riverlea	18,808	3.29% Plus	20,534	9.03% Plus
Wai-Iti	17,404	15.27% Plus	18,431	5.90% Plus
Whiteley	17,576	20.70% Plus	19,558	11.25% Plus
Total kgs. of Butterfat	74,376	8.12% Plus	79,635	7.07% Plus

Total Income from above Production

Lower Riverlea	29,387	13.00% Plus	29,104	0.95% Minus
Upper Riverlea	26,816	14.00% Plus	28,136	4.84% Plus
Wai-Iti	22,368	13.00% Plus	24,138	7.91% Plus
Whiteley	22,574	19.98% Plus	25,632	13.76% Plus

Total Income
before paying
Sharemilkers

\$101,145	14.68% Plus	\$107,010	5.83% Plus
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Expenses incurred in production of income including payments to Sharemilkers in total are as follows:

	1975		1976	
Lower Riverlea	18,089	11.75% Plus	20,585	13.82% Plus
Upper Riverlea	16,888	1.59% Plus	20,230	19.83% Plus
Wai-Iti	19,585	12.90% Plus	21,117	8.21% Plus
Whiteley	18,533	1.89% Plus	22,216	19.87% Plus
Total Expenses	\$73,095	6.95% Plus	\$84,148	15.10% Plus

Net Profit Earned

Lower Riverlea	11,298	15.0% Plus	8,519	24.60% Minus
Upper Riverlea	9,929	43.8% Plus	7,906	20.37% Minus
Wai-Iti	2,783	12.6% Plus	3,021	8.62% Plus
Whiteley	4,040	400.0% Plus	3,416	15.59% Minus

Totals	\$28,050	41.3% Plus	\$22,862	18.53% Minus
Add to this Net Profit from Whiteley No. 2 Account	652		1,435	
Plus total earnings from investments, dividends, etc.	2,185		3,508	
	\$30,887		\$27,805	

Less total costs of
Administration,
Advertising,
Meetings, etc.

	1,640	1,919	
TOTAL	\$29,247	\$25,886	15.10% Minus

The finance committee has met whenever necessary during the year and has discharged its duties with regard to investments of funds and administration of finance generally.

We were sorry to lose the services of Mr John Eaddy, both from this committee and from the Board, because of his taking up an appointment with the Waikato Hospital Board. Acting in my capacity as Chairman of the Trust I acknowledged his work and involvement on the Board in a letter of appreciation and indicated that I was doing this also on behalf of all members of the Trust.

We are fortunate in being able to find a replacement for Mr Eaddy in the person of Mr Brian Busing who has kindly consented to fill this vacancy. I am sure that we will be greatly assisted in our work, both on this committee and on the Board, by the contribution he will be able to make from his professional experience and we welcome him to the Board.

At the time of the closing of the annual accounts the total investments on fixed deposits amounted to \$54,939.59. Details of these are as follows:—

Pastoral House, 10%, 30 September, 1980	10,000.00
Oparau Ltd., 16%, 1 July, 1977	5,000.00
Public Trustee, 6%, 31 October, 1977	4,939.59
Perpetual Trustees, 9.5%, 24 September, 1976	3,000.00
Perpetual Trustees, 9.5%, 17 April, 1977	5,000.00
Perpetual Trustees, 9.5%, 15 January, 1979	10,000.00
Perpetual Trustees, 10%, 15 December, 1979	12,000.00
N.B.N.Z. Term Deposits	5,000.00
	\$54,939.59

It must be kept in mind that we are going to be called upon to meet the mortgage on the Whiteley Farm of \$30,000 in 1981 and the advance from the Public Trust of \$12,000 in the same year, plus the fact that we are required to re-establish a Contingency Fund amounting to \$40,000. This is a requirement of our Trust Deed.

Then too, of course, we must not forget two important factors regarding our responsibilities as members of the Board.

1. That having given financial assistance to a student, we must continue to support that student for a reasonable length of time, which could well be a considerable part of the term of his or her studies.

2. That our whole operation, or our ability to provide funds for bursaries, is entirely dependent on favourable weather conditions—good stock health, and satisfactory prices for our farm products.

We have experienced very adverse conditions in this latter category right up to the last two seasons, and this is the reason why we tend to be a little conservative in dealing with our funds.

Grants:

	1975	1976
1. Wesley College	600	2,645
2. Under Section C	100	150

3. Under Section D	930	2,000
4. Manaia Trust Main Hall	1,195	800
5. Masterton Children's Home	2,500	3,000
6. Auckland Children's Homes	500	—
	<u>\$5,825</u>	<u>\$8,595</u>

Members will recall that the matter of the availability of bursaries was discussed on the floor of the last Methodist Conference and as a result of information I was able to give at that time we experienced an increase in the applications for bursaries for Wesley College. We will, no doubt, be called upon to increase some of our grants this next year because of rising costs for the needs of students and your Bursary Committee members are sensitive to this situation.

The Bursary Committee is currently investigating the question of making available bursaries and assistance for boys and girls who fail to qualify for University entrance but who, nevertheless, should be assisted to pursue a useful and satisfying career in a practical field.

There are, unquestionably, many young people in this category who need assistance and we aim to find ways and means by which we might service this area of education for these young people.

I have visited all the farms with our farm supervisor, Mr Thomas, and members of the farm committee. There would appear to be no major items of expenditure coming up during this next year apart from normal maintenance work and day-to-day requirements. We have attached a new outside porch to the entrance door on the Whiteley farm house, carried out necessary draining and rebuilding of hay storage barns where required. This type of work will be detailed to you by Mr Thomas in his report.

We are deeply concerned over the devastation being caused by the people who are laying the second gas pipe line right through both the North Taranaki farms. This is causing great problems particularly on the Wai-iti farm and could have a detrimental effect on the coming season's production. However, Mr Thomas and his committee are keeping in close contact with the situation and are keeping me well informed on the situation. I am confident that they will negotiate in the best interests of the Board in the matter.

In August we were visited by Dr Janus, the Finance Manager to the Methodist Church of New Zealand from the Connexional Office at Christchurch. Dr Janus was on a fact finding visit, looking into all Connexional Trusts and other Trusts in New Zealand and making himself familiar with their operation.

I gathered as many members as were available to meet with him and we had a pleasant and informative time together. One of the main objects of his visit was to explore the possibility of establishing a division within the Methodist Church for the funding of all Trust monies that are presently laying idle and to create an investment facility in the form of a Trustee Investment Society of the Methodist Church that would ultimately benefit the whole Church.

He was also interested to gain some intimate knowledge as to how we dispersed the funds earned by this particular Trust.

Finally, I would like again to express my appreciation of the confidence you have placed in me as your Chairman and for the interest and work done by all members on the various committees

of the Board. Your support and assistance has been of great assistance to me in guiding and running the affairs of the Trust.

I would like again to make mention of the very fine work being carried out by our farm Manager, Mr Thomas. His intense interest in the farms and his ability to command the respect and co-operation of our sharemilkers contributes in no small measure to the successful operation of these farms. To him and his farm committee I offer my thanks and the thanks of other members of the Board.

I would also like to thank our Secretary, Mr Ramsay, for his work and co-operation. It has been a pleasure to work with him and he has been most helpful in providing information whenever it has been required.

J. P. HARDING, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 41—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to:

(a) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT, 1976

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board understands that there are two ways in which the Connexion is informed about the operations of the Development Division.

The first way is through the annual report of Synods and Conference in which the Division describes its activities for the year.

The second way is far more informal, as the Division's effectiveness is measured by what it contributes to the local regional and connexional life of Methodism.

This report, therefore, must be balanced by a critical recognition of the effectiveness of the Division and its staff in serving the interests of the church. The church's perception of the work of Division must not rest solely with the Division's description of its activities. It must be broadened by reference to those to whom the Division is commissioned to serve.

2. MAKING DISCIPLES

The Board is still convinced that Making Disciples should be a persistent emphasis within the Division. It reaffirms its conviction that evangelism rightfully is an ongoing process at the heart of the life of congregations and not an intermittent series of events.

During the year the Division has sought to reinforce the emphasis of Making Disciples within local churches.

A. Evaluating local efforts at Making Disciples

The Division's task group in Palmerston North has been considering ways of providing support and encouragement to local churches who are working at Making Disciples.

It became convinced that an effective resource for churches would be an evaluation exercise that enabled them to assess their efforts and identify their learnings.

The Task Group is now finalising an evaluation report sheet that congregations will be encouraged to work through with an outside resource person.

A list of the questions are as follows:

1. What triggered off the project?
2. What were your motives?
3. What preparatory planning steps did you take?
4. What action followed?
5. What were
 - (a) the results you hoped for?
 - (b) the actual results?
6. What are
 - (a) your local learnings?
 - (b) the learnings of significance and value to other Circuits and Parishes?

Arising from these reports the Division hopes that guidelines can be prepared for churches based on the learnings and insights from local initiatives.

B. A Making Disciples supplement in the "New Citizen", June 24th, 1976

Early in the year the Board decided to feature its Making Disciples emphasis through a centre-page supplement in the "New Citizen".

The objective of the supplement was to stimulate interest, awareness and action within local churches.

The style of the supplement's presentation itself reflected the Board's understanding of Making Disciples. It wished to share enriching insights, examples, rather than promoting evangelism as an obligation, an extra effort usually left to persons outside the congregation to lead.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance given by the Editor of the "New Citizen", John Bluck, in the preparation and lay-out of the supplement.

3. THE COMPLETION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S INITIAL TERM OF APPOINTMENT

The Board encouraged Barry Jones to reflect on the development of the Division over its first four years of operation.

Mr Jones identified three areas as being of particular significance.

A. The growing intensity of inter-church co-operation

Since the Guidelines for Co-operating Parishes were approved for use by the five Negotiating Churches in October 1974, there have been 17 Co-operating Parishes founded. Of these, 13 involved Methodist membership and property.

There are this year, so far, proposals for seven new Co-operating Parishes to be formed.

One of the inevitable outcomes of ecumenical co-operation is the duplication of organisational procedures. This in turn often leads to breakdowns, or delays in communication between the co-operative ventures and the respective parent bodies.

The Division has tried to give a lead in establishing interim structures that will facilitate more effective communication and liaison between the Parishes and the parent churches. The cost to the Division and its staff has been an intensive involvement of time and effort in convening, planning and reporting on the many inter-church consultations that have been necessary to evolve effective procedures.

B. The provision of consultancy services to Circuits

Over the last four years there has been an increasing demand for the Division to provide resource personnel to help Circuits/ Con-

gregations evaluate their use of resources and devise strategies appropriate to their commitment to mission. Several programme models have proved to be valuable, namely, the Shalom—clergy/lay dialogue programmes, the Circuit strategy consultations..

It is becoming clear that while these immediate impact programmes have been effective, there is now emerging a need to provide more sustained support for Circuits working through issues of Ministry, Mission and congregational identity.

One Auckland Methodist congregation has asked the Division to help it undertake a systematic review of its life and Mission. The Division has agreed to help, recognising that its support may well be required for an extended period of many months.

C. The challenge of the Church arising from new urban developments

The Division has recognised that if the Church is not represented initially in developing residential areas, two significant attitudes are fostered.

Firstly, the apathy of the residents towards the Church is reinforced.

Secondly, the few residents who seek to align themselves with the Church will travel to established centres of worship thus minimising their involvement and witness in their neighbourhood communities.

Consequently, it has sought to support attempts to establish Ministry in new areas. An immediate implication of this endorsement of strategy is that terminal financial assistance is required to meet the costs of Ministry until the new congregation is able to meet the costs themselves.

Arising from the Church's involvement in new areas is the opportunity for it to assist in the formation of neighbourhood communities, in addition to the formation of congregational life. The Government and the City each provide a range of welfare and community services. But invariably these are not immediately available or appropriate to the distinctive human needs in developing areas. The Church with its relative institutional flexibility has an opportunity to influence the inter-personal environment of new communities, which in the past have largely been left to accidentally evolve their own sense and standards of community.

4. HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

The Methodist Church is represented on the Inter-Church Advisory Council on Hospital Chaplaincy by Colin Clark and Barry Jones.

The Council, representing the Anglican, Associated Churches of Christ, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, was established to administer the Government subsidy to Hospital Chaplains and to co-ordinate the Churches' Chaplaincy work.

A. Increase in Government Subsidy

Initially when the Government financial support was announced in March 1972, the subsidy was to meet 50% of \$5,700 which was the then average total cost of chaplaincy. The total Government support, however, was not to exceed \$157,000 in 1975/1976. The subsidy was to apply, to begin with, to 40 chaplaincies and rise to 55 by March 1976.

Provision was made for the upper limit on subsidy and the number of chaplaincies to be reviewed every three years, the first review to be in November 1974.

Of particular concern to the Council at present is that since 1972 until 1976 the average cost of chaplaincy has increased by some

\$3,300, whereas the Government subsidy per Chaplain has increased by only \$975.

The Council has made regular submissions to the Government and the Department of Health. In April 1975 the Department of Health declined an application for increased subsidy in view of the current economic situation.

At its meeting in June of this year, the Council agreed that representations should again be made to the Minister and the Department of Health requesting additional financial subsidy.

B. Subsidies for hospital chaplains awaiting accreditation

The Council has agreed that allowing for the present arrangements with the Roman Catholic Church, in every case of the appointment of a chaplain involving government subsidy

(i) The appointment should be made in consultation with the Council.

(ii) The candidate for appointment should be an accredited chaplain or a person acceptable to the Council as a chaplain-trainee.

(iii) The Council shall advise the employing body the terms upon which the government subsidy is payable, including, in the case of a chaplain-trainee, the requirements leading up to provisional accreditation which should take place within eighteen months of the date of appointment.

C. Age limit

That the top age limit for chaplains receiving subsidy be 65, unless special circumstances for the extension of the appointment are approved by the Standards and Training Committee on an annual basis.

The Council is particularly interested in the lay visitors scheme that has been established in the Auckland Public Hospital by the chaplains. In 1975 fifteen lay people were trained to act as lay visitors in the wards. In July of this year a second course was started with twenty-four participants.

The lay visitors scheme has the endorsement of the Auckland Inter-Church Hospital Chaplaincy and the Superintendent of the Auckland Public Hospital.

5. EPWORTH BOOKROOM

A. Trading

The Bookroom continues to maintain and develop where possible the provision of Christian literature to the Churches and the community. A concern to the Bookroom committee is the need for additional capital to extend the range and quantity of stock carried. It is now investigating if additional finance can be made available so that the Bookroom's service is not undermined by lack of appropriate stock.

B. Staff

In May, Miss Muriel Harding retired having given seven years of sterling service to the Bookroom.

The present Manager, Mr Reg Woodhams, has two years to serve before retiring. For some time he has brought before the Committee the need for a successor to him to be designated, as the managing of a religious bookshop is a very specialised task.

Earlier this year the Committee agreed to seek a Manager/designate who would understudy Mr Woodhams for the remaining two years. Applications were called for and the Committee was pleased to appoint Mr Alan Bailey to the position. Mr Bailey commenced his duties on 1st July, 1976.

6. SAMOAN MINISTRY

Over the last year Rev. Amituana'i has continued to consolidate his ministry among Samoans who have chosen to be actively associated with New Zealand Methodist Circuits (see report of the Samoan Policy Committee for further reference to his Ministry).

He has, in particular this year, helped to establish Samoan Fellowships and Language services at Henderson and Panmure.

As the Methodist Samoan Cultural and Community Centre at St John's Ponsonby proceeds, it is envisaged that Rev. Amituana'i will use the centre as a base for his Ministry to Auckland Circuits.

The specific focus for Rev. Amituana'i's Ministry has been discussed on occasions by both the Development Division and the Samoan Policy Committee.

There appears to be three alternatives as to the deployment of the Samoan Ministry. One, the Ministry could continue to the Connexion based on the Development Division; two, the Ministry could be based on an Auckland Circuit but have a limited regional responsibility; three, the Ministry could be based on the Auckland District with specific involvement in one Circuit.

The Division recognises that the implications arising from any change, or endorsement of the present focus of Ministry, are far reaching and require consideration by the Samoan Policy Committee. It is therefore taking steps to consult with the Policy Committee to clarify the issues as Rev. Amituana'i commences his second three-year appointment.

D. B. GORDON, Chairman.

B. E. JONES, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Methodist representatives on the Inter-Church Advisory Council on Hospital Chaplaincies be Revs. Colin Clark and Barry Jones.

3. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Rev. Barry E. Jones, supports his re-appointment for a further term of six years and acknowledges the strong and forward-looking leadership he gives.

4. That the schedule of grants to Union Parishes, Co-operating Ventures and Circuits be approved (see Financial Statements).

5. That the term of the annual grant to Circuits/Co-operating Ventures be changed from 1st February-31st January to cover the twelve month period from 1st July-30th June, effective as from the 1st July, 1978.

6. That the Board of the Development Division be as printed on page 6 herein.

Development Division District Committees—Conveners:

Northland: Rev. J. H. Woolford.

Auckland: Mr L. V. Riesterer.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. I. J. Fowler.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. W. F. Ford.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. W. Gust.

Wellington: Mr R. Fleury.

Nelson: Mr A. S. Allen.

North Canterbury: Mr N. P. Alcorn.

South Canterbury: Mr C. Leadley.

Otago-Southland: Rev. E. P. Boyd.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1976

The meeting of the Samoan Policy Committee on 24th April, 1976 considered the following issues:

1. EXAMINATIONS AND ACCREDITATION OF SAMOAN LAY PREACHERS

This issue was considered by the Samoan Policy Committee which recognised that the New Zealand Conference examinations for lay preachers are conducted entirely in the English language. This is considered to be a barrier for many Samoans who are not fluent in English.

It was felt strongly that future lay preachers' examinations should be made available in the Samoan language to those who need it. The need has arisen because of a ruling from the Samoan Conference that Samoans within the New Zealand Conference should operate under the authority of the New Zealand Church, while the Samoan Conference examinations for their lay preachers can be made available to our people. However, because of the Samoan ruling, our people wish to be included with the New Zealand lay preachers' regulations.

Following the Policy Committee meeting, discussion has been held with the Education Division and the Lay Preachers' Association to find ways in order to implement the scheme.

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SAMOAN CONFERENCE

The Samoan Policy Committee drafted guidelines suggesting the nature of future relationships with the Samoan Conference. It was agreed that we should continue to maintain a good relationship at the Conference level. This means;

1. that each church should continue the tradition of extending invitation to the other's President to attend their respective Conferences;

2. that we should continue to encourage good relationship with the Samoan Conference congregations in New Zealand

(a) at local circuit level

(b) between local women fellowships

(c) between local youth fellowships

(d) between local choir fellowships;

3. that we should continue to accept as fellow ministers of the Gospel ordained and probationer ministers of the Samoan Conference, regardless of their educational background and knowledge of English.

3. LAY PASTOR FOR WELLINGTON AREA

Mr Tiatia Tuau has been appointed as an honorary lay pastor for the Wellington area. His work has been defined by the District Chairman and the Wellington Samoan District Fellowship in the following terms:

(i) to meet the special concern that exists among Samoans at Petone;

(ii) that the lay pastor be available to assist the local fellowships when required and to help palagi ministers when requested. This means availability for preaching and pastoral work and help to ministers at funerals or weddings where requested by families and/or ministers;

(iii) he is not a minister nor an assistant minister and no change to the present structure of work in the District is envisaged;

(iv) that the preaching plan be prepared in consultation with the District Committee;

(v) that the Secretaries of the two fellowships, Wesley Taranaki Street and Wesley Petone remain the key people in the Samoan work. The lay pastor will liaise with the Secretaries and the ministers of these churches;

(vi) it was also agreed that the honorary lay pastor should have the cost of his travelling associated with his pastoral work reimbursed by the District.

4. SIAUALA'S FUTURE ROLE IN WELLINGTON

It was resolved that the future nature and frequency of Siauala's visit to Wellington be reviewed and arranged through consultations between him and the Wellington District Samoan Fellowships.

5. POSSIBLE PART-TIME CIRCUIT MINISTRY FOR SIAUALA

A statement was presented to the Policy Committee indicating the advantages of his exercising a part-time circuit ministry. The Auckland District Fellowship objected strongly to Siauala dividing ministry between a circuit and his existing regional responsibilities. There was a general agreement at the Policy Committee that the disadvantages of such a division of labour outweighed any possible advantage.

6. POSSIBILITY OF A SAMOAN DIVISION

The Auckland District Fellowship sought an opinion as to the advisability of a Samoan Division under the New Zealand Conference. While it was thought that this may not be necessary for a number of years, it was recommended that the Development Division, in consultation with the Samoan District Fellowships, examine the suggestion and report to the next Samoan Policy Committee.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) That the membership of the Committee be increased as follows:

Auckland: Folasa Tupu, Arona Galuvao, Fono Kitona, Lautofa Toeleti'u, Tanielu Sa'o, Oloapu Mafi, Matamua Samuelu and Sine Taao.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Sina Tough, Alesana Letoa.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Joe Unasa, Lolo Loli.

Wellington: Tiatia Tuau, Iosia Taulelei, Lani Tupu, Asiata Sivanila, Salafai Mika.

(b) **Convener:** The Rev. Amituana'i was re-appointed as convener for 1977.

(c) **Representatives to Conference 1976:** Matamua Ulufotu, Alesana Letoa, Iosia Taulelei.

R. D. RAKENA, Chairman.

S. T. AMITUANA'I, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the New Zealand Lay Preachers' course material and examinations be made available in the Samoan language.

3. (a) That Siauala Amituana'i undertake a part-time Ministry during 1977 in the Auckland Central Circuit with particular reference to the St John's Ponsonby Congregation.

(b) That the Chairman of the Auckland District arrange for additional assistance to the Auckland Central Circuit to ensure that Siauala Amituana'i is able to maintain his Connexional Ministry outside of the Auckland area.

(c) That the Development Division investigate what ordained and accredited Lay Samoan personnel are available and suitable to meet the needs for Ministry among Samoan families under the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, and report to Church Council 1977.

4. That the members of the Samoan Policy Committee for 1977 be as printed on page 6 herein.

(b) METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT, 1976

KUA HUI ATU KI TE PUTAHI-NUI-O-REHUA

Tena koutou kotoa. We share the grief and sorrow of all who have endured bereavement during the year and pay our respect to the memories of loved ones who have passed on. Among them we record the names of kaumaatua Tumu Te Huia, Eruera Te Tuhi and Wiremu Tonga, and our tuakana, tungane Rewi Tautari. Each in his own distinctive way left an indelible witness of loyalty, devotion and commitment to Jesus Christ and Methodism among our members and the community at large. Together they represent a period extending back into the first decade of this century. Of them all, however, Eruera Te Tuhi was to exercise a ministry and leadership that virtually spanned the whole period. In particular, his death draws to a close an era of considerable historical significance in the life and development of the Maori Division as it is known today. It was an era marked by much sacrificial and forbearing service.

We honour them and praise God for their lives of dedication and abiding witness to the power of the risen Christ.

KIA WHAI KOROORIA TE ATUA I RUNGA RAWA . . . Luke 2:14

Words could never adequately express the joy, delight and satisfaction which the church gave to Methodist Maori members when it agreed to hold the 1975 Conference on the Turangawaewae marae. To be able in one grand event to do honour to our Tumuaki as he assumed the office of President and also act as hosts to the Annual Conference was without question one of the great outstanding "moments" in the long history of Maori Methodism and, we have been encouraged to believe, in the history of New Zealand Methodism!

We therefore record our deep and sincere gratitude, first to Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu and her elders and people in Waikato for making available the marae and for participating in the life of the Conference. The marae complex not only proved abundantly adequate, but more especially spoke so eloquently of the spirit and heritage of Waikato and Maoridom to the enrichment of Conference. Secondly, we record our gratitude to the members of Conference who brought open minds and hearts to experience and learn some of the hidden ways and resources of our life and people by sharing them; then, to our own beloved and trusted Tumuaki, whom the church chose to be her leader for this year, and to Mrs Joy Rakena who has shared his work through the years.

**PONO TAAU MAHI KI Nga MEA RUARUA . . . HEI RANGATIRA
KOE MO Nga MEA MAHA . . . Matt. 25:21**

We are proud—justifiably, we trust—and exceedingly thankful to God that such a man as Rua Rakena has been raised up to lead us in these eventful and challenging days; and we are gratified that the wider church recognises his gifts. Our own church called him to the Presidency; the National Council of Churches in New Zealand appointed him its President; and from the Nairobi Assembly the World Council of Churches called him to service in its Programme to Combat Racism. Sometimes people don't quite understand our Tumuaiki's manner and reaction to some situations. We hope it is not presumptuous of us to counsel the church to remember that his integrity is such that he will not forsake his response to the Gospel and to life as a Maori merely to ape a Pakeha response. This is just one way he shares with the whole church the attitudes and spirit of our people. He believes deeply, and encourages us to believe, that there are treasures which have been given in trust to Maoridom to share with the whole church.

E KORE AHAU E WHAKARERE I A KOE . . .

We speak from full hearts! Coming as they do so soon after the creation of the Maori Division, the Turangawaewae experience, the choice of one of our own sons for the Presidency, together with the ways in which the wider church has laid its hands on him, makes it impossible for us to express ourselves without tears of joy. We love the Methodist Church and want to share with all such gifts and insights which God has given to us. We want truly to service Christ's Kingdom and to see his reign of love, truth, peace and justice extended throughout the whole world.

To the church we say: "Thank you";

To God we say: "Praise your holy name".

AND, WE PRESS ON

This year we have continued to maintain the respective circuit programme activities and overall emphases of the Division reported last year and, where time and resources have allowed, to develop, as regular reviews and consultation have suggested.

Leadership: With the resignation of Robert Te Whare, the Rohe Potae Circuit was seriously depleted and Barbara Miller has to assume the wider implications resulting, which has included acting as Superintendent. Diana Tana's appointment in the Tai Tokerau Circuit has been most welcomed and her adjustment to Circuit life and ministry is encouraging. The particular gifts of Napi Waaka were again acknowledged when he was specially invited to help lead a cultural exchange group to the United States of America for three weeks in August. We were distressed, however, that Napi's mother died peacefully in her sleep during his absence. Members of the team inevitably fulfil a heavy programme of work and most are in constant demand by people and groups within the wider community.

Our local and regional leadership continues to be exercised, in the main, by that indispensable team of Honorary Home Missionaries, whose spiritual and leadership qualities are largely the product of the church family and community of people with whom they now minister. We welcomed a new member to the ranks in Paddy Searancke, now resident in Hamilton. Although leadership vested in the individual remains, more and more it is finding expression in and through the group.

Continuing Education for ministry: Two seminar occasions were held for full-time staff and for each we were again glad to have the services of Field Worker Keith Rowe. Unfortunately, a weekend arranged for Honorary Home Missionaries was curtailed due to a tangi occurring at the marae where the seminar was being held.

Youth: Members of the Youth Council have continued to meet in their own session while attending meetings of the Board. The Council planned and held another Youth Conference over Queen's Birthday weekend at the Mangere marae. It is perhaps significant that a cyclostyled booklet on marae protocol instigated by the Youth of the Division, is receiving widespread circulation.

Te Roopuu Waahine: The Co-ordinating Committee operated for another year from within the Rohe Potae Circuit, maintaining regular contact with Circuit groups and the Methodist Women's Fellowship's National Executive. A further Huihuinga was held, drawing representation from each Circuit to an enjoyable weekend at Kawhia in early May.

Relationships: We rejoice in an obvious growing understanding and sensitivity between our respective members at all levels, and are encouraged by the increasing numbers of Pakeha Ministers and members who are making genuine attempts to know us in our cultural context, including language. Our relationship with the Maori membership and leaders of sister churches has been maintained through the Maori Council on Church Union and the NCC Maori Section.

Hui-a-tau: The venue for our Division-wide rally this year is Mangakino and takes place over Labour weekend. As in past years, the occasion will allow our scattered membership opportunity to meet together in times of worship, study, fellowship and a general sharing of each other's concerns and hopes. The theme will centre on "Making Disciples & Confessing Christ Today".

Hostels: Another satisfactory year can be reported in respect to the two Hostels, Te Rahui Tane and Te Rahui Wahine, located in Hamilton. It is regretted, however, that even with the generous offers of help received from two Hamilton Trusts, a proposed heating system for Te Rahui Tane had finally to be abandoned as the 50% balance of cost could not be obtained from the Maori Affairs Department. Under its Trade Training Scheme, however, operational losses incurred were again reimbursed on the normal \$6 per bed basis.

Seamer House in Auckland has constituted one of our main problems during the year. With the consistent falling-off of boarders in the course of a year and a costly relining of interior walls being necessary to comply with Municipal fire regulations, it was decided to close the Hostel at the end of last year. However, an emergency situation in which Maori Affairs found itself with 18 unplaced pre-employment girls on its hands in early January, led finally to the re-opening of the Hostel. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr Jim and Mrs Robin Peters at very short notice for this purpose. Under their leadership and efficient management a satisfactory state has prevailed at the Hostel since, and we are deeply indebted to Jim and Robin. The fundamental question of adequate finance remains, however, both in respect to the required upgrading of fire-proofing and normal operation costs, which are contingent upon recruiting and whether or not boarders stay on for the full year. Unless substantial assistance is received from Maori Affairs in this regard we cannot see our way clear to continue the Hostel in 1977. Thankfully, two Maori Affairs Department grants totalling \$10,648 received in Febru-

ary and April helped us meet an overdraft outstanding in January and ease the overall financial situation for the remainder of the year.

We are grateful also to the Auckland Savings Bank, which has supported Seamer House over the years, for a further donation of \$300.

Prompted by the situations relating both to Seamer House and Rangiatea at New Plymouth, we are currently engaged in a review of the place of Hostels as part of our ongoing work on mission and service. As no firm proposals have so far emerged, we are again obliged to defer consideration with the Kai Iwi Trust concerning alternative uses for its annual returns.

Properties: Considerable maintenance is now due on most parsonages and cottages and for this purpose funds are being built up in the "Home Mission & Church Extension Investment Funds Board". Some local initiative is being taken and we are grateful in this connection for the generous assistance of the Hamilton Trust in facilitating repairs and maintenance to the parsonage at 11 Union Street, Hamilton. The need for a residence in Christchurch is still before us. Further local clarification of the kind of ministry to be exercised there and throughout the South Island has helped in this regard. We register our thanks and appreciation to the Methodist Women's Fellowships up and down the country for their generous support of the Special Objective that will meet in part this basic need.

Finance: Part of the year under review fell into the Budget period in which the Division was among those non-guaranteed funds that received considerable cuts to their allocations. Recognising the overall financial difficulties within the Connexion and the probable staff reduction implied by the cut in the Division's own allocation, the full-time staff agreed not to take the increase in stipends as from 1st July, 1975. Although this action enabled the Division to maintain its present programme of work some developments were naturally curtailed. However, we see no reason as yet for regretting having extended our ministry to Wellington and the South Island in the circumstances. Staff stipends are now at the current 1st July, 1976 rate.

We remain conscious that as well as endeavouring to increase the giving of all members there are resources yet to be more fully realised in respect to some of our properties. Both concerns are constantly in mind, but in the present economic climate and in the face of all-round demands, no ready available solutions are offering.

KAATI

In this Presidential year of our Tumuaki, inevitably extra administrative and secretarial tasks fell to the lot of office staff and Divisional colleagues. We record our thanks to them all in concluding.

HAROLD A. DARVILL,
TE MARUNUI TOKI, Co-Chairmen.
RUAWAI D. RAKENA, Tumuaki.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the representatives to Maori Section NCC be Revs. R. D. Rakena, N. Waaka, M. Couch, Sister H. Hauraki, Mrs S. Tuheke and Mr S. Toia.
3. That the Board of the Maori Division be as printed on page 6 herein.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS DIVISION

SECTION 1

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

Throughout the year under review, the Joint Interim Board has been moving towards the fulfilment of plans presented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Conference of the Methodist Church over the past two years. The Board is grateful to the Assembly and the Conference for the help it has received in planning the integration of the overseas mission work of the two Churches. The formation of a Board for Mission Overseas is the first time there has been a full integration of the departmental work of any of the negotiating churches, and it has exciting possibilities.

The 1975 Assembly and Conference agreed to give the Joint Interim Board authority to determine and establish the administrative structure desirable for the effective discharge of its responsibility, subject to the approval of the Council of Assembly and the President of Conference. On the motion of the Council, Assembly agreed that before complete integration took place, approval of the General Administration Committee of the Council is required. The Methodist Conference approved the setting up of the integrated structure.

The Council of the Presbyterian Assembly and the President of the Methodist Conference agreed to the setting up of the joint office in Auckland as soon as the Board determined. The offices of the Methodist Overseas Division and the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Overseas moved to 83 Khyber Pass Road, Auckland on 16th August. The Auckland P.S.S.A. owns the building and made alterations to meet our needs for a fully integrated administration. They have been most helpful in all the preparations, and generous in determining the rent. Financial estimates at present provide for the Presbyterian Executive, Associate and Office Secretaries, the Methodist General Secretary and part-time Office Secretary, and shared typist. Finances are handled as previously. The General Treasurer in Wellington continues to keep the accounts and make payments on the authorisation of the Presbyterian Secretaries. The Methodist Accountant in Auckland does likewise, on the authorisation of the Methodist Secretary. All office expenses are paid by the respective churches in the proportion of 3:1. The Presbyterian Secretaries have made personal arrangements for their accommodation in Auckland. Both families will continue to live in their own houses in Wellington—the Executive Secretary's permanently and the Associate Secretary's until the end of 1976.

This year the Joint Interim Board has given considerable thought to its requirements, both until the retirement of the Presbyterian Executive Secretary at the end of 1977 and in the years to follow. Meetings have been held with representatives of the General Administration Committee and of the Joint Interim Board and these have proved helpful.

Responsibility:

The Board's work is varied and complex.

(a) It must keep abreast of the latest theological thought on the church and mission. The worldwide debate on missiology, of which proposals for moratorium are by no means the only challenge to our

thinking, must be taken seriously. The churches of Asia and the Pacific must be free to establish their own identity and work in ways that express their own integrity. Western churches must be sensitive to what is being said by our partners and to ways in which our response can help or hinder. This calls for close and sympathetic knowledge of the people, cultures and religions of the areas of our concern.

(b) The Board has the task of representing the New Zealand churches to those of the Pacific and Asia. Most of this is carried out by correspondence, but increasingly we are being called into consultation with these churches and, at times, with their partner churches and mission boards of Australia, United Kingdom and North America. Similarly, constant contact with overseas staff members by correspondence is essential as the Secretaries provide the official link between them and their home church.

(c) On the home front there is the need to stimulate the interest of our church members in the overseas work, to inform the churches of what is being done in their name, of the many tasks as yet neglected, of the opportunities put before us in the invitations from churches overseas, of the constantly changing patterns of mission endeavour, of the impacts of our work on the development of individuals, families, communities and nations. Dynamic thinking is being done in these areas through our overseas staff members. Through them our churches are involved in some exciting pioneering ventures. But the Board knows that many in our congregations are as yet unaware of the issues at stake or the effectiveness of the work being done. The primary task of the Board relates to overseas churches but no less important is the need for much better communication with the congregations and church members at home.

(d) An essential feature of the work is within the dimension of ecumenical affairs. Increasingly through the Christian Conference of Asia, the Pacific Conference of Churches, the Council of Churches in Indonesia, as well as through relations with united churches like the Church of North India, the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China and the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, we are working ecumenically.

(e) Inevitably the Board's responsibilities make it sensitive to the currents and cross-currents of international affairs. Insights are gained through direct contact with partner churches overseas, staff members and overseas workers. This does not mean that we claim expertise in the whole range of responsibilities now handled by the International Affairs Committees of the two churches. Rather we welcome proposals for closer relations with the committees responsible for international relations and ecumenical affairs, so that the insights of each may contribute to the development of consistent policies on the part of our two churches.

Administrative Structure:

Careful consideration has been given to the administrative structure and to the staff required to carry out the Board's task on behalf of both churches. While seeking to exploit to the full the economic advantage of joint enterprise, the chief consideration has been the full and effective discharge of the important responsibilities entrusted to the Board, some of which have been less that satisfactorily accomplished in the past through lack of staff.

In the light of these factors, the Board is conscious of the many and varied tasks which must be undertaken by its administrative staff in the efficient discharge of their responsibilities. Having care-

fully analysed possible allocations of duties between senior staff members to minimise staff requirements, the Board is reluctant to assign respective responsibilities at this stage. Given appointees with the necessary qualifications, flexibility in sharing specific tasks is advisable in order to make fullest use of the particular gifts and interests of each.

1. The name of the Board shall be the Joint Board for Mission Overseas of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand. Representation shall be in the proportions of eight Methodists and 12 Presbyterians.

2. There will be two Secretaries appointed and supported by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches respectively according to their accepted procedures. Each will be responsible to his appointing church for purposes of discipline and support. It is requested that each church grant recognised access by both Secretaries to the appropriate courts of the church.

3. Staff appointed by the Board will be an Assistant to the Secretaries, an Office Secretary, an accounts clerk/typist and, if it is found necessary, an intermediate typist. The Secretaries and their Assistant will work closely together. Each will be kept informed of developments in the other's department of work. There will be regular conferences of senior staff. The Board will appoint annually one member of the senior staff as leader of the team.

4. The division of responsibility will be flexible, but will ensure the fulfilment of the orders of reference of the Assembly and Conference in relation to Mission Overseas. This includes, theology of mission, overseas relationships with partner churches, communication with congregations and organisations within New Zealand, recruitment, training and orientation of overseas staff, and subsequent continuing relationships with them, liaison with volunteer aspects of mission, and the increasing participation in ecumenical and community aid and development programmes. With routine administrative tasks, it is hoped that the Assistant to the Secretaries will increase greatly the ability of the office to prepare and provide resource materials, thus making better use of the knowledge of the Secretaries and information coming in to the office.

The Board will continue to review its administrative staff requirements with a view to minimum numbers consistent with effective discharge of responsibility.

SECTION II

SUMMARY OF PRESBYTERIAN INVOLVEMENT

Arrangements for a minister from Indonesia coming to the Presbytery of the North Shore have been slow in coming to fruition. In August we received a nomination of a suitable man, through the D.G.I. (the Council of Churches in Indonesia). Negotiations are continuing and we hope that the project will become a reality in 1977. None should be discouraged by delays—our church least of all. It is now almost three years since we were invited to send a minister for the lay training position in the Toraja Church in Sulawesi. So far recruiting attempts have been unsuccessful.

New Hebrides:

The emphasis on mutuality in mission, which has been growing in our partnership relationship, was evident in the Consultation with the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides in March. Not only were the overseas churches presented with certain opportunities to

provide resources in funds and personnel, but offers of help were made to the Secretaries. It was suggested that the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides supply deputations who could fill the gap left by the reduction of Overseas Staff members. There was also some discussion on ways and means whereby New Hebrideans could contribute to the understanding of the Boards.

For a period of four months this year, Pastor Willie Mowa and his wife, Pani, lived and worked within the Tawa Union Parish under the Overseas Experience Scheme, and throughout this year Pastor Fred Tapasongi is studying at the Bible College, Henderson, from which base he is also making constant contact with congregations. This kind of relationship expands the concept of our partnership.

Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands:

Information coming from the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands stresses the priority being given to Evangelism in the church's life today. For four days before the Assembly Executive meeting in November, the matter was considered at a consultation of church leaders and it was decided to engage a great number of leaders in a course on the subject in September this year. In addition to that, a National Seminar on Evangelism was held at Lae, bringing together the member churches of the Evangelical Alliance, and the Melanesian Council of Churches which includes the Roman Catholic Church.

Ekalesia Niue:

For some time the Board has been in contact with the Ekalesia Niue as a result of its association with the Council for World Mission. This year the Assembly of the Ekalesia Niue agreed to establish a partnership relationship with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, and this development is warmly regarded by the Council for World Mission which sees itself as very remote from Niue Island. It is hoped to increase the contacts which we may have with the Ekalesia Niue.

India:

At consultations this year the establishment of a Church of North India Related Mission Committee was recommended. Initiative had been taken by C.N.I. Synod Executive to invite the overseas partners to set up a structure to co-ordinate their responses to requests from the C.N.I. for assistance through personnel and finance.

In 1972 the Committee considered the grants made to the Institutions established or supported by our church in the days of the Punjab Mission. We questioned the degree of support still needed now that they are institutions of the C.N.I. As an encouragement to self-support, we proposed to continue the grants until 1974 and then reduce them each year till eliminated in 1978. It must be stressed that there was no intention of eliminating all grants to the C.N.I., only those in respect of the particular institutions.

Christian Medical College, Ludhiana—The Obstetric and Gynaecology Building Appeal:

This has been taken up with enthusiasm by some congregations, Presbyterians and A.P.W. branches. So far only a small total has been received by the General Treasurer. The Ludhiana N.Z. Council is also active and is the agency through which the New Zealand Government is working in connection with the official aid grant of \$500,000, which is conditional on the balance of some \$550,000 being raised by voluntary subscription. So far overseas responses, in Europe and North America, have been disappointing. The New

Zealand Government has expressed disappointment that much larger contributions have not come from within New Zealand. Planning of a more vigorous campaign to the general public is in hand.

Indonesia:

The Council of Churches in Indonesia (D.G.I.) has invited our churches to undertake a project within their development plans. These are the outcome of intensive study of the whole range of church participation in development within Indonesia. They are related to Government plans and represent the initiative of regional churches taken up and considered on a nation-wide basis. We have accepted a re-settlement project in S.E. Sulawesi.

Singapore:

Singapore relationships are mainly through Trinity Theological College.

SECTION III—METHODIST REPORT

The joint Board is grateful to the Conference for allowing it to determine whatever structure would be necessary for the effective administration of its overseas mission responsibilities. We hope that the result will be a better stewardship of the resources of the two Churches.

(a) Financial Strains:

The Conference is aware from previous reports that the money received by the Overseas Division from the Connexional Budget for its work has been fairly drastically reduced in the last two years, and this on top of rising costs and inflation. For our overseas work it has meant no people being offered to overseas Churches as full-time paid missionary staff since December 1974. With people returning permanently to New Zealand we now have 12 (December 1976) missionaries working overseas where as in 1969 we had 40. That wouldn't be so bad if we were able to fund other missionary activity, e.g. bringing third world missionaries to New Zealand, but diversification is out of the question because in simply maintaining the 12 people overseas the Overseas Division has started to use its reserves. In the 1975/76 year we overspent by \$30,000 and in the 1976/77 year we are budgeting for a \$14,000 deficit.

This does not worry the Board as much as the criticism we have received from the Churches overseas. They say that by withholding our support we are forcing them to make changes too quickly. This they interpret, with some justification, as a worse type of paternalism than in previous years. The Churches in New Zealand and Australia have planted a European type Church structure in the Pacific and we know from our experience in New Zealand how expensive these structures are. The European style of doing things is pretty deeply entrenched and it will take a long time and a lot of courage to break from those structures to create an indigenous structure that they can afford. Yet it is happening much more quickly than we might think—so they are naturally upset that we are withdrawing support more quickly than they would like.

In highlighting the financial position we are pointing out that the Overseas Division, with its decreasing income and rising costs is rapidly approaching the point where the viability of our overseas work is in question. If the Conference makes the deliberate decision to run down its co-operation with Churches overseas then the Board would endeavour to put that policy into practice and advise the overseas Churches accordingly. However the Board feels that the

Conference needs to re-examine its level of involvement with overseas Churches and make a definite decision relating to the extent of our involvement. The Church should not think the need is no longer there—the requests for staff come in every month. Our inability to respond to these requests can give another missionary an intolerable work load resulting in a breakdown in health.

(b) Relationship with Overseas Churches:

In this report we will not outline the details of the work being done overseas by people sent by the New Zealand Church. These details are available in the brochure available to all congregations. Rather we will indicate some of the significant factors in our relationship with the Pacific Churches. Many New Zealanders attended the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the Methodist Church in Tonga and our Church was officially represented by the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Rev. E. D. Grounds, who presented a gift of the four volumes written for New Zealand Methodism's 150th Anniversary. Our relationships with the Tongan Church have led us to be involved in the discussions concerning immigration, and the Board is in close consultation with Tongan Church leaders and the New Zealand Inter-Church Committee on Immigration.

Our relationships with the Samoan Methodist Church tend to be affected by the division among the Samoans here in New Zealand where some are associated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand and some with the Methodist Church of Samoa in New Zealand. Also, the relationships with the Samoans in New Zealand is through the Development Division and relationship with the Church in Samoa is through the Overseas Division, and this adds to the confusion. Nevertheless the General Secretary has been warmly welcomed on visits to Samoa.

Mr Andrews' return from the Church in Fiji has meant that a lengthy New Zealand presence in that Church has finished although there is still a New Zealand volunteer nurse, Miss Judith Clement, working in one of their hospitals.

The Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific met for its annual meeting in Suva this year and it proved an interesting forum for the exchange of ideas and problems. It is still too early in the life of the Council to expect anything too concrete to emerge.

There has been no meeting with United Church leaders in the last two years, but a consultation is planned for 1977 and this will provide an opportunity to talk, particularly about our financial support for the work of that Church. Consultations are very necessary to clear up misunderstandings that can so easily occur through correspondence.

(c) Ecumenical Affairs:

The most important ecumenical event of the year was undoubtedly the 5th Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Kenya. New Zealand Methodism was officially represented by the President, Rev. Rua Rakena, a member of the Ecumenical Committee. Also present were the Rev. Norma Graves, the Rev. Peter Glensor, and the Editor of the "New Citizen", the Rev. John Bluck. The Overseas Division paid for the Rev. Norma Graves to go to Nairobi from a grant from the M.W.F., other representatives having to tap other funds in the Church. Through the "New Citizen", and the President's newsletters, and more recently his travel in New Zealand, we have heard quite a lot about the decisions of the Assembly. The Ecumenical Committee intends to bring various World Council reports and recommendations to the notice of appropriate committees of the

Church so that they will be able to use some of the material in their own deliberations.

Immediately after the W.C.C. Assembly in Geneva the President of our Church was invited to become a "core" member of the Programme to Combat Racism of the World Council. (There were eight people invited to form the core group.) After consultation with other Churches and Ecumenical agencies in New Zealand and Australia, the Ecumenical Committee urged the President to accept the invitation, knowing full well the cost of frequent trips to Geneva or other countries. In May the President went to Geneva to attend the meeting of the P.C.R. at the expense of the Programme unit of the W.C.C. The Ecumenical Committee will have to find part of the cost of travel to future P.C.R. meetings. It should be noted that Mr Rakena does not represent the Methodist Church of New Zealand on the P.C.R., but I am sure that the Church is grateful that his gifts are being used by the wider Church.

Appointed to the Youth "core group" was the Rev. Peter Glensor who had attended the Nairobi Assembly as a Steward. Mr Glensor has been on the General Committee of the Christian Conference of Asia (C.C.A.) and has made an important contribution to ecumenical affairs, both in New Zealand and overseas. The Ecumenical Committee was not involved in funding this trip.

In January the Rev. M. Te Whare represented both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches at the Pacific Conference of Churches Assembly in Port Moresby, and afterwards was asked to attend a consultation, initiated by the W.C.C., to endeavour to gauge and co-ordinate the aid activities in the Pacific. The Board is grateful for the contribution that Mr Te Whare has made to the Pacific. He appreciated the renewed contact with Pacific Church leaders and from his report we were brought up to date in the activities of the P.C.C.

In 1977 the Christian Conference of Asia will hold its 6th Assembly meeting in Manila and the Methodist Church, as a member of the C.C.A., will be represented. The theme of the Assembly is "Jesus Christ in Asian suffering and hope". Our Church has had a good relationship with the C.C.A. with Mr Glensor being on the General Committee and several Methodists being invited to various C.C.A. consultations.

The Ecumenical Committee and the Overseas Division considers frequent contact with the Churches in other parts of the world very important. We belong to a small country, often isolated from important developments in other countries, and so it is necessary for people to travel out of New Zealand to understand what is happening in other countries and so interpret these events to the Church in New Zealand. Also in our relationships with our former missionary Churches it is becoming increasingly necessary to consult with them rather than rely on correspondence.

Mrs Dowie has continued to be Convener of the Ecumenical Affairs Committee (as well as an active member of the Joint Board) and we rejoice that in 1977 she will be Vice-President of the Church. This year she has attended the World Federation of Methodist Women meeting in Dublin (of which she has been a Vice-President) followed by the World Methodist Council meeting. The committee will benefit from her experience overseas.

At the instigation of the President, the Ecumenical Committee issued an invitation to the President of the Methodist Church of South Africa, the Rev. Abel Hendricks, to visit New Zealand, and we were overjoyed that he and his wife were able to accept. We feel sure that this visit has helped toward a better appreciation of the

life of the Church in South Africa, a matter which Mr Rakena has been concerned about following his visit to that country. We feel our Church should do more to foster relationships with the Church in South Africa.

(d) **Other matters:**

Discussions are going on between the Joint Board, the International Affairs Committee, the Ecumenical Affairs and International Relations Committees of the Presbyterian Church to see if there should be a closer relationship between us all or even if we should be aiming at some structural relationship through which the Church could act in these areas.

Although our main concern in the last 12 months has been to get the Joint Board off the ground, we have also continued our relationship with the Negotiating Churches Committee on Overseas Missions. This committee, comprising Mission Board representatives from all negotiating Churches, will be endeavouring to implement co-operation where it is possible.

R. F. CLEMENT, Vice-Chairman.

W. G. TUCKER, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Sections II and III of the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Section I of the Report be received and referred to the Special sub-committee of the Joint Interim Board set up by the recent meeting of the Presbyterian Assembly.

Note: The Presbyterian Assembly set up a special committee at Assembly that spent some twelve hours talking with various people about the work of Mission overseas.

The Special Committee was the result of a notice of motion to the Assembly expressing concern at the Church's decreasing support for Overseas Missions and other related matters.

Out of the Special Committee came a number of Resolutions which the Committee of detail had before it which were considered and approved by the Committee. The Committee of Detail asks the Conference to approve the following.

(a) That Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Joint Board's Report on Page 147 of the Conference Agenda be referred to a Special Sub-Committee of the Joint Interim Board for consideration and report to the next Conference.

(b) That Conference reaffirm its commitment to work jointly with the Presbyterian Church in the Mission Overseas work through an integrated office in Auckland.

(c) That in the meantime the Board continue to be known as the Joint Interim Board.

(d) That the Special Sub-Committee of the Joint Interim Board comprise:

(i) A Convener and three other members appointed by the Presbyterian Assembly.

(ii) Three members of the Joint Interim Board (to be appointed by the Board).

(iii) Two members appointed by the Methodist Conference and these two members be: Rev. M. Te Whare and Mr H. M. Denton.

(e) That the Sub-Committee work in close relationship with the Joint Interim Board and report to Conference and Assembly.

(f) That the Order of Reference of the Special Sub-Committee, in addition to Res. (a) be as follows:—

- (a) To formulate a "theology of Mission" as a basis for the work of the Joint Board, including an outline of the criteria that should shape the work of the Board for the next three to five years, and consideration of tension points in the world mission of the Church (for example, the concepts of mutuality and paternalism and a moratorium on overseas missions).
- (b) Methods and channels of communication between—
 - (i) The Board and the ministers and members of the churches;
 - (ii) The Board and Sister Churches in New Zealand and Overseas Churches;
 - (iii) The Board and its overseas staff.
- (c) Effective publicity in the Church with special reference to any depersonalising effect that the comprehensive budget may have, and the involvement of people of the Church in the support of mission overseas.
- (d) The Secretariat of the Board and its relationship to the Board, and the several duties of the secretaries.
- (e) The place of development projects in the overseas mission of the Church and the relationship of the Board to other Committees, especially Ecumenical Affairs, International Relations and Theological Education.
- (f) Any other relevant matters.

4. That the Conference recognise the Joint Interim Board as the agent of both the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian Assembly, for the relationship with all personnel related to them in the work overseas.

5. Ecumenical Responsibilities (1975 Minutes p. 184 res. 7)

(a) That the Overseas Division continue to be responsible for ecumenical relationship with agencies outside New Zealand and for the communication of information regarding these relationships with the Church here in New Zealand.

(b) That the Administration Division continue to be responsible for ecumenical relationships with agencies within New Zealand and for the communication of information regarding these relationships with the Church in New Zealand.

6. Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society (see 1975 Minutes p. 130-131).

That Conference approve the initial share of \$1,000 be subscribed to the Society from 1% Aid allocation in the Connexional Budget.

7. That Conference approve World Council of Churches' membership for the following churches:—

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
 The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa
 The Baptist Church of Bangladesh
 The Methodist Church in Fiji
 The Protestant Christian Church in Bali, Indonesia.

8. National Council of Churches

(a) That the Methodist Church consider that at least 25% of its delegation be women and at least one member be under 27.

(b) That Conference commends to Circuits the publication "The Status of Women in the Church" for discussion at local and regional level.

(c) That the following be the Methodist Church representatives in the Maori section of the N.C.C.—Revs R. D. Rakena, N. Waaka, M. Couch, Sister H. Hauraki, Mrs S. Tuheke, Mr S. Toia.

9. That Conference places on record its appreciation of Miss Pamela Gruber for her leadership to the Churches as Director of Christian World Service and wish her well for her new task in England.

10. That Conference sends greetings to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Umtali in Rhodesia who has been jailed for 10 years for giving moral support to Catholics in his diocese who are involved with liberation activities, and for refusing to inform on them.

11. That Conference support negotiations with the Methodist Church in the United Kingdom (or Aldersgate Productions) to have "Ride, Ride" musical production performed in New Zealand by amateur groups.

12. That the Methodist members of the Joint Interim Board for Missions Overseas be as printed on Page 7 herein.

Overseas Division—Conveners

Northland: Rev. M. G. Rutherford.

Auckland: Rev. P. F. Taylor.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. D. H. Burt.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. G. C. Hopkins.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Wellington: Mr R. Fleury.

Nelson: Mr C. Palmer.

North Canterbury: Rev. A. C. Watson.

South Canterbury: Mrs E. Pethick.

Otago-Southland: Mrs D. Herbert (Otago), Rev. N. M. Graves (Southland).

13th World Methodist Conference/Council, Dublin, August 1976

Representatives of the World Methodist family came together in Dublin, August, 25th, to review the state of the Church, reaffirm our common goals and renew our unity in Christ. With such a diverse family to cater for the Conference Programme organisers had endeavoured to meet the needs and interests of all its members. In some ways this was disappointing. Such a rich diet of world renowned and learned speakers required of their listeners an involvement and commitment which physical limitations alone made a virtual impossibility. The subjects chosen were important theologically and therefore would be of special significance to the large body of clergy present but an equally large group of lay people seemed to feel that the vital concerns of world crisis today as they involve Christians everywhere had been overlooked. Resentment against weakly worded resolutions was particularly marked; the feeling seemed to be that if the Church's voice was to be heard, something more positive should be the substance of the resolutions. These of course are often a matter of emphasis but it was surprising that little account seemed to be taken of the powerful force of group dynamics. The possibility of dialogue either from the floor of Council or in smaller discussion groups was limited. By its very size the gathering seemed to lack warmth and togetherness especially for the first two days. If this was the World Methodist Family in action together, then its action seemed to be influenced by the most vociferous. The power structure of the Church was much in evidence and the patronising attitude of some members of the Executive towards participation of women was unfortunate to say the least.

To be wholly critical would be unjust because there were many highlights which contributed to a richness and quality of sharing although these often happened outside the Council meetings.

At the 1971 Denver Conference, it was resolved to adopt a significant restructuring of the 500 member Council and changes in its Constitution. The former pattern of leadership was replaced by an eight person presidium representative of the worldwide nature of the Council. The Executive Committee was drastically increased in size, with each of the 60 member churches having at least one member. This enabled larger participation by smaller churches and "Third World" countries, and safeguards were built in to the Constitution to ensure that no two churches together could carry a majority. It appears that during the period since 1971 the changes have been tested and found to be a satisfactory reflection of the worldwide nature of the Methodist Church. At the Dublin Conference this was evidenced in the representative selection of Keynote speakers, and the opportunity taken by world Methodist leaders from many countries to express their views.

OFFICERS: The new Chairman of the Executive Committee is the Rev. Dr Kenneth Greet, who is also secretary of the British Conference. Rev. Joe Hale, USA, replaces Dr Lee Tuttle as Secretary, the latter retiring after 15 years' service. The eight-member presidium includes Dr Nalla Tan, Singapore, Princess Pilo Levu Tuita, Tonga, the Youth representative, and Rev. W. D. O'Reilly, Australia. First Vice-chairperson is Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw. New Zealand member on the Executive, Vera Dowie.

WORLDWIDE EMPHASIS ON MISSION AND EVANGELISM: In Denver '71, the W.M.C. adopted "the call to Mission and Evangelism". This statement called for adequate preparation and an intensive period of worldwide witness and evangelism, that "shall emphasise the reality and necessity for the inward personal experience of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit and the need to fashion a just social order in which all people especially those who hitherto have been deprived may live a truly human existence". It also stated "that the mission be expressed through flexible forms as may suit each community or country" and that "every effort be made to work in concern and co-operation with other communions and churches".

Instances of the effectiveness of the 1971-76 emphasis on mission were given in a supplementary report, and this also carried an outline of the New Zealand Church's "Making Disciples" programme.

The W.M.C. in Dublin adopted the following five-year plan for presentation to its member churches:

"with 2,700 million people who have not yet received the good news of Jesus Christ; with widespread disillusionment with what secular culture offers to humanity; with growing hunger for a personal encounter with the living God and for a life of justice and peace in society; with the unprecedented openness to evangelism ministries within the church"; and in response to the gospel imperative, "go . . . and make disciples of all nations . . .", (Matt. 28.18) the church, the Body of Christ in the world has no option but urgently to undertake the task of evangelism.

The Evangelism Committee believes that the momentum gained during the 1971-76 quinquennium should not be lost, that insights gained should be conserved and that the whole church should continue to be challenged to practise authentic evangelism. The continuing programme of worldwide evangelism shall sound the message of liberation in Christ, both personal and social. The message to be presented must emphasise the reality of a personal experience of God, the need for personal integrity and quality of life, and a radical challenge to any unjust structures of world society.

The programme must seek to enable every Methodist to make clear the case for Christianity in his or her own culture and country, inviting every person, everywhere, to make an intelligent, heartfelt response to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

In support of these goals the World Evangelism Committee recommends the following to the Dublin meeting of the council:

1. That in view of the stated purpose of the W.M.C. "to encourage evangelism in every land" and the response to the 1975 Year of Evangelism, the Council calls the church to a continuing emphasis of World Mission and Evangelism during the five-year period from 1977 to 1981.

2. That the World Methodist Evangelism Committee be continued. The committee shall be appointed by the Council to give overall guidance and assistance in mission and evangelism.

3. That in order to provide for the effective operation of a continuing programme in evangelism the office of an executive officer or director be continued.

4. That authority be given to the committee to seek financial support by undergirding this programme from the W.M.C., from the constituent churches of the council, and from interested people in every land.

5. That in all possible ways and situations, efforts in evangelism be ecumenical in nature, while recognising that the human need and the divine compulsion are so great that Methodists must not delay in confessing Christ today with urgency.

6. That the W.M.C. endorse the following programme and request its World Evangelism Committee to implement it over the five-year period 1977-81.

- (a) That every congregation of Christians, as the basic unit for a mission, be urged to develop a spirit and programme of outreach in evangelism. By the distribution of information, ideas, and enabling resources, the World Committee shall seek to aid local churches in the task. Laymen and laywomen shall be challenged personally to confess Jesus Christ, in both rural and urban churches. They shall, through training, be equipped to share their faith with others, and seek the co-operation of women's organisations to this end.

- (b) That the World Committee facilitate the development and distribution of clear and concise training material on evangelism for the laity; that cogent and appealing materials that invite personal response to Jesus Christ, such as the "Pass It On Books", be developed; and that means of communication be planned whereby ideas and models of effective local church evangelism can be shared on a global basis.

- (c) That a strong emphasis on prayer and Bible study be a feature of the period. This would include a worldwide promotion of devotional literature such as the "Upper Room".

- (d) That the New World Mission concept, developed by American Methodism during 1975, be continued and expanded, with each part of the Methodist World sharing with others leadership resources both of ministers and lay people.

- (a) That youth be trained and encouraged to become involved in confessing Christ, especially to other young people and to participate in world evangelisation. That the possibility of holding special youth events on a regional, national, and even international basis be explored.

- (f) That the Church in each country be urged, as a witness to a total evangelism, to grapple with social conditions which make it

difficult for people to live a truly human existence. The world committee shall seek to keep the whole church informed of the liberation struggle wherever it is being undertaken.

(g) That the world committee explore ways of using mass media to the utmost in the communication of the Gospel. Special attention will be given to the possibility of preparing cassettes, record and radio material.

(h) That during the five year period, regional, national, and possibly a world conference prior to 1980-81 part of the programme on evangelism be attempted, the purpose being to inspire and inform the whole church concerning the ways and means of carrying on effective evangelism.

(i) That the World Committee encourage, and where possible enable, a greater emphasis on evangelism in theological colleges and seminaries, and as a continuing education opportunity for pastors.

(j) That all churches be urged to seek personal commitments to Jesus Christ which will include becoming members of Christ's body, the church, and that membership shall involve a continuing emphasis on growth and discipleship.

(k) That the committee consider how an attempt may be made to undertake a coordinated worldwide outreach programme in evangelism in 1980-81, that in this period of witness, the church in each land be encouraged to act in ways appropriate to its own situation, and wherever possible that it be on an ecumenical basis.

4. Roman Catholic/Methodist and Eastern/Orthodox/Methodist consultations:

The Denver Conference received the "Report of the Joint Commission between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Methodist Council, 1967-70", which indicated that discussions had gone forward under the headings, "Christianity and the contemporary world, Spirituality, Christian Home and Family, Eucharist, Ministry, and Authority" and it was resolved to continue these consultations in the interest of developing understanding and trust. The consultations continued and the Dublin Conference received a report which developed the earlier work and presented particularly important statements on the Eucharist and Ministry.

In Dublin it was resolved to adopt the 1972-75 report and to continue the consultations. It was further resolved to approach the Eastern Orthodox Church with a view to commencing similar consultations.

5. Commitment to the Ecumenical Movement:

The W.M.C. reaffirmed its strong commitment to the Ecumenical movement "global, regional and national" and stated its willingness to help member churches engaged in negotiations for church union. The Geneva office of the W.M.C. is to be maintained with a part-time secretary mainly to provide liaison with the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical movement, and a focus for non English speaking Methodism on the European Continent.

6. Southern Africa:

A strongly worded and concise statement condemned the apartheid system and the "wanton slaughter of unarmed black men, women and children by South African government soldiers and police"; supported majority government in Rhodesia, South West Africa; and called upon Methodists everywhere "to support any form of non-violent action (including economic sanctions) which may bring pressure on the South African Government to abandon the policy of apartheid".

The resolution was passed with strength and feeling, and replaced the official longer and more circumspect statement presented by the International Affairs committee.

7. Human Rights:

The W.M.C. expressed its earnest concern at the denial of basic human rights in many countries of the world. One resolution pertained to the actions of the South Korean Government in condoning the use of torture, and imprisonment without trial, the text being—

1. We condemn South Korea's government's reported sentences of up to eight years imprisonment for 18 church leaders on August 18.

2. We urge the South Korean government to overturn these verdicts.

3. We urge all members of the community to express strong solidarity with the witness of Christians in Korea.

4. We call on Methodists everywhere to pray for the people of South Korea and to support those who witness to social justice and Human Rights in Korea.

8. Conflict in Ireland:

The Rev. Eric Gallagher of the Irish Methodist Conference in Belfast, gave a sensitive exposition of the history, complexities and agonies of the Irish people over recent years. In the present mass call for peace by the Irish people in both the North and the South, he sees the first real possibility for hope in recent years.

CONSULTATION ON WORSHIP: After the W.M.C. the Rev. Graeme McIver attended the World Methodist Consultation on "Living Worship Today". This was an opportunity for about 60 representatives from all the major regions of the world to share the practices and problems of worship in their countries. A comprehensive summary of the proceedings of that consultation has been produced, and it is planned to hold similar regional consultations.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMME: Family life programmes and activities happened in some areas, but the work of this quinquennium was really hampered through lack of funds. However, some funds became available and workshops were held in Europe, Nairobi, North America. In Great Britain the work came under the department of social responsibility. Altogether not a very satisfactory report. However the Council has budgeted funds for this coming period and it is hoped that seminars will get off to a better start. Dr Nalla Tan, Singapore, is the new keen convener of the Christian family life programme and hopes to establish the work through Regional committees. Study theme will be:

Changing dimensions in Christian Marriage, the sub titles:

(a) The single parent. (b) Abortion. (c) Youth and drugs.

For our immediate attention we are asked to produce a paper on the subject "The Stand of our Church on pre-marital sex".

METHODISM: From the first day of the Conference, the underlying message and feeling of the Conference was the call to recover our Methodist heritage, perhaps we need to communicate the Wesleyan concepts of personal salvation and sanctification in today's contemporary church.

There is a renewed interest in restoring and saving the old Rectory and Wesley's Chapel, and although earlier plans have had to be shelved, it is expected to have the Chapel restored for the bicentennial in 1981.

Edith Gorringer and Vera Dowie came to the W.M.C. immediately following the World Federation Assembly, at which we shared with women from 58 countries of the world some very deep and meaningful experiences. We were challenged by two outstanding women guest speakers, on the subjects:

"The use of power"

"Education for all of life", and a third study

"Living with those who differ from us".

Participation in the beautiful and moving silence of the Peace March in support of the women of Belfast was a sharing in real depth. And so we were looking for similar experiential occasions at the W.M.C. Yes, there were high moments. The concerned voice of Dr Colin Morris as he addressed the crowded St Patrick's Cathedral in the Communion service, and the agony of the delegate who begged the Council to remember Aldersgate and the quiet understanding reply of the chairman from the British Conference, of such moments are Conferences everywhere made memorable.

One cannot assess the worth of a World Conference at the time of the happening, it is what is going to move from this point on, what actions will be set into motion, the programmes of the next five years should tell the story. Your representatives at Dublin are sure New Zealand Methodism can confidently take its place in the World Methodist Family, and believe we have much to offer towards the programme planning. Many of our member churches are in or moving to church Union. The W.M.C. welcomes the participation of United Churches, and indeed in the case of the small countries really needs to hear our voices. We would hope that in the meantime and for the sake of our heritage and effective mission activities, we continue our relationship with the World Methodist family.

GRAEME McIVER,
VERA DOWIE,
EDITH GORRINGER.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Methodist Church of New Zealand continue its membership in the World Methodist Council for a further five years. At the same time we reaffirm as our priority our commitment to the ecumenical movement through the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference in Asia.
3. That in response to the World Methodist Council call to continue the emphasis on evangelism, Conference asks the Development Division to:
 - (i) Facilitate a two-way communication with the World Methodist Council Evangelism Committee that will both receive information on evangelism from other parts of the world and interpret our insights to the world through the committee.
 - (ii) Share with Circuits, Union and Co-operating Parishes any information from the World Methodist Council Evangelism Committee that may be of use to our Churches.

QUESTION 41—(d) Board of Evangelism?

Now under Development Division

QUESTION 41—(e) Ecumenical Matters?

Question no longer applies.

QUESTION 41—(f) Church Union?

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

I. The work of the Committee during the year has been closely related to the Joint Commission as it has sought to evaluate the decisions of the Anglican General Synod. The decisions of the General Synod include the following:—

That General Synod accepts that the negotiating churches are part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, and recognises our ministries to be real ministries of the Word and Sacrament, given by Christ the Head of the Church.

That General Synod accepts that the way forward is that the Negotiating Churches should first work towards unification (or reconciliation) of their ministries.

That General Synod accepts the statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union as providing an adequate theological basis for such a unification (or reconciliation) of the ministries.

That General Synod accepts that such a unification (or reconciliation) of ministries should be understood as a preliminary step towards the organic union of the Negotiating Churches.

That this General Synod informs the Joint Commission on Church Union that it is willing, if acceptable to the Negotiating Churches, to enter into a covenant agreement to put into effect the proposals contained in the foregoing.

It is in the light of these decisions that the Methodist Church must make its response. It would be unnatural not to express the real disappointment and sense of frustration that the present negotiations, begun over ten years ago, have not been fulfilled by the adoption of the Plan for Union by all the negotiating partners.

But it is essential to grasp the truth that while we mark the end of a stage, we have not reached the end of the road in our journey towards union.

The Anglican proposals provide a new direction and are a starting point for further exploration.

We see no need to modify our conviction concerning the obligation to manifest the given unity of the church as a first fruit of the unity of mankind. We believe that the new stress upon the unification of the ministry has at last brought us to the heart of the issue. Many of the reasons for our present divisions are brought together at this point. We commend to the church the study of the implications of this new direction and the opportunity it affords for advance.

The Joint Commission, on receiving the report from the General Synod, appointed Committees to work out the outline of the two major proposals, viz: The Covenant and the Unification of the Ministries. These reports are contained within the 12th Report of the Commission, and it is to these that the Methodist Church is called to make a response.

As the Conference addresses itself to the proposals, it should bear in mind the possible timetable of replies by the other churches. Due to their procedures neither the Presbyterian nor the Anglican Church can commit itself to the proposals until 1978. The Methodist Church, similarly, has to meet its constitutional requirements.

The following then, are basic considerations which govern the resolutions appended to the Report.

1. In the interim there is opportunity for the church to look again at its mission and its fundamental calling within the wider church.

2. Because we see the need for reciprocity in our decision-making we realise that we must move in concert with our negotiating partners.

3. The presence of an ever-increasing number of Co-operating and Union Parishes together with other forms of Co-operative work shows that there is a strong desire for unity and that it is possible to manifest this at parish level. Their existence demands that we continue our quest for unity at regional and national level so that they may find their rightful place in the wider life of the church. The Unification of the Ministry is a vital step in establishing this sense of identity.

II. CHAIRMAN OF THE J.C.C.U.:

The Methodist Church would add its word of appreciation to the Rev. A. K. Petch as he concludes a four-year term as Chairman of the J.C.C.U. We are well aware of the capabilities and devotion Mr Petch brings to any task he performs and are grateful for his wise and enthusiastic leadership during his term of office.

III. REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT COMMISSION:

The Joint Commission recently decided to reduce its size and this means that we are asked to appoint six from the Methodist Church. As there will be a change of direction and content of the meetings, it is logical that there should be some change in personnel.

W. J. MORRISON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the 12th Report of the J.C.C.U. be received.
3. That the Reports of the J.C.C.U. on the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministry be given general approval, and referred with explanatory material to Synods for report to Conference 1977.
4. That Synods be asked to make known their response to the proposals to the Church Union Committee by 31st August, 1977.
5. That we ask the J.N.C.C.E., through the J.C.C.U., to facilitate the study of the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministry in Union and Co-operating Parish.
6. That the Revs. C. D. Clark, J. Grundy and W. R. Laws be thanked for their services as Methodist representatives on the J.C.C.U.
7. That Conference expresses its deep appreciation to the Rev. A. K. Petch for his long and valued service to the cause of Church Union. For many years as Convener of the Church Union Committee, Mr Petch stood in the highest esteem amongst all members of the Commission. Four years ago he was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Commission, a position he filled with great effectiveness and understanding.
8. That the allocation to the work of the J.C.C.U. for 1977 be \$1,892.
9. That while in no way reducing the commitment of the Methodist Church to further co-operation at the local level, the Development Division and District Synods give close consideration to the attendant effects of establishing further co-operation ventures on both
 - (a) the viability of connexional structures
 - (b) the viability of adjacent local Methodist structures.
10. That Conference learns with interest of discussions at St John's College concerning the possibility of joint ordination of students for the Ministry who have trained together, and refers the matter to the Church Union Committee for consideration.
11. That the Church Union Committee for 1977 be as printed on Page 8 herein.
12. That the representatives of the Methodist Church on the J.C.C.U. be as printed on Page 8 herein.

QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

Last year we reported that a major Methodist Social Services Conference would be held during the year. This has been deferred until March 1977. We urge all Social Services Boards to send strong delegations to the Conference where the Churches' role in Social Services will be examined in depth, and new strategies and policies planned for future years.

Australia-New Zealand Missions Conference:

This was held in Adelaide in August 1976. The New Zealand Representatives were Rev. D. B. Gordon, Rev. D. S. Mullan and Mr F. Wilson, Rev. I. Bailey and Mr A. A. Dingwall.

Christchurch will be the venue for the next Australia-New Zealand Conference which is due to meet in 1978.

Recruitment of Social Work Trainees:

The attention of Conference is drawn to the need to recruit suitable young people to undertake approved training for Social Service work in the life of the Church. Grants are available to help meet fees and living costs of approved trainees.

As a number of new courses for Social Work trainees have been developed in various Universities during recent years, the M.S.S.A. is examining the alternative courses with a view to recommending those for which grants will be available from the Everil Orr Social Work Training Fund.

Boards are asked to note that regular grants, possibly on an annual basis, will be needed if the fund is to be sufficiently buoyant to meet the cost of training a sufficient number of Social Workers for this expanding area of Ministry that is opening up for the Church.

Dialogue with Church Council:

The Rev. D. B. Gordon and Rev. A. R. Bowden presented a paper contributed to by all M.S.S.A. Areas to the Church Council. This was in response to a request by the Council for the N.Z.M.S.S.A. to prepare submissions on:—

1. The Involvement of Local Churches in Social Service.
2. Where is the Church going Institutionally?
3. Where is the local Church going on Social Welfare?

The following resolutions which were approved by the Church Council as a result of the discussions were considered at the Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A.:—

1. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. ask the J.C.C.U. to draw up guidelines for the co-ordination of Social Services.
2. That the M.S.S.A. provide guidelines as to what can be done in co-operation with other Churches and also with Local Bodies.
3. That the M.S.S.A. send information to Synods and Circuits regarding possible action at local level with other Churches and Local Bodies as well as individually.

In response to Resolution 1, the N.Z.M.S.S.A. decided to request the J.C.C.U. that the Consultation on Social Services in the United Church be re-convened.

In considering Resolutions 2 and 3, it was decided to set up a Committee in Christchurch with Mr Cedric Radcliffe as Convener to gather information from Circuits and to present material for discussion to the M.S.S.A. Executive. It was agreed that the Central Missions and Social Service Centres have a facilitating role and should make resources available to local Churches.

Redundant Properties:

It was agreed that when being asked for permission to sell redundant properties the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be requested to raise with the District Property Advisory Committee or the Joint Regional Committee whether such land or property could be used for new Social Service ventures by Central Missions or Social Services Trusts.

Development of Social Service Work in Circuits:

Information about local Churches involved in Social Service work was tabled and proposed developments were noted. It was decided to gather information from all Circuits undertaking or planning Social Service activities.

Social Service Report:

Reports were received from all Boards and Committees responsible for Social Service work throughout New Zealand. These reports are incorporated into the Reports of each M.S.S.A. Area and are printed separately in the Agenda.

Overseas Reports:

The Reverends D. B. Gordon and D. S. Mullan reported on the Australia-New Zealand Missions Conference and the Convener reported on Drug Rehabilitation and new forms of Aged Care in the United Kingdom.

Election of Officers:

Convener and Official Representative: Rev. Wilf. E. Falkingham.

Treasurer: Mr E. C. Flyger.

Representatives to N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services: Revs. W. E. Falkingham, J. A. Penman and D. B. Gordon.

Thanks to Charitable Trusts:

The following Trusts have generously supported our Social Welfare work throughout New Zealand and we record our appreciation:—

The J. R. McKenzie Trust.

The Sutherland Self Help Trust.

The Todd Foundation.

The J. B. S. Dudding Trust

and also Savings Banks in all the provinces.

G. E. HILL, Vice-President, Chairman.

WILF. E. FALKINGHAM, Convener.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

STAFF

With the exception of the resignation of the Matron of the Everil Orr Homes there have been few changes in senior staff this year. Mrs M. D. Jones who had previously been the Assistant Matron of the Everil Orr Homes took over from Miss Z. M. Miller as Matron in June 1976. Mrs T. M. McKenzie became Matron of the Franklin Eventide Home when it opened in August 1975.

We are fortunate indeed with the calibre of senior staff which we have in all departments.

AGED CARE—GENERAL

Our management Board will be studying carefully the special report of the Health Department on "Accommodation and Service needs of the Elderly" which was published on 30th June, 1976.

In many ways it is a criticism of the direction which church social service agencies have taken over the years in their tendency to emphasise institutional care. Although we could make a good case for reasons for past policies, we must take heed of warnings given and must surely welcome more research which is taking place regarding elderly people and their place in society.

As the state provides more financial help, voluntary agencies will need to be prepared to accept more guidance from the state and especially in regard to the assessment by regional geriatricians, of prospective residents for rest homes and patients for geriatric hospitals.

Church Social Service agencies will undoubtedly need to change their direction from concentrating upon building residential homes and hospitals to providing more in the way of sheltered housing and residential clubs for the aged. Many of these could, with the support of our social service agencies, be set up in blocks of say ten to a dozen residents near to local churches where members could provide support and care and show interest and friendship. Our congregations too with their growing emphasis on building community could greatly assist various domiciliary services in their efforts to keep more elderly people living in the community.

There will always be the need for institutions for some people. Church geriatric hospitals, provided they have adequate paramedical services such as occupational therapy and physiotherapy and are closely in touch with general hospitals, should continue to care for long-term geriatric patients as well as those who after rehabilitation will be able to return to the community.

Residential homes are tending to become havens for many frail aged and this process will continue although there must always be a place for some who while still comparatively fit physically need, for social reasons, residential care.

Health Department policy seems to be moving towards having many confused elderly people who are at present in psychiatric hospitals, returned into the community. This is a worthy ideal but unfortunately, many of these are simply moving from large state institutions into private rest homes where in many cases little is done

to help in their rehabilitation and recreation. The Church must investigate more ways in which it can help these psycho-geriatric patients.

The State on the other hand must recognise that if church agencies are being asked to care for an increasing number of frail residents in their homes, then some kind of subsidy such as one which was suggested by the 1967 Board of Health Committee for all patients over 80, should be speedily instituted.

Everil Orr Homes

There are 186 beds in this complex and the average occupancy is approximately 178. This is because there are usually several people away on holiday, and one or two in public hospitals. We have recently instituted a physiotherapy service and plans have been passed by the Health Department to build an occupational therapy room. The average age of those in residential care at present is 83.

Costs continue to rise and over the year there was an overall increase in expenditure of \$118,145 of which \$91,432 was made up by increased wages. This has necessitated a rise in fees but the Mission subsidises any person who through lack of capital or income is entitled to receive from the Social Welfare Department an additional benefit. People in this category are subsidised so that nobody receives less than \$6 per week pocket money.

Wesley Hospital

Our occupancy rate continues to be approximately 100 per cent. This is because we have an urgent waiting list and a bed is filled usually the day it becomes vacant.

At long last the 30-bed extension has started, and for this we received a very keen tender price from McKerras Brothers Limited who have done so much work for the Mission. As well as the 30-bed extension the Government has granted an additional subsidy for extensions to our occupational therapy and physiotherapy block.

We have maintained our fees at \$70 per week over and above the Government subsidy for the past year because we are most concerned that far too many elderly people see their life savings whittled away through long hospitalisation. Nevertheless, we cannot maintain the fees at this rate for very much longer as our loss on Wesley Hospital for the year ended 31 March, 1976, excluding the amount allowed for depreciation, was just on \$14,000.

Kamo Home—Whangarei

This Home, which is an ideal size for a catchment area the size of Northland, continues to provide an excellent service for the people of that area. At the present time we are examining the possibility of building flats for the elderly on the site.

Tamahere Home—Hamilton

Although the Tamahere Home is run by a separate trust it comes within the oversight of the Auckland area M.S.S.A.

Franklin Eventide Home—Pukekohe

The Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell, opened this Home for 30 residents on 23 August, 1975 when approximately 700 people were present. The final cost to open and purchase the Home was \$490,357 of which the Government provided a subsidy of \$285,000. The people of the Franklin area pledged themselves to find the balance of something over \$205,000 and at 31 March, 1976 they had raised \$155,000, leaving a debt at that date of \$50,000 which is being underwritten by the Mission. This is being steadily paid off.

Esplanade Road Flats—Auckland

Work on these 26 single and 3 double flats for the elderly is well under way and it is expected that residents will occupy them early in the new year. The final finished cost excluding land will be just on half a million dollars. The people are being invited to give the Mission a free of interest loan in exchange for an occupation lease for life or, alternatively, the Housing Corporation has offered generous finance on a table mortgage of up to \$10,000 per flat or a total of \$290,000. Both of these options are being taken up.

Campbells Bay Home—North Shore

The Government has made available a subsidy of \$562,500 for a 45-bed Home on the site of the former Health Camp in Campbells Bay. Working drawings are now progressing and it is hoped that we may be in a position to call tenders before the end of the year.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A year ago, the Board of Management established a Social Concern Committee to investigate the needs of people in Auckland. The first project was that of providing accommodation for women who need some help to cope with life. A house was purchased and since September 1975 has been occupied by four women. There is also a room available for transient people.

Recently a house was purchased in Mt Eden which, when renovated, will provide flats for those moving out of the house and "finding their feet" before caring for themselves back in the community.

The Board of Management also gave this committee a grant of \$5,000 to be used to help voluntary Social Workers with their out of pocket expenses. So far over \$2,000 of this has been allotted. Grants were also made to four people doing the Community Studies Course at Auckland University.

CHILD CARE

On the 1st July, 1976 the Methodist Children's Home Board merged with the Methodist Central Mission and the Board became a Child Care Committee of the Central Mission Board of Management. This Committee will be under the Chairmanship of Mr M. C. Copeland, the former Board Chairman, who is also a member of the Board of Management of the Central Mission. We would remind the many friends who have assisted our work in the past that donations may still be given to child care through the Central Mission. Continuing support will be needed because of the costly nature of this work.

During this past year Wesleydale Home has been leased to the Government as a Social Welfare Home while a new family home at Sunnynook has been opened. At present we have two family homes and are planning a further home at Titirangi. We have a number of children in foster care while a new emphasis is being placed on preventative work, by our two social workers. Our senior social worker, Mr Keith Hayes, has recently been awarded a Nuffield Scholarship.

JOINT PROJECTS

ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES

The major part of our non-institutional social work is carried on as a joint effort with the Anglican Church through Anglican Methodist Social Service. At present we have working in the city centre a director, chief social worker and two other social workers one of

whom is a Samoan and works mainly with Polynesians, plus two child care social workers who are seconded to our child care Committee.

Working in the suburbs we have five community social workers who are assisting people through training and counselling to be more effective in their own community.

INTER CHURCH COUNSELLING SERVICE AND LIFELINE

The service celebrated its 10th anniversary in February of this year. The work continues to grow and for the past year it was reported that there had been 8,052 telephone calls and 1,528 face to face counselling interviews. The service is at present engaged in a fund raising appeal in order to provide funds for moving into new premises.

JAMES LISTON HOSTEL—AUCKLAND

This hostel, which was named in honour of the late Archbishop James Liston of the Roman Catholic Church has been operating for four years and it provides an invaluable service and home for lonely men in the city. A large band of dedicated volunteers bring practical help and compassion to those in need.

MELROSE HOME—TAURANGA

This home, which now has 30 residential beds, 20 hospital beds and 7 cottage beds and has further beds under construction, is administered by the Presbyterian Social Service Association, on behalf of both agencies while the Central Mission administers Kamo Home in Whangarei and Franklin Home at Pukekohe on behalf of the Presbyterian and Methodist Social Service agencies.

The Central Mission is well represented on the Melrose Committee.

IN THE MIDST OF THE CITY

The Mission Church continues to serve a fairly stable congregation made up largely of Palagi and Samoan people although there are a few from Tonga and Fiji. The Church which is a haven for peace and quiet in the city is used by many people throughout the week.

FRIDAY FORUM

On the pavement outside the Mission Church each Friday at 12.15 p.m. for half an hour, except during the Winter months, Friday Forum is on. Here the relevant social and political questions are dealt with. Passers by pause, listen and interject, but more important has been the interest of the news media and on a number of occasions there has been newspaper and TV coverage.

MISSION CENTRE

We reported at the last Conference that we had abandoned the idea of a large multi storey building to be built at the back of the present church and in which would also be situated certain social service activities.

Throughout the year, however, the need for an expansion of our offices and social service premises has become pressing and consequently we invited several major firms to present us with ideas for a modest two storey social service building. The competition was won by Messrs Civil & Civic and work is expected to begin on this building in July 1976 which will finally, after it is finished, cost in the vicinity of \$400,000.

On the ground floor there will be a coffee bar to seat 36 people, a circular lounge which will receive natural light from a ceiling dome and several meeting rooms. The first floor will be occupied by Life-line—Interchurch Counselling Centre, Anglican Methodist Social Services and the New Citizen.

DONATIONS

We have been extremely grateful for the generous help we have had during the past year from many friends especially in our annual appeal. Special thanks are due to the Trustees of the Auckland Savings Bank for their continued interest in making annual grants to the Everil Orr Homes, Franklin Eventide Home and Anglican Methodist Social Services.

LEGACIES

During the past year we have received a number of legacies amounting to \$97,105.

CONCLUSION

The Mission is a very large enterprise and last year our current expenses in all departments exceeded for the first time \$1 million. At present we have work in hand of a capital value of \$1 million and by the time work commences on the new Social Service Building and the Campbells Bay Home, the total value of the current contracts will be approximately \$2.1 million.

Yet in spite of all this, we try to remember that our primary concern is to serve people. To this end we are warmly grateful to the many people who assist us in our work. To those who serve on the Board of Management and its various committees, to the many members of staff in all our departments and the hosts of volunteer workers, Thank You.

We believe that God is working in the Mission and we seek to be co-workers with Him.

D. B. GORDON, Superintendent.

M. L. DINE, Assistant Superintendent.

I. R. SOUSTER, Secretary.

H. T. GARLICK, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. D. Bruce Gordon be designated for appointment at the 1977 Conference for a further term of six years as Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.
3. That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1977 be as printed on Page 7 herein.

REPORT OF CENTRAL DISTRICTS AREA M.S.S.A.

WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

Wesley Hospital was completed and opened in October 1975. The 32-bed Geriatric Hospital was quickly filled and remains so. A very good relationship exists with the Hospital Board's Geriatric Assessment Unit.

The cost of the hospital building and equipment was just on \$600,000 for which a Government subsidy of \$400,000 was provided. The Trust Board has stretched its resources to the absolute limit and has borrowed in order to bridge the gap.

Residents seeking admission to Strand House are now much frailer and require attention which places a severe strain on present staff. There appears to be no alternative to the provision of Government subsidy enabling churches to provide the staff and support necessary.

Epworth House is facing a difficult time with very low bed occupancy and a deficit to 30th June, 1976 of \$7,500. The future is being assessed and changes will have to be made.

Support for work continues to come from Charitable Trusts such as:

Sutherland Self Help Trusts
J. R. McKenzie Trust
W. H. Denton Trust
Todd Foundation
C. H. Izard Trusts

from Wesleyhaven Fair and the two Goodwill Shops. The Board acknowledges the tremendous support from a vast number of voluntary workers who are responsible for maintaining this income.

Administration procedures are being streamlined and Mr W. D. Squire, A.C.A., has been appointed Accountant.

A new Community Worker has been appointed by the Trust Board to work within Mt Victoria area. Ms Margie Jean Malcolm works under the direction and supervision of the Inner City Ministry.

Future policy review includes the following

- Reassessment of Epworth House as a hostel
- Best use of available land at Wesleyhaven to serve the needs of the ageing
- Careful handling of resources by reviewing management procedures streamlining accounting work. Staff ratios in institutions which will provide maximum efficiency.

J. A. PENMAN,
Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1977 be as printed on Page 7 herein.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

The Centre has consolidated many aspects of its work.

COUNSELLING:

Referrals from professionals and self-referrals have increased markedly and this aspect of the work copes with marital tension, family disturbance, emotional crisis and isolated persons. The Centre is offering a vital counselling service in an eclectic fashion.

GENERIC SERVICES:

Liaison with community action groups and encouragement for a wide range of volunteer services. Supervision for staff from other agencies and staff on placement from Social Work training courses.

CHILD CARE AND SOCIAL WORK:

Solo parent families, liaison with Masterton Children's Home, holiday facilities, adolescent difficulties.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICE

The Social Welfare Department grant financial support for some families served by our worker. An increase in demand for this service whereby children are cared for in their own homes during family crises or when parents need a break. This service is unique in New Zealand and Miss Zurcher works voluntarily to maintain a helpful preventive role.

WEST STREET HOSTEL:

The Probation Service placed eight young men here and four other beds are filled by boarders. The group discussions and the family atmosphere serves to help young men rehabilitate themselves towards the community.

EDUCATIONAL:

For parish members, community courses, social action programmes. Roy Bowden is an occasional lecturer for University Extension human relationship courses. The staff participate in panel discussions, family-life programmes and encourage community volunteer courses.

RELATED CHURCH SOCIAL WORK:

Feilding is an autonomous inter-church centre with its own Director (Mr Colin Rivett). The P.S.S.A. is considering more formal negotiations with the Palmerston North Centre. Inter-church discussions are continuing.

HIGHBURY HOUSE:

This community shop is manned by 120 volunteers and is a place of care as well as a place to purchase clothing. Mr D. Petersen is a helpful shop convener for us.

STAFF:

We record with appreciation the years of encouragement from Rev. Loyal Gibson who moved from Palmerston North in January 1976. Mrs Jeanela James continues as Social Worker and Mr K. Fay as Parish Administrator. Miss Bertha Zurcher is Home Support Worker and Mr and Mrs C. Haar are Hostel house parents. Mr M. O. Boniface continues voluntarily as Treasurer. Our thanks to the perceptive Management Committee and many supporters of the Centre.

KEN M. FAY,
Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee of the M.M.S.S.C. for 1977 be as printed on Page 7 herein.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1976

As a separate printed report is available to Conference this report in the Agenda deals only with new developments and brief comments on general work.

CREATIVE LEISURE CENTRE

Last year we reported that a Creative Leisure Centre would be established in Aldersgate.

Under the direction of the Organiser, Mrs Noeline Bull, the Centre was opened on September 10, 1975. Thirty-seven courses have been provided in five crafts with a total enrolment of 356. Fourteen courses and programmes in Human Relationships have attracted 201 participants, giving a total of 557 people enrolling in all courses at the Centre.

In addition a "Try your Hand" programme has catered for approximately 600 people.

NEW DINING HALL FOR REHUA PLANNED

The Rehua Old Boys' Association is raising funds to erect a Dining Hall which will be complementary to the traditional Meeting House on the site. In a few months they have raised approximately \$2,500.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The Mission now has its own Offset Printing Department which is proving its value in promoting our various Social Service activities.

SOCIAL WORKERS

Mrs Eleanor McGlinn, the Medico-Social Worker, has an Aged Care Register of 500 people. With the increased demands on her time it is apparent that before long additional staff will be needed in this area.

Miss Mary Stubbs, the Mission's Social Worker, reports that she counselled 250 people during the year who sought practical help from the Mission. She has also provided training courses and growth groups for Erewhat, Creative Leisure Centre and Life Line Counsellors.

EREWHAT

"Commitment to relationship" may be an accurate by-word to describe this caring community of young adults. Coming with a variety of backgrounds and personalities, each member of the hostel is committed to examining and developing their ability to adjust, to communicate, and interact with other people in a close living situation. Several members of the community are receiving psychotherapy from the various counselling centres in the city and find Erewhat supportive in encouraging them to continue the progress they are making.

SOUTHHAVEN

Now in operation over a year, Southhaven has developed a genuine family-like atmosphere for the young physically handicapped adults who are making this hostel their home. Designed to give support to these folk while they are being rehabilitated, the emphasis is also equally on encouraging their own independence.

AGED CARE

While not the only area of aged care work performed by the Mission, that which is done throughout institutions provided for this purpose is a very substantial and responsible part of it. In the Christchurch area accommodation is provided for 158 persons in the following categories: Hospitals 66, Homes 78, Flats 14.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT WESLEY HOUSE, PICTON

Approval has been given by Government for a subsidy of \$312,000 for re-development plans which include a new two-storey wing, also extensive alterations to the existing building with the provision of a new main entrance. Work on the contract is now in progress.

The capacity of Wesley House on completion will be 44 residents, including 18 in the new wing. The work is expected to be completed towards the end of the year. Mrs E. A. Decke has been appointed to the position of Matron.

GREEN GABLES, NELSON

Mr A. Thomas of St John's Methodist Church has been appointed Chairman of the Management Committee of Green Gables, Nelson. Green Gables is a joint Presbyterian-Methodist venture and a very active local committee is working to raise funds required over and above subsidy.

When the contract is completed the extension will consist of 20 extra beds to the existing home and a new 20-bed Geriatric Hospital.

When completed in February 1977 the Home and Hospital will accommodate 52 people.

LIFE LINE

Of the 5,626 calls during last year "Depression" still rates highest, with a total of 1,080, this is nevertheless a drop on last year's figure of 1,247, but the number of people with "Psychiatric" problems has risen to 387 in comparison with 185 last year. Problems of "Addiction" have risen, especially with drugs, with 105 people seeking help against 71 in the last Report. Attempted and threatened suicides have also increased to a combined total of 158 (125).

Mrs Ngaire Johnston supervises this work with sensitivity and skill.

RESIDENTIAL CLUB

The Health Department has indicated that a tender could be accepted for the construction of the Residential Club in April 1977. However, due to escalating costs the amount the Mission must find above Government Subsidy (\$625,000) is over \$300,000. The Board is examining ways and means of reducing this amount to manageable proportions.

FINANCE

We gratefully acknowledge the following Bequests and Grants:

BEQUESTS

		\$
Estate M. G. McLaren	Care Aged	200.00
Estate R. A. Stacey	Social Services	300.00
Estate M. I. King	Care Aged	1,000
Estate A. Hitchings	Wesley Lodge	200.00
Estate M. J. Wood	Fairhaven Home	100.00
Estate R. J. Tucker	Care Aged	3,240.00
Estate E. Sincok	Eventide Homes	64.54
Estate A. H. Hayman	Care Aged	2,033.34

GRANTS

	\$	
Hyman Marks Trust	275.00	Social Service
Robt. Clark Trust	300.00	" "
McKenzie Trust Board	400.00	" "
Rank Xerox	250.00	" "
Oxford Terrace Baptist Church	100.00	Life Line
Todd Foundation	100.00	" "
Lions International	2,000.00	" "
Hyman Marks Trust	150.00	" "
Ferrier Charitable Trust	500.00	" "

Zonta Club	500.00	" "
Canterbury Savings Bank	300.00	" "
McKenzie Trust Board	400.00	" "
St Albans Circuit	71.00	" "
Philip Brown Trust	500.00	" "
Burnside High School	700.00	Life Line & Youth Line
Sutherland S.H. Trust		
Board	2,000.00	Wesley House, Picton
Todd Foundation	500.00	Wesley House, Picton
Crothall Charitable Trust	300.00	Durham Street
Riccarton J.C's.	369.13	Social Service
Clarke Trust	250.00	Rehua
St John Hall Trust	600.00	Aged Persons Aid

THANKS

We express thanks to all who have supported our work during the year by gifts and service.

We acknowledge the value and publicity given by the news media and we appreciate the co-operation of the Government through subsidies payable by the Department of Health and Maori Affairs.

WILF. E. FALKINGHAM, Chairman.
IAN D. BLAIR, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference warmly congratulates the Rev. W. E. Falkingham on his award of the M.B.E. in the New Years Honours in recognition of his Social Service leadership in Christchurch over the past 25 years.
3. That the Board of Management for 1977 be as printed on Page 7 herein.

DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

Once again we have had a stimulating year and many opportunities have been opened up in service to the community.

Eventide Home and Hospital continues to operate at full capacity and normally has a waiting list of more than 50 names. During the year we have set aside two beds for short-term residents and this has enabled some on the waiting list to be introduced to the Home for up to a month. This system has enabled families to obtain a brief respite from care of their elderly relatives whilst, at the same time, giving the resident an opportunity of acquainting himself with the care and facilities available. Meantime, we have been granted authority to convert six Home beds to Hospital beds.

We propose to develop the site of Wesley Manor under its new name of Wesley Court. The first stage of this re-development is the erection of 12 independent ownership flatettes. Tenders have been received for this work and it is hoped that the Contract will be signed in the next few weeks.

The Anglican-Methodist Trust has opened several of its resident-investment flats at Glenwood Home, Timaru. The flats are most attractive and are modestly priced. The accounts for the 30-resident Home show a very satisfactory balance for the year and we express our thanks to the devoted staff for their loyal service.

We continue to be concerned in the area of **Child Care** and at present are investigating the possibility of building more suitable premises for this work. Funds from the Newbold Trust will be used for this project.

Our **Goodwill Services and Friendship Centre** continue to fill a need in the community and we are most grateful for the assistance of many voluntary workers in these areas. Another of our **trading departments**, the Rotaprint press, still supplies economical printing both for ourselves and for sister churches.

Mr and Mrs J. Patey resigned on June 30th after 12 years as caretakers at **Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp**, and we express our gratitude for the work they have done. Mr and Mrs R. Dickson, who have assisted the Pateys from time to time during busy periods, have been appointed as joint Camp Managers. We feel sure the Camp will continue to offer relaxing holidays to those who make use of it.

We seem to have spent a good deal of time in preparing Constitutions recently. First, that of the Mission itself as we seek to become incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act. This constitution nears completion at last. A second constitution, involving the **Anglican-Methodist Family Care Centre**, has been drawn up and approved by both the Diocese and the Mission. Meanwhile the Centre continues to provide assistance in many fields of service.

The Superintendent continues to act as Chief Advisory Officer of the Budget Advisory Service and fulfils many speaking engagements for the Service including visits to the upper forms of local Secondary Schools.

The Mission is currently co-sponsor of "planTalk", a project designed to involve local people in formulating and expressing ideas for next year's review of the Dunedin City District Scheme. It is envisaged that groups will meet in private homes to discuss various aspects of the Scheme and be involved in its planning. Opportunity will be open to those taking part to express their views through radio talk-back and other media.

The Superintendent, together with other local ministers, continues his **Ecclesia** programmes in the Friendship Centre. This is a venture in experimental worship and in group life. In a little over a year since the **Ecclesia** programme commenced, there have been a number of different themes including Lenten Breakfasts, Creative Listening and Film discussion groups on "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

In concluding this brief report, we take the opportunity to express our gratitude to all who have supported the Mission in its ventures, particularly those whose gifts and voluntary services so enrich our work. Their continued interest enables us to view the future with confidence, and we thank God for them and pray that we shall be equal to the tasks that lie ahead of us.

D. S. MULLAN, Superintendent.

R. A. BURTON, Deputy Superintendent.

F. W. WILSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. D. S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed., be designated for appointment from 1 February, 1978 for a further term as Superintendent of the Mission.
3. That the Board for 1977 be as printed on Page 7 herein.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD

INCORPORATED IN THE REPORT OF THE AUCKLAND
METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION MANAGEMENT BOARD

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

The Need:

The Committee started the year under consideration with a review of the objects of the Home. It was found that (1) there is still much need for a Home of the type at present being run; (2) the Committee was encouraged to continue the work which they were doing with family groups and with children in the five to 12-year-old age bracket; (3) consideration needs to be given to the building of family units and motel-type units for adolescents.

Although there are few "orphans" these days, the number of children in need seems to be on the increase. Eleven children have been admitted during the past 12 months and there have only been seven departures, leaving us with 25 children in residence at the end of the year.

A real concern is the need to provide suitable accommodation and supervision for graduates of the Home as they take up employment and make their way into the wider world. Two school leavers this year and another five or six in the next 18 months highlight this problem.

The Staff:

The Committee records with appreciation the continued loyal service of our Manager and Matron, Mr and Mrs John Dubbeldam, in what has been a difficult year of staff movements and reorganisations.

Staff members continue to serve with dedication, endeavouring to provide each child with the time and affection necessary for individual growth.

The Management:

Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Bruce Hosking on his departure and we were pleased to greet Rev. Peter Glensor. The resignation of Mr Doug Springer after 12 years service (including six years as Chairman) on the Management Committee has been received with very much regret.

The Property:

All property is in good condition. The new staff house was occupied by the Manager and his family in January of this year. Some sections remain unsold in the subdivision. However, in view of the current economic conditions, no concern is felt.

The children's cubicles have been modified to provide a transit area which can be used by either boys or girls according to the current need. A new 90 cubic feet cool room has been installed, providing a much needed addition to storage space.

The Means:

The rapidly rising cost of living is reflected in this year's accounts and expenses are constantly under review. Wages, stores and clothing are the areas most affected.

The work of Homeleigh has been helped by many who have shown their interest in practical ways and particularly by those who have opened their homes to the Children during the school vacations.

Our work is dependent to a large extent on the financial support of Church and charitable trusts. In particular, we record appreciation of the following grants:—

Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	\$3,000
McKenzie Trust	\$700
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$200
Masterton Lions Club	\$200 of Sports Equipment
Masterton Rotary Club—Sports Equipment	
Estate M. F. Ryan	\$100

D. A. PRATT, Chairman.

B. D. SMITH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Management Committee for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

WE ARE STILL ALIVE AND ACTIVE

April 1914	First House opened to care for 12 children.
1934	Present site in Harewood Road bought .
November 1934	Present buildings opened.
1965	Present buildings extensively renovated and divided into family units.
August 1967	Barrington Street Family Home opened.

Projected Developments:

The erection of a Day Care Centre.

Building of a Recreation Hall for the children.

Establishment of an additional unit at Harewood Road.

Numbers of Children in Care:

In "family units" at Harewood Road	48
In the Barrington Street Cottage Home	8
In foster care	30
In the Day Care Centre	10

TOTAL 96

The primary task of the Board is the care of children. Today there are 86 children who in varying ways come under the care or oversight of the South Island Children's Home and there is steady pressure for the numbers to increase. Some children are referred by Government or Voluntary Welfare Agencies; others simply arrive on the doorstep. But all are in need of care; or are "at risk" in the community; or, with their families, require understanding and

guidance. No child is worked with in isolation from its family unit, and such work involves many hours of counselling and help. It has been particularly gratifying to be able to give a home to whole families because of the policy adopted by the Board in 1967, thus saving the children from the anguish of having to be parted from brothers and sisters as well as from parents.

A small day care centre is already operating, but in very cramped quarters. This caters for six pre-schoolers from the Home as well as ten from the community. The criterion for admission is the need of the child, not the convenience of the mother. Approval in principle is awaited from the Government for the establishment of an enlarged and more adequate Centre. It is also hoped to provide a recreation room in due course to cater for the needs of all age groups of children in care; and, when space can be made available, to establish an additional "special purpose" family unit at Harewood Road.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and stable staff who are making good use of the staff training courses available, especially those offered by the Technical Institute. The work is demanding and there is increasing need for staff to be well qualified. The Board is seeking, through its salary scales, to give some recognition of the acquiring of suitable skills.

The cost to care for each child is around \$25 per week. Income is derived from contributions from parents, the Family Benefit, Government capitation subsidy, income from investments and bequests, and donations. For several years the work of the Children's Home Board has received no grant from the Connexional Budget, although child care work is carried on by authority of Conference and on behalf of our Methodist people. Last year the Board ran at a loss of \$15,000. This had to be met by transferring reserve funds which were being husbanded for capital developments. In effect the Board has been out of pocket by at least \$3 per week for every child under care. This year the gap is widening even further.

It is hoped that in the near future it will be possible to lease a large part of the vacant land on terms favourable to the Board and useful to the Church and the community. This would help very considerably towards meeting running costs, and enable more of the legacy money to be put towards the provision of a Day Care Centre and a Recreation Hall. Help in the form of gifts of money or legacies is regarded as an investment in the future of young New Zealanders.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

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

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

A. REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office has met on 12 occasions during the year and has been involved in discussions with the Special Committee appointed by the 1975 Conference to

define the Church's hopes and expectations of the Finance and Administration Division.

Financial Position:

The Annual Financial Statements are presented to Conference along with this Report. They reveal an excess of expenditure of \$3,795 over income compared with last year's surplus of \$23.

The Finance Manager commenced his duties in the Connexional Office, Christchurch on October 22, 1975 and quickly set to work to familiarise himself with the Funds administered by this Office. In the absence of the General Secretary on sick leave from November 1975 to February 1976, Dr D. J. Janus willingly and ably attended to much detailed work in co-operation with Mr E. G. Heggie who was appointed Interim Assistant Secretary by the 1975 Conference.

The Board of Management has again had to contend with rises in costs, especially wage increases. The salary of the Finance Manager was met in full for the period November 1975 to June 30, 1976. The total amount spent on wages and salaries was \$46,549 and was partly met by grants from the Thorndon Property Account over the past three years, totalling in all \$9,598. The Board is grateful for the consideration shown to it in this way by the General Purposes Committee of the Conference.

The Office has benefited greatly from the voluntary assistance of Mr Cedric B. Radcliffe and the large volume of work undertaken by Mrs Wynne Walter at a nominal remuneration. Rev. Ralph E. Patchett, a supernumerary minister, has also done much faithful and efficient work. The Board is greatly indebted to Mr Eric G. Heggie for his willingness to travel weekly from Wellington to Christchurch in order to supervise the administration of the Office. Had it not been for this—and other help from ministers and laymen in and around Christchurch—wages and salaries would have cost the Church a good deal more in 1975-76.

The Board has been pleased to welcome to the staff Mr B. C. H. Rains as Accountant and appreciates his contribution as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

With the increased volume of work and the additional staff required, the Board decided to take over a larger suite of offices on the second floor of Epworth Chambers. The renovation and removal were well planned and supervised by Mr C. B. Radcliffe and the Board thanks the staff for its understanding co-operation in this time of unsettlement.

In the light of all this, the Board has carefully reviewed its appropriations for 1977-78 but seeks the permission of Conference to vary same should circumstances make it necessary.

With some reluctance the Board has asked for an increased allocation from the Connexional Budget for 1977-78 as it realises that some circuits/parishes are undergoing serious financial strain. However, realities have to be faced and if the Church's hopes and expectations of the Finance and Administration Division are to be met, the Church must make proper provision for staffing and equipment.

Removal Expenses Fund:

The total cost of removals for the year ended June 30, 1976 was \$9,913. The grant from the Connexional Budget was \$14,000 and the excess of income over expenditure was \$3,869. This meant that the deficit in the Fund has been eliminated, leaving funds of \$1,379 available.

The Board attributes this encouraging position to the efforts

made by ministers to limit their claims on the Fund, but even more to the fact that the Stationing Committee approved of fewer changes of appointment. See figures below.

Analysis of Removals Paid by Fund

	No.	Total Cost	Ave.	1974-75
North Island Changes	20	\$3,660	\$183	\$218
South Island Changes	4	\$718	\$179	\$176
Inter Island Changes	9	\$6,046	\$672	\$493

Refunds:

Received from Union Parish—North Island	1
Grant Winstone Fund —North Island	1

Contingent Fund:

The demands of the Church on this Fund continue to increase in variety and in size.

There is need for a review of the types of expenses chargeable on the Fund. The Finance Manager and the Accountant are planning the introduction of more detailed documentation to accompany claims.

The Board is aware of the large demands that are being made on laymen, as well as ministers, to serve on Connexional Boards and Committees and that attendance frequently involves travelling. It is right and fair that laymen should be reimbursed for their expenses as well as ministers. To do so will mean, however, an increased allocation for the Contingent Fund from the Connexional Budget.

The Board of Management is again appreciative of the relief to the Fund given from Trusts like the Hamilton Trust and from individual laymen who give their services to the Church so willingly and freely.

The total expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1976 amounted to \$30,251 and exceeded income by \$2,355, thus increasing the deficit in the Fund to \$3,150.

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.

Financial and Statistical Forms (1973 Minutes p. 227, Res. 8):

Further experimentation was attempted this year and in the light of the experience gained, the Executive Officers of the Division will review the forms used with a view to their adaptation in 1977.

The Board suggests the following procedure for the processing of the various Financial Statements:—

1. That the Finance Manager enlist the aid of two members of the N.Z. Society of Accountants and that together they study the Financial Statements and check that they have been duly audited, and check them for any recommendations they might wish to make.

2. That the Finance Manager report to Conference, through Committee H, indicating at follows:—

- (a) The Financial Statements which are recommended for adoption by Conference, and that these be adopted en bloc.

- (b) A list of any Financial Statements which have not been received and the recommended action in regard to them.

- (c) Any recommendations to Boards, etc., arising out of the committee's checking of the Financial Statements.

The Board suggests the following procedure for the processing of the General Statistical Returns:—

1. That the Superintendent of the Development Division with the aid of two members of his Division, study the General Statistical Returns and check them for any recommendations they might wish to make.

2. That the Superintendent of the Development Division report to Conference, through Committee E, indicating as follows:—

(a) A recommendation for the adoption of the General Statistical Returns by Conference.

(b) Any other recommendations arising from the committee's checking of the General Statistical Returns.

Successor to General Secretary:

During the year, the Board of Management has consulted with the committee appointed by the Church Council regarding the nomination to Synods and Conference of a suitable successor to Rev. William R. Laws who is due to retire on January 31, 1978. This matter will be the subject of a special report to Conference.

Ecumenical Committee:

As requested by the 1975 Conference, the Council of Mission in consultation with the Special Committee on Finance and Administration has been reviewing the terms of reference of the Ecumenical Committee. Its mind will be communicated to Conference in due course. The Board of Management of the Connexional Office is in general agreement with the division of responsibility for ecumenical matters that is being recommended.

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 Conference approves of the procedures for the handling of the annual financial statements and statistical returns.

4. (a) That the 1977-78 appropriations be: Supernumerary Fund \$16,000, Fire Insurance Fund \$16,000, Church Building and Loan Fund \$13,000, General Purposes Trust \$16,000, Transport Trust \$2,500.

(b) That, if circumstances require it, the Board of the Administration Division be authorised to vary the above appropriations.

5. That the Conference expresses its sincere thanks to Mr E. G. Heggie for his services as interim Assistant Secretary to the Administration Division.

6. That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the service of the full-time staff of the Connexional Office in a trying year and the supplementary assistance given by Mrs W. Walter and Mr C. B. Radcliffe and other ministers and laymen resident in Christchurch.

7. That Conference warmly commends the 1976 Christmas Appeal of the National Council of Churches to members and Circuits/Parishes for their generous support.

8. That the Board investigate the question of the continuation of the Conference Equalisation Fund and the related aspects of Circuit payments to Conference representatives.

9. That the Board of Administration Division review the name of the Contingent Fund (suggestions: Conference Expenses Fund, or Connexional Expenses Fund).

10. The Conference expresses deep gratitude to God for the ministry of William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. on the occasion of his superannuation. For 13 years as General Secretary, he has given outstanding leadership and service as an administrator and as a pastor to ministers and lay people. He has brought to this office his brotherliness, his integrity, his approachability, his humility, his penetrating insight into issues facing the Church, his rich historical sense, his life-long interest in theology and his great love for Methodism.

Bill Laws, as we affectionately know him, has given himself unsparingly and sacrificially to the Connexion in a way that the Church cannot possibly repay. The Conference records its warm appreciation of his gifted ministry and looks forward to his year as General Secretary Emeritus, conscious that he has much to contribute from his richly stored mind.

11. That the Board of Administration give consideration to the appointment of a successor to Mr H. de R. Flesher as the President's Legal Adviser and bring a suitable recommendation to Synods and Conference 1977.

12. That the Board of Administration give consideration to the appointment of a new medical advisor.

B. MINUTES OF CONFERENCE AND YEAR BOOK

The 1975 Conference received a memorandum on the size of Minutes of Conference and replacement of present Minutes of Conference by a Year Book and gave the Board of Management leave to continue to study and report to Synods and Conference 1976.

With costs rising so steeply and so rapidly, the Board finds great difficulty in providing Synods and Conference with some realistic estimate of the amount that would be saved through the introduction of a Conference Agenda and a Year Book in place of the Minutes of Conference as at present constituted.

The Board obtained quotations for this proposition on the following basis:—

1. That the Conference records consist of **two** documents, viz.

(a) Conference Reports being a modified form of the Agenda.

(b) Conference Year Book being a modified form of Minutes.

2. That the Conference Reports consist of material presently included in the Conference Agenda with the **exclusion** of the following:—

(a) Lectionary.

(b) List of Lay Representatives to Conference as included in Conference Handbook.

(c) The following Financial Statements be furnished annually and placed in the Conference Journal but not published in the Conference Year Book:—

N.Z. Lay Preachers' Association, James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust, Prince Albert College, Wellington 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, Methodist Board of Publications, Wesley Historical Society, Robert Gibson Methodist Trust, Probert Trust, Emsley Trust.

3. That the Conference Year Book consist of material presently included in the Conference Minutes with modification of the following:—

- (a) In Memoriam to be published every third year only.
- (b) List of Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries to be published every third year only.
- (c) Answers and resolutions to Conference Questions only to be given, with a reference to Conference Reports as to details of Obituaries, Tributes, Reports, etc.
- (d) Appendix to Conference Year Book to include:—
 - (i) Amendments to Law Book with a complete list of alterations since 1969 every third year only.
 - (ii) Supplementary Conference Reports, including J.C.C.U.
 - (iii) The following Financial Statements be published in the Conference Year Book Appendix:
Five Divisions, Connexional Budget, N.Z. Women's Fellowship, N.Z.M.S.S.A. and Children's Homes, Investment Board.
 - (iv) General Statistical Returns with commentary prepared by Superintendent of Development Division.
 - (v) Memorials from Circuit Quarterly Meetings with Conference resolutions thereon.

The main purpose of the above is to avoid the unnecessary costs of printing reports, etc., twice. By the use of the two documents a complete record of the Conference is available and it also has the advantage of keeping as a permanent part of the record, Synod reactions to the various reports and recommendations.

Comparative quotations are as follows:—

Present System

450 Conference Agendas	3,250
450 Supplementary Agendas	925
2,000 Conference Minutes	5,460
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	\$9,635

Proposed System

2,000 Conference Reports	3,200
*2,450 Supplementary Conference Reports	720
2,000 Conference Year Books	3,840
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	\$7,760

(* 450 for use at Conference, 2,000 for inclusion with Conference Year Book.)

Savings in costs from Present System to Proposed System \$1,875.

In view of the saving in printing costs, and for other reasons, the Board feels that the proposition is worthy of being experimented with by the Church. In printing an Agenda and a Year Book the Methodist Church of New Zealand would be acting in a similar way to the British Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

The Board feels that with the restructuring of the Board of Finance and Administration that is to be undertaken in 1977 and the likely appointment by Conference of the General Secretary Designate,

the Connexional year beginning February 1, 1977 would be a good year for the change to be undertaken and a suitable recommendation is appended.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management of the Connexional Office be authorised to introduce the printing of an Annual Conference Agenda and Year Book embodying the reports, recommendations and general information as outlined in this report as from the 1977 Conference.
3. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to bring to Conference 1977 any changes required to the Law Book arising from the adoption of these procedures.
4. That Conference requests the Board of the Administration Division to give consideration to the provision of an index relating to Conference reports, to show the relation of the Supplementary Agenda to the main Agenda and to give comprehensive details of business coming before the Conference.

C. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP BY CONFERENCE 1975 TO REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL ON THE CHURCH'S EXPECTATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION AND THE STAFF REQUIRED TO FULFIL THESE EXPECTATIONS

The Committee held consultations in Christchurch and Auckland. It has received a special Report prepared by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office, personal submissions from Mr Eric Heggie and Dr Denis Janus, and had discussions with the General Secretary, Legal Adviser, Mr Alan Dingwall, Mr Cedric Radcliffe and other members of the Connexional Office Staff. It has considered reports referred to it by Conference, material produced prior to the establishment of the five Divisions, and other comments and suggestions from various people conversant with the Connexion. It was also advised of the Pastoral Committee's recommendation re timing of appointment of the next General Secretary. Though personal circumstances precluded Mr Winston Christian travelling away from Auckland and Vice-Presidential duties required Mr Geoff Hill to travel from Christchurch, we have maintained close liaison. This report has been prepared after a meeting between the Convener and the Board of Management in Christchurch on 3rd May.

The objectives and functions of the Administration Division, as approved by Conference 1975 are as follows:—

"Objectives:

To promote knowledge and understanding of the outworking of the Church's life and mission.

To provide leadership and guidance to the Church in matters affecting its basic polity, its day-to-day administration, the manage-

ment of funds, the growth and development of Connexional properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies that Conference shall entrust to it.

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.

To take such steps in conjunction with the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church."

"Functions:

(a) Facilitate the implementation of such policies of the Conference as shall be entrusted to it.

(b) Serve the interests of the various Funds located in the Central Office.

(c) Provide for the collection and housing of Conference and Church records.

(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 service and administration for National Funds."

We endorse the view of the Board of Management that this is a satisfactory statement, but that the Division is not yet geared to meet them. The Church expects the Connexional Office to be an expeditious "home base" for the Church on Mission, the other Divisions being "further out in the field". "The main accent of the Administration Division must at all times be on the rendering of service to support the mission of the Church. Optimum support should result from a well organised, functional and efficient Division."

The Board of Management Report acknowledges "that the Division is not yet geared to achieve this optimum support. It believes that as long as the present proliferation of Boards and Committees continues there will be little hope of Administration Division fulfilling a unified role. There should be a consolidation or amalgamation of the various Boards and the creation of a Board of the Administration Division which would report to Synods and Conference covering all its functions. It further believes that there is a need to generate income to provide the resources for the expectations of the Church to be implemented, and that the Division should seek the guidance of the Investment Board and the Finance Manager. Both the Investment Board and the Finance Manager must be seen as part of the function of the Administration Division in providing overall financial guidance."

Section 502 (2) of the Law Book reads "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."

The Board of Management proposed "something along the following lines":—

1. The creation of a Board of Administration somewhat along the lines adopted in commercial enterprises.

2. That the new Board should be made up of about 7 to 11 members, who are chosen for the contribution which they can make as Administrators or otherwise. The composition of the Board need not

necessarily be an equal number of ministers and laymen, but it is desirable that both ministry and laity be adequately represented.

3. That the Board meet regularly (say, monthly) and be concerned with policy matters rather than details and that the Executive Officers of the Board (General Secretary, Finance Manager, Accountant/Assistant Secretary) be expected and authorised to attend to the day-to-day matters of management.

4. Some of the work of the present Boards or Committees could be delegated to the Executive Officers, and they could report to Synods and Conference via the report of the Administration Division.

5. Other Boards could be absorbed within the Board of Administration always taking into account that the new Board would be concerned with policy and the Executive Officers with the implementation of that policy.

6. Other Boards again could become Working Committees of the Board of Administration, and they in turn might have representatives associated with the Board of Administration.

7. Due regard should be had to the legal implications. Incorporated Boards cannot easily be discontinued or wound up. Non-incorporated Boards can be changed or wound up by Conference decision.

It recognises that rationalising the present Boards would need to be an early task of the new Board, and that some legal matters and Questions on Synod/Conference Agendas would require revision.

Our Committee appreciates and endorses the general direction of these proposals. We envisage the amalgamation of the management of all matters controlled through the Connexional Office. **We propose a Board of 15 carefully chosen members**, not more than five of whom are Ministers. The General Secretary and General Treasurer would be ex officio members and the Assistant Secretary/Accountant could act as Secretary. The Board should create such sub-committees as are necessary (three?), with co-opted personnel if required. It should have a small Executive. Office management, staff requirements, etc., should be detailed to a sub-committee or left to the Executive.

The Board should be established from 1st February, 1977, but, in order to facilitate smooth transfer of responsibility and yet set a terminal date, and also to allow the General Secretary Designate to share in both the dismantling of the old and the structuring of the new, present Boards should continue until 30th June, 1977. Present Boards should be asked to promote the appropriate Resolutions for Synods and Conference 1976. Similarly, legal enactments necessary to accomplish this restructuring should be presented this year.

The recently formed Investments Board should continue, but its relationship within the Administration Division should be reviewed after the new Board has become established—say in two years time.

Resolutions are appended.

Executive Officers of Administration Division:

Our discussions endorse the view of the Board of Management that for the present time there is need for three Executive Officers.

1. **The General Secretary** who would be Secretary of the Conference, the Chief Executive Officer of the Administration Division, but not required to be involved in all the detailed work of the Board.

2. **Finance Manager/General Treasurer** who would be responsible for Financial Management and the oversight of various funds.

3. **Assistant Secretary/Accountant** who would be Secretary of the Administration Division Board, attend to matters arising from meetings, preparation of reports, and follow up. He would act as

Accountant and Treasurer for the various Funds, under the oversight of the General Secretary for matters Secretarial, and the General Treasurer for matters financial.

As the Finance Manager is Executive Officer of the Investment Board and will give increasing time to that commitment, he will have correspondingly less time for his function as General Treasurer. Certain flexibility will always be required between the three. While the Board is ultimately responsible, the Executive Officers "should be left to manage staff members, allocation of duties, office procedures, equipment, etc., in the way they consider necessary for the efficient running of the office. This should provide the Executive Officers with the information and support they require in order that, in turn, they might fulfil their executive function and provide creative leadership for the Board to make the basic policy decisions required of it."

General Secretary—Minister or Layman?

There should be little need to restate the issues, as they were covered in material presented to last Conference. There appears to be no reason why the General Secretary must be a Minister and Para. 502 (7) could be amended to allow for a lay-person being appointed to this position. However, it is highly desirable that one of the three Executive Officers should be a Minister. (If none of the three was a Minister, then a Minister with wide knowledge of the Connexion, and resident in Christchurch, would need to be associated with the office.) We have had strong representations that the next General Secretary should be a Minister. These include the current situation with regard to Church Union in New Zealand, ecumenical relationships generally, and the developing world-wide theological debate on the understanding and practice of Ministry.

We support this view and recommend accordingly.

The position of the General Secretary/Superintendent Administration Division is different from that of the head of any other of the Divisions. The Administration Division remains the "parent" or "home base" Division. In considering the appointment of the next General Secretary, and the dual role he fulfils, consideration should be given to the needs of the Church over the next decade. Should there be a maximum term of appointment? What is the relationship of the pastoral role of the General Secretary to that of the President, Chairman of Districts, Superintendent Ministers? An Assistant Secretary at Conference could carry through the very important yet more "mechanical" tasks of Conference sessions.

Legal Procedures and Law Revision:

The Church should not expect members of any Board to act outside the legal powers given to them by the Church, and Conference must therefore legislate for whatever changes it resolves. Recent examples of Conference not passing enabling legislation at the time when decisions were made which in themselves necessitated change of law, highlight the need for greater efficiency in this field. Responsibility for such situations rests on the Conference itself, not necessarily our Law Revision Committee as at present constituted. It could well be a requirement that a resolution, the passing of which involves change of law, should be accompanied by at least an initial draft of amending legislation. A new Legal Committee could watch decisions at Conference more closely, advising when certain matters have been inadequately dealt with, while at the same time continuing the law revision/legal advisory function. The Methodist Church of

New Zealand is recognised by the State as a properly constituted body. Our legal requirements (especially when set against those of some other denominations) are minimal. We ought not to place undue pressure upon the President, the Administration Division, or upon the General Secretary as the "Authorised Representative" of the Church.

Conclusion:

We acknowledge the cordial co-operation of many in the wide discussions behind this Report, and are particularly grateful to the Board of Management of the Connexional Office (from whose submissions several quotations have been drawn). We are confident that once a carefully and prayerfully selected new comprehensive Board is established the whole work of the Division will be creatively realigned in support of the total Mission of the Church. It will be "in support of". Good administration is important, but is not an end in itself. It is for the whole Church to be fully employed in the fundamental task of "making disciples".

E. D. GROUNDS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Administration Division be established as from 1 February 1977 and assume responsibility from existing Boards within the Connexional Office where possible not later than 30 June, 1977.
3. That the Investment Board continues separate from but in close liaison with the new Board of the Administration Division, its position to be reviewed in two years.
4. That Rev. Alan K. Woodley, B.A. be appointed General Secretary as from 1 February 1977 for an initial term of four years and act as:
 - (a) Authorised Representative of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (b) Custodian of Deeds.
 - (c) Custodian of Early Church Records.
 - (d) Secretary of Conference.
 - (e) General Property Secretary.
5. That Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. be appointed General Secretary Emeritus for one year as from 1 February, 1977.
6. That the Law Book, Paragraph 502 (7) be amended to read: "The General Secretary may be a Minister or a Layperson and shall . . ."
7. That the section of the Report "Legal Procedures and Law Revision" be referred to a committee consisting of the General Secretary, the Legal Adviser, Rev. R. H. Allen and Mr G. E. Hill for consideration and report to Church Council, 1977.
8. That the Board of Administration consist of not more than 15 persons, of whom not more than five are ministers.
9. That the General Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Administration.
10. That the Conference authorises the President, in implementation of the report on the Church's expectations of the Administration Division, to approve of the decisions of existing Boards to transfer their respective responsibilities to the Board of Administration as and when details of such transfer are satisfactorily completed and to decide on the date on which such decisions take effect.

11. That Church Council consider recommending a maximum tenure of office (e.g. for 10 years) for connexional appointments, (this could be in the interests of the Church as a whole and of the person involved) and report to Synods and Conference 1977.

12. That Section 140 (Law Book 1969, page 19) be amended to read: "Appointments to Divisional or Departmental offices shall, in the first instance, be for a term of not more than six years."

13. That the Board of the Administration Division for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 43—(b) The Supernumerary Fund and Allied Funds?

SUPERNUMERARY AND ALLIED FUNDS

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

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			
1975		1976	
\$		\$	\$
Sources of Funds:			
(a) Personal Subscriptions, Budget and other Subsidies, Investment Income, etc.			
71,318	Personal Contributions	137,652	
69,494	Subsidies (less refunds to Budget and payment to National Provident Fund)	95,273	
31,368	Interest Earnings	37,844	
6,492	Dividends	7,592	
993	Donations and Grants Received	59,713	
162	Commissions	150	
58,393	Rental Income	63,149	
<hr/> 238,220		<hr/>	401,373
(b) Other Sources			
7,287	Local Body Stocks and Debentures	27,081	
—	Mortgage Advances	23,865	
1,226	Legacy and Special Donations	—	
599	Capital Profit on Sale of Shares	—	
25,000	Loans Received	—	
	Perpetual Trustees Co.	10,000	
	Insurance Company Group Investment	10,000	
<hr/> 34,112		<hr/>	70,946
<hr/> 272,332		<hr/>	472,319
Disposition of Funds			
Costs:			
7,083	Administration Charges	7,374	
1,459	Other Costs	1,558	
12,271	Interest Paid (other than to Allied Funds)	12,093	

17,379	Property Expenses	21,087
<u>38,192</u>		<u>42,112</u>

Fund Disbursements		
44,689	Quarterly Annuities	58,199
23,106	Annuities Compounded	69,463
2,860	Furniture Grants	5,660
1,335	Other Grants	924
39,481	Refunds of Contributions (including interest)	44,090
4,000	Widows' Benefits Payments	
	Special Grants to Supernumeraries on Retirement	16,980
<u>115,471</u>		<u>195,316</u>

Other Disposition of Funds		
8,095	Cost of Property acquired	8,554
8,730	Share Investments	3,540
2,347	Company Debentures purchased	—
10,000	Invested Perpetual Trustees Co.	—
60,315	First Mortgages	60,000
29,182	Increase in Working Capital	162,797
<u>118,669</u>		<u>234,891</u>
<u>272,332</u>		<u>472,319</u>

Interest Earning Rate:

The interest earning rate for the year was 7.34% compared with 7.63% for the previous year. Increased costs in maintaining the properties owned by the Fund is a continual source of concern.

Epworth Chambers' increase in earning rate of 7.28% (6%) resulted from increased rentals which took effect during the year and the full impact of which should be reflected in next year's results.

REPORT OF MESSRS JOHN ERIKSEN & PARTNERS, CONSULTING ACTUARIES

Actuarial Valuation as at 31 January, 1976:

We have pleasure in reporting on the actuarial valuation of the fund as at 31 January, 1976. Our last report was made three years ago as at 31 January, 1973.

Benefits and Contributions:

Since our previous report annual contributions have increased to \$405 personal plus a further \$405 from the connexional budget. This represents 15% of the minimum stipend of \$5,400 per annum.

On retirement, normally at age 65, a Minister will receive an annual pension of \$38 for each year of service up to a maximum of 40 years. This pension will continue at the rate of 60% or \$22.80 per annum to his widow should he predecease her. A lump sum Furniture Grant is also payable on retirement equal to \$20 for each year of service again with a maximum of 40 years.

Should a Minister die in service his widow will receive an annuity of \$22.80 per annum for each year of her husband's service, both actual and potential, up to age 65 with a maximum of 40 years. She will also receive a double furniture grant of \$40 for each year of total potential service. For completeness it should be mentioned that on death-in-service a lump sum of \$4,000 is payable to a Minister's widow from a special fund.

Membership:

During the inter-valuation period membership has fallen to 206 male contributing Ministers. There are also four ladies now contributing to the fund. Five ministers were not contributing to the fund in 1976. There were 67 supernumerary Ministers receiving annuities from the fund of which 64 were married with consequent prospective liabilities for reversionary annuities to their widows. Forty-four ladies were also receiving annuities from the fund.

We have summarised the membership details in the schedules appended to this report.

Progress of the Fund:

Since our previous valuation the progress of the fund is summarised in the following consolidated revenue account:

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM 1 FEBRUARY, 1973 TO 31 JANUARY, 1976			
		\$000s	\$000s
Fund as at 1 February,			
1973	543	Annuities	137
Personal Contributions ...	153	Furniture Grants	13
Connexional Budget contributions	175	Refund of Contributions	8
Other Contributions	18	Working Expenses	20
Net Investment Income	151	Fund as at 31 January,	
		1976	862
	<u>\$1,040</u>		<u>\$1,040</u>

The average yield on the fund during the three years was as follows:

PERIOD TO 31 JANUARY	AVERAGE YIELD
1974	8.0%
1975	7.1%
1976	7.1%

Valuation Basis:

Since the last valuation the yield on the fund has continued to exceed our interest assumption. The return on new investments in New Zealand has also increased to a new record high level over the last three years. We therefore consider that the appropriate long term

rate of interest to use in this valuation is 5% per annum. For completeness we summarise the valuation basis below:

Rate of interest: 5% per annum.

Mortality of Ministers during service: The A49-52 Table of Mortality deduced by the Institute of Actuaries for assured lives.

Mortality of Annuitants: The latest tables deduced by the Institute of Actuaries for annuitants.

Valuation:

On the basis of the above assumptions the results of the projections are as follows:

VALUATION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY, 1976

Liabilities		Assets	
	\$000s		\$000s
Prospective annuities to Ministers	1,051	Present value of future contributions of \$810 per annum per contributing member	1,817
Prospective annuities to widows	609	Amount of fund as at 31 January, 1976	862
Prospective furniture grants	87		
Current annuities to supernumeraries	252		
Current annuities to widows	197		
To Surplus	483		
	<u>\$2,679</u>		<u>\$2,679</u>

Results:

The above Valuation Balance Sheet demonstrates a surplus of \$483,000. This is an improvement of \$276,000 over the result in 1973. The major reasons for the improvement are:

(i) an increase in the level of contributions which slightly exceeds the increase in the level of benefits

(ii) an interest return on the fund in excess of the valuation rate

(iii) a reduction in the liability for annuitants due to the increase in the valuation rate of interest assumed.

This surplus is sufficient to increase overall benefits by 20% or alternatively to reduce the level of contributions by the same proportion.

Death Benefit Fund:

Based on current membership the present value of a lump sum of \$4,000 payable on the death of any Minister before age 65 is approximately \$80,000. We therefore suggest that such a sum would be sufficient to maintain the special fund held for this purpose.

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERS

Year of Birth Group	Number of Contributing Ministers		No. of Ministers not contributing (all Male)
	Male	Female	
1905-09	1		
1910-14	13		1
1915-19	24		1
1920-24	28		
1925-29	38	1	1
1930-34	34	2	1
1935-39	27	1	
1940-44	34		1
1945-49	6		
1950-54	1		
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PENSIONERS' SCHEDULE

Year of Birth Group	No. of Single Males	Annual Pension	No. of Single Females	Annual Pension	No. of Joint Pensions	Annual Pension	Annual Reversionary Pensions
		\$		\$		\$	\$
1880-84			2	1,252			
1885-89	1	874	4	2,806	3	2,327	2,327
1890-94	1	753	9	5,062	2	2,239	1,571
1895-99			4	1,591	5	4,744	3,588
1900-04	1	989	6	2,876	16	6,992	5,216
1905-09			10	4,813	20	10,455	10,039
1910-14			3	1,557	12	3,907	4,887
1915-19			2	1,115	4	1,224	1,892
1920-24			2	1,359	—	—	—
1925-29			2	1,688	1	171	410
1930-34					1	646	388
	<hr/> 3 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,616 <hr/>	<hr/> 44 <hr/>	<hr/> 24,119 <hr/>	<hr/> 64 <hr/>	<hr/> 32,705 <hr/>	<hr/> 30,318 <hr/>

\$150,000 Appeal:

The first year of this three-year Appeal terminated on June 30, 1976. We set out hereunder the amounts received from Districts by that date. (We have shown in parentheses the allocations that were accepted by the Synods.)

Northland	300.50	(1,190)
Auckland	10,600.00	(10,600)
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	2,576.71	(6,990)
Taranaki-Wanganui	2,085.85	(5,280)
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1,650.50	(4,692)
Wellington	2,878.65	(6,050)
Nelson	616.00	(2,570)
North Canterbury	6,763.91	(8,390)
South Canterbury	1,542.22	(2,150)
Otago-Southland	353.60	(3,070)
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	\$29,367.94	\$50,982

Auckland—c/f 2nd year \$1,994.05

The Board has prepared some additional publicity for the second year of the Appeal. In the preparation of this additional material, it has in mind the decision of the 1975 Conference that as from February 1, 1976 the provision to the minister should be by way of an interest-free loan to be repaid on the death of the last survivor of the minister and his wife.

The Conference decision has already been applied to ministers who superannuated at the 1975 Conference and in each case a suitable document has been drawn up which includes an agreement to mortgage the property purchased to the extent of the loan advanced.

The Board has examined the advisability of an increase in the maximum amount of loan and at this stage has no recommendation to make.

During the year, the Board received submissions from Mr C. R. Hasseldine regarding the inequality of the Church participating in capital accretion on property over which it held a mortgage. A concise summary of the former General Treasurer's submissions was forwarded to Synods for their comments and the Board hopes to be in a position to report the reactions of the various Synods to Conference.

Ministerial Retirement Housing:

The fund established in 1974 on the initiative of Mr E. A. Crothall, stood at \$32,241 as at January 31, 1976.

An early decision will be made on the use of the fund to provide for retired ministers and their wives in circumstances where residence close to an All-Day-Care Centre is desirable. Other alternative uses of the fund for needy care are also being studied.

The South Island Children's Home Board is willing to make land available in Matsons Avenue, Christchurch and the co-operation of the Central Mission is also assured.

National Superannuation Scheme:

At the time of writing this report the New Zealand Superannuation Act has been repealed and the Board is awaiting detailed information regarding the first stage of the National Government's proposed National Superannuation Scheme. When this information comes to hand the Board will study it carefully and hopes to be in a position to report to Synods and Conference any implications that the new legislation may have for the operation of the Supernumerary and Allied Funds.

Home Acquisition Fund:

The Board is very much aware of the difficulties experienced by older ministers to secure suitable housing for retirement. The position has been alleviated considerably by the allocation of funds from the \$150,000 appeal and the resolution of the Board to make mortgage finance available to ministers with less than five years' service before retirement.

In recent years increasing inflation has made us all more conscious of the need to provide earlier in life for later housing needs. With this in mind, the problems of ministers, who while engaged in the work of the Church live in a house provided by the Church, were set out in detail in correspondence with the Minister of Housing. We have corresponded with the leaders of other Churches and received complete backing of our approach to the Government.

The Board is happy to report that the Minister of Housing has advised that the Government as part of its policy will introduce a proposal "whereby those people in tied housing provided as a condition of employment could receive Housing Corporation loan assistance. This would be limited to 65% of the purchase price at normal market rates and the Corporation's normal requirement of personal occupation will be waived. The properties might then be let at rentals approved by the Housing Corporation until such time as personal occupation was desired."

This is good news. When the policy is implemented many of our ministers will be able to buy a house somewhere for occupation or sale in later years.

The Finance Manager, who has considerable experience in the area of housing finance, is available for confidential consultation.

Parity with Presbyterian Scheme:

The Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Supplementary Scheme is exactly what the name implies, i.e. an extension of the Beneficiary Fund.

The subsidy from the Church which supplements the minister's subscription to the above scheme is called the "seniority allowance". Amounts invested in the scheme can only be withdrawn on reaching retirement age (or earlier death) or resignation from the ministry.

The ministers' subscriptions and any additional cash savings which they pay into the scheme are identical to superannuation and life policy premiums and as such deductible for income tax purposes.

The seniority allowances are added to income but again deducted as supplementary superannuation premiums and therefore no tax is paid on these.

The difference between the Presbyterian system and ours is that the Home Acquisition credit can be drawn by the minister before retirement age, whilst the seniority allowance is only payable on retirement at age 65 and actually part of the pension rights.

The Presbyterian Supplementary Scheme is, therefore, quite different from the Home Acquisition Fund.

Now that the possibility of buying retirement housing long before retirement seems more definite, a change to the Presbyterian scheme does not seem attractive at the moment.

It would be possible to make the change and then have the Fund make the individual minister's credit available to him by way of loan or mortgage to be extinguished at retirement date. Interest would have to be charged at a rate agreed upon by the Board.

Sliding Scale of Contribution to Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:

The Supernumerary Fund Board decided that as from February 1, 1977 a sliding scale of contributions to the Fund will operate with

a choice to the minister to contribute either $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the standard minimum stipend and to receive a corresponding amount in subsidy.

Benefits:

The Actuary has recommended a twenty percent (20%) increase in benefits. The Board has decided to implement this recommendation as from February 1, 1977.

This means that from February 1, 1977 the annuity for a supernumerary minister will be increased from \$38 to \$45.60 for each year of service up to a maximum of 40 years.

This also means that from February 1, 1977 the pension for a minister's widow will be increased from \$22.80 to \$27.40 for each year of her husband's service up to a maximum of 40 years.

Effect of Proposed 20% Increase in Benefit Scale of Pensions and Commutation Payable:

Present Scale	Ministers	Widows
(per year of service)	\$38.00	\$22.80
With 20% increase	\$45.60	\$27.40
Maximum pension 40 years	\$1,824 p.a.	\$1,096 p.a.
(Plus State pension for married couple)		(Plus State pension)

The effect of the proposed 20% increase on commutation payable would be—

Commutable portion 75%	\$1,368 p.a.	\$822 p.a.
Minimum continuing pension	\$456 p.a.	\$274 p.a.
(Plus State pension for married couple)		(Plus State pension)

Compared with the present scale, this means that the minister who completes 40 years of service and commutes to the maximum possible extent of 75%, receives an additional \$2,257 and if he commutes his wife's prospective pension as well he gets an additional \$455, making a total increase of \$2,712.

By way of an illustration, let us take the case of a minister and his wife both aged 65 next birthday, the minister having completed 40 years of service—

Estimated Total Payable	New-Scale	Old Scale
Commutation—Self	13,543.20	11,286.00
Wife	2,712.60	2,257.00
	<hr/> \$16,255.80	<hr/> \$13,543.00

For widows of ministers dying in the active work—see 1973 Minutes pages 238 and 239.

A feature of Church superannuation schemes has always been the liberal provision made for widows and the Board is anxious to continue this aspect.

Properties and Investments:

The Board has been greatly helped by the Finance Manager, Dr D. J. Janus, who, along with Mr B. C. H. Rains, Accountant, has been watching very carefully the investments of the Board. The Board especially appreciates the prompt and efficient manner in which Dr Janus has looked into the possibilities of investment in properties. The Investment Board, through the Finance Manager, is actively involved in this area.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. 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 and requests the Supernumerary Fund Board to publicise the need.

3. Benefits: (a) That as from February 1, 1977 the annuity for a supernumerary minister be increased from \$38 to \$45.60 for each year of service up to a maximum of 40 years.

(b) That as from February 1, 1977 the pension for a minister's widow be increased from \$22.80 to \$27.40 for each year of her husband's service up to a maximum of 40 years.

4. (a) That a sliding scale of contributions to the Home Acquisition Fund be introduced as from 1 February, 1977.

(b) That the minister's contribution be either $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the standard minimum stipend at the minister's choice. (If the Supernumerary Fund Board is not satisfied that the minister is making adequate provision for a home for his retirement, then the minister's personal contribution must be not less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent).

(c) That the individual minister's request be made in December each year for the succeeding year.

(d) That the subsidy from the Church be equal to the minister's contribution.

5. Loans to ministers:

That Conference approves the policy of the Supernumerary Fund Board that if finances permit loans be made available to ministers within five years of retirement of up to a maximum of \$15,000 towards the purchase of a house, the interest on such loans to be at the same rate as loans from Trustee Savings Banks and the loans to be repaid on retirement.

6. That Conference supports the Supernumerary Fund Board in its submissions to the Minister of Housing asking that people in housing provided as a condition of employment, receive Housing Corporation loan assistance and such other action as the Board wishes to take in consultation with other Churches.

7. That the Supernumerary Fund Board, in consultation with the Board of Christian Education and the Committee on Ministry, examine the implications—financial and otherwise—of the retirement age for ministers being reduced from 65 to 60 years of age or from 40 to 35 years of service and report to Synods and Conference.

8. \$150,000 Appeal:

(a) That the following Resolution 6, page 214, 1975 Conference Minutes, be rescinded:

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.

(b) That Resolution 4, page 214, 1975 Conference Minutes, line 4, insert after "minister and his wife", "or upon the disposal of the property for which the loan is made (whichever be earlier)."

(c) Conference draws the attention of the Church to the inadequacy of the response to the Appeal in many Districts and calls on our people to ensure that during the next two years the balance of the Appeal is fully met.

9. That the Board of the Supernumerary Fund to 30 June, 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 43—(c) Methodist General Purposes Trust Board?

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

The audited Financial Statements will be presented to Conference with this Report.

Funds under Administration:

There has been a decrease in Funds administered. At June 30, 1975 the Funds under administration amounted to \$1,712,000. At June 30, 1976 the Funds administered amounted to \$1,592,000.

The wise investment of these Funds necessitates daily oversight and prompt attention if Trusts and persons are to receive maximum rates of interest. The Board appreciates the expert knowledge and supervision of the Finance Manager and the practical concern of Messrs B. C. H. Rains and R. S. Pryde.

Interest Rate:

At June 30, 1976, it was decided to credit deposits at call with interest at the rate of 6½% and term deposits with interest ranging from 7% to 8%. The rates will be reviewed and increased as soon as the earnings of the Fund warrant it.

Winstone Memorial Fund:

After making provision for transfer to Capital in accordance with the Trust Deed, an amount of \$9,959 of disposable income was realised. Grants to meet arrears of stipends for ministers in the active work totalled \$3,589, while grants to supernumeraries and widows of ministers totalled \$2,939.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Board Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That 33½ percent of income from Thorndon Deposit Account for the year ending January 31, 1977 be available to the Development Fund.

3. That the Deeds of the Walters Family Trusts be amended to give the General Purposes Trust Board power to sell the Walters Trust properties and also to provide wider powers of investment of assets, such amendments to be approved by the President on the recommendation of the Finance Manager and the Legal Adviser.

4. North Canterbury Hostel Monies:

Whereas there has accrued at 30 June, 1976, a sum of \$5,887.52 from the 1959 Advance Methodism Appeal and a sum of \$8,559.36 from the Morley House Fund and these funds are now held by the General Purposes Trust Board upon Trust for a hostel or hostels in North Canterbury and whereas there is no likelihood of

any such hostel or hostels being established; this Conference now authorises the transfer of the said amounts to the North Canterbury District Synod Capital Fund to be held to apply the income arising therefrom for the purpose of developing other forms of Ministry and for the general purposes of the District Synod provided always that the Conference reserves the right to cancel or vary the application of the said Capital Fund and arising income on giving 12 months' previous notice.

QUESTION 43—(d) Fire Insurance Fund?

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

The Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 1976 will be presented to Conference with this report.

Year's Result:

The nett profit before charging the cost of insurances (Money Cover and some aspects of Public Liability) borne by the Fund was \$22,322.

Distributable Surplus:

The Board transferred the amount of \$2,800 to capital account. Insurances borne by the Fund cost \$2,775. In addition, the Board granted local Trusts a ten per cent rebate of \$5,051. A divisible surplus of \$17,000 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% (See Resolution of 1975 Conference, No. 5, page 219 Minutes)	10,000
Supernumerary Fund—Retirement Housing Appeal	5,000
Transport Trust Board (towards capital)	2,000
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	\$17,000

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 has continued to make available loans to Church Trusts of a maximum of \$3,000 for a term of 10 years at 3½%.

During the year loans each of \$3,000 were made to Glen Eden, Northcote, Auckland, Upper Hutt and Masham, Christchurch.

The Board consulted Synods regarding the desirability of varying the terms on which loans were made available to Church Trusts. The Board sought reactions to the suggestion that, in an endeavour to expedite the circulation of loan moneys, the term be reduced from ten to five years. The reactions of Synods are set out below.

Renewal of Insurance Contract:

The Board has renewed the contract with the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group for a term of five years as from May 1976.

It is not always appreciated that the risks insured cover a wide range, some being quite unattractive from an insurer's point of view. The pooling of these risks through our fund provides for protection on conditions beneficial to the Church as a whole.

Investigation proved that no similar protection on better overall terms could be obtained.

The Board is aware of the recent trend away from "taking out insurance" to expert risk management. With this and the general benefit to the Church as a whole in mind, the insurance position will be kept under review.

Personnel of Board for 1977:

The Board has been kept informed of the deliberations of the Special Committee appointed by the Conference to define the Church's hopes and expectations of the Finance and Administration Division and awaits the decision of the Conference regarding the establishment of the overall Board of Administration.

Members of the existing Fire Insurance Board are willing to continue until June 30, 1977. If for any reason the restructuring of the Division is delayed, the Board seeks the authority of Conference to consult the President as to changes in personnel.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 1976 be received and adopted.

2. That the Grants for 1976 be 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%).
(See Resolution of 1975 Conference, No. 5, page 219 Minutes.)

Supernumerary Fund—Retirement Housing Appeal	10,000
Transport Trust Board (towards capital)	5,000
	2,000

\$17,000

3. That future loans to Church Trusts from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund be for a five year term and that the interest rate be a flat 3½% with monthly repayments.

4. That the Board of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund to 30 June, 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 43—(h) Transport Trust Board?

METHODIST TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INC.)

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

Finance:

The audited Financial Statements will be presented to Conference with this Report.

Advances:

At June 30 there were 63 loans outstanding (1975-66). Of these 60 were loans to ministers, two to Circuits and one to a layman in the full-time work.

During the year 13 ministers repaid loans in full. There were 17 new loans advanced, five of which were added to existing balances

while 12 were for completely new loans. Total advances decreased during the year from \$69,483 to \$67,548.

Financial Results:

A surplus of \$25 on Income Account was shown in the year ended June 30, 1976.

Capital of the Fund:

The Board was grateful for a grant of \$4,000 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a donation of \$100 from the P. and E. F. Rushton Memorial Trust. These grants, together with the nett income of \$25 for the year, increased the Capital of the Fund to \$15,588.

Terms of Loans:

In order to cover administration costs in the ensuing period, the Board reluctantly had to increase interest rates on loans from 5% to 6% calculated on a flat rate basis.

Scale of Travelling Allowances:

As from July 1, 1976, 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, 1976. The minimum allowances were also revised. (See Resolutions 2 and 3.)

Travelling Allowances and Depreciation:

The Board is continuing its investigations on the Car Replacement Scheme and can see merit in its implementation; accordingly a report will be presented to Synods and Conference later.

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, 1976 the following be the scale of travelling allowances:

MOTOR CARS—MILES

Annual Miles Run	Rate Per Mile	Total For This 1000 Miles	Total Allowance
Small Cars up to 1000 cc			
1-1000	0.1570	157.00	157.00
1001-2000	0.1390	139.00	296.00
2001-3000	0.1305	130.50	426.50
3001-4000	0.1245	124.50	551.00
4001-5000	0.1175	117.50	668.50
5001-6000	0.1120	112.00	780.50
6001-7000	0.1080	108.00	888.50
7001-8000	0.1055	105.50	994.00
8001 & over	0.1040	104.00	1098.00
Medium Cars (1001-1350 cc)			
1-1000	0.1825	182.50	182.50
1001-2000	0.1625	162.50	345.00
2001-3000	0.1530	153.00	498.00
3001-4000	0.1465	146.50	644.50
4001-5000	0.1385	138.50	783.00
5001-6000	0.1320	132.00	915.00
6001-7000	0.1270	127.00	1042.00
7001-8000	0.1245	124.50	1166.50
8001 & over	0.1220	122.00	1288.50

Cars (1351-2000 cc)

1-1000	0.2020	202.00	202.00
1001-2000	0.1800	180.00	382.00
2001-3000	0.1690	169.00	551.00
3001-4000	0.1625	162.50	713.50
4001-5000	0.1535	153.50	867.00
5001-6000	0.1465	146.50	1013.50
6001-7000	0.1405	140.50	1154.00
7001-8000	0.1385	138.50	1292.50
8001 & over	0.1360	136.00	1428.50

Cars (2001 cc and over)

1-1000	0.2440	244.00	244.00
1001-2000	0.2180	218.00	462.00
2001-3000	0.2050	205.00	667.00
3001-4000	0.1970	197.00	864.00
4001-5000	0.1865	186.50	1050.50
5001-6000	0.1785	178.50	1229.00
6001-7000	0.1720	172.00	1401.00
7001-8000	0.1690	169.00	1570.00
8001 & over	0.1655	165.50	1735.50

MOTOR CYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, MOPEDS AND POWER CYCLES

Annual Mileage Run	Rate Per Mile	Rate Per 1000 Miles	Rate for First 4000 Miles
Of not more than 60 cc			
Up to 4000 miles	0.0455	45.50	182.00
Over 4000 miles	0.0415	41.50	—
Over 60 cc and less than 350 cc			
Up to 4000 miles	0.0850	85.00	340.00
Over 4000 miles	0.0765	76.50	—
350 cc and over			
Up to 4000 miles	0.1080	108.00	432.00
Over 4000 miles	0.0955	95.50	—

MOTOR CARS—KILOMETRES

Annual Kilometres	Rate Per Kilometre	Total For This 1600 km	Total Allowance
Small Cars up to 1000 cc			
0-1600	0.0975	156.00	156.00
1601-3200	0.0865	138.40	294.40
3201-4800	0.0810	129.60	424.00
4801-6400	0.0775	124.00	548.00
6401-8000	0.0730	116.80	664.80
8001-9600	0.0695	111.20	776.00
9601-11200	0.0670	107.20	883.20
11201-12800	0.0655	104.80	988.00
12801 & over	0.0645	103.20	1091.20

Medium Cars (1001-1350 cc)

0-1600	0.1135	181.60	181.60
1601-3200	0.1010	161.60	343.20
3201-4800	0.0950	152.00	495.20
4801-6400	0.0910	145.60	640.80
6401-8000	0.0860	137.60	778.40
8001-9600	0.0820	131.20	909.60
9601-11200	0.0790	126.40	1036.00
11201-12800	0.0775	124.00	1160.00
12801 & over	0.0760	121.60	1281.60

Cars (1351-2000 cc)

0-1600	0.1255	200.80	200.80
1601-3200	0.1120	179.20	380.00
3201-4800	0.1050	168.00	548.00
4801-6400	0.1010	161.60	709.60
6401-8000	0.0955	152.80	862.40
8001-9600	0.0910	146.60	1008.00
9601-11200	0.0875	140.00	1148.00
11201-12800	0.0860	137.60	1285.60
12801 & over	0.0845	135.20	1420.80

Cars (2001 cc and over)

0-1600	0.1515	242.40	242.40
1601-3200	0.1355	216.80	459.20
3201-4800	0.1275	204.00	663.20
4801-6400	0.1225	196.00	859.20
6401-8000	0.1160	185.60	1044.80
8001-9600	0.1110	177.60	1222.40
9601-11200	0.1070	171.20	1393.60
11201-12800	0.1050	168.00	1561.60
12801 & over	0.1030	164.80	1726.40

MOTOR CYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, MOPEDS AND POWER CYCLES

Annual Kilometres Run	Rate Per Kilometre	Rate Per 1000 km	Rate for First 6400 km
Of not more than 60 cc			
Up to 6400 km	0.0280	28.00	179.20
Over 6400 km	0.0260	26.00	—
Over 60 cc and less than 350 cc			
Up to 6400 km	0.0530	53.00	339.20
Over 6400 km	0.0475	47.50	—
350 cc and over			
Up to 6400 km	0.0670	67.00	428.80
Over 6400 km	0.0595	59.50	—

3. Minimum Travel Allowance: That as from July 1, 1976 the following be the minimum travel allowance:

	Present Minima	Revised Minima from 1 July, 1976
Scooter	\$216 p.a.	\$259 p.a.
Small Car (to 1000 cc)	\$504	\$605
Medium Car (to 1350 cc)	\$552	\$662
Large Car (over 1350 cc)	\$624	\$749

4. That the Board of Transport Trust be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CAR FUND

To assist Ministers and full-time workers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to provide for the purchase/replacement of motor vehicles and for major overhaul expenses on such motor vehicles, it is proposed that a Car Replacement Fund be established to which the following rules shall apply:

(a) The name shall be The Methodist Church of New Zealand Car Fund.

(b) The Fund shall be administered at the Connexional Office, Christchurch.

(c) The Fund shall be administered separately but in conjunction with the motor vehicle purchase scheme now operated by the Methodist Transport Trust Board (Inc.).

(d) Contributors to the Fund shall be Ministers and others engaged in full-time church work.

(e) Contributors shall, out of their travel allowance, make payments to the Fund of an amount not less than such percentages of the last revised annual minimum travel allowance as is applicable to the category of vehicle for which travel allowance is paid, as determined by the Board of Administration from time to time.

Contributions shall be made monthly in equal amounts, each payment being one-twelfth of the amount stated in the previous paragraph.

(f) Where a contributor is at the same time paying off a loan on a car previously purchased, the contribution percentage applicable in terms of rule (e) shall be reduced to a percentage as determined by the Board of Administration from time to time.

(g) All contributions to the Car Fund shall be credited to the account of the respective contributors in the Car Fund.

(h) The Fund shall at the end of each quarter of its accounting year, credit interest on the amount standing to the credit of each contributor, the percentage to be determined by the Board of Administration from time to time.

(i) Contributors requiring a part or full refund of their contributions, of the interest thereon and of the grant participation credited to their account, shall be entitled to such refund if said refund is necessary for the purchase/replacement of a motor vehicle or the major overhaul of the motor vehicle presently used, or any other approved purpose.

(j) Such refund as is required in terms of rule (i) shall be applied for in writing to the Office where the Car Fund is administered.

(k) Any grants received from other Church Funds or Church bodies or any other persons shall be distributed at the end of each accounting year equally over all contributors on the basis of the number of months of the year they have paid the required contributions.

(l) The operations of the Transport Board (Inc.) vehicle purchase scheme and the Car Fund shall be amalgamated as soon as practicable and as directed and approved by the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

NOTE: Clarification of rules (e) and (f)—present (revised) minimum travel allowances for small cars \$600, medium cars \$660 and large cars \$744. If Board decides on 75% contribution to Car Fund, then expected contributions are \$450 (\$37.50 per month), \$495 (\$41.25 per month) and \$558 (\$46.50 per month) respectively. For those who are already paying off a vehicle the expected contributions could be reduced to, say, 50%, in which case the contributions would be \$25, \$27.50 and \$31 per month.

RESOLUTION

1. That the proposal regarding Car Replacement Fund be received and referred to Synods 1977 with a view to the Board of the Administration Division and/or the Transport Trust Board bringing a definite proposal to Conference 1977.

A. METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1976

During 1976, the Investment Board has met five times in Auckland and has made several important decisions to assist the wider Church in framing its investment policy. The Finance Manager, Dr D. J. Janus, is directly responsible to the Board, and although much of his work since commencing duties has been in keeping the Connexional Office functioning during the General Secretary's illness, his commercial experience and personal capabilities have proved invaluable to the Church.

Some of the strength of Dr Janus was shown in the way he assisted the Special Committee from Conference to analyse the needs of the Connexional Office, and to report on the functions of the staff and the needs of the Office as he saw them as a newcomer to the Office, therefore able to take an objective view. The recent appointment of an assistant Secretary/Treasurer will assist with the day-to-day administration of the Office and should free Dr Janus to do more investigation and implementation of investment policies directly for the Investment Board.

Early in the year Dr Janus presented to the Investment Board a proposal for all Church Bank accounts to be with one Bank, and following consideration by the Board this scheme was presented to and unanimously adopted by Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Synod when it was visited by Dr Janus and a Board representative. It has since been made known and explained in all districts. It shows clearly the strength of the individual balances when put together, to give an effective security for overdraft facilities to the benefit of the overall Administration Division.

The Church is already indebted to Dr Janus for his capable guidance and direction relative to this scheme and has benefited considerably in many other ways.

Research on developments towards the Methodist Trust Association was not undertaken as early in the year as the Board would have liked but this has been because of the workload on Dr Janus detailed above. However a full report regarding this scheme has been prepared and is now presented by the Board for implementation.

The Board has, as last year, been able to give impartial advice to several trusts which have sought its advice during the year, and other Trusts are realising that they too can benefit from the advice offered. A wide range of subjects has been investigated covering the investment of cash, the returns on mortgage lending, the decision to freehold former leasehold land, advice on commercial building projects and their feasibility, the ratios of investment in the various avenues of investment and advice on terminating Local Authority investments.

The Board records the assistance given by Mr John Russell as Chairman of the Board during its formative months of operation and acknowledges with thanks his availability to give advice to the Church on any specialised subject we may refer to him. As an acknowledged expert in the field of finance and investment his counsel is

invaluable to the Board which he will continue to assist as a consultant.

G. H. PEAK, Chairman.

L. V. RIESTERER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Investment Board for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 43—(i)

B. THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

The powers of investment under a variety of our Trusts are limited with the result that many Trust Funds under the prevailing inflationary conditions are diminishing rapidly in real value.

They therefore do not, or do not sufficiently, provide for the needs for which the Trusts were created. The fragmentation evidenced by many small Trust Funds which cannot as effectively or as readily be invested as bigger amounts of capital calls for amalgamation of resources in the interest of these Trusts and of the purposes of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The participation of all Methodist Trusts within the Connexion in such amalgamation will result in a pooling of resources which will materially contribute to optimum financial support from these sources for the Mission of the Church and will help safeguard their ability to continue to do so in the future.

To this end it is considered desirable that the Church establishes a Common Fund under the name of New Zealand Methodist Trust Association. The main object of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association shall be to make secure and rewarding investments consistent with Christian ethics of all funds committed to the Association and to manage these and other investments of all kinds entrusted to the Association and to share the financial results of such investments equitably for the purposes of the Church and of the participating Trusts and Funds. In the Fund the variety of Trust Funds may be invested and this Common Fund will be administered by a Board with full powers of investment as conferred from time to time by Conference using available expertise and best possible investment methods so that the various Trust and other Funds participating in the Common Fund may realise an increase both in income and in capital from investment in sound growth assets. Trustees of Trusts and all Boards and Organisations of the Methodist Church will be encouraged to channel their funds and investments through the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association. Resolutions passed by Conference will give them authority to do so.

The New Zealand Methodist Trust Association will invest in accordance with the powers as laid down in its Constitution.

For the reasons stated above the Investment Board recommends to Synods and Conference the resolutions appended.

G. H. PEAK, Chairman.

L. V. RIESTERER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference approves the establishment of a New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.

3. That the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association shall be incorporated under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

4. That the Conference hereby authorises the President on the recommendation of the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to approve of the Constitution of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.

5. That the Investment Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand be hereby empowered to proceed with incorporation of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association on the basis of the said Constitution.

6. That the initial members of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association be the members of the Investment Board.

7. That Conference encourages and hereby authorises Trustees to transfer funds and investments of Trusts governed by the Methodist Model Deed 1887 to the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.

8. That Conference requests trusts, incorporated bodies and societies not under the Methodist Model Deed to take steps where required to amend their Constitution to enable them to transfer funds and investments to the N.Z. Methodist Trust Association and the Conference recommends and authorises the transfer of such funds and investments to the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.

9. Amendment to Model Deed

That the proviso to Section 14 of the Model Deed be amended to read as follows:

"and further provided always and it is hereby declared that it shall be lawful for the said trustees, or the major part of them, to invest any such surplus money in by or through the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association."

QUESTION 43—(i)

C. CENTRALISATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS

A detailed investigation was made of the banking arrangements of the Connexional Office, Divisions, Central Missions, local Property Trusts and Circuits and of a sampling of the great variety of other Methodist activities which are under the jurisdiction of the Conference.

The information obtained showed that funds are held in a great many current accounts, spread over the Trading Banks, Post Office Savings Banks and Trustee Savings Banks.

Their purpose is to serve day-to-day needs or other short term requirements.

As accounts held by non-profit organisations, credit balances in these accounts earn 3% interest.

Research showed that what is held from day-to-day together adds up to a very substantial amount.

Besides earning 3% interest no other benefits are at present obtained.

However, the Investment Board proposes that additional use be made of the total credit achieved by the pooling of these funds through centralised banking procedures.

The use of one Trading Bank only and the operation of individual accounts as sub-accounts of one general account of the Methodist Church of New Zealand will enable arrangements to be made for the operation of an offsetting account in which 75% of the credit balances will be made available for the purposes of the Church as a whole at a nominal interest rate.

The amount will prove variable (for this reason the resolution mentions 80% to provide for small deviations between weekly adjustments), but to a large extent credit balances contain a core of funds which will be constantly available. The mobilising of this core will enable the Church to use it for a variety of purposes under the guidance of the Investment Board and as decided by Conference from time to time.

The introduction of the proposed scheme will mean that quite a number of Trusts, Circuits and other parts of the organisation of the Church will be asked to change their bank account to the designated Bank.

In cases where already a Bank Account is held with the Bank considered, the Account number will be changed.

In all cases it will mean operating a bank account under the general heading "Methodist Church of New Zealand" and the normal subheading as used up till now.

No accounts are to be in overdraft, unless arranged with the Methodist Trust Association which will also assist in the matter of current overdraft arrangements.

The scheme is based on maximising the use of available funds and minimising the outflow of interest payments by the Church as a whole.

The scheme does not take any authority away from any of those who now as trustees operate any Church account, except that any overdraft facilities required have to be arranged with or through the Methodist Trust Association instead of direct with the Bank Manager. This new arrangement will prove beneficial.

Arrangements will be made by the Bank designated to attend to our Central banking needs, to make it possible to cash cheques locally if needed in cases where the bank account is held in another locality.

Full use will be made of the computerisation of the Trading Bank systems.

It is the intention to open Bank Accounts under our Central heading in the following localities where Databank Computers are operating: Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. In each of these localities blocks of consecutive account numbers will be reserved for our use.

Weekly print-out by the Computer of itemised lists of credit balances will provide the information required by the Methodist Trust Association and the Bank for the use of the offsetting account.

Each Treasurer concerned will receive the normal bank statement in the same way and for the same period as up till now or as required. Enquiries can be made in the normal way from the Bank where the account is held.

Banking can be done locally (with any bank nowadays as long as the appropriate bank account number is filled in on the deposit form).

It is hoped that the scheme can be introduced by 1st February, 1977. After approval by Conference full details about the manner of introduction will be sent to all Districts, Circuits, Trusts, Connexional Boards and other Church bodies concerned.

The Finance Manager has outlined the main points of this scheme in his visits to Church Council and Synods and most Synods have already given their general approval.

The Investment Board now recommends it to Synods and Conference for final approval by the passing of the proposed resolution appended.

G. H. PEAK, Chairman.

L. V. RIESTERER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference hereby authorises the Board of the Administration Division to open with one of the Trading Banks in New Zealand a Bank Account under the name of the "Methodist Church of New Zealand" for the combined use by Methodist Departments, Divisions, Boards, Committees, Trusts, Synods, Circuits, Societies, Associations and any other person or persons, whether incorporated or not now or hereafter holding trust funds for any religious, charitable, benevolent, educational and social purposes of the Methodist Church of New Zealand under their several particular (sub) account names and numbers

and empowers the Board to use one only (sub) account to offset credit balances in the remaining (sub) accounts to a limit not exceeding 80 percent of the combined credit balances and to request the Trading Bank concerned to arrange overdraft facility in accordance with this resolution.

The depositing of money in a Bank Account which is a (sub) account of the "Methodist Church of New Zealand" will comply with the requirement laid down in rule 151 (cc) of the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

QUESTION 44—

(a) REPORT ON THE 1975-76 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

As usual, the account was held open after the close of the financial year to receive late payments from Circuits and from the Presbyterian Church on behalf of Union Parishes. The date at which late payments ceased was 5 August.

PAYMENTS to Divisions and Funds

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 95.28% of allocations compared with 98.11% in 1974-75 and 99% in 1973-74. The refund from the Retiring Funds in 1975-76 was \$248.

Comparative figures with previous years are:

	Guaranteed	Non-Guaranteed	Percentage paid to Non- Guaranteed
	\$	\$	%
1975-76	163,966	255,355	95.28
1974-75	123,526	280,590	98.11
1973-74	117,392	258,809	99.0
1972-73	109,691	248,233	97.0
1971-72	108,668	233,017	95.0

RECEIPTS from Circuits and Union Parishes (including District Expenses)

	Allocations	Contributions	Percentage
	\$	\$	%
1975-76	443,095	429,342	96.90
1974-75	422,857	412,064	97.45
1973-74	392,726	382,988	97.52
1972-73	373,604	360,633	96.53
1971-72	362,709	348,264	96.02

RESULTS

(a)	Fully Paid		Not Fully Paid	
	Circuits	Union Parishes	Circuits	Union Parishes
1975-76	88	45	20	19
1974-75	91	39	22	24
1973-74	97	40	22	13
1972-73	94	28	29	16
1971-72	98	15	34	18

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached:—

	Circuits	Union Parishes
	%	%
1975-76	96.27	88.88
1974-75	97.37	84.46
1973-74	98.16	90.35
1972-73	97.7	84.11
1971-72	96.4	75.61

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

D. J. JANUS, Finance Manager.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 44—

**(b) REPORT ON CONNEXIONAL BUDGET
1977/78**

1. Background:

Last year, when reporting to Conference on the 1976/77 Connexional Budget, Church Council and the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail drew attention to the situation which had developed in recent years. The situation was such that it had become increasingly more difficult for the Budget to support the wider work of the Church.

Unabated inflation, coupled with a disproportionate increase in direct giving being the causes, the answer clearly calls for more generosity on the part of church members and adherents.

It is in this light that the task of compiling the 1977/78 Budget was approached.

2. The Budget Exercise:

A. Council of Mission's Important Task:

In July 1976 the Divisions, Funds and Committees were invited to submit by mid August, Budget requests together with supplementary material and supporting documents. The Council of Mission, meeting over the weekend September 10-13, devoted a whole day to concentration on the task outlined in the Report of the Special Com-

mittee on Budget Strategy and Priorities (vide 1974 Minutes, page 262).

The task was to:—

- (a) examine the Divisions' Budget submissions;
- (b) recommend priorities;
- (c) prepare policy proposals;
- (d) arrange for a Report to be prepared for Church Council.

This Consultation proved a most useful exercise.

The Council of Mission was aware at the start of its work that the initial askings, totalling \$616,263 for the 1977-78 Budget, represented an increase of 33.97% over the 1976/77 total of \$460,000. The Divisions were requesting \$122,040 more than they were allocated from straight Connexional Budget payments for the current year—an increase of 39.68%. It was obvious that the Church at large would not be able to sustain such a massive increase.

It was recognised that the injection, at last year's Budget Committee, of substantial non-circuit funding for the 1976/77 Budget from accrued Special Funds and legacies was distorting the increase over and above increases to meet inflation.

If this non-circuit income of \$60,666 were added to the 1976/77 total of \$307,345, the percentage increase requested for 1977/78 would be reduced but still be 16.66%.

To facilitate a greater understanding of the Divisions' work and to arrive at mutually acceptable goals, the Council of Mission submitted to Church Council a series of affirmations about each Division. Some emphasised current priorities, others related more to long-term goals.

The affirmations made an impressive list covering a wide field of the Church's activities and the backing required to ensure that the wider pastoral needs of the Church are met.

The Council of Mission studied priorities and the implications, both long-term and immediate, of reduction of budget requests so as to determine a minimum figure for 1977/78 within which each Division could work.

B. Church Council's Consultations:

With the result of Council of Mission's solid study before it, Church Council and the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail met in Wellington on October 4, 5 and 6.

- (a) to receive the Divisions' Budget requirements for 1977/78;
- (b) to receive the Council of Mission's 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 priorities which should be set aside for the Connexional Budget.

In addition to the Report of the Council of Mission, the Circuit Financial Survey, prepared along the same lines as in previous years, was again available.

The information obtained from Circuit financial records showed that total offerings had risen by only 7.40%. This was disappointing as budget projections were made on the assumption of a 12½% increase in income.

Though individual giving had increased 10.10%, reduction in membership showed its effect in the figure of total offerings.

Actual income spending as compared with projections, is shown in the following table: —

Percentage of Expenditure

	Projected 1974/75	Actual 1974/75	Projected 1975/76	Actual 1975/76
Stipends and Allowances	54%	53.37%	57.0%	54.35%
Miscellaneous Local Expenses	8%	7.17%	7.0%	8.03%
Connexional Budget Payments	25%	25.42%	23.5%	23.74%
Local Trusts	13%	14.04%	12.5%	13.88%

Expecting an 11½% increase in giving for the current year 1976/77, which seems realistic, the projected proportionate expenditure for this year is:—

Stipends and Allowances	54.0%
Local Expenses	8.5%
Connexional Budget	24.5%
Local Trusts	13.0%

Last year it was pointed out that the increase in giving of 7.63% did not match the average inflation rate of 13% experienced in the previous five years.

Similarly, the 7.40% increase of 1975/76 was even more short of the 17.7% inflation rate evidenced by the Consumer Price Index (all groups) for the year ended June 30, 1976.

After such deterioration of the value of money in recent years, Church Council, in considering the effects on the Mission of the Church, recognised that nothing but a concerted effort by Church members to improve the situation by more generous giving would meet the circumstances.

Church Council also realised that Stipends and allowances, which in 1973/74 and before required less than 50% of total income, had risen considerably in recent years (allowances, e.g. reflecting greatly increased transport costs).

Unless total income increases sufficiently to take care of unavoidable trends in this expenditure, increasingly less will be available for other purposes.

A third important factor was considered. Outreach, especially in conjunction with other Churches, brings its own challenges and covers a wide field. To mention only one Division, the Development Division and only part of its work:

Field work in Church extension and Ecumenical Development

Ministry of Ethnic Groups

Support for the development of the Church in new areas, such as Porirua and Wiri.

Our involvement is crucial. So is our material support.

For these reasons, recognising the situation, Church Council decided on a 20% increase in the Connexional Budget for 1977/78 over 1976/77.

This increased Budget will still not support all the work of the Divisions, nor provide for the needs of Trinity College or for the printing of the "New Citizen".

Half as much again as is contributed from the Connexional Budget comes from other sources, viz. Trusts, Grants, Donations, Investments and other income, as is shown in the following table:—

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income other than from Connexional Budget	Divisions	Trinity College	Investment Board	Development Fund	New Citizen	Total
Trusts	18,800	25,000				43,800
Grants and Donations	37,000		10,000		13,400	60,400
Appropriations	66,250					66,250
Fees and Subscriptions ..	20,000		1,000		10,500	31,500
Investment Income	18,000	40,000		3,500		61,500
Government	4,675					4,675
Sundry	5,200					5,200
TOTAL	\$169,925	65,000	11,000	3,500	23,900	273,325
Income other than from Connexional Budget					\$273,325	33.1%
Income from Connexional Budget					\$552,000	66.9%
					\$825,325	100%

C. Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail's Deliberations:

After examining the proposed budget in detail and making adjustments as found necessary, the Committee set about to spread it and allocate District contributions. A list of District Allocations consented to is attached.

3. Our Challenge:

Church Council decided on a co-ordinated strategy to present the increased Budget to the Connexion and to challenge the Connexion to rise to the occasion.

The year 1977/78 will be "The Year of the Great Effort".

The year in which total Circuit income has to rise to \$1,958,000, to produce \$989,000 (50.5%) for Stipends and allowances, \$162,000 (8.3%) for local costs, \$255,000 (13%) for local Trusts, and \$552,000 (28.2%) for the Connexional Budget—

What does it mean in giving level?

These are the figures:—

Average giving per member:

1975/76 \$63.98*

1976/77 \$71.34 (expected 11½% over 1975/76)

1977/78 \$80.26 (target 12½% over the expected 1976/77 giving)

(* excludes Methodist members in Union Parishes)

In 1977/78 members are therefore asked to increase giving to a level of around \$16 for the full year over their last year's (1975/76) contributions. That is an average of 32 cents per week (increase over two years).

Should not we approach members now and suggest a "giving step-up programme" to culminate in the "great effort" of 1977/78.

"On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Corinthians, 16:2.

J. S. HOSKING,

D. J. JANUS, Joint Conveners.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1977/78 be \$552,000, to be allocated as follows:—

\$ 1976/77 Allocation	Division or Fund	\$ 1977/78 Requested	\$ Recommended
Guaranteed Funds			
83,625	Supernumerary Fund	88,250	88,250
2,358	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	3,544	3,544
3,357	Deaconess Retiring Fund	4,836	4,836
1,590	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	1,940	1,940
16,725	Home Acquirement Fund	29,417	29,417
13,000	Removal Expenses Fund	12,000	11,000
28,000	Conference Contingent Fund	37,470	33,470
Miscellaneous Funds—Guaranteed			
4,600	1% Aid	6,205	5,520
5,249	National Council of Churches	6,037	6,037
1,018	World Council of Churches	1,100	1,100
2,844	Churches' Education Commission	3,271	3,835†
4,785	University Chaplaincies—N.C.C.	5,990	5,990
1,000	Overseas Travel Fund	2,000	2,000
1,900	J.C.C.U.	2,175	2,175
404	Christian Conference of Asia	450	450
300	Pacific Council of Churches	300	300
300	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
—	Contribution to cover costs Rev. R. Rakena participation in Programme Unit of W.C.C.	1,500	1,500
—	Welfare of the Church	2,000	—
Non-Guaranteed Funds			
41,760	Education Division—P.T. Stewardship	38,592	37,092
		9,300	4,300†
14,000	Board of Management — Con- nexional Office	28,000	18,000*
1,500	Budget Promotion	1,500	1,500
10,000	Investment Board	20,160	10,160*
—	Children's Homes: Auckland	—	—
	Masterton	—	—
	South Island	7,000	—
19,109	Development Fund	20,000	16,500*
24,213	Development Division	63,783	60,283
70,730	Maori Division	74,000	64,000
21,000	"New Citizen"	23,000	23,000
86,533	Overseas Division	126,000	115,301
50	H.A.R.T.	50	—
50	C.A.R.E.	100	—
\$460,000		\$620,470	\$552,000

Note.—*Funds totalling \$24,500 will be made available from non-circuit sources to provide extra income as follows—

	\$
Board of Management	10,000
Investment Board	10,000

Development Fund 3,500
 Churches' Education Commission 1,000†
 ‡ The Stewardship Section of the Education Division expects Fees to provide \$4,500 additional income.
 † The Churches Education Commission has asked all participating Churches to contribute a special grant to remove cumulative deficits until December 1976. Our share is \$1,564.

3. That the District Allocations be:

	\$
Northland	13,000
Auckland	121,000
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	79,000
Taranaki-Wanganui	41,000
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	59,000
Wellington	67,000
Nelson	26,000
North Canterbury	91,000
South Canterbury	23,000
Otago Southland	32,000
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	\$552,000

QUESTION 45—What is the Report of Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1976

The Council has continued to meet regularly, giving support to the staff, oversight to the work at St John's and to the property at Grafton Road. Mr Alan Upson, the present Senior Student, has joined the Council and his contribution is appreciated. The secretary, the Rev. J. H. Osborne, resigned this task in view of other connexional responsibilities and the Rev. T. L. Bennett was appointed, with the approval of the President, to replace him.

Property:

The Education Department renewed its lease of Trinity College for three years from 1st January, 1976, at an increased rental. Because agreement between the parties could not be reached, the decision on the amount of rental has gone to arbitration but the rental will not be less than \$51,000 per annum.

Methodist Representation on the Staff of St John's:

The existing arrangements concerning staff appointments relate to the first phase of joint work at St John's and this is now coming to an end. There are impending Methodist staff changes and the Council, believing it to be an appropriate time to do so, has suggested to the Staffing Committee and to the Joint Executive of St John's College that it be permitted to endow two lectureships, one to be named the Ranston Lectureship and the other the Wesley Lectureship.

It has been agreed by the Joint Executive of the college that, in future, there should never be fewer than two Methodist members of the staff. It is desirable that, in the first instance, these lectureships be held by Methodists, but subsequently, provided that Methodist representation is otherwise guaranteed, they would be open to mem-

bers of other denominations, ministerial or lay, to men and women alike.

People:

The Principal, the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis, returned from study leave overseas during the year, bringing with him valuable insights received in visits to theological colleges in Singapore, England and the United States and from wide contacts in the Church in those areas. Dr Lewis was designated by the 1975 Conference for appointment at this Conference for a further term of five years as from February 1st, 1977. However, a growing awareness that the office of Principal properly belongs only to the first stage of joint work at St John's, the appointment of a new Warden, and the expressed desire of Dr Lewis himself have led the Council to the conviction that the appointment should be for a period of two years only and that the office of Principal should be discontinued thereafter. Following the pattern of Queen's College, Birmingham, one of the Methodist staff members would subsequently be designated Senior Methodist Tutor, with special responsibilities with regard to Methodist students and in relation to the Conference.

The Rev. I. C. E. Ramage finishes his service on the staff at the end of this year, after six years as Tutor in Pastoral Theology. When he was appointed, he was recognised as "well qualified for the post and would make a very vital and interesting member of the college staff". He has fulfilled all expectations and earned the trust and gratitude of the Council. Mr Ramage has very effectively directed the practical side of college training, bringing to pastoral studies deep theological insights. He has been able to offer personal assistance to many, both within and beyond the college. In particular, we record his outstanding contribution to the establishing of the Counselling Centre at Glen Innes. He is a member of the Institute of Psychotherapists. The college owes a debt also to Mrs Ramage for her care of students.

The Council has agreed to allow the Rev. B. K. Rowe to take study leave spread over an extended period, to enable him to undertake doctoral studies through the San Francisco Theological Seminary, and has accepted financial responsibility.

Finance:

It is pleasing to record that the continued income which the Council enjoys from the leasing of buildings at Grafton has permitted the establishment of capital funds to ensure that the financial requirements of the college are taken care of by way of student allowances and bursaries for staff and students.

Appreciation:

During the year, the Rev. Canon W. Merlin Davies retired from the position of Warden. The Council desires to place on record its respect and appreciation for one who proved himself able in leadership and administration and a sincere friend of all who have worked with him. It is grateful, too, to Mrs Davies for her hospitality and help to Methodist students over the years.

In its last report, the Council drew attention to the retirement of Mr W. E. Donnelly. Now it is with regret that we note his death early in the year. His many years of service on the Council were marked by wisdom and a truly Christian spirit.

New Warden:

The Council welcomes the appointment of Dr Raymond Pelly of Westcott House, as the new Warden for 1977 and extends to him and to Mrs Pelly its very good wishes.

Legacies:

We record with gratitude legacies from the following estates:

The late Mrs R. Pratt of Christchurch \$50

The late Miss C. A. Hight of Ashburton \$411

The late Mr T. P. Hughson of New Plymouth \$3,430

The last named legacy, which was received in July, 1976, will be added to the Student Scholarship Fund.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

T. L. BENNETT, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

Principalship: Subsequent to the preparation of the Annual Report, Archbishop Johnstone took the initiative in raising the question as to whether the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis might be willing to reconsider his expressed wish to retire from the Principalship at the end of 1978.

In responding to the Council's report and recommendations, four synods raised questions regarding the Principalship and two expressed the desire that Dr Lewis' appointment be for the full term of five years.

Dr Lewis has reconsidered the matter and, having been reassured that both the churches wish it and of the support both of his Methodist colleagues on the college staff and of the Council, has now agreed to be available for reappointment for a term of five years. The Council is most happy to recommend accordingly.

In view of the above, the Council does not now wish to proceed with recommendations 4 and 5 as submitted to synods and seeks leave to withdraw them.

Scholarship and Staff Study Leave Fund: To make possible study leave for staff members and to provide scholarships for special study projects for students, a fund has been established out of the old Prize Funds and certain legacies. The principle of study leave has been accepted by the church and it is recognised that in the theological college, this is a necessity. The Council is building up the fund out of income also to the point where, without cost to the Connexion, study programmes for staff and students can be implemented.

The Rev. B. K. Rowe has established himself amongst the participating Churches as Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry and in the College as lecturer in Christian Education. He is contributing also in the field of Communication and Homiletics. He is at the point in his ministry where, with considerable enrichment to his work, he could best pursue doctoral studies. His ecumenical commitment makes it impossible for him to spend more than a brief period overseas in any one year. The plan now is to follow an S.T.D. (Doctor of the Science of Theology) course at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, involving three visits of six weeks each to San Francisco over a four-year period. The whole programme takes approximately 5-6 years of part-time study before completion of a dissertation. The field of study would be theology and ministry.

The Council commends the venture as being of value for Mr Rowe's continuing ministry and will use Scholarship Funds to assist him.

Lectureships: Coming staff changes have made it necessary to consider carefully denominational representation in the college. It has been agreed that there should never be fewer than two full-time

Methodist members on the college staff. To ensure this, the proposal is to endow two lectureships and two names are suggested as titles, the first to make perfectly clear the historical Methodist connection, the Wesley Lectureship, the second to affirm the academic connection with Trinity College, the Ranston Lectureship. We note that there is strong Synod support for the suggestions.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

T. L. BENNETT, Secretary.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

This year we have been able to match the rising costs and pay increased grants to students. The Annual grants from Probert Trust Board and Emsley Trust cover the increased costs of staff Stipends and Administration. The rental from the Grafton College has been renewed for the next three years to December, 1978, at a rental which although not finalised at the time of reporting, will not be less than \$51,000 p.a. The matter is going to arbitration as the College Valuer recommended just over \$60,000 p.a. compared with the Government Valuer's figure of \$51,000 p.a. Any increase will be back dated to the beginning of this year.

A further \$20,000 has been invested during the year in short term mortgages, and because of several pending costs to be met at short notice, it has been necessary to remain more liquid this year. This has been reflected in the increase of short term investment interest.

The College Council has agreed to a recommendation to establish three main Funds from the surplus income, and to amalgamate the present bursary funds held for various reasons. The main fund of at least \$100,000 will be established to provide the main source of income for student allowances. Two other funds of \$40,000 each will be established—one for staff and student bursaries, and the other for bursaries and continuing education of the wider Ministry. It is most likely that all three funds will be invested in real estate but the College Council will be seeking the advice of the Investment Board when funds are ready for medium or long term investment—this should be in about two or three years' time. If the Grafton houses or College buildings should require any major renovations in the interim period this will delay the amount of funds available for term investment.

Rev. J. Silvester's new residence was completed during the year and the College Council contributed toward the cost of carpets and drapes. The arrangement of the Probert Trust Board funding the whole of the cost of Methodist Staff at the College continues to benefit the Church Budget. The Council has been assisted by the College Staff and Students in fulfilling its role of oversight of all its many and varied resources.

LLOYD V. RIESTERER, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. (a) That the Trinity College Council be permitted to endow two lectureships at the College of St John the Evangelist, one to

be known as the Ranston Lectureship and the other the Wesley Lectureship.

(b) That these lectureships operate both within and, as desirable, beyond the college in an extended college situation.

(c) That, in the first instance, these lectureships be filled by Methodist members of the staff.

(d) That, thereafter, provided that there are already two Methodist members of staff, with a likelihood of continuing therein over the period concerned, these lectureships be open to members of other denominations, ministerial or lay.

(e) That appointments to these lectureships be made for periods of five years, with possibility of extension.

(f) That these lectureships commence at the beginning of 1978.

3. That the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis be appointed as Tutor in Old Testament and Principal on the Methodist Staff of the Theological College for a further term of five years commencing February 1st, 1977.

4. That the Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., be the first appointment to the Ranston Lectureship, as from the beginning of 1978.

5. That Conference record its thanks to the Rev. I. C. E. Ramage for his service to the College and to the Church as Tutor in Pastoral Theology for a period of six years.

6. That Conference give approval to the Trinity College Council to accept financial responsibility for that part of the stipend of the Rev. B. K. Rowe, at present met by the St. John's College Board of Governors, for his teaching work on the staff of the College. It is recognised that this will be subject to consultation with and support of the Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry.

7. That Conference records its respect and appreciation of the Rev. Canon W. Merlin Davies as one who proved himself able in leadership and administration and a sincere friend of all who have worked with him.

8. That the Council of Trinity Theological College for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

B. THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1976

Six Methodist candidates for ordination have been in residence at St John's College. The Reverend Norma Graves has spent the year in in-service training. Four others have attended courses as private students. Mr T. Wall has gained a scholarship at McCormick Seminary, Chicago, together with a World Council of Churches' scholarship. He will spend his final year working for the degree STM, with the accent upon Theology and Education. Mr Alan Upson has been Vice-President of the College. There are signs that Methodist numbers will increase in 1977 and this is a development to be welcomed.

New Warden: With the impending retirement of Canon W. M. Davies, a new Warden has been appointed to assume duties at the beginning of 1977. Dr Raymond B. Pelly, Vice-Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, and Mrs Pelly spent several days in the College

in June and rapidly won their way in the community. We are indeed fortunate to have the prospect of such leadership and we look forward to developments in ministerial training at St John's College of considerable significance to both Churches.

Canon W. M. and Mrs Davies: Over the past three years, it has been a rare privilege to have enjoyed the friendship of Canon and Mrs Davies and to have had the opportunity of working with them. They brought with them distinctive gifts of leadership and they established conditions under which the joint venture has found a genuine stability with great promise for the future. Ministry and Spirituality have been particular interests and concerns the Warden has shared with the College. For hospitality and for so much else Methodist staff and students are in their debt. We wish them well in their new project, the Retreat Centre on the North Shore.

Staff: We have reached the end of the first phase of the bringing together of two Colleges:

The **Rev. I. C. E. Ramage** completes his term of six years at the end of 1976 and, at his request, moves from the College. In his direction of the Pastoral Theology Department, he has brought both his special interest in the theological dimension of Pastoral Care and his deep understanding that has grown from his wide experience in psychotherapy. Many within and beyond the College have spoken with gratitude of his special ministry in this field. Deep insight, evangelical conviction, an inability ever to be dull, these ensure for him a continuing place in the College. The College is indebted also to Mrs Ramage for her support and care of students. They carry with them the goodwill of the whole College.

The **Rev. J. Silvester** was this year invited to give a course of lectures at Knox College and he has continued his ecumenical involvement as a member of the NCC/RC Joint Working Committee.

The **Rev. B. K. Rowe** has continued and further developed effective leadership in the many-sided and complex field of Continuing Education for Ministry. He conducts a class in Ministry, has launched a series of Workshops on preaching, and was much involved in the shaping of the new Curriculum for the College on the unit/semester pattern. This has meant fresh emphasis upon the inner life and work of the College as experience of and preparation for Ministry. This leads to a College Diploma. In addition, students may offer themselves for external examinations for the Licentiate of Theology, Scholar in Theology Diplomas, or the Bachelor of Divinity course.

Visiting Tutors: Although from the end of 1976 there will be no category of "Associate Tutor" for visiting lecturers, the College will continue to be served in the various disciplines, from time to time, by those from Circuits and Parishes invited to give some assistance. **Dr Loader** has taught in the New Testament field over the past four years and has brought to this work his special skill. The College expresses to him its thanks for his work and for his general contribution. The Very Reverend **Dr G. A. F. Knight** has given similar valuable assistance this year in the Old Testament Department.

The whole staff, Anglican and Methodist, works as a single team. A valuable weekend away together was recently arranged. This is to be repeated next year.

New Curriculum: The division of the College year in semesters, offering courses in units, has brought into the College programme a new flexibility. This has enabled students to select courses from a

number of options, while giving attention to an essential core of biblical, historical, theological, pastoral and cultural studies. Many have chosen to follow in addition the L.Th. course, while several are studying for the B.D. degree. In November, first and second year students will again be involved in selected projects directed towards developing the skills of ministry.

Marae Visit: In the first term the College, by invitation, spent a weekend on the Queen's Marae at Ngaruawahia. Planning has already begun for a further Marae visit next year, possibly in Taranaki.

Bachelor of Theology for Auckland: For many years, attempts have been made to introduce theological studies at degree level in Auckland. This would provide a meeting point for the Colleges and the University. It would give opportunity also for those who have no intention to offer for Ministry to test conviction. As a first degree, it could prove a useful addition to what the Colleges can offer. There is no immediate prospect of the development of a University Faculty of Theology in Auckland. The Otago Faculty has recently secured University permission to allow two stages of the Otago degree to be taken extra-murally. Discussion is taking place between Auckland Colleges and the Melbourne College of Divinity concerning the possible extension of facilities to New Zealand.

Visitors: The College has been very fortunate to have the inspiration of the visit of distinguished scholars and Church leaders. Outstanding has been the contribution of the Selwyn Lecturer, Arch-deacon Michael Perry, speaking on the subject of Worship. Other visitors have been: the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan, Professor Morton Kelsey, Professor H. W. Turner, Professor T. Driver and Bishop Gregorius. We have been glad to welcome the President of Conference, Rev. Ruawai Rakena, and the Vice-President, Mr G. Hill.

A.N.Z.A.T.S.: At the beginning of the year a New Zealand Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges was formed with the participation not only of Colleges in the Joint Board of Theological Studies but also of the Baptist and Roman Catholic Churches. The Principal was appointed Chairman and the Rev. W. J. W. Rosevear, Secretary. As Vice-President of the main Association, the Principal attended the May consultation in Melbourne. It is planned for the Association to meet in Auckland in 1977 in conjunction with the annual Auckland University Religious Studies' Colloquium.

The Library: The main portion of the Trinity College Library has been established in the Atkin Room adjoining the Kinder Library. Glass covered shelves have recently been completed for the housing of the New Zealand collection. The work has been supervised by Mr Ramage and is under the general direction of the Librarian, Mrs Bright. A most valuable collection of early New Zealand works was recently given by Mr T. L. Hames. The College is much in his debt.

Study Leave: The Principal owes much to the College Council and the Connexion for permission to spend five months overseas in study leave, mainly at Cambridge. Valuable links were made with Trinity College, Singapore, Union Seminary, New York, and particularly helpful was membership in the Senior Seminar of Professor C. D. D. Moule of Clare College. Associate Senior Membership in Cheshunt/Westminster College, Cambridge was made possible through the generosity of the President, the Rev. J. E. Newport, and of Principal MacLeod.

The Future: With staff changes soon to take place, it has become necessary to look to the future. The endowment of the Wesley and Ranston Lectureships will ensure continuity of Methodist representation on the staff.

The resolutions of the 1976 General Synod, especially concerning unification of the Ministry, have been received with interest in the College. At staff level, discussion has already begun concerning the possible joint ordination of students, Anglican and Methodist, who have trained together at St John's College. This is a question for the Churches with special significance for the College.

Thanks: To colleagues, Methodist and Anglican, to the student leadership, and to the College Council for unfailing support and assistance, and to all at the College I offer my very deep thanks.

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 1976

Personal: During the year the Board was delighted to extend congratulations to Sister Rita Snowden in recognition of her being awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Warden: In February, Rev. J. H. Osborne tendered his resignation as Warden of the Deaconess Order to take effect from the 1st February, 1977. The Board has given consideration to the appointment of a new Warden and would now recommend to Conference that Rev. G. Brazendale be appointed as Warden of the Deaconess Order as from 1st February, 1977.

Deaconesses: During the August School Holidays 1975, the Warden visited Sister Betty Yearbury, Sister Barbara Miller and Sister Grace Clement. These Deaconesses had all commenced new appointments at the beginning of the year and the visit proved very helpful to both the Deaconesses and the Warden. Miss Diana Tana has this year been stationed at Taheke serving with the Tai Tokerau Circuit. Her two assessors of probation have been Rev. J. Langley and Mr S. Toia.

Convocation: Convocation was again held at the Baptist Theological College in Auckland and was an interesting and stimulating time for all present. As the Warden was on Long Service Leave at the time of Convocation, the Bible studies were led by Rev. Phil Taylor. Other speakers included Mrs Pat Tauroa with the theme "To Live More Simply", Rev. Norma Graves on "Ministerial Ordination in Retrospect", Mr Ray White on "Working with Youth Today" and Mrs Vera Dowie on "The Local Church and Work Expectation of the Deaconess".

The following affirmation agreed on by members of the Convocation is endorsed by the Board:

"We affirm that the Deaconess Order is an Order of Ministry in the life of the Church.

It is complementary to the Presbyterate.

It is a ministerial Order with a Common Rule and Daily Office.

It involves: 1. Ordination.

2. Theological training.

3. Itinerant ministry.
4. Discipline of the Church.
5. The intention of life service."

The following resolution was passed unanimously at Convocation: "The Convocation is concerned at the use of fermented wine, as opposed to the use of unfermented grape juice, in the Service of Holy Communion. There is a need for education to appreciate the reason for use or non-use of fermented wine for Services of Holy Communion. In our Methodist Church and the Churches uniting we urge a greater sensitivity of its use for the people participating, having regard for people who are at risk and/or do not partake of alcohol."

Presbyter and Deacon: With reference to the resolution of Conference 1975—"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", a Committee comprising members of the Deaconess Board, Faith and Order Committee and the Committee on Ministry has met and prepared a report as requested.

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 Rev. G. Brazendale be appointed as Warden of the Deaconess Order as from 1st February, 1977.
3. That the resolution from the Deaconess Convocation concerning the use of fermented wine at Services of Holy Communion be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for comment and recommendation.
4. That Conference thanks the Rev. J. H. Osborne for his years of service as Warden of the Deaconess Order which have been marked by a high degree of efficiency and warm pastoral concern.
5. That the Deaconess Board for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting College, Schools and Hostels?

A. WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE PAERATA

REPORT OF THE BOARD 1976

The need to practise the virtues of patience and perseverance has been forcibly brought to the notice of the Board this year as delays and frustrations have confronted us in almost all sectors of our work. Nevertheless the College continues in good heart and has accomplished another excellent year of progress. The Board is grateful for the understanding and support of parents and for the help of its well-wishers during a difficult period.

Integration:

Although in May 1974 the then Minister of Education held out that it should be possible to integrate Wesley College with the State

system at the beginning of the 1975 school year, or at such other time as the Board might choose, and continuous representations have been made in the intervening period, achievement of this objective has not resulted. In the meantime the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 has been passed, with a change of responsibility for building standards, and integration will now need to be effected under that Act. At the present time we are hopeful that negotiations will soon be completed so that the existence of the school on a term term basis not knowing when integration will take place will cease and we shall have a definite date towards which we can work for integration to be accomplished.

Property Development:

The sub-division development in the Cape Horn area at Waikowhai, originally planned for marketing early 1976, has been delayed through a variety of factors but firm completion dates have now been obtained which should make the resulting sections available for sale early in 1977. Although the original concept did not eventuate, the successful disposal of three sections to existing lessees has enabled a more realistic return to be obtained from the Grafton Property, but the other sections in that area remaining on fixed term leases do little for the benefit of the Board. The development plans for Maurice Harding Park referred to in our report last year have stagnated through delays in obtaining the required zoning change from the Auckland City Council, but preparatory work has been completed to enable this project to be pushed forward as soon as the way is cleared.

Gifts and Donations:

We have again been encouraged in our work and have received generous support from many quarters. Continuing support has been received from the 150th Anniversary of Methodism Scholarship Fund, the Gibson Trust (15 boys at the College benefiting from this assistance), the Estate of Percy Rushton, the Edith Winstone-Blackwell Foundation Trust Board, the Auckland Savings Bank, Fletcher Holdings Ltd and from previously endowed Scholarship Funds. New substantial scholarship assistance has been received from the Clayton Charitable Trust for agricultural students and the funds becoming available from the Clothier Scholarship. The Gisborne Circuit has also forwarded their scholarship fund to be utilised for Fijian students in 1977 and 1978 and it is hoped that those receiving the awards will endeavour to follow the example of Tevita Banuve. This pupil was sponsored by the late Mr W. E. Donnelly, was a Prefect and an accomplished all-round athlete attained a "B" Bursary in 1975 and continues his studies at University level. Valuable gifts of books to the College Library were received from Mr G. C. Riddell and Mr I. W. Morley (of Brisbane) while a computer valued at \$1,300 was given for instructional use by the firm of Birch and Airey. This assistance and the many other acts of support to the College are of great benefit and our sincere thanks are expressed to all. We are also most grateful to the anonymous donor who set aside a sum of up to \$5,000 to assist suitable boys who would otherwise be unable to pay their fees together with a further \$5,000 to be applied toward the restoration of capital funds expended on the renovation of the College Chapel.

Secretaryship:

To mark the completion of 20 years' service of the present Secretary to the Board and the previous 32 years' like service of the late Leonard Knight, Board Members personally subscribed to the Secretaries Prize Fund to provide for annual awards for Senior

Mathematics and Senior Accounting and the first awards were made for the 1975 year.

Visit of Vice-President:

We were privileged to welcome the Vice-President of Conference, Mr Geoffrey E. Hill, on his March 1976 visit to the College when Mr Hill participated in the morning assembly in the Chapel and later spoke in class groups. This visit coincided with that of Fiji Indians from the Polynesian Festival when demonstrations were given by them with matching items by the College Polynesian Club which all made for an outstanding day for the College.

Financial:

The policy has been adopted to continue to adjust the book value of the Paerata Buildings to accord with the Indemnity Value as independently obtained on the annual revaluation for insurance purposes—for this year no depreciation was required to be provided in the Annual Accounts and the increase in the value of the buildings of \$86,857 was credited to the Capital Account. Improved returns from investments and properties, especially Maurice Harding Park, and the firm control of costs by the Principal in operating the College led to a slightly improved overall revenue surplus being obtained which with capital receipts enabled further improvements to be completed at the College, the major items of which are outlined in the Report of the Principal. Continued progress has been made with the development programme for Grafton Downs, the separately administered Town Milk Supply farm under the able management of Mr O. F. Reeve who was also able to increase production to earn an increase of 49 litres to give a daily quota of 1,503 litres.

Chaplaincy:

The Rev. W. A. Chessum continues to give an enthusiastic and most effective contribution to College life. In addition to his Chaplaincy duties he has given much in his music, band and choral work and his supervision of the hockey teams. Because of the interest shown in his remarks reported last year we again submit extracts from his Report to the Board.

College Standards:

Academic and sporting achievements well above average have been obtained and the high standards of bearing and attitudes traditional to Wesley College have continued to flourish under the strong leadership and very able administration of the Principal, Mr J. B. McDougall, and through him we express our appreciation to departmental heads and all staff for the efforts and contributions made by them in providing a full education based on Christian principles from which all those who apply themselves must benefit.

H. M. DENTON, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL 1976

Staff:

Despite the uncertainties of the future, staff continue to give dedicated service to the College, giving a pleasing stability with few staff changes. Mr C. Mitchell, Dip.Tchg., a very promising young teacher, returned to University to complete his degree. Mr J. K. Somervell, M.A., has retired after two years of relieving, while Mr J. Horsman, M.A. (ex Deputy Principal), who had been assisting with lessons in the evening, has been appointed to a University lectureship. Mr T. Sargent, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dip.Tchg., has been

appointed Head of Commerce, allowing us to introduce Commerce as a core subject in Forms 3 and 4 and Economic Studies as a new School Certificate subject. Mr B. Johnston, M.A., a young Teachers' College graduate, has been appointed to teach senior Geography and History. Unfortunately Mrs A. D. Boyle, one of our matrons, died after a year's service. Mrs O. Fordyce is now senior matron with Miss J. Phillips her new assistant. Mr and Mrs K. Orr have been replaced by Mr and Mrs W. Silva as caretakers, while Mr and Mrs A. Irving are new workers in the kitchen. We are very disappointed to have lost two of our four Fijian girls because their two-year work permits have expired, but it is pleasing to report that we have permission for the scheme to continue. These girls have provided very valuable service as kitchen and dining room hands, an area in which it is difficult to find reliable permanent staff.

Roll:

The roll has again increased this year to a maximum of 263 boys. As in 1975 the boarding roll is full and the increase is due to 50 day boy enrolments. There is a strong demand for day boy acceptances but we have kept to 50 so the special boarding characteristics of the school are not altered. It is encouraging to note that the non-European roll has increased to 100, with 75 Maori boys and 25 other races. An interesting first is the enrolment of 6 Indian students from Fiji.

Fees:

The increase in roll numbers is particularly satisfying because with no integration, the fees had to be increased. Many boys were only able to return because of the additional number of scholarships, bursaries and donations for which we are all extremely grateful.

Examination Results—External Examinations 1975:

School Certificate: 29 (60%) qualified for Form 6. The pass marks were of a higher standard than in 1974. Bryan Laughland passed in six subjects averaging 89% in his best four subjects. Six boys passed in six subjects including two from the Agricultural course.

University Entrance: 15 candidates were successful: a disappointing result from a below average group.

Bursary: A record result: Four "A" passes and three "B" passes from eight candidates. Bruce Habershon averaged 77% in his five subjects and just missed a scholarship, while Tim Maurice averaged 69.8% at his first attempt. It is pleasing to report that our Fijian lad, Tevita Banuve, gained a "B" Bursary.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Team sport is still the mainstay of leisure hour activities. Teams in 1976 have included 5 cricket, 2 softball, 1 tennis, 7 rugby, 3 hockey and 2 soccer; with a strong interest in inter-school athletics, swimming and cross country.

Rowing has been introduced for the first time at the College while there has been a revived competition in indoor basketball. The improved pool has renewed interest in life-saving with 18 boys qualifying for awards this year. A pleasing adjunct to the strong Polynesian club has been the formation of a keen Maori carving group. Debating has always been strong in the school, and at time of writing the team had advanced to the fourth round of the North Island schools' contest. Music is a vital part of the school's programme with Wesley again providing the majority of the combined choir for the Manukau Festival. Sons of farmers are the nucleus of the College and the Young Farmers' Club is still the strongest club at Wesley.

Development:

Improvements to the school are continuing, thanks to the bold financial policies of the Board and voluntary projects by staff and students. The Chemistry laboratory has been upgraded and the large dining room floor tiled and sealed. The Intermediate dormitory has been re-arranged to increase privacy and eliminate bunks. Alterations to the Administration block have increased the area for duplicating and storage, while providing a new reception area for parents and visitors. The baths have a new filter system and shed, while the surrounds have been fenced for child safety and wind protection. The quadrangle improvements have been completed with the development of a large fish pond and the planting of further shrubs. The main playing fields have been considerably improved by the introduction of a new major drain, and No. 4 field has been upgraded to provide a new soccer field.

Board:

All at the College are greatly indebted for the amount of time and interest given by the members of the Trust Board and in particular sincere thanks are due to Mr H. Denton, Board Chairman, Mr B. Caughey, Chairman of Property and Finance, Mr N. Nicholls, Chairman of the College Committee, and Mr B. Minogue, Board Secretary.

J. B. McDUGALL, Principal.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD, 1976

Chapel:

The same pattern of services continues: . . . A fair number of parents attend on both Exeat Days and at Day Boy Services. This year we have also had requests for infant baptisms: . . . the book racks are now installed in most pews, and 122 hymn books have been issued. So far the care of the books is much improved.

Life and Faith Classes:

The pattern reported last year is continuing. Mr Teasdale is helping with senior forms. An innovation in Term II 1976 will be a five-week session from the Marriage Guidance teams for forms 5, 6 and 7. Later it is hoped to extend their programme to include the courses they offer at 3rd and 4th form level as well.

Bible Classes:

The previous system of voluntary evening classes continues, but with slight modification. This year those boys enquiring regarding either admission to Holy Communion or Confirmation were asked to join such classes in February, as alternatives to Bible Class. Also, previously confirmed boys were encouraged to join a "Members' Class". This aim is to try to give more help and supports to boys both before and after Confirmation, and also to delay Confirmation in some cases to an older age, and yet give room still to express Christian discipleship. I have been taking 20 Communicants (2 classes), 5 for Confirmation and about 10 in the Members' Class. Eleven boys were admitted to Communion in June, five more are keen enquirers, and probably four will go on to Confirmation. (This compares with a total of seven last year.)

Other boys have elected to join Bible Classes with Mr Sealby (Forms 1 and 2), Mrs Chessum (3P), or Mr Fordyce (3GA and Form 4—two classes). Thus of the whole school about 80-90 are involved.

W. A. CHESSUM.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference authorise the Board of the Wesley Training College to enter into an integration agreement with the Crown under the provisions of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975, subject to the President approving the terms of such agreement.

3. That the name of the Board of Wesley Training College Trust be changed to the Wesley College Trust Board to avoid confusion with the Board of Governors to be elected to administer the school under integration.

4. That Conference authorise the Board to arrange such amendments to the Methodist Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1911 as are necessary to conform to the provisions of the Integration Act 1975, as a Private Member's Bill.

5. That Conference empower the President to approve any other action on the part of the Board which may become necessary between Conferences to give effect to integration.

6. That the Board of Wesley Training College for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

B. THE RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

Future of the Hostel:

The Board has spent its main effort this year in clarifying the future of the Hostel and the needs of Maori youth generally. This has meant many hours of work for Executive Board members who have given unstintingly of their time to provide to Synods and Conference a balanced and comprehensive report.

Finance:

The position continues much as in previous years with the Executive and Hostel Staff making every endeavour to keep costs at a reasonable level. The Board is grateful for the continued support of Connexional Trusts that have increased their contribution to meet the inflationary difficulties being faced by the Board.

It is pleasing to report that due to an increase in our fees this year coupled with considerable extra receipts from contributing Boards assisted by a reduction in excess of \$1,000 in the cost of maintaining the grounds, our revenue loss is in the vicinity of \$2,000. We are deeply indebted to the donating Boards. But I would also like to record our deep appreciation for the work done by the girls in caring for the grounds under the supervision of Mr Dave Curtis. His efforts to maintain our gardens have been tremendous. We thank him most sincerely.

We also recovered some \$250 in debts previously written off as bad which has helped.

Use of Land:

Investigations have begun as to how best to use the large area of land that surrounds the Hostel. Discussions have been held with the New Plymouth High Schools' Board as to development and lease of this resource for playing areas. At present the land is farmed under a lease with a relatively small return. The report will be available during 1977.

Maintenance:

Exterior painting has been carried out during the year and extensive interior redecoration is due. It is anticipated that this will

be attended to as and when possible. The Board records with deep regret the death of Mr S. Ashworth who for many years has been Convener of the Works Committee.

Students:

The roll for 1976 has been held at 32 and although we have had occasional behavioural difficulties there have been stress situations at the Hostel and Colleges attributable largely to girls coming from a less disciplined environment having to cope within very large High School populations. We report the continued work of Mr Couch who gives both cultural training and Christian instruction to the girls and express our thanks to the many helpers who in different ways support and help the girls.

Staff:

The Board would again convey its deep appreciation to the Matron, Mrs Curtis, her husband David and all other members of the Staff for their dedicated service in the day-to-day caring for the Hostel girls. The Board cannot speak too highly of their willingness at all times to meet the demands of Hostel life, both in the inter-personal relationships of the girls and the administration and care of a large institution.

G. T. GILBERT, Chairman.

RANGIATEA MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL

MATRON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1976

To the Chairman and Members of the Board:

I have the honour to report as follows:

The Hostel Award List for 1975:

Ngatai Shield: Tokomaru Dormitory.

Head Girl Rose Allum Cup: Lydia Karu.

Heni Rawiri Prefects Cup: Joana Patu.

Music Cup: Hera Erueti.

Prize Highest Marks—household duties: Ngaire Dewes.

1974 Evelyn Marriott Award: Joana Patu.

Academic 1975:

Of the two senior girls who sat the University Entrance Examination one girl obtained a pass in one subject. A fifth form girl obtained a pass in the School Certificate Examination.

Vocation 1975:

The three senior girls left to enter the following positions:

1—Nursing—Taumaranui Public Hospital

1—Nursing—Lower Hutt Public Hospital

1—Clerical—Post Office, Turangi.

Annual Exit Service:

The Annual Exit Service was held at the Hostel on December 7th, 1975. The service was led and addressed by the Chairman, Rev. G. Gilbert, and the speaker was Mr R. Ashford, Maori Welfare Officer with the Maori Affairs Department. The presentation of prizes was made by Mrs Ruby Fenton, a member of the Rangiatea Board. A bouquet of flowers was presented to each of the supervisory staff at the Hostel, Mrs J. Curtis, Mrs M. Robinson and Mrs M. Smith. Later the guests were entertained by the girls and supper served.

During the first term of this year we welcomed 17 new girls to Rangiatea and with the old girls we now have a total of 33 in residence. Of this total—

12—3rd formers

9—4th formers

12—5th formers

23 girls attend Spotswood College and 10 girls attend Girls' High School. This year we have 10 5th formers sitting the School Certificate Examination.

Financial Assistance—1976:

The Maori Education Foundation continues to be of great assistance to our girls. Financial assistance from the Foundation is based on need and merit.

17 girls—full fees paid by the Foundation.

3 girls—fees partly paid by the Foundation, with the balance of fees being paid by a Boarding Allowance or a Maori Secondary School Scholarship.

3 girls—assisted partly by a Kurahuna Grant with the balance of fees paid by parents.

10 girls—fees are paid by parents.

All boarding fees owing up until 31st May, 1976 have now been paid.

There are no outstanding debts owing on Fees or Personal accounts for the 1974 or 1975 calendar years.

The first term saw the settling in of the girls for the year and the establishment of their routine. Much time has been spent with outfitting, dentist and doctor appointments. The girls have been a contented and happy group, presenting fewer behaviour problems than in previous years.

The atmosphere at the Hostel is relaxed and friendly. The Hostel is fortunate in keeping a stable and reliable staff, which is of benefit to the girls.

The more liberal attitude towards outings and permission for girls to wear mufti, including jeans and slacks, has continued.

Beryl Marriott, the Head Prefect, comes from a very fine Methodist family of Ngaruawahia. Beryl has leadership qualities which she uses to advantage to encourage and involve the girls in every day activities. She sets a good example herself and is constantly encouraging girls to set a similar standard in behaviour.

The Hostel Shop continues to serve a very useful purpose, supplying the Boarders' needs and keeping them off the streets.

The Social Welfare Department Officers have made their Annual inspection, as have Fire Department Officers.

Maintenance:

The exterior woodwork of the Hostel was painted this year at a cost of \$3,200. Mr Kitchingman has kept a watch on maintenance repairs around the Hostel, has replaced three fire escape doors, two clothes lines, and has carried out various maintenance repairs throughout the year. The lino in one of the downstairs bathrooms requires replacing sometime in the near future.

Maori Language and Culture:

There are at present 20 girls taking Maori language lessons at Spotswood College and Girls' High. Most are succeeding quite well and are being assisted by the Rev. Couch, Mrs Robinson and myself. Spotswood College continues to offer Maori language lessons by correspondence; Mrs P. Bailey, the Maori language teacher at the Girls' High, has begun assisting them with their Maori lessons. We were happy to have Mr and Mrs Mohi, Maori correspondence officers, stay with us at Rangiatea to meet the girls and help them with their Maori correspondence lessons.

Maori Waiata continues to play an important part in the Hostel life of the girls. The year began with much practice of poi and action

song so that all the 17 newcomers could be taught. Once again we thank the Rev. Moke Couch for the time he has spent in teaching our girls aspects of Maoritanga.

The Maori staff members at the Hostel assist the girls with Maori action songs, poi making and taniko work. On occasions Miss Ngaio McCulloch, Maori Mission Youth Leader, has assisted the girls with Maori Waiata. On several occasions groups of girls have participated in functions held on various Marae in Taranaki.

Church Services and Religious Studies:

It is normal for the girls to attend Church every Sunday, participating in Holy Communion once a month. We have been fortunate in having Sister Betty Yearbury conduct services at the Hostel every fourth Sunday. Sister Beverley Taylor, Rev. G. Gilbert, Rev. Rex Caudwell and Rev. Couch have held services at the Hostel. Senior girls continue to lead prayers in dormitories and are learning to conduct services at the Hostel.

We are grateful for Harvest Festival gifts from many churches, and we are indebted to the various Methodist Trust organisations for their continual financial support of Rangiatea.

Recreational Activities:

The girls are kept busy, not only with school responsibilities, but with the maintenance of their home surroundings, sewing and mending their own clothes, practising for entertainments, participating in various sports, both at the Hostel and at School.

Most girls participate well in Saturday Netball and Softball competitions, and also in other recreational activities, such as tennis, table tennis, swimming, volleyball, school touring teams, school dances and plays, collecting for charitable organisations, entertaining of visitors to the Hostel.

Last November 10 girls attended the Methodist Conference held at Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaurawahia. Several of our Senior girls have applied to enter the Vocational Guidance Course at Massey University next month.

I would like to express my thanks to the Staff at Spotswood College and the Girls' High School for their valuable tuition.

I am grateful to the staff at the Hostel for the conscientious way they offer their services, and finally to the members of the Board I wish to express my thanks, and I hope that Rangiatea will continue as a Girls' Hostel for 1977.

(Mrs) JANE CURTIS, Matron.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Maori Division gives urgent consideration to the need for an examination of the place of hostels in the life of the Church; the social, cultural and educational needs of Maori Youth; and the opportunity of staff training in the field of social work and hostel staffing.

3. That Conference agrees that Rangiatea Hostel in New Plymouth continue as a hostel for girls seeking further education until such time as there is sufficient positive evidence for change, and that there be an active campaign for recruiting.

4. That the Board of Rangiatea Maori College be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 48—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to:

(A) BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

REPORT FOR 1976

The Board has sought to carry out the task entrusted to it by the Church of producing a fortnightly church newspaper and distributing it throughout the dominion. By reducing the number of issues to 20 a year of eight pages with occasional extra supplements, the paper has continued to function at a time of steeply rising costs when many secular and church newspapers have ceased publication. This has been due mainly to three factors:

1. The dedicated work of our Editor, Editorial Assistant and part time Office Secretary.
2. The careful watch on costs and income by our Secretary-Treasurer, and
3. The increasingly generous support we receive from our Partners-in-Print and other donors.

Almost a million copies of the paper are produced and circulated every year. Our support from the Connexional Budget has been almost 2 cents per copy and our costs during the coming year will be over 4 cents per copy. About half the cost of producing the paper has to be found through donations, subscriptions and advertising. We are therefore most grateful to those who support the paper through the Connexional Budget and that smaller group who give additional generous donations, thus enabling us to carry out the wish of the Church that the paper be circulated widely as a means of outreach and mission.

In response to the desire of many of our people, increasing attention has been given during the year to reporting in some depth significant features of local church life throughout the dominion and to writing up people in all walks of life whose lives have significance for the church and the community. This has involved a good deal of travelling and time for our editorial staff and expense for the paper which we believe are justified.

The Editor was present at the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches as New Zealand's only accredited journalist. He worked on the African newspaper "Target" which served the Conference each day. He was able to introduce the "New Citizen" to a wide cross-section of the international Church and found that it aroused great interest and was regarded as a unique venture in Christian journalism. On his return a special supplement was published, the editor addressed many groups and supplied material to "Zealandia", "Church and People", "The Auckland Star" and on several Radio New Zealand programmes. We are grateful to those who made it possible for Mr Bluck to go to Nairobi at no cost to the paper.

The Editor also reported the Anglican General Synod in Nelson and, commissioned by the Synod, "New Citizen" produced a special edition for national distribution among Anglican parishes.

Mr Bluck has also contributed regularly to "Morning Comment" on Radio New Zealand stations and written, spoken and preached widely.

During the year Mrs Edith Boal retired after six years' devoted service as Office Secretary and the gratitude of the Board and the whole Church was expressed to her personally by Board members and the President, and also in the paper. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs Elsie Blythe in her place, an excellent secretary and keen church worker.

In May a special issue of the paper marked the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the "New Zealand Methodist", now the "New Citizen", described at the time as "the boldest venture in New Zealand religious journalism". We are grateful that the paper has continued over the decade in spite of many difficulties faced. Special celebrations, oriented toward the future rather than the past, are being planned for the coming Conference of our Church.

During the year the Board lost the valued services of Mr Maurice Berry through removal to Wellington. He had served the paper throughout its life and acted as assistant editor and his contribution as a professional journalist was of great value. We were fortunate in adding Mr Jack Leigh, well known Auckland senior journalist, to the Board and also Mrs Joan Moore, Mr E. H. Laurenson and Rev. Morehu Te Whare. We shall lose the services of Rev. Don Glennly next year as a Board member. We thank him for his splendid contribution and congratulate him upon his appointment to the chair of Practical Theology at Knox College.

We express our grateful thanks to all who have served the paper during the past year, not forgetting those countless folk throughout the country who distribute the paper widely each fortnight to the homes of our people, and those who contribute correspondence and other material freely to the paper.

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 Conference records the appreciation of the whole Church to Miss Margaret Lovell-Smith as Editorial assistant and Mrs Edith Boal as office assistant to the "New Citizen".
3. That the Board of "New Citizen" for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

(B) BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

The Board of Publications has only published the Prayer Manual in the last 12 months though it has looked at some other material and continued to reprint Orders of Service as the demand required. This diminution of activity is related to the increased availability of studies and reports from other sources and the current reluctance of the Methodist Church to stress denominationalism.

Members of the Board have raised the question of the future of an organisation which is unable to fulfil all the expectations laid down in its constitution (1971 Minutes p. 375-377):—

The Board shall:

(a) Print, publish and trade in book, pamphlets and other printed matter, encourage the writing of new publications, act as approving authority in respect of all manuscripts submitted for publication in the name of the Methodist Church of New Zealand . . .

(b) Co-ordinate, in consultation with other Boards and Committees, the publication of material to prevent duplication of effort.

(c) Co-operate with the Departments of the Church in the production of their special publications.

In respect of the above points, the Board has only resources to publish a few pamphlets from time to time, and the encouragement of

writers of new work is quite beyond the Board's ability. In the last 10 years there has been no occasion on which the Board has been called upon to act as an approving authority. Because so much of the work of other Boards and Divisions is ecumenical in nature, it has not been necessary for the Board of Publications to involve itself in many areas which the constitution envisages as its responsibility.

The Board has agreed to publish a Prayer Manual for 1977, but has asked the Women's Fellowship to be responsible for publication from 1978. This seems a reasonable request as the sales are almost entirely to members of the Women's Fellowship. A reply is awaited from this year's Convention.

It seems to the Board that printing and distribution of the Orders of Service could easily be carried out by Epworth Bookroom, Auckland and that there is no necessity for the Board to continue to function at present. If there are matters of importance relating to publication of material in the name of the Church these could be handled by the Development Division, which oversees the work of Epworth Bookroom, Auckland.

B. MALCOURONNE, Chairman.

J. H. OSBORNE, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. That the following resolutions be considered by Synods in 1977 with a view to their implementation by Conference 1977:

(a) That the Development Division assume responsibility for the work of the Board of Publications.

(b) That the assets of the Board of Publications be transferred to Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, to be used to further the objects of the Board.

3. That the Board of Publications for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

(C) RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1976

Private Religious Radio:

As directed by Conference 1975, this committee prepared material on the matter of private religious radio stations, and circulated it to all districts, circuits and union parishes. Although the question had arisen because of a particular concern about the Gospel Radio Fellowship (Radio Rhema), the committee tried to present a statement on the question in general terms, setting out the principles involved, which could apply to any private religious radio organisation.

The committee makes the following points:

1. The Church has declared its mind on the question of religious broadcasting when it asked the NZBC to take responsibility for this work. This is now being undertaken by the religious programme department of Radio NZ.

2. While recognising the right of individuals to adopt dissentient points of view, we endorse the position of recent Conferences in refusing to support the licensing of private religious radio stations.

3. Discussing evangelism the Church has stated it believes that religion is part of life, involved in all aspects and not a separate compartment. It seems a positive advance as the Radio New Zealand Religious Unit is able to feed more programmes into other sectors of the Corporation, e.g. News, Current Affairs.

4. The Church sees separate religious stations as sectional and divisive. Their effect could be to separate religion (Christianity) from the rest of life and so isolate it from the world of which it is part and where it must witness.

5. Private stations are controlled by groups of individuals who set their own standards, doctrinal and professional. These standards are not necessarily what the Methodist Church, or the broadcasting churches as a whole would set. While the individuals who control such stations are members of individual denominations they are not appointed by them, they do not speak for them, nor are they responsible to them.

6. Licensing private religious stations would open the way for other sectional interests, e.g. trade unions, political parties. Such a move may not be in the good interests of the country as a whole.

7. There is access already for any religious group, Christian or otherwise, to supply programme ideas and programmes to Radio NZ and/or to private stations. These when acceptable, i.e. meeting the standards properly required for broadcasts in general, present an effective witness.

8. Individuals on community and private stations can and do make effective contributions by a variety of different types of programmes, i.e. talk-backs.

Replies received from Synods and Circuits have in general supported this statement. The Churches Committee on Broadcasting discussed the matter, largely at the request of the Methodist Committee, and at their June 25 meeting resolved "that after prolonged discussion, reports from constituent churches, and an interview with Radio Rhema, the committee does not recommend support for Radio Rhema to the constituent churches". The Methodist committee stands by the decision of Conference 1975 on this matter.

Radio New Zealand Training Courses:

The Religious Broadcasts Unit of Radio New Zealand this year initiated a series of training courses for religious broadcasters in each of the four main centres. Level One courses have been held for individuals and Seminars for representatives of churches involved in Church Service Broadcasts. There have been Methodists included on all these, and worthwhile results have been achieved. In particular, the Church Service for Broadcast seminars have enabled us to have several churches re-auditioned for inclusion on the approved list of broadcasting churches. Our thanks to those who gave their time to attend these courses.

Because the Radio New Zealand Religious Unit has taken over all the work of commissioning religious programmes, other than church service broadcasts, a major part of this committee's work this year has been in seeking and nominating suitable people and churches for these courses. Looking forward to the probability of further such courses next year, the committee would appreciate the help of the Church in identifying likely people, with talents in the area of broadcasting and script-writing, for consideration by this committee when nominating people to the courses as they are offered.

Full-time Worker in Broadcasting:

This committee has for many years considered that effective work in the field of radio and television, and liaison with the corporations

and private radio stations, is hampered by the lack of a full-time worker representing the Methodist Church. Two other churches have recently set up communications departments to co-ordinate work in several related media. We wonder whether the time has come to consider integrating Methodist work in radio, television, newspaper and some aspects of Christian education. There would seem to be some advantage in a department incorporating "New Citizen", Radio and Television, Education Division and Theological College work with students and ministers which centres on communication.

The underlying principle of this proposal is the belief that what is needed to make a good broadcaster of the gospel message is the same as is needed to make a good pulpit preacher or, for that matter, a good layman preaching the gospel in day-to-day life. The basic skills of communication apply, whatever the medium, and this committee believes that a combined approach would produce better communicators in all media.

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 to the committee through the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Radio and Television Committee be asked to explore the setting up of a communications department with the boards of "New Citizen", Education Division and Theological College and report to Synods and Conference 1977.
4. That Synods and Circuits be asked to identify likely people (ministerial and lay) with talents in the area of broadcasting and scriptwriting, to be considered for nomination to training courses by the Radio and Television Committee.
5. That the Radio and Television Committee for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 49—What is the Report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1976

The Committee expresses appreciation to the Synods for the detailed replies which they have made to the reports and services. Careful consideration has been given by the Committee to these replies and the reports and services have been amended in the light of the views expressed by the Synods and subsequent discussions in the committee.

Diversity in Ministry:

This report comes to the Church through the Faith and Order Committee but was compiled by representatives of that Committee along with members of the Committee on Ministry and the Deaconess Board. It is a response to two recommendations of the 1975 Conference which, though separate matters, may be brought together under the general heading of "Diversity in Ministry".

1. That the report (of the F. & O. Committee) 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 (p. 259).

2. That the Committee on Ministry continue to explore the development of a Community Ministry (p. 57).

The Committee has had before it statements by Committees of the Conference, comments of a Wanganui group, the Plan for Union, a recent report from the W.C.C. "The Ordained Ministry in Ecumenical Perspective" (1974).

In our thinking, we have sought to hold two concerns together:

1. That we act within the context of the one world Church and therefore need to be sensitive to the moving of the Spirit in the wider Church.

2. That we respond to the needs of mission and discover forms of ministry to match them.

The two issues addressed in this report arise from questions about vocation and the possibilities of diverse service being asked for by people within the Church.

Diversity Within One Ministry:

The understanding of ministry which lies behind this report, may be set out in diagrammatic form as follows:

There is one Ministry—that is Christ's ministry in, to and for the world.

MEMBERSHIP

*All baptised members of the Church share in this universal ministry.

RESPONSIBLE LAY SERVICE

	*Confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands constitutes a commissioning to this lay ministry.	
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DEACONS

*Some persons are recognised as having aptitude for costly service and are set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands in ordination as Deacon.		
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PRESBYTERS

		*Some persons are recognised as accepting responsibility for preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments and exercising Pastoral Care and are set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands in ordination as Presbyter.
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DEACONS

LAY SERVICE

PRESBYTERS

In each case, when the Church ordains, it implies:

CALL

- evidence of being attracted and motivated by Christ
- evidence that life's meaning and purposes are constantly being checked and shaped in the fellowship of Christ.

SELECTION

- willingness to test and be tested.
- that belief and behaviour are consistent with the way of Christ; and that there is growing capacity to share in his ministry.

TRAINING

- appropriate for the tasks being undertaken has been received and is continuing.

In today's world, each form of ministry may be exercised specifically within the organised life of the church as an institution—or beyond it. Therefore persons may or may not be dependent financially on the Church, and relationship to the total ministry needs to be clarified.

MEMBERSHIP

LAY WORKERS		DEACONS		PRESBYTERS		
In the service of the Church		In the service of the Church		In the service of the Church		
Paid by the Church	In secular employment	Paid by the Church	In secular employment	Paid by the Church	Part time	Employed in other agencies or in secular employment

The Diaconate:

"In the course of history, the function of diakonia (service) has found expression in the office of deacon and the deaconess. For about 20 years now, many Churches, independently from one another, have been giving attention to the possible renewal of this office." (W.C.C. One Ministry. p. 36.)

The diaconate arose in the earliest days of the Church (see Diaconess Board report 1975). At its best, it has served as a reminder to the Church of the costly service to which all Christians are called. In some churches it has become a stepping stone to the Presbyterate. There is a richness in the Diaconate which waits to be explored.

Within our own Church the Diaconate has been open only to women through the Diaconess Order. The Board of the Diaconess Order has for some years sought clarification concerning the role and future of the Order, and this has led to discussion regarding the Diaconate in general.

In the larger part of the Church the diaconate is open to both men and women and it seems desirable that this should be the case in the N.Z. Methodist Church also. We cannot ignore the presence of the diaconate throughout most of the world church, nor the search for the renewal of that office within those same churches. Broadening the membership of the diaconate, as suggested, would be a first step as

we share in that exploration. In proposing that the Diaconate, at present open only to women, be open also to men, we do not know what the result will be. Certainly it is an action which leaves the door open for possible growth and development within the diaconate. The existing Deaconess Order could, if its members chose, remain as a sisterhood within an extended diaconate.

There are people seeking ordination and asking that the Church might provide them with appropriate training and recognise their ministry in this way. For some, ordination into the Presbyterate seems appropriate; for others ordination into the Diaconate seems appropriate.

We recognise a hesitancy in the N.Z. Methodist Church which inhibits positive action on this matter, but we should listen to those people who confess a calling in this direction and to the wider Church for any new insights and understandings it may release.

We need to listen to those who warn against an order which may be interpreted as giving special status to some. The same warning needs to be directed towards the Presbyterate. All orders of ministry are to be understood as sharing in the ministry of Jesus and as a participation in his servanthood. A person is ordained as Deacon in response to their sense of call, the confidence of the Church and after receiving appropriate training.

In thinking about the nature of the diaconate, members of Synods and Conferences may find a useful starting point in the Plan for Union (1971).

The Diaconate:

In the Plan for Union 1971 it is stated:

"The service of human need is an essential element in all Christian ministry. Jesus said, 'I came not to be served but to serve'.

The office of deacon as a form of ministry is to encourage the Church to be sensitive to needs in both Church and world, and in Christian compassion to foster a ready willingness to meet them. The deacon is to help the Church to be present for costly service to others where the need is greatest and to pioneer that costly service.

While the task of the deacon is to develop the Church's readiness for service, the functions must not be limited to social service. They may be expressed through preaching, teaching and exercise of pastoral care. The deacon may also have particular responsibilities in public worship, appropriate to this ministry. It is important to show that work and worship belong together. . . ." (pars. 189-191.)

The Plan for Union further states:

"The diaconate involves life-long vocation, and examples of those who may be called to exercise this ministry are:

(a) Men and women in whom the Church recognises a vocation to and aptness for service and who wish explicitly to exercise such gifts in the name of the Church.

(b) Those who are at present deaconesses . . . and who wish to continue to exercise a ministry of caring and service.

(c) Workers in the Church social service agencies, Church offices and other spheres of Church employment. . . ." (par. 193.)

In this pattern of thinking, the diaconate is open to both men and women and offers not a subordinate but a supplementary and parallel form of ministry to that of the Presbyterate. While it involves life-long vocation, it is not necessarily restricted to one form of service. It may be exercised in the full employment of the Church, or in secular employment under the shared discipline of the Church and the employing authority. In the latter instance it remains essentially

part of the Church's ministry closely related to the local Church, involving service both within and beyond the church. Such ministry is not to be considered in purely functional terms, but its primary focus is that of particular service within and beyond the church, whether it be social service, administration or some other specific task. The focus of the presbyterate, on the other hand, is the building up of the congregation through preaching, administration of the sacraments, and pastoral care.

In the responses from the Synods we note that every Synod recognises the Diaconate. One Synod is particularly hesitant in allowing it to grow. In an earlier section of the report we have drawn attention to the hesitancy but again urge the Church to listen to those people who confess a calling to a ministry of particular service but who do not seek to serve through the Presbyterate.

In speaking of "One Ministry" it is the understanding of the Committee that it is referring to the dynamic unity of Christ's ministry in, to and for the world. A unity which has manifold expression.

The Presbyterate:

We believe that the time is right for the Church to receive and train candidates whose call to exercise a ministry within the presbyterate has been acknowledged by the church but who do not desire to enter the "professional" or paid ministry. There are a number of pressures in recent years which have led us to consider the possibilities in a non-stipendiary, ordained ministry which would stand alongside the parish-based Church-paid ministry.

1. An increase in chaplaincies has helped us to see the value of a specifically Christian and ordained presence within some of the key organisations and sectors of our society.

2. For some years we have been familiar with movements such as the worker-priests in Europe and have spoken of the value of a tent-making ministry.

3. A growing appreciation of the flexibility which has marked the Church's understanding of the Presbyterate. This Order of Ministry, representing focus of leadership and unity within the local congregation, has been given a variety of functions, including pastoral, liturgical and teaching responsibilities. It cannot be restricted, however, simply in terms of these specific functions. A. E. Harvey: "Priest or President" speaks of the Presbyter as "men who enjoy respect in the community—initially by virtue of their seniority—were appointed to exercise leadership and to bear responsibility in the local congregations . . . subsequently they assumed other roles which either theological reflection or custom placed upon them . . . the picture which emerges is of a ministry of which the necessity was felt right from the beginning, but of which the functions and responsibilities were barely specified beyond the basic tasks of leadership, decision-making and discipline."

4. The Anglican Church in N.Z. and abroad has instituted its "Auxiliary Ministry". We cannot ignore this movement in an increasingly ecumenical Church climate. Aware of what is happening in this Church, some Methodists have enquired of the opportunities within our Church.

5. Financial pressure upon the local Church. If present trends continue we will be unable to afford our present full-time paid ministry in each Circuit.

6. In new housing areas a flexible, community, non-stipendiary ministry may give the Church a recognisable presence at an early stage of that community development.

7. Many already ordained presbyters are earning their living in another occupation while retaining their ministerial relationships to the Conference.

The development of a non-stipendiary presbyterate is a further expression of the diversification of this ministry. Already presbyters carry out a number of tasks ranging from parish leadership to ministry in industry or prison, or teaching in a theological college or other school.

All such Presbyters exercise their ministry at the direction of the Conference which from time to time may re-define the particular functions they are to exercise. This is true whether a person is paid by the church or not.

Ordination is not a way of achieving status in the church and in no way should this enlargement of the Presbyterate be understood as downgrading the ministry of the laity. We may describe the presbyter in a variety of ways, but servanthood and life commitment (though not necessarily jurisdiction) are basic. In being ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care, a person is called to represent and demonstrate fidelity to the Gospel, acting as a constant reminder to the Church of the fullness of that Gospel.

We envisage that non-stipendiary presbyters will be engaged on some specific cutting edge of the Church's ministry, though some may exercise a congregation-centred ministry. This could be exercised in new housing areas, small rural areas or in assisting a city Circuit.

Appropriate training will be provided and in general their training will need to aim at the level provided for presbyters-in-training for the professional ministry, but will include training in different contexts. The training given will need to be systematic and carefully thought out. The College staff have had some experience with the Anglican "Auxiliary Ministry Training" and we envisage that training will be ecumenical in nature. Within a general framework each candidate's course will need to be tailor-made and field-based.

Candidates for this non-stipendiary ministry will normally be mature persons who are currently engaged in effective ministry but who seek to extend it through further training and ordination.

While there will doubtless be details to be worked out over the next few years, we believe that it is timely that Conference this year should extend the presbyterate in this way, permitting candidates to begin training, and that the Committee on Ministry and Board of Studies work out the practical details.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

At the day and time arranged the congregation stands as the bride enters, and the couple to be married stands before the minister; the bridegroom on the right and the bride on the left. A hymn of praise may be sung as the bride enters.

If desired the bride and bridegroom may enter together.

THE DECLARATION:

Minister: We are here to celebrate the marriage of A and B.

People: We are glad to be here and to share in their joy.

Minister: Marriage is a part of God's plan for his children. In Christian marriage husband and wife freely undertake to share life together, while respecting each other as persons. It is a relationship through which the grace of God may flow into their lives and into the lives of others. Marriage provides a secure foundation for home and family in which parents and children

grow in love and in the service of God and their fellows. Such marriage strengthens and enriches the life of society. Marriage should not be entered into lightly but seriously and responsibly.

A and B desire such a marriage. *But if either of them, or any other persons, knows a reason why they may not be lawfully married, it should now be made known.

* These words may be omitted.

THE MARRIAGE:

A hymn may be sung.

SIT.

Minister: Let us pray for God's blessing upon A and B.

Minister and People: Our heavenly Father, we pray that you will continue to enrich them with your grace, that they may enter upon their marriage today looking to you for strength and guidance, and may faithfully keep the vows they are about to make, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: A, will you take B to be your wife?

Bridegroom: I will.

Minister: Will you love and respect her, share with her life's joys and sorrows, and seek to understand her needs, through all the changing circumstances of life?

Bridegroom: I will.

Minister: Will you be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Bridegroom: I will.

Minister: B, will you take A to be your husband?

Bride: I will.

Minister: Will you love and respect him, share with him life's joys and sorrows, and seek to understand his needs, through all the changing circumstances of life?

Bride: I will.

Minister: Will you be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Bride: I will.

*Minister: Marriage brings into being a new relationship between A and B and also between them and their parents. From now on the first loyalty of A and B will be to each other.

Do you, the parents of B, acknowledge this change of relationships and accept A as B's husband?

* These words may be omitted, or the following may be used.

Minister: Who gives this woman to be married to this man? And the father, or whoever takes his place answers:
I do.

Parents of Bride: We do.

Minister: And do you, the parents of A, acknowledge this change of relationships and accept B as A's wife?

Parents may be named.

Parents of Bridegroom: We do.

*Minister: Friends of A and B, will you do all in your power to support their marriage now and in the years ahead?

* These words may be omitted.

People: We will.

or **Bridegroom:** I, A, in the presence of God, take you, B, to be my wife. I will love and care for you as long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, B, in the presence of God, take you, A, to be my husband. I will love and care for you as long as we both shall live.

or, if only one ring is given:

The Minister receives the ring:

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister and People: Bless, O Lord, the giving of this ring. May A, who gives it, and B, who wears it, always be faithful to each other, and continue in love as long as they both shall live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bridegroom: B, I give you this ring to be a constant sign of the vows we have made and a visible token of our love.

Bride: A, I accept this ring and shall wear it as a sign of our love for each other and a reminder of the promises we have made.

Bride and Bridegroom face each other and join hands and say, or repeat after the Minister:

Bridegroom: In the presence of God and before these witnesses, I, A, take you B, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer; for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death.

Bride: In the presence of God and before these witnesses, I, B, take you, A, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death.

The Minister receives the rings:

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister and People: Bless, O Lord, the giving and receiving of these rings. May they always remind A and B of the vows they have made to each other. Amen.

The minister gives a ring to the bridegroom, who places it on the fourth finger of the bride's left hand, and holds it there.

Bridegroom: B, I give you this ring to be a constant sign of the vows we have made to each other and a visible token of our love.

Bride: A, I accept this ring and shall wear it as a sign of our love for each other and a reminder of the promises we have made.

The minister gives a ring to the bride who places it on the fourth finger of the bridegroom's left hand and holds it there.

Bride: A, I give you this ring to be a constant sign of the vows we have made to each other and a visible token of our love.

Bridegroom: B, I accept this ring and shall wear it as a sign of our love for each other and a reminder of the promises we have made.

STAND.

The Bride and Bridegroom clasp their hands together.

*The Bride and Bridegroom may kneel.

The Minister may join their hands together.

Minister: A and B, you have expressed your love for each other and made vows of faithfulness to one another before God and us all. I declare that you are now husband and wife. Whom God has joined together let no man separate. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

*SIT. The Bride and Bridegroom stand.

*A hymn may be sung.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE:

The following, or other suitable scripture lessons or other readings, may be made, and the minister may briefly address the couple and congregation.

Intreat me not to leave you,
Or to return from following you;
For where you go, I will go,
And where you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.
—Ruth, 1:16-17. RSV.

Therefore I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect.

—from Romans 12. NEB.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

—Colossians 3:12-15. RSV.

Hear the words of St Paul: Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope and its endurance. Love will never come to an end.

In a word there are three things that last forever: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of them all is love.

—I Corinthians 13:4-8. 13. NEB.

Hear these words from the First Epistle of St John: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God. Everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God, but the unloving know nothing of God. For God is love; and his love was disclosed to us in this, that he sent his only Son into the world to bring us life. The love I speak of is not our love for God, but the love he showed us in sending his Son as the remedy for the defilement of our sins. If God thus loved us, dear friends, we in turn are bound to love one another. Though God has never been seen by any man God himself dwells in us if we love one another; his love is brought to perfection within us.

—from I John 4. NEB.

"I give you a new commandment", said Jesus. "Love one another; as I have loved you, also you are to love one another. If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples."

—from John 13:34-35. NEB.

Or the following:

Minister: O God our Father, we pray now for A and B. We thank you that you have guided and protected them both until now and brought them to this day.

People: Thanks be to you, O Lord.

Minister: We thank you for all the experiences and opportunities for growth that have enriched their lives, for the love and care of their parents, the support and encouragement of friends and teachers, the freedoms and privileges they enjoy and the bounty of this good earth which has nourished their growing lives.

People: Thanks be to you, O Lord.

272 **Minister:** Help them to be wise and loving parents of any children they may have and may they be secure in each other's love, freed from selfish cares and fears, and enabled to serve with compassion others whose lives shall touch theirs.

People: Grant them your peace, O Lord.

Minister: Be with them, Lord, in their work and their leisure; in times of joy or pain may they know your guidance and strength, and in face of life's mysteries may their trust in you sustain them.

People: Lord, hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following, or other suitable prayers, may be said by the minister or by all.

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon A and B who have today been joined together in Christian marriage. Keep them faithful to each other, tender, and considerate of each other's good. May they live long together in peace and joy, facing with courage and faith whatever life may bring: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home. Grant that A and B may grow in his love all the days of their lives. As he served others so may they seek to serve those whose lives touch theirs.

Help them to be wise and loving parents of any children they may have. Free them from anxious cares and fears that they may have time and concern for people in trouble and need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, our refuge and strength, we pray that you will graciously uphold A and B throughout the changing circumstances of their lives. In joy and success may they be thankful to you; in grief or misfortune may they be aware of your presence and help; in the face of life's mysteries may they feel your guiding hand upon them; and last may they face death with a sure hope, confident of your continuing love and purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father in heaven:
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the test
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The marriage register may now be signed and witnessed in the presence of the congregation or another convenient place, after which the bride and bridegroom return to their places, facing the minister.

STAND: A hymn may be sung.

Minister: Let us pray.

O God our Father, we thank you for this day. May our faith, our hope and our love for you and for others be increased. Send your blessing upon the homes from which we come. Especially we ask again your blessing upon A and B through all the years to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Go forth into the world in peace.

*Or the Minister may pronounce this benediction. The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and for ever. Amen.

Minister and People: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.

A SERVICE FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

THE PREPARATION:

Minister: Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our God for ever and ever.

People: Affirming that God is the source of healing and wholeness we have come to open our lives to him and to pray for ourselves and others.

A hymn or psalm of praise may be said or sung.

CONFESSION:

Minister and People: God our Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, through our own fault, we have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins and help us to overcome our faults; that we may serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Minister: God's mercy never ends. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Bible is read.

Suggested passages could include assurances of God's forgiveness,
e.g. Psalm 103:1-3, 8-12. Eph. 3:18-19. Luke 4:18-19.

An address may be given.

THE INVOCATION:

Minister: For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.—(Romans 8. 38-9 NEB.)

Minister and People:

Be with us Holy Spirit,
Fill us with your power;
Direct all our thoughts to your goodness.
Be present Holy Spirit.
Bring faith and healing and peace.
May we discover your presence,
And our prayers be answered with joy.

THE INVITATION:

Minister: Draw near to God with faith.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:

The minister and any others he invites lay hands on the person.
The following, or some additional prayer suited to the particular needs of the person, may be used.

Minister:

In God's name we lay our hands upon you.
May Christ's healing make you whole.
The Holy Spirit confirm in you the love of God,
and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Anointing on the forehead with oil may follow.

THE ANOINTING:

Minister:

Name,
I anoint you with the sign of the Cross,
in the name of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
May this oil, sign of healing,
Bring you the joy of redemption.
The Holy Spirit give you peace and inward strength.
Amen.

Minister and People:

Our Father in heaven:
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not bring us to the test
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The Holy Communion may follow.

THE THANKSGIVING

Minister: Let us pray.

Be present, Jesus, Son of God, our great high priest; stay with us and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.

People: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, the whole earth is full of your glory; Glory be to you Lord most high.

Minister: With all your people in heaven and on earth we give you thanks, holy Father, for Jesus Christ, who on the night he was betrayed took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup after supper and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister and People: We do not come to your table Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in us and we in him. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

After a pause, the minister breaks the bread and says:

Minister: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. Then he takes the cup and says:

Minister: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Silence is kept for a space, after which the minister may say:

Minister: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE COMMUNION:

The Minister and people receive the bread and wine. The following invitation may be given.

Minister: Come for all things are now ready.

The following words of administration may be used.

Minister:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life.
The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true vine.

THE BLESSING:

Minister:

God is hope and strength to all who trust in him.

God's blessing remain with you. And his healing grace comfort and support you.

People: Amen.

THE CHURCH AS AN INSTITUTION—SIMPLER LIFE STYLE

Conference also asked for a report on: "How the church as an institution could adopt a simpler life style . . ." Minutes of Conference 1975 256-258. Res. 7. Page 260.

A simpler life style for the institutional Church:

The committee interprets the meaning of the word "simpler" and accepts as its working definition "not adorned, or elaborate: without unnecessary adornment" as distinct from "giving up, or choosing a more austere life style". We accept too, that "simpler" for Christian people and the Church implies "responsible"—that life style that makes manifest our accountability to one another and to God in the situations in which we find, or choose for, ourselves. From this standpoint we address ourselves to the question of "How the Church could adopt a simpler and more responsible life style in those areas of the Church's life as an institution."

The Local Congregation:

We believe congregations would themselves discover a simpler life style by a careful assessment of their present life, to assess critically their present priorities. When congregations concern themselves with questions such as the following, we believe that this would serve the desire for simplicity:

- Who are we? What are we trying to do?
- Are our priorities "Gospel" priorities?
- Have we the best means available for achieving them?
- Do we spend our income on that which best achieves our goals?
- Do our buildings and our administration structures help us hinder us?
- Are our full-time staff employed in the most advantageous manner?

We are mindful, too, that the Education and Development Divisions of the Church have produced programmes and other material to assist congregations to assess their life and work. Both Divisions make their staff and resources readily available to the wider Church. We support and commend the "Shalom" and similar programmes, "Lay/Clergy Dialogue" and the various "Community Building" programmes available from the Divisions.

The Wider Church:

"Much of the search for simple life styles, especially among young people, is good for individual consciences, but it makes no difference to society. I call that Dietary Pietism." Metropolitan Paulos Gregorios. "New Citizen." 24.6.76.

A Church faithful to the Gospel will be concerned for the responsible stewardship of national and world resources, being conscious that "Peace is indivisible". Faithfulness demands also involvement in Development issues of today, and the willing identification of the Church with the poor in the search for justice. But Metro-

politan Gregorios reminds us that "all our talk on these as Christians is self-deception unless we change the positions of our governments . . ."

It is the opinion of our committee that Conference needs to seek more adequate means to bring about desirable social change than through public statements through the news media and representations to those in political office. There is little evidence to date to suggest that Political leaders find Church resolutions an impetus for changing their positions. Indeed we wonder how many admirable resolutions of Conference are given further study by even local Church congregations. (e.g. 1974 Conference: p. 164 Minutes. "Conference recommends the Corso Aid programme and urges that congregations become involved in it . . .")

And while the distinctive contributions of the differing Protestant denominations have much to offer to the Church of Christ in N.Z., we suggest that denominationalism has nothing to contribute to the search for a simpler life style. We would applaud any farsighted step in ecumenical relationships, believing that the witness of the Church at present is fragmented. There can be no "Shalom", no "Wholeness" while there is a divided Church.

Investment of Church Funds:

Conference has grappled already with the issue of the responsible investment of Church Funds (c.f. Methodist Investments Board, and the question of Investments in South Africa). We believe the church needs to be continually aware of the tension between sound and wise investment of Church funds on the one hand, and on the other hand, the excessive demand for larger gain that feeds the evils of society.

The Committee considers that if the theme and concerns of the report are to be further studied and developed into practical action, then it should be referred to the Committees and Boards of the Church concerned with ethical, social and political questions.

A SOCIETY WHICH TAKES THE SIMPLE LIFE STYLE SERIOUSLY

A report on "The Simple Life Style" was prepared for Conference 1975 (Minutes of Conference, 1975 pp. 256-258). Conference asked that a companion report be prepared on how to create a society which allows for a simpler life style.

Consideration has been given to this. In thinking around the topic the Committee has been mindful of the considerable amount of work that has been going on in this area. Rather than duplicate this in the form of a report, the Committee draws attention to several publications that will help those who want to see social changes in the direction of a simpler life style.

A brief outline of these works is given here. Individuals and groups in the Church may like to study these and press for appropriate action. A standard book in this area will continue to be John Taylor's *Enough is Enough*. Alongside it can be placed V. Eller's *The Simple Life* (Hodder & Stoughton paperback). The latter book provides a very good biblical perspective on the issue. To these we can add an excellent publication from the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission in Auckland entitled *Economic Growth: The Price We Pay*. (Published 1976—price 50 cents.)

This latter work arose from a series of meetings sponsored by ITIM and attended by a variety of people from industry, trade unions and churches. In this booklet, there is a useful contribution

from an economist and one from a political scientist. Most helpful for those seeking a change of lifestyle is a section of the book entitled "Change: Personal, Industrial and Political". This in effect extends discussion of the Faith and Order Committee's own report. It suggests changes that can be made in our economy and in our International relationships. These include the following quotations by way of example. These quotations are gratefully acknowledged.

"Changes in the economy:

Energy Charges. New Zealand electricity is recognised as being so cheap that real conservation is little encouraged. At the domestic level a scale of charges that rose steeply once consumption passed a reasonable point would discourage excess use. On the industrial front electricity for industries of a less essential nature could be charged at a higher rate than for others.

"Taxation to Preserve Resources. In the absence of voluntary restrictions it has been suggested that a raw materials tax and a amortisation tax be introduced. The first would be proportionate to the availability of the particular raw material, and would be designed to preserve the supply as well as to buy time to seek alternatives. An amortisation tax is applied more steeply the shorter the period a product is designed to last. Products which were unnecessarily obsolescent, disposable or manufactured from durable materials yet made for a one way trip—these would be heavily penalised in order to conserve the supply of resources as well as to prevent solid waste.

"Avoiding Over Production. Many industries today have not only the man-power but also the machines to produce more than the market naturally requires. New products, and machines with even greater capacity, are continually being sought in order to boost production. Concomitant with such endeavours are extensive advertising campaigns to stimulate demand among consumers. The extravagance of this kind of production is obvious, and it would be our hope that New Zealand industry could find ways to gear their production to the meeting of real needs rather than forcing an unnatural demand.

"Pollution Control. A recent "badnews/goodnews" report by a group of economists at Brandeis and Harvard universities has emphasised the need for urgent action on controlling industrial pollution. Their bad news is that by the year 2000 the production of pollutants worldwide will be four times the 1970 figure. The good news is that for an estimated 1.2% of the cost of world output, and with the use of feasible improvements in anti-pollution technology, the level of pollutants could be lower than it is today. Clearly continuing efforts by local industry and governments to safeguard the environment are called for.

"Changes in International Relationships:

Trade. As a nation we need to consider which goods we produce in New Zealand are also produced by nations in the developing world. Tariffs and import controls are often used to protect New Zealand industries against the poor nations' exports, thereby threatening the latter's livelihood. The removal of such protections is strongly advocated.

"Pricing. Many of our raw materials come from countries where poverty, famine and disease are deep-rooted. The price received by the producing nation is only a small fraction of the price paid by the consumer. As noted earlier, coffee producers receive only a few cents on a \$1 jar of coffee. A similar situation exists with Sri Lankan tea. A few cents extra every time we purchased tea or coffee would mean

little to New Zealand, but could double the amount received by the producer. The recent increases in oil pricing also illustrate this point. Even with petrol at \$1.23 per gallon only a third is received by the OPEC countries, while we in New Zealand choose to re-distribute nationally about 40% of the pump price through government taxation. We hope that by imposing small levies on other imports the New Zealand government could substantially improve the income received by the developing world.

"Increased Aid. New Zealand should not slacken its efforts to reach the target of 1% of GNP given in foreign aid, and even to go beyond that target. While improved trading conditions are of greater value, direct aid is nevertheless an important supplement provided it is given in such a way that the receiving country is left free to allocate it in the way it sees best for its own development. This means that no strings should be attached, e.g. requiring a country to purchase equipment that is inappropriate to its needs. Also to be remembered is the fact that overseas aid can take the form of sending various experts and helpers to other countries to assist in their development."

The Faith and Order Committee encourages the Church and its people to take seriously the suggestions of the ITIM report.

Also helpful in this discussion are the works of a British economist, E. F. Schumacher. His book *Small is Beautiful* has won wide acclaim as a basic work on the Simple Life Style. More readable for some will be his booklet, *The Age of Plenty: A Christian View*. This is a penetrating assessment of our present industrial society, with numerous suggestions for directions we can move in seeking to restore the Human Scale. In it Schumacher suggests that technology needs to move in a new direction. He suggests four characteristics for a new technology saying: "If only a few percent of our scientific, technical, intellectual and financial effort and resources were diverted into a systematic search for smallness, simplicity, capital saving and non-violence as concerns our industrial and farming systems—and many other fields of activity as well—it would emerge that a viable future can be attained."

We draw attention to these publications and urge individuals and groups in the Church to study them.

The Committee considers that if the theme and concerns of the report are to be further studied and developed into practical action, then it should be referred to the Committees and Boards of the Church concerned with ethical, social and political questions.

"One Baptism, One Eucharist, and Mutual Recognition of Ministry."

This report has been received from the World Council of Churches and initial study indicates that the issues it raises are relevant to our church and to our New Zealand situation. We urge any group or committee in the Church studying these issues to give time to the report. As the Committee considers that this report is of continuing significance, it asks permission to continue its study of the report and to report to Synods and Conference 1977 on the issues raised and any implications for the Church.

ALAN K. WOODLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Methodist Church extend the form of Presbyterate to include persons who while continuing secular employment, have

been accepted as candidates for the ministry, have received appropriate training and been ordained by the Conference.

3. That Conference declares that in the understanding of the Church, the Diaconate is inclusive of men and women.

4. That the service "An Order of Service for Christian Marriage" be approved, authorised and printed with the following amendments:

(a) That the declaration of marriage from the 1968 Order of Service for Christian Marriage be included as an alternative.

(b) Such alteration to the vows as may be necessary to comply with the Marriage Act 1976.

5. That before the printing of the Marriage Service the Committee be given authority to include an alternative to the prayer for God's blessing; this prayer to recognise God as joining the couple in Marriage.

6. That the service "An Order of Service for Healing and Wholeness" be approved and printed for experimental use.

7. That Conference asks Faith and Order Committee to seek permission from the appropriate authority to include in the Service for Healing and Wholeness as an alternative prayer of confession, the prayer of Confession from the N.Z. Anglican Liturgy 1970.

8. That the statement "A society which takes the simple life style seriously" be adopted, and be referred to the Public Questions Committee for further study.

9. That the statement "How the church as an institution could adopt a simpler life style" be adopted.

10. That Conference express its deep appreciation of the work of the Rev. Alan K. Woodley as Convener of the Faith and Order Committee.

11. That the Committee for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 50—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Chaplaincy matters?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

Three meetings of the committee have been held during the year, coinciding with the meetings in Wellington of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, of which the Rev. R. F. Clement continues to serve as Chairman. The committee sustained a great loss in the death of its Secretary, the Rev. Harry W. Toothill. Following his death Mr H. F. Hart has served as Secretary and Group-Captain R. Thorpe as Chairman of the Committee. The Committee expects in due course to confer with the Committee on Ministry which was appointed by the 1975 Conference to discuss chaplaincy affairs.

At the retirement of the Rev. R. John Hamlin from Regular Force Chaplaincy at the end of 1975, both ChDAC and the Ministry of Defence recorded appreciation of his outstanding period of service in RNZAF Chaplaincy, and particularly of his service as Principal Defence Chaplain.

Several Methodist ministers served as T.F. Army Chaplains during the year, including Chaplains M. L. Dine, J. B. Currie, J. I.

Manihera, N. Waaka and S. C. Grant. An excellent report was received concerning the service given by each chaplain.

Chaplain Barry W. Neal has continued to serve as chaplain in Singapore to the 1st Battalion of the R.N.Z.I.R. In the course of overseas travel the Rev. R. F. Clement visited the Neal family in Singapore, found them happily settled in their work and received glowing reports of Chaplain Neal's work. It is expected that he will return to N.Z. early in 1977 and that he will be available for a Circuit—or other—appointment in 1978.

The Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council is primarily concerned with the welfare of chaplains, both Regular and Territorial Force, and carries this responsibility on behalf of the Ministry of Defence while it also represents the various denominations engaged in chaplaincy service. Recruitment, interviewing, posting and pastoral care of chaplains are continually under review by the Council, the members of which experience a close ecumenical relationship.

A major report of ChDAC, which was drafted by Chaplain R. J. Hamlin and accepted by the Ministry of Defence, has now become one of the directives of the Armed Forces and states in written form what has been the "unwritten role" of chaplains in the N.Z. Forces. The report is entitled "Referral of Moral Matters", and delineates the unique privilege and responsibility of a chaplain. The independence of a N.Z. Chaplain is recognised and safeguarded by this report, with guide-lines for him to follow if he feels obliged to refer some matter of moral or conscientious concern or any matter "prejudicial to good order and conduct". The chaplain has his place within the Forces, but his distinctive role is recognised, together with his primary responsibility to the church which authorised him to serve in its ministry as an Armed Services Chaplain.

It is recognised that a chaplain does not bear executive rank and that he carries no authority within the hierarchy of the Armed Forces. When he wears a uniform he identifies with the people to whom he ministers, and when he wears insignia of rank this represents an honorary status given to him. The perennial debate continues as to whether a chaplain would best serve without any such insignia, or perhaps his role would be better indicated by some distinctly ecclesiastical sign.

The primary role of a chaplain is the pastoral care of people of all ranks and units in the Armed Forces, together with their families. He is considered to have responsibility for their pastoral care and general welfare, and to serve on behalf of the churches represented on the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council. It is an exacting ministry.

R. THORPE, Chairman.

H. F. HART, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the chaplains for 1977 be:
 - (a) Full-time: The Revs. Barry W. Neal and J. I. Manihera (RNZArmy).
 - (b) Part-time: The Revs. R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), M. L. Dine, S. C. Grant, J. S. Hosking, Ian C. Norwell, Keith J. Taylor and Napi Waaka.
 - (c) Methodist Representatives on Regional Advisory Committees—Northern: The Rev. R. F. Clement. Central: The Rev. J. S. Hosking. Southern: The Rev. S. C. Grant.
3. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 51—(a) What is the report of:

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1976

The Year's Work:

The sets of 150th Anniversary Histories have continued to sell slowly, but steadily. Sets were given to the Solomon Islands National Library and to our Church in Tonga on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. There has been a large volume of correspondence—much of it from individual people seeking information on particular points of historical interest.

The Executive has noted with interest the work of the Historic Places Trust in its thorough restoration of the Mission House at Mangungu, and the Society has been able to arrange for several important gifts to be made to the Library and Museum which will be housed there. The Mission House will be officially opened about February or March, 1977.

Proceedings:

We have heard recently (August 1976) that the printing of Vol. 29, No. 1-4 "John Crump", has been completed in Honiara, Solomon Islands and will be posted to members direct from there.

Vol. 30, Nos. 1-4 "Winds of Change" by Wesley Chambers will be available very shortly (Canterbury Methodism, 1950-1975).

During 1977, we hope to publish a revised and expanded edition of "The Maori Response to the Gospel" by Ruawai D. Rakena, and in 1978, "The Trinity College Story" by J. J. Lewis.

The Secretary plans to write the story of "Our First Fifty Years" in time for our Golden Jubilee in 1980.

The Rev. Wesley Chambers is engaged in writing a book on the life of the Rev. Samuel Ironside which, finance permitting, will be published during the next couple of years.

Historic Graves:

Some graves of early missionaries in Grafton Gully, Auckland, were thoroughly renovated during the year through the efforts of the Rev. G. I. Laurenson, working with a number of missionary descendants. This restoration of graves works in admirably with a system of "historic walk-ways" being constructed by the City Council.

Wesley Chapel, London

The Society has acted as N.Z. agent for the world-wide appeal to restore Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London and to construct alongside it a Library and Archives building. About \$500 has already been remitted and several Circuits have accepted the idea of running a fund-raising function for the cause, before June 30th, 1977.

Annual Meeting and Lecture, 1976:

The Annual Meeting and Tea will commence at 5.15 p.m. in the St Andrews Presbyterian Hall, The Terrace, Wellington, on November 6, later transferring to the Exhibition Room of the Alexander Turnbull Library Building at 44 The Terrace for the Lecture. The Chief Librarian, Mr J. E. Traue, will speak on "Original materials for research on the history of Methodism in New Zealand, held in the collections of the Turnbull Library."

G. I. LAURENSEN, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference authorise the addition of the name of William White to Memorials at Mangungu and Kaeo (the latter in consultation with the Kaeo Trustees).
3. That Conference appoint a Christchurch based Committee to explore the possibility of a Coat-of-Arms for N.Z. Methodism based on the Vice-President's insignia, and report to Conference 1977. Committee to include Revs. W. A. Chambers (Convener), W. R. Laws, the Connexional Secretary, and Mr W. Royal.

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 the 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, 1976 Church records of various kinds have been received from the following Circuits/Trusts and receipts issued for affixing in Circuit Schedule books:

Northland: Hikurangi.

Auckland: Mt Eden.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Gisborne, Tolaga Bay, Turanga, Palmerston North.

Wellington: Thorndon, Karori, Waikanae, Masterton, Wellington West.

North Canterbury: Templeton, Bryndwr, Leeston, Brookside, Irwell, Doyleston, Ellesmere, Taumutu, Dunsandel, Woolston, Fendalton, Riccarton, Christchurch Central Mission, Kaiapoi, Cashmere, North Canterbury Synod, Women's Fellowship.

South Canterbury: Timaru (Woodlands Street), Kensington, Timaru South, Ashburton.

Otago-Southland: Riverton, Colac Bay, Waiau, Otautau, Tuatapere, Aparima, Wildbush, Caversham (Dunedin).

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.

Housing of Records:

The Board of Management of the Connexional Office has taken over additional space on the 1st Floor of Epworth Chambers and is hopeful of acquiring the use of another portion of the Basement. This is making possible a complete re-arrangement of the records and their indexing.

The Board is particularly grateful for the interest taken by Mr C. B. Radcliffe and Rev. R. E. Patchett in this aspect of the Connexional Office's activities and at little cost to the Connexion.

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Early Church Records.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference requests circuit/parish ministers to examine all books in parsonages and church vestries, and forward to the Connexional Office all books and documents not now in use but having a permanent Connexional value.
3. That Conference requests that two copies each of historical brochures be forwarded to the Connexional Office and to the Secretary of the Wesley Historical Society.

QUESTION 51—(c)

150th ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Fund:

At 1st July, 1975 the Scholarship Fund stood at \$22,225. During the financial year \$554 was received from donations and \$1,190 as interest, making a total of \$1,744. Grants totalling \$8,821 were made during the year:

1. \$3,700 being grants made to Wesley College for the further education of eight students

2. \$2,812 to the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to meet the fees of students from Goldie College at the Honiara Technical Institute

3. \$1,909 to the University of South Pacific for student fees.

4. \$400 to one student towards tertiary education in New Zealand.

These grants, together with \$14 for advertising in the "New Citizen", leave the balance of the Fund at \$15,132 as at June 30, 1976.

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.

W. R. LAWS, Acting Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

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 1976

The Committee now submits its report on the various matters referred to it by the 1975 Conference.

1. The Committee and the Connexional office were requested to up-date or delete certain questions of the Synod Agenda. The Committee has been informed that the Development Division is, with Synods, reviewing the questions of the Synod Agenda. No doubt in the course of this review all questions will be considered and therefore it does not seem appropriate for this Committee at this time to take any action.

2. Amendments to Section 363 and 382, re representation of the Methodist Church Investment Board and re the General Purposes Committee passed at last Conference have been included in the 1975 Supplement.

3. Conference Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail: The Committee has been directed to provide for representation of the Board of the "New Citizen" on this Committee. The Committee recommends that Section 468 (Law Book, page 75) be amended by adding after the letters "M.S.S.A.", the words "a representative of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist,".

4. Stationing Committee

The Committee has been directed to revise the law as at present so as to bring present procedure into line taking care to preserve time lag of at least 24 hours between the Second and Third Readings of Stationing in Conference.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that Sections 444 to 456 be repealed and that the following substituted therefor:—

D. STATIONING COMMITTEE

Law Book Page 72

444. For the purpose of assisting the Conference to station Ministers a Committee shall be constituted annually in connection with each Conference and shall be designated "The Stationing Committee".

445. The Committee shall be comprised of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay representatives as follows:—

(a) Ministerial members:— The President, Ex-President, President-elect, The General Secretary, Chairmen of Districts and one Ministerial representative from each District Synod in New Zealand.

(b) Lay members:— Vice-President, ex-Vice President, Vice-President-Elect, a sufficient number of laymen to bring the number of laymen representing the Districts equal to the number of Ministers.

446. Each Synod shall not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting referred to in Paragraph 447 elect its Ministerial and Lay representatives, the number of which shall be notified by the General Secretary, and its substitute representatives who shall attend when required.

447. Each year prior to the Annual Conference there shall meet at a time to be appointed by the President a Sub-Committee of the Stationing Committee comprising:— the President, the Vice-President, the President Elect, the Vice-President-Elect, the General Secretary, all District Chairmen and one Layman from each District.

448. The Sub-Committee referred to in Paragraph 447 shall prepare a first draft of Stations which shall be sent to all Ministers and Circuits and shall be submitted to the first meeting of the Stationing Committee at Conference in that year but which shall not be otherwise published.

449. Unless appointed in another capacity, the General Superintendent of the Development Division, the General Secretary of the Overseas Division, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division and the Principal of the Theological College shall as consultants attend all meetings of the Committee and when required meetings of any Sub-committee.

450. In the event of any District not having two Lay representatives at the Conference, the Conference may elect one or more Lay

representatives whether from the District concerned or any other District or Districts to fill any such vacancy which would otherwise occur on the Committee.

451. Ministers and Circuit Stewards, or other authorised representatives from Quarterly Meetings, may communicate either personally or by letter with the Committee with reference to any appointment.

452. In determining appointments proposed by the Committee and/or made by the Conference the following procedures shall be followed:—

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(b) The Committee shall have before it as a guide to its deliberations the following information, unless otherwise agreed this to be prepared and tendered by the Development Division:—

(i) The number of Ministers moving from existing Division appointments.

(ii) The number of Ministers available for re-appointment at the beginning of the ensuing Connexional year.

(iii) The number of Circuits/Divisions/Special Ministries requiring an appointment in the coming year.

If there shall be insufficient staff available for all appointments requiring filling, then the Committee shall decide upon a Connexional strategy, determining in the interests of the Circuit/District/Connexion which appointments should have priority, and which should be left without appointment in the ensuing year, before proceeding to fill any appointment.

(c) Once the committee has established which Circuits are to receive an appointment, and reflected upon the implications caused by the decision not to appoint or re-appoint, it shall then proceed to place those available for appointment to the positions to be filled provided always that senior Ministers are to receive priority in appointments.

(d) There shall be established by the Connexional Secretary a list of Districts in geographical order. Each year the District whose appointments are first considered shall be the District whose name is at the top of such list and the appointments for each District shall then be taken in the order appearing on such list. After each Conference, the name of the District at the top of such list shall move to the bottom thereof.

453. Each District Ministerial Representative shall notify Ministers and Probationers in his District of any changes of appointment.

454. The General Secretary shall prepare an official list of stations and shall forward a copy to every person named therein. An additional copy shall be sent to each Superintendent for his Circuit Stewards.

5. Appointment of Ministers

Ministerial Invitations—Suspension for 5 years

The President has requested the Committee to draw up the resolutions necessary to provide for the suspension of ministerial invitation for an experimental period of five years.

The Committee recommends the passing of the following resolutions: **WHEREAS** the President having ruled that the Resolutions 1

and 2, 1975 Minutes, page 95, affected the rights and privileges of the Ministry and Laity directed that such resolutions be submitted to District Synods during 1976 **AND WHEREAS** accordingly such resolutions were considered by all District Synods **NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. That Section 116, Law Book, page 17, be hereby suspended for a period of five years from the 1st day of January 1977.

(N.B. These resolutions must be passed by a majority of not less than 55 per cent of the votes of the members present and voting at the 1976 Conference.)

6. 1. The Administration Division (Law Book, page 82)

The 1975 Conference set up a special Committee to report to Church Council on the Church's expectation of the Administration Division (1975 M. Page 209). This Committee proposed (inter alia) that there be a Board of Administration with a different personnel instead of the present Board of Management. It further suggested that the Board should have power to arrange for its work to be done through Committees.

The Special Committee has recommended that the Law Revision Committee present to the 1976 Conference such amendments to the Law as are necessary to implement the proposed re-organisation.

If the Special Committee's recommendations are adopted the following amendments will have to be adopted:—

1. Section 502 (2) as passed in 1975 to be amended by deleting the words "of Management" in its first line and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

2. Section 502 (4) be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

4 (a). The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may appoint such other officers as it shall deem necessary for the carrying out of its work.

4 (b). 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.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 52—(b) Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?
Mr H. de R. Fletcher, 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 CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS 1976

Stipend Minima:

At its meeting held on 5th May, 1976, the Committee considered advice received from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand that it had resolved to increase the minimum stipend for its Ministers-in-Charge from \$5,400 to \$5,940 p.a. (that is by 10%) with effect from 1st July, 1976. It was noted that the increase of 10% was derived from the application of the approved formula and was made up of approximately 2% under-estimation in the existing figure (fixed on 2nd May, 1975) and 8% increase reflected in wage and salary movements during the past 12 months.

After a careful examination of the data supplied by the Presbyterian Church, the Committee was satisfied that the increase of 10% was fully warranted and that, as our Conference had accepted parity in the stipend minima of the two Churches, a recommendation should be submitted to the May meeting of the Church Council seeking the Council's approval of a 10% increase in Methodist stipend minima from 1st July, 1976. The Council approved the recommendation and Ministers, Circuit Stewards and others involved were advised on 4th June, 1976 of the increased rates.

Stipend Minima for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses:

Conference 1975 approved of the Committee consulting the Faith and Order Committee and the 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. (Resolution 7, page 295, Minutes of Conference 1975.)

Consultations took place during the year and at its meeting held on 21st July, 1976 the Stipends Committee considered the views of the Faith and Order Committee, along with the conclusions reached at a meeting held in Auckland in April which was attended by representatives of the Development and Maori Divisions, the Deaconess Board and the Faith and Order Committee. It was noted, in particular, that this meeting had agreed that the graded stipend rates within the Deaconess Order should be abolished and one stipend minimum be established at the highest rate currently operating; and also that the meeting could not see anything within the present Ministry or Deaconess Order that discriminates on the basis of sex.

The Stipend Committee gave full and careful consideration to the views expressed by the parties referred to above, concurring in the opinion that the graded stipend rates within the Deaconess Order should be replaced by one minimum rate at the highest rate currently operating.

It was noted that current rates were:—

	Annual Stipend (from 1/7/76)
	\$
Ordained and Probationer Ministers	5,940
Home Missionaries:	
Senior Married H.M.	5,415
Married H.M.	5,192
Married H.M. Probationer } Single H.M. }	4,892
Deaconesses:	
Probationers	3,830
Ordained—first 3 years	4,103
next 3 years	4,375
after 6 years	4,752
after 9 years	4,927

It was also agreed that, in view of the one minimum provided for Ministers and what was now proposed for Deaconesses, the Home Missionaries should also be granted one minimum rate at the highest rate currently operating.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That as from 1 July, 1976, the minimum stipend rates be: Ordained and Probationer Ministers \$5,940; All Home Missionaries (including probationers) \$5,415; All Deaconesses (including probationers) \$4,927.
3. That the principle of parity of stipends for all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses be referred to the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Stipends, the Deaconess Board, the Committee on Ministry and the Boards of the Development, Administration and Maori Divisions to report to Church Council.
4. That Conference record its sincere thanks to Mr E. G. Heggie for his untiring work as Convener of the Central Committee on Stipends. He has been Convener since its inception 22 years ago, and throughout has championed the cause of adequate stipends for the Ministry. The Church deeply appreciates his committed service.
4. That the following be referred to the Central Committee on Stipends for report to Church Council and Synods, 1977:
 - (a) That Res. 3, p. 295, 1975 Minutes be amended by replacing the words "a minister in active work" with "a Circuit Minister".
 - (b) That Res. 5, p. 295, 1975 Minutes be replaced by: That the house allowance should be determined by consultation between Circuit and District officials and the minister after at least two reports have been received from members of the New Zealand Real Estate Institute as to the rental allowance appropriate to the house owned by the Minister.

(c) That Res. 5, p. 295, 1975 Minutes be replaced by: That the basis of reimbursement to a Minister living in his own home be calculated so that it ranges between one-sixth of the minimum stipend at the time of agreement with periodic reviews as a minimum, and a maximum of 70 percent of the rental value of a standard parsonage (unfurnished) in good condition in the area concerned, also having regard to the cost of maintaining the existing parsonage.

5. That the Central Committee on Stipends for 1977 be as printed on Pages 5-9 herein.

QUESTION 54—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on any other matter?

1. That the cost of Ordinands' Bibles be met in full by the Contingent Fund.

QUESTION 55—What can be done to promote the Work of God throughout the Connexion?

QUESTION 56—(a) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Durham Street Church, Christchurch, commencing on Saturday, November 5, 1977.

(b) When shall the next District Synods meet?

At least Quarterly, the August meeting to be held between 6th and 16th August, 1977.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW BOOK

Adopted by Conference 1976

DIVISIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Law Book Page 19.

Section 140 is hereby amended by repealing the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the "Appointments to Divisional Offices shall in the first instance be for a term of not more than six years." (1976 Minutes page 215.)

(d) Stationing Committee

Law Book Page 72.

Sections 444 to 456 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

444. For the purpose of assisting the Conference to station Ministers a Committee shall be constituted annually in connection with each Conference and shall be designated "The Stationing Committee".

445. The Committee shall be comprised of an equal number of Ministerial and Lay representatives as follows:—

(a) Ministerial members:— The President, Ex-President, President Elect, The General Secretary, Chairmen of Districts and one Ministerial representative from each District Synod in New Zealand.

(b) Lay members:— Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, Vice President Elect, a sufficient number of laymen to bring the number of laymen representing the Districts equal to the number of Ministers.

446. Each Synod shall not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting referred to in Paragraph 447 elect its Ministerial and Lay representatives, the number of which shall be notified by the General Secretary, and its substitute representatives who shall attend when required.

447. Each year prior to the Annual Conference there shall meet at a time to be appointed by the President a Sub-Committee of the Stationing Committee comprising:— the President, the Vice-President, the President Elect, the Vice-President Elect, the General Secretary, all District Chairmen and one Layman from each District.

448. The Sub-Committee referred to in Paragraph 447 shall prepare a first draft of Stations which shall be sent to all Ministers and Circuits and shall be submitted to the first meeting of the Stationing Committee at Conference in that year but which shall not be otherwise published.

449. The Committee shall prepare a Station sheet of which there shall be two readings. The first shall be taken after the consideration of questions 22 to 25 and the second at least one day after the first reading. Before its final adoption the sheet shall lie on the table for twenty-four hours.

450. Unless appointed in another capacity, the General Superintendent of the Development Division, the General Secretary of the Overseas Division, the Tumuaki of the Maori Division and the Principal of the Theological College shall as consultants attend all meetings of the Committee and when required meetings of any Sub-committees.

451. In the event of any District not having two Lay representatives at the Conference, the Conference may elect one or more Lay representatives whether from the District concerned or any other District or Districts to fill any such vacancy which would otherwise occur on the Committee.

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(i) The number of Ministers moving from existing Division appointments.

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(iii) The number of Circuits/Divisions/Special Ministries requiring an appointment in the coming year.

If there shall be insufficient staff available for all appointments requiring filling, then the Committee shall decide upon a Connexional strategy, determining in the interests of the Circuit/District/Connexion which appointments should have priority, and which should be left without appointment in the ensuing year, before proceeding to fill any appointment.

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454. Each District Ministerial Representative shall notify Ministers and Probationers in his District of any changes of appointment.

455. The General Secretary shall prepare an official list of stations and shall forward a copy to every person named therein. An additional copy shall be sent to each Superintendent for his Circuit Stewards.

(1976 Minutes pages 285-6.)

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Law Book Page 82.

Section 502 subsections (2), (5) and (6) are hereby amended by deleting the words "of Management" wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

Section 502 subsection (4) is hereby repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

4 (a) The Board of Administration shall consist of not more than 15 persons of whom not more than five shall be Ministers.

4 (b) The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may appoint such other officers as it shall deem necessary for carrying out its work.

4 (c) 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.

Section 502 (7) is hereby amended by deleting the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "The General Secretary may be a Minister or a Layman and shall . . ."

(1976 Minutes Page 214.)

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 319-361.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS PASSED SINCE THE 1973 CONFERENCE

THE MINISTRY

Section 1 — Candidates

Page 10: Section 72 is hereby amended by replacing "three years on probation" in fourth line with "one year on probation".

Section 72 is hereby further amended by repealing 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 274.)

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)

DIVISIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Law Book Page 19.

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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) Constitutions

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)

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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)

Law Book Page 82.

Section 502 subsections (2), (5) and (6) are hereby amended by deleting the words "of Management" wherever they appear and substituting the words "of Administration".

Section 502 subsection (4) is hereby repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

4 (a) The Board of Administration shall consist of not more than 15 persons of whom not more than five shall be Ministers.

4 (b) The Board shall elect its own Chairman annually and may appoint such other officers as it shall deem necessary for carrying out its work.

4 (c) 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.

Section 502 (7) is hereby amended by deleting the first line thereof and substituting therefore the words "The General Secretary may be Minister or a Layman and shall".

(1976 Minutes Page 214.)

III. THE EDUCATION DIVISION

Law Book page 87

Section 504 is hereby amended by repealing sub section 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 299.)

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 300.)

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 301.)

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 303.)

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”.

(1975 Minutes, page 325.)

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 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 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 consulta-

tion 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 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 304.)

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).

Law Book page 119

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, 1976
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

336

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
1975					1976	1975					1975
\$					\$	\$					\$
236	Printing Preacher	—	—	—	—	204	Interest:				
28	Book Awards	—	—	—	—	15	99 M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	146
56	Postage and Stationery	—	—	—	—	58	8 A.S.B.	—	—	—	9
6	Sundry	—	—	—	—	—	Prince Albert Trust:				
							138 Received	—	—	—	138
							46 Accrued	—	—	—	46
											184
							291 Total Interest	—	—	—	339
							27 Subscriptions from Branches	—	—	—	48
							7 Contributions to Preacher	—	—	—	57
326					277	325					444
	Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	167	1	Excess Expenditure	—	—	—	—
\$326					\$444	\$326					\$444

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

Balances 1/7/75:						To General Account					
	M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	1,800		—	—	—	—	330
	Prince Albert Trust	—	—	—	2,000	Balance Carried Down:					
						M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	1,800	
					3,800	Prince Albert Trust	—	—	—	2,000	3,800
Interest:											
Prince Albert	—	—	—	—	184						
M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	—	—	146						
					330						
					\$4,130						\$4,130

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE. 1976

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
1975				1976	1975				1976
\$				\$	\$				\$
4,154	General Fund Balance	—	—	4,153	1,800	M.C.G.P.T.B.	—	—	1,800
	Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	167	2,000	Prince Albert Trust	—	—	2,000
1	Less Excess Expenditure over Income	—	—	—	307	A.S.B.	—	—	474
					46	Accrued Interest	—	—	46
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\$4,153				\$4,320	\$4,153				\$4,320

M.C.G.P.T.B. = Methodist Church General Purposes Trust Board.

28th August, 1976.

Audited and found correct.
L. H. HOSKING
I. J. HALL

RECEIPTS

5

2

\$30,621.29

338

\$9,729.52

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SUMMARY OF MAIN ACCOUNTS 1975-76
MEDICAL AND EDUCATION GRANTS ACCOUNTS

339

INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
				\$					\$
Balance in Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	2,572.54	Grants Approved	—	—	—	2,320.00
Contributions from Districts	—	—	—	2,491.57	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	2,744.11
				<u>\$5,064.11</u>					<u>\$5,064.11</u>

STAMP FUND

Balance in Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	5,077.45	Grants Approved	—	—	—	4,220.00
Contributions from Districts	—	—	—	4,969.99	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	5,827.44
				<u>\$10,047.44</u>					<u>\$10,047.44</u>

SPECIAL OBJECTIVE 1975-76

Rev. Wattie Tahere's South Island Ministry

Amounts Received from Districts	—	—	—	10,790.08	Payments to Maori Division	—	—	—	10,790.08
				<u>\$10,790.08</u>					<u>\$10,790.08</u>

WORKING EXPENSES

Balance in Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	885.64	President's Travelling Expenses	—	—	—	309.80
Membership Fees	—	—	—	—	1,031.72	Secretary—Travel to Church Conference	—	—	—	99.00
Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	221.62	Travel Expenses (National Council)	—	—	—	174.00
Balance—Book Stall (National Council)	—	—	—	—	8.71	Travel Expenses—Convention	—	—	—	435.00
Donation	—	—	—	—	7.35	Printing and Stationery	—	—	—	446.49
						Registration Fees, Subscriptions, etc.	—	—	—	122.97
						Postage and Sundries	—	—	—	108.49
						Transfer to Overseas Travel Fund	—	—	—	70.00
						Transfer to World Federation of Methodist Women	—	—	—	70.00
						In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	319.29
					\$2,155.04					\$2,155.04

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance in Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	35.00					
Proceeds—Sale of Duplicator	—	—	—	—	55.00	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	90.00
					\$90.00					\$90.00

OVERSEAS TRAVEL FUND

Balance in Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	573.02	Air Fare to Dublin	—	—	—	1,217.00
Contributions from Districts	—	—	—	—	839.25	On Account Expenses re Dublin Trip	—	—	—	150.00
W.F.M.W.	—	—	—	—	363.36	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	478.63
Transfer from Working Expenses	—	—	—	—	70.00					
					\$1,845.63					\$1,845.63

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INCOME

\$223.10

3

\$223.10

\$327.83

127.78

\$327.83

123.64
3.38
73.03

\$200.05

KURAHUNA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS ACCOUNTS

In Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	2,379.64	Grants	—	—	—	—	—	6,800.00
Plus Interest from all Sources	—	—	—	—	5,700.27	Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
Refunds	—	—	—	—	416.67	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	—	—	1,689.58
					<u>\$8,496.58</u>							<u>\$8,496.58</u>

KURAHUNA CAPITAL

In Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	71,730.00	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	—	—	71,730.00
					<u>\$71,730.00</u>							<u>\$71,730.00</u>

SMETHURST REVENUE ACCOUNT

In Hand—31/8/75	—	—	—	—	1,486.59	Property Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	1,397.48
Income from all Sources	—	—	—	—	2,071.91	Payment to Maori Mission	—	—	—	—	—	260.00
					<u>\$3,558.50</u>	In Hand—31/8/76	—	—	—	—	—	1,901.02
												<u>\$3,558.50</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
KURAHUNA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1976

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balance, National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	2,379.64	Grants as Approved by Committee	5,300.00
Peak Longland & Co.—Mortgage Interest	4,588.83	Grant—Maori Education Foundation—towards Educational	
Bank Interest	44.26	assistance for Maori Girls	1,500.00
General Purposes Trust Board—		Stationery and Postage	7.00
Additional Interest for Year Ended 30/6/75	142.82	Balance	1,689.58
Interest for Year Ended 30/6/76	784.36		
	927.18		
Home Mission and Extension Board—			
One Year's Interest on \$4,000	140.00		
Refund—Grants Not Required	416.67		
	\$8,496.58		\$8,496.58
Balance—National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	\$1,689.58		

DISTRIBUTION OF KURAHUNA CAPITAL

	\$
Mortgage Investments—Peak Longland & Co.	30,300.00
Deposit—N.Z. Investments Mortgage & Deposit Co. Ltd.—	
Awaiting Investment	26,000.00
Deposits—General Purposes Trust Board	11,430.00
Loan on Call—Home Missions and Extension Board	4,000.00
	\$71,730.00

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SMETHURST HOUSE PROPERTY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1976

INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
				\$					\$
Balances—National Bank of N.Z. Ltd., Dunedin				1,286.59	Auckland Electric Power Board	—	—		58.96
Onehunga—Imprest Account	—			200.00	Telephone and Tolls	—	—		150.97
				1,486.59	Auckland City Council—Rates for Year Ended 31/5/77	—	—		530.45
Rents Collected:					Insurance Premium for Year Ending 16/5/77	—	—		74.49
Account Mrs G. Beavis	—	—	—	546.00	Maori Division—towards Maori Minister's Stipend	—	—		260.00
Account A. R. and A. Sinclair	—	—	—	780.00	Plumbing Repairs	—	—		460.00
Account Deaconess Flat	—	—	—	355.00	New Blinds	—	—		80.45
				1,681.00	Sundry Repairs	—	—		10.80
Methodist General Purposes Trust Board:					Petty Cash—G. Beavis	—	—		28.36
Interest on Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures for Year Ended 31/3/76				260.00	Postage, etc.	—	—		3.00
Donations	—	—	—	2.00	Balance as per Bank Statement:				
Refund Toll Accounts	—	—	—	65.61	National Bank, Dunedin	—	—	1,701.02	
Bank Interest	—	—	—	48.30	Imprest Account—National Bank, Onehunga	—	—	200.00	
Proceeds Sale of Stove	—	—	—	15.00				1,901.02	
				\$3,558.50					\$3,558.50
1976—Sept. 1									
Balance in Hand	—	—	—	1,701.02					
Imprest Account—Onehunga	—	—	—	200.00					
				\$1,901.02					

Investment—Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures—\$8,000.00

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1976

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
General Funds:								\$
Medical and Education Grants Fund	—	2,744.11		National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.—General Account	9,602.50			
Stamp Fund	—	5,827.44		Post Office Savings Bank	123.64			
Programme Committee Fund	—	200.05		Cash in Hand	3.38			
Overseas Travel Fund	—	478.63		General Purposes Trust Board	4,276.57			
World Federation of Methodist Women—				Debenture—Dunedin Central Mission	4,000.00			
Subscription Account	—	70.00					18,006.09	
Equipment Fund	—	90.00		Kurahuna Investments:				
Working Fund	—	319.29		Mortgages—Peak Longland & Co.	30,300.00			
Runciman Bequest Fund	—	4,276.57		Deposit—N.Z. Investments Mortgage and				
Tolley Bequest Fund	—	4,000.00		Deposit Co. Ltd.	26,000.00			
			18,006.09	General Purposes Trust Board	11,430.00			
Kurahuna Fund:				Loan—Home Mission and Extension Board	4,000.00			
Capital Account	—	71,730.00		National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	1,689.58			
Scholarship Grants Account	—	1,689.58					73,419.58	
			73,419.58	Smethurst Investments:				
Smethurst Fund:				Smethurst House Property (G.V. \$75,000)	8,000.00			
Capital Account	—	8,000.00		Debenture—Christchurch Drainage Board	8,000.00			
Investment Account	—	8,000.00		National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	1,901.02			
Revenue Account	—	1,901.02					17,901.02	
			17,901.02					
			\$109,326.69					\$109,326.69

I have examined the books and records of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship for the year ended 31st August, 1976, 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., Auditor.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

	INCOME				EPWORTH BOOKROOM		STEWARDSHIP		PLANNING AND TRAINING	
	1975 \$			1976 \$	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
Trading:										
38,283 Sales—General (adjusted for sales in advance)				161,710	38,283	161,710				
2,010 —At Cost				866	2,010	866				
Total Sales				162,576	40,293	162,576				
11,655 Stocks on Hand, 1st July, 1975				11,393	11,655	11,393				
29,889 Purchases				134,501	29,889	134,501				
41,544 Less Stocks on Hand, 30th June, 1976				22,928	41,544	22,928				
11,393										
30,151 Cost of Goods Sold				122,966	30,151	122,966				
Gross Profit From Trading				\$39,610	\$10,142	\$39,610				
Other Income:										
16,035 Stewardship Services				16,514			16,035	16,514		
32,893 Grants—Connexional Budget				35,860			6,578	6,750	26,315	29,110
1,136 —Other				3,655			—	290	1,136	3,365
150 Holiday Camps—Income and Bank Interest (Profit)				6,825					150	6,825
(50) Holiday Camps—Other Expenditure				(6,714)					(50)	(6,714)
213 C.E.H. Cost Recovery				262					213	262
276 Miscellaneous Income				552		520			276	32
50 Refunds National C.Y.M.M. Expenses				—		—			50	—
Total Income				\$96,564	\$10,142	\$40,130	\$22,613	\$23,554	\$28,090	\$32,880

EXPENDITURE					EPWORTH BOOKROOM		STEWARDSHIP		PLANNING AND TRAINING	
1975				1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
\$				\$						
279	Advertising	—	—	271	194	166	48	91	37	14
—	Budget Promotion	—	—	290	—	—	—	290	—	—
6	Bad Debts Provision	—	—	cr.19	6	cr.19	—	—	—	—
—	Exchange Variance	—	—	2,996	—	2,996	—	—	—	—
1,084	General Expenses	—	—	1,078	188	162	345	251	551	665
257	Insurances	—	—	201	67	76	113	78	77	47
50	National C.Y.M.M. Expenses	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	50	20
—	Packing Materials	—	—	592	—	592	—	—	—	—
398	Postages	—	—	2,459	331	2,325	21	10	46	124
1,588	Printing and Stationery	—	—	1,657	422	523	103	36	1,063	1,098
9,212	Rent or Property Expenses	—	—	9,195	1,890	2,100	2,680	2,596	4,642	4,499
64	Resource Materials and Subscriptions	—	—	38	—	—	31	12	33	26
34,029	Salaries	—	—	38,239	9,080	16,284	11,574	12,643	13,375	9,312
691	Superannuation Subsidy	—	—	793	663	770	14	12	14	11
—	Synod Education Conveners' Expenses	—	—	170	—	—	—	—	—	170
205	Special Activities Expenses	—	—	3,223	—	—	—	—	205	3,223
518	Telephone	—	—	392	110	141	240	156	168	95
6,059	Travelling Expenses	—	—	6,137	500	547	3,157	3,232	2,402	2,358
—	Training Expenses—New Zealand	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	25
1,000	—Overseas	—	—	1,500	—	—	500	500	500	1,000
\$55,440	Total Direct Expenditure	—	—	\$69,257	\$13,451	\$26,663	\$18,826	\$19,907	\$23,163	\$22,687
8,104	Office Overhead Allocation (Refer attached Administration Office Income and Expenditure Account)	—	—	15,626	1,966	5,838	2,752	3,950	3,386	5,838
\$63,544	Total Expenditure	—	—	\$84,883	\$15,417	\$32,501	\$21,578	\$23,857	\$26,549	\$28,525
(\$2,699)	Excess Income (Expenditure)	—	—	\$11,681	(\$5,275)	\$7,629	\$1,035	(\$303)	\$1,541	\$4,355

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

348	INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
	1975 \$				1976 \$	1975 \$				1976 \$
	3,247	Donations	—	—	—	254	156	Accounting and Audit Services	—	271
	26	Interest Received	—	—	—	163	305	Depreciation—Equipment	—	262
	1,029	Salaries Recovered	—	—	—	324	474	General Expenses	—	722
	268	Miscellaneous Income	—	—	—	247	39	Insurances	—	48
							264	Postages	—	546
	<u>\$4,570</u>				<u>\$988</u>		1,274	Printing and Stationery	—	965
							546	Rent	—	1,260
							9,467	Salaries	—	12,482
							121	Superannuation Subsidy	—	54
							28	Telephone	—	4
							<u>\$12,674</u>			<u>\$16,614</u>
							\$8,104	Excess Expenditure—Office Overhead	—	\$15,626
Allocation of Office Overhead										
	1,966	(24%)	To Epworth Bookroom	—	(37.36%)	5,838				
	2,752	(34%)	Stewardship	—	(25.28%)	3,950				
	3,386	(42%)	Planning and Training	—	(37.36%)	5,838				
	<u>\$8,104</u>					<u>\$15,626</u>				

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975				1976	Stewardship Naenae Property	Planning and Training Tawa Property	Planning and Training Auckland Property	Office
INCOME								
996	Parsonage Rents Received	)	—	—	900			
5,832	Parsonage Rents Provision	)	—	—	6,255	2,260	1,720	2,275
1,890	Office Rents—Epworth Bookroom		—	—	2,100			2,100
420	—Stewardship		—	—	336			336
924	—Planning and Training		—	—	504			504
546	—Administration and Other Offices		—	—	1,260			1,260
<u>\$10,608</u>	Total Income	—	—	—	<u>\$11,355</u>	<u>\$2,260</u>	<u>\$1,720</u>	<u>\$3,175</u>
EXPENDITURE								
456	Office Cleaning	—	—	—	499			499
841	Depreciation	—	—	—	841			841
397	Electricity	—	—	—	467			467
296	Insurances	—	—	—	273	46	66	118
1,898	Interest	—	—	—	1,912	865	752	271
517	Rates	—	—	—	703	211	325	—
903	Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	—	779	130	272	137
800	Telephone Rentals	—	—	—	801	87	35	621
<u>\$6,108</u>	Total Expenditure	—	—	—	<u>\$6,275</u>	<u>\$1,339</u>	<u>\$532</u>	<u>\$1,450</u>
<u>\$4,500</u>	Excess Income—To Balance Sheet	—	—	—	<u>\$5,080</u>	<u>\$921</u>	<u>\$1,188</u>	<u>\$1,725</u>
	To provide for—							
	—Loan Repayments							
	—Capital Expenditure							
	—Property Reserves							

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
1975				1975			1976
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:			
924	Sundry Creditors	—	—	1,593	Cash on Hand and at Bank	—	12,445
1,535	Sales in Advance	—	—	3,793	Trade Debtors	—	21,386
1,066	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	—	—	100cr.	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	—	100cr.
1,541	Stewardship Deposits Paid in Advance	—	—				
5,066				6,522	Prepayments and Other Debtors	—	21,286
							5,749
							27,035
46,262	Long Term Liabilities:			11,393	Stocks on Hand—Trade	—	22,928
	Secured Loans and Mortgages	—	—	1,062	Stationery	—	1,847
							24,775
	Reserves:			—	Short Term Investments	—	20,000
48,477	Properties—Balance 1/7/75	50,370					
378	Add: Interest Received on Investments	693		24,209			84,256
4,500	Surplus from Property Account	5,080					
53,355		56,143		6,805	Investments:		
2,985	Less: Reserves Transferred to Accumulated Funds to Meet Deficit	—	—	911	Reserve Funds—Properties	—	7,498
				1,451	C.Y.M.M.	—	849
					Staff Training Overseas	—	2,814
911	C.Y.M.M.	—	—	9,167			11,161
1,451	Staff Training Overseas	—	—				
52,732					Fixed Assets:		
					1,788	Furniture and Equipment (at Cost)	1,919
					549cr.	Less Accumulated Depreciation	811cr.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
378,812	Loans at 31st May, 1975	391,750	61,070	Repayments of Principal and Working Expenses	67,854
5,269	Working Expenses Charged for Year	5,432	391,750	Loans at 31st May, 1976	400,463
68,739	New Loans Advanced	71,100			
—	Interest Charged on Special Loan	35			
<u>\$452,820</u>		<u>\$468,317</u>	<u>\$452,820</u>		<u>\$468,317</u>

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

\$		\$	\$		\$
16,154	Grants Made	2,000	15,672	Balance at 31st May, 1975	16,154
	Balance at 31st May, 1976	14,810	432	Interest Received	656
			50	Grants Refunded	—
<u>\$16,154</u>		<u>\$16,810</u>	<u>\$16,154</u>		<u>\$16,810</u>

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

\$		\$	\$		\$
—	Grants Made: Pakuranga	2,000	16,893	Balance at 31st May, 1975	9,211
	Glen Eden	3,000	1,918	Contributions from Budget (75% of \$7,688)	5,766
10,000	Total Grants	5,000	400	Refund—Twizel	—
9,211	Balance at 31st May, 1976	9,977			
<u>\$19,211</u>		<u>\$14,977</u>	<u>\$19,211</u>		<u>\$14,977</u>

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

\$		\$	\$		\$
			1,848	Balance at 31st May, 1975	2,487
			639	Contributions from Budget (25% of \$7,688)	1,922
<u>\$2,487</u>	Balance at 31st May, 1976	<u>\$4,409</u>	<u>\$2,487</u>		<u>\$4,409</u>

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
5,500	Administration Charges	6,500	5,269	Working Expenses	5,433
100	Other Expenses: Advertising	77	2,614	Interest Received	1,577
233	Stationery & Telephone	466	85	Commission Received	63
379	Audit and General	412	380	Dividends	376
125	Postages	150	—	Excess Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds	156
429	Travelling	—			
1,266		1,105			
1,582	Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred to Accumulated Funds	—			
\$8,348		\$7,605	\$8,348		\$7,605

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1976

1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
1,941	Current Liabilities		391,750	Loans Current	400,463
	Sundry Creditors	237		Current Assets	
16,154	Other Accounts Deposited with Fund		23,963	Cash at Bank—Current Account	26,182
9,211	Sites Fund	14,810	—	—On Deposit	2,000
	Development Fund (for Church Extensions)	9,977	640	Interest Accrued	685
2,487	Special Projects Fund	4,409	220	Sundry Debtors	—
27,852		29,196	24,823		28,867
	Accumulated Funds		7,896	General Purposes Trust (Sites)	8,428
413,276	(1) Capital at 31st May, 1975	416,385	8,000	N.Z. Insurance Co.—Deposit	8,000
3,109	Add Legacies & Donations	3,279	10,526	U.D.C. Finance—Deposit	—
416,385		419,664	26,442		16,428
	(2) Administration Funds:			Other Assets	
535	Balance at 31st May, 1975	2,117	2,000	Shares Bequeathed to Fund:	
1,582	Add Excess Income for Year	—	3,300	(a) Preference Shares (Unlisted Company)	2,000
—	Less Excess Expenditure for Year	156	5,300	(b) Ordinary Shares (Listed Company)	3,300
418,502		421,625			5,300
\$448,295		\$451,058	\$448,295		\$451,058

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.
Christchurch, 10th September, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PROPERTY INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

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1975 \$			\$	1976 \$		INCOME	
	EXPENDITURE				27,149.32	Rent	— — — — — 36,915.16
	Repairs, Maintenance and				27,149.32		36,915.16
	Renovations:						
	No. 1 Block	— — —	2,232.70				
	No. 2 Block	— — —	1,500.41				
	Cottages, etc.	— — —	5,686.72				
			9,419.83				
	Less N.Z. Insurance Co. for						
	Fire Loss Claim	— — —	2,500.00				
3,938.03				6,919.83			
716.04	Insurance Premiums	— — —		903.56			
759.41	Rates	— — —		527.11			
	Sundries:						
	Land Tax	— — —	613.12				
	Valuation Fees	— — —	25.00				
	Commission	— — —	2,042.81				
	Fares and Stamps	— — —	35.05				
2,720.00				2,716.88			
19,015.84	Surplus from Rent	— — —		25,847.78			
\$27,149.32				\$36,915.16			

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

Sundries:				19,015.84	Surplus from Rent	—	—	25,847.78
Audit Fee	—	—	130.00		Interest:			
Commission	—	—	1,547.62		Bank of New Zealand	—	233.63	
Secretary's Salary	—	—	750.00		Prince Albert College Trust	—	8,075.00	
Photocopying	—	—	43.52		Mortgages	—	22,575.82	
Sundries and Stationery	—	—	69.97		N.Z.I.M.D. Co. Ltd.	—	244.53	
2,233.50			2,541.11	26,700.53				31,128.98
43,915.61	Surplus for the Year	—	54,519.19	36.74	Commission (N.Z. Insurance Co.)			83.54
\$45,753.11			\$57,060.30	\$45,753.11				\$57,060.30
10,000.00	Appropriated to Building Renewal			43,519.61	Surplus for the Year	—	—	54,519.19
	Fund	—	10,000.00	26,690.60	Balance—30th June	—	—	43,210.21
17,000.00	Paid to Theological College	—	21,950.00					
43,210.21	Balance—30th June	—	65,779.40					
\$70,210.21			\$97,729.40	\$70,210.21				\$97,729.40
				43,210.21	Balance—30th June	—	—	65,779.40

Examined and found correct.
R. EVANS, A. R. MARTIN, Auditors.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Member.
F. M. IZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

LIABILITIES					ASSETS	
Capital Account:					Freehold Properties:	
Balance as at 30/6/75	—	—	—	—	Land (at Government Valuation, 1/7/74)	583,250.00
				743,804.60	Buildings (at Government Valuation, 1/7/74)	26,250.00
Income Account:						609,500.00
Balance as at 30/6/76	—	—	—	—	Building Renewal Fund Investments:	
Building Renewal Fund	—	—	—	—	Mortgages:	
				150,000.00	Bryers, H. A., 10% 3/11/77	8,000.00
					Bullin, J. L. and P. J., 9½% 1/11/76	20,000.00
					Darwin, M. E. and M. A., 12% 9/4/78	18,000.00
					Deed, R. T. and B. M., 10% 1/8/78	15,000.00
					Turner, B. H., 9% 16/1/78	4,000.00
					Prince Albert College Trust, 9½% 1/7/76	85,000.00
						150,000.00
					Mortgages:	
					Bodmin, C. O. and P. M., 8½% 26/10/76	13,600.00
					Casey, G. J. M. and B., 10% 11/2/77	10,000.00
					Chapman, C. G. and L., 10% 27/3/78	12,500.00
					R. S. Cleary Investments Ltd., 12% 1/8/79	12,200.00
					Collins, A. T., 10% 2/2/77	16,000.00
					Corrigan, J. R. and G. M., 10% 20/12/76	26,000.00
					Goodwin, D. M. and O. F., 9½% overdue	6,500.00
					Jamieson, J. A. and J. L., 10% 19/1/78	8,400.00
					Osmand, B. K. and Anors., 9½% 1/2/77	28,000.00
					Rishworth, D. H. and Ors., 10% 1/2/78	9,000.00
					Wiig, A. D., 8½% 9/8/76	10,000.00
					Williams, J. and R. M., 10% 1/8/78	3,000.00
						155,200.00
					N.Z.I.M.D. Co. Ltd.—Deposit on Call	36,250.00
					Bank of New Zealand—Current Account	7,099.27
					Cash on Hand	1,534.73
				\$959,584.00		\$959,584.00

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1976, and report that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 30th June, 1976, as shown by the Records of the Probert Trust and accordingly to the best of our information.

A. R. MARTIN, R. EVANS, Auditors.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Member.
 F. M. IZARD, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
REVENUE STATEMENT FOR 9 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

1974/75 12 months		1975/76 9 months
53,758	Net Income from Rental Operations	47,208
47,165	Net Income from Investments	54,564
100,923		101,772
4,080	Less Costs of Borrowing—	
54,058	Interest—Mortgages	35,432
5,456	—Debentures and Deposits	36,720
1,915	Finance Establishment Costs	6,615
—	Administration Fees for Registers	1,899
	Legal Expenses (re mortgage)	45
65,509		50,711
800	Administration Expense	600
99	Postage, Typing, Copying and Stationery	101
236	Travel, Phones and Sundry	—
150	Audit Fee	150
		851
34,129		50,210
200	Less Grants	500
33,929	Net Surplus Added to Accumulated Funds	49,710
648,798 +	Balance of Accumulated Funds 1/7/75	682,727
—	Write Off Capital Loss on Queen St. Bldg. Project	—371,321
\$682,727 =	Balance Carried Forward 31/3/76	\$361,116

BALANCE SHEET NOTES

Note 1:

Land increased from revaluation in 1968 (\$122,000) to G.V. 1/7/74 (\$1,420,000).

Note 2:

	1976	1975
Rent Arrears	4,831	2,093
Recoverable Expenses	1,237	2,914
Interest Accrued	13,105	4,054
R.C. and G. Trust	2,927	23,701
Prepayments	106	—
	<u>22,206</u>	<u>32,762</u>

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976

1975		1976
682,727	Trust Funds:	
	Accumulated Funds	361,116
	Revaluation Reserve (Note 1)	1,298,000
682,727	Total	\$1,659,116
	Represented by:	
	Current Assets:	
5,547	Bank of New Zealand	34,414
32,762	Debtors and Interest Accrued (Note 2)	22,206
		56,620
	Less Current Liabilities:	
	Creditors	58,442
6,427	Rent Prepaid	2,246
10,482	Interest Accrued	—
16,909		60,688
21,400	Net Working Capital	Cr. —4,068
	Invested Funds:	
600,658	Secured Mortgage Advances and Deposits	480,050
46,480	Mortgage Endowment Sinking Fund No. 1	50,464
14,149	Mortgage Endowment Sinking Fund No. 2	15,781
661,287		546,295
	Fixed Assets:	
		Cost Aggreg. Book
122,000	Land	1,420,000 1,420,000
11,278	Car Parks and Devlpmt.	18,078 18,078
298,601	Buildings	356,908 60,120 296,788
211,587	Queen St. Bldg. Project	— — —
643,466	Totals	1,794,986 60,120 1,734,866 1,734,866
	Intangible Asset:	
21,822	Balance of Prelim. Finance Costs	16,366
	Less Term Liabilities:	
	Mortgages—NMLA on Turner St. Property—	
60,000	1st Mortgage 6½%	60,000
21,200	2nd Mortgage 7%	19,600
389,062	Funds Held on Deposit	337,187
194,790	1st Debenture	217,360
196	P.A.C. Old Students' Association	196
665,248		634,343
\$682,727	Net Funds Involved	\$1,659,116

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.
R. A. BARFOOTE, Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report to the Trustees of the Prince Albert College Trust that I have examined the Revenue Accounts and the Balance Sheets for the year ended 30th June, 1975, and the 9 months ended 31st March, 1976.

In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Trust so far as appears from my examination of those books.

In my opinion and according to the best of my information and explanations given to me and as shown by the said books, the Balance Sheet and Revenue Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 30th June, 1975, and the 31st March, 1976.

Auckland, 15th September, 1976. 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 1st JULY 1975 to 30th JUNE 1976

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			\$				\$
Grants	.....	.....	1,372.00	Interest—J. W. Vealie	.....	.....	880.00
Expenses	.....	.....	68.99	—P.A.C.T.	.....	.....	987.70
Excess Income over Expenditure	.....	.....	969.94	—Perpetual Trustees	.....	.....	91.44
				—Investment Account A.S.B.	.....	.....	102.99
				—General Account A.S.B.	.....	.....	25.16
				—B.N.Z.	.....	.....	25.89
				—Winstone Ltd.	.....	.....	297.75
			<u>\$2,410.93</u>				<u>\$2,410.93</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1976

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			\$				\$
Trust Fund Account	.....	.....	27,620.00	Prince Albert College Trust Debenture Stock	.....	.....	11,620.00
Income Account	.....	.....	1,846.55	K. R. Green and Anor. First Mortgage—12%	.....	.....	11,000.00
				Cash Balances			
				Cr. Balance B.N.Z.	.....	.....	1,014.73
				Auckland Savings Bank	.....	.....	831.82
							<u>1,846.55</u>
				Perpetual Trustees (P. W. & M. J. Watson)	.....	.....	1,000.00
				Winstone Ltd. Debenture Issue	.....	.....	4,000.00
			<u>\$29,466.55</u>				<u>\$29,466.55</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with Passbooks and Certificates.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.
Hon. Auditor.

Auckland, 8th July, 1976.

Signed: L. W. PEAK, Chairman.

Signed: E. E. SAGE, Secretary.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976**

Last Year:									
	\$							\$	\$
	3,994	Income:							
	16,848	Rents	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,679.96	
		Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,918.27	
	<u>20,842</u>								22,598.23
		Expenditure:							
	25	Audit Fee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	—	General Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104.01	
	—	Rangiatea Meeting Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.16	
	—	Presentation—Retiring Secretary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66.10	
	—	Foxton Property Management Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	252.60	
	544	Secretarial Fees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	436.64	
	406	Land Tax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	446.50	
	1,503	Town Planning Appeal Expenses and Kelburn							
		Land Legal Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	
	956	Disbursements—Amending Bill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
	376	Bond Charges—Masterton Sub-division	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
	<u>3,810</u>								1,962.01
	\$17,032	Net Income	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		\$20,636.22
		Distribution of Income:							
	7,000	Masterton Children's Home	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,000.00	
	4,000	Rangiatea Maori College Trust	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	
	6,032	Transferred to Capital Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,636.22	
	<u>\$17,032</u>								\$20,636.22

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976**

Last Year:									
\$								\$	\$
		Bank Accounts, etc.:							
12,743		A. & N.Z. Banking Group Limited	.....	.....		51,808.60			
5,128		National Savings Account	.....	.....		5,282.40			
2,614		Rent and Interest Accrued	.....	.....		4,602.87			
20,485								61,693.87	
		Deposits and Investments:							
		B.N.Z. Transferable Cert. of Deposit	.....	.....		150,000.00			
148,830		Loans on Mortgage	.....	.....		102,728.80			
26,717		N.Z. Govt. Stock—(Face Value \$23,700.00)	.....	.....		22,717.12			
1,000		Transport Trust Board	.....	.....		1,000.00			
400		Shares—Nth. Wairarapa Perm. Building Society	.....	.....		400.00			
142,935		Deposit and Securities Ltd. etc.	.....	.....			
319,882								276,845.92	
		Properties:							
11,380		Foxton	.....	.....		11,380.00			
13,800		Wellington	.....	.....		7,300.00			
		Masterton—Balance 30/6/75	.....	.....		87,457.59			
		—Improvements	.....	.....		1,469.65			
		—Sub-Division costs	.....	.....		43,122.62			
						132,049.86			
		—Less Payments							
		Received	.....	.....		67,980.40			
81,283		Balance 30/6/76	.....	.....		64,069.46			
7,506		Masterton Staff House	.....	.....		40,656.54			
		Less Subsidy	.....	.....		18,603.00			
								22,053.54	
113,969								104,803.00	
454,337		Total Assets	.....	.....				443,342.79	
		Less Liabilities:							
		Deposit on Wellington Land	.....	.....		1,000.00			
		Rent and Interest Accrued	.....	.....		903.12			
7,000		Rangiatea Maori College Trust	.....	.....		4,000.00			
						5,903.12			
		Masterton Children's Home:							
81,758		Capital Account 30/6/75	.....	.....		90,180.56			
1,818		Add Bequests	.....	.....		100.00			
						90,280.56			
6,604		Less Transfer to Current A/c.	.....	.....		18,416.31			
						71,864.25			
118,131		Property Reserve Account	.....	.....		120,913.97			
215,311		Total Liabilities	.....	.....				198,681.34	
\$239,025		Capital Account	.....	.....				\$244,661.45	

EMSLY TRUST

1976 June 30	\$	1976 June 30	\$
1076—June 30th		1976—June 30th	
To Interest on Auckland Hospital Board Stock to 1/4/76	209.00	By Trinity College	209.00
	<u>\$209.00</u>		<u>\$209.00</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

1976	1976
June 30	June 30
1975—June 30th	By New Zealand Insurance Mortgage and Deposit Co. Ltd.
To Capital	Deposit on Call
3,800.00	3,800.00
<u>\$3,800.00</u>	<u>\$3,800.00</u>

Audited and found correct.
R. EVANS, A. R. MARTIN, Auditors.

W. F. CHRISTIAN, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1976

	1976	1975
	\$	\$
Income from:		
Land Rents	13,638.83	13,541.45
Noting Fees	16.00	22.00
Mission House Rents	144.00	144.00
Interest	577.39	587.96
Grazing Fees	13.00	26.00
Sundry	—	7.00
	<u>\$14,389.22</u>	<u>\$14,328.41</u>
Expenses for:		
Audit Fee	150.00	130.75
City Rates	56.19	84.50
Lights—Moana Crescent	—	71.56
Insurances	41.24	71.23
Land Tax	1,666.66	1,619.67
Secretary's Salary	1,500.00	700.00
Stationery	53.29	124.50
Sundry Expenses	49.11	30.44
	<u>\$3,516.49</u>	<u>\$2,832.65</u>
Income Available for Appropriation	10,872.73	11,495.76
Less Grants:		
Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' College	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repairs to Mission Property	399.86	245.91
Provision for:—		
(a) Mission Special Grant	3,000.00	147.00
(b) Grant to Maori Division	2,000.00	—
Total Grants	\$9,899.86	\$4,892.91
Net Income Transferred to Accumulated Funds	\$972.87	\$6,602.85

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RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS						
1976					1975						
\$					\$						
Rents	—	—	—	13,253.86	13,738.00	Term Deposits	—	—	15,001.00	10,000.00	
Noting Fees	—	—	—	16.00	22.00	Legal Expenses	—	—	42.00	—	
Rates Refunded	—	—	—	4.00	193.78	Insurance	—	—	41.24	71.23	
Debenture Repaid	—	—	—	10,000.00	4,000.00	Rates—Water	—	—	56.19	41.20	
Rent from Mission House	—	—	—	144.00	144.00	—General	—	—	4.00	241.08	
Interest	—	—	—	577.39	587.96	Audit Fee	—	—	150.00	130.75	
Grazing	—	—	—	13.00	26.00	Stamps and Stationery	—	—	53.29	124.50	
Sundries	—	—	—	0.08	11.00	Mission House	—	—	106.98	56.91	
<hr/>					<hr/>	Repairs to Parsonage	—	—	292.88	189.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	—	—	—	24,008.33	18,722.74	Repairs to Equipment	—	—	—	147.00	
Opening Bank Balance 1/7/75	—	—	—	6,317.96	7,410.91	Land Tax	—	—	1,666.66	1,619.67	
<hr/>					<hr/>	Secretary's Honorarium	—	—	700.00	1,050.00	
						Grant "Rangiatea"	—	—	4,500.00	6,000.00	
						Bank Charges and Exchange	—	—	7.19	7.44	
						Maori Division	—	—	3,000.00	—	
						Moana Crescent Lights	—	—	—	71.56	
						Valuation Fee	—	—	—	23.00	
						Rent Repaid	—	—	—	42.35	
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									25,621.43	19,815.69	
						Closing Balance 30/6/76 B.N.S.W.	—	—	4,704.86	6,317.96	
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\$30,326.29					\$26,133.65	\$30,326.29					\$26,133.65

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$
Current Liabilities:			Cash at Bank of N.S.W. —	4,704.86	6,317.96
Sundry Creditors —	800.00		Investment Accounts T.S.B. —	1,000.00	1,000.00
Provision for Grants —	5,000.00		Debtors for Rents —	1,778.75	1,393.78
		5,800.00	Bank Wales—Term Deposit —	15,001.00	10,000.00
Accumulated Funds:					
Balance 1/7/75 —	18,711.74	12,108.89			
Add Net Income —	972.87	6,602.85			
	19,684.61	18,711.74			
Less Grant to Maori Division from previous year's surplus —	3,000.00				
	16,684.61				
	\$22,484.61	\$18,711.74		\$22,484.61	\$18,711.74

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, 1976, 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, 1976, and of the results of the Rental income and expenditure transactions for the year ended on that date.

New Plymouth, September, 1976.

CARTER, SAUNDERS & TOOLEY, Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

KAI IWI MISSION FARM
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1975	1976	1975	1976
\$	\$	\$	\$
42 General Expenses	31.16	5,120 Rent	5,120.00
71 Valuation Expenses	—	18 Interest—Current Account	52.94
87 Interest—State Advances Mortgage	—		
500 Depreciation—transferred to Fund	1,904.00		
4,438 Surplus—transferred to Appropriation Account	3,237.78		
5,138	\$5,172.94	5,138	\$5,172.94

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

\$	\$	\$	\$
— Expenditure on pipes and fencing materials	2,928.92	4,438 Surplus from rents	3,237.78
1,200 Grants—Rangiatea	2,000.00	— Transfer from Depreciation Reserve	2,928.92
1,200 —Maori Boys' Hostel Fund	—		
—Maori Division	1,000.00		
2,038 Balance—Transferred to Capital Account	237.78		
4,438	\$6,166.70	4,438	\$6,166.70

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
	Capital Account			67,600	Farm Property (Government Valuation 1/10/75)		177,000.00
	Balance 1/7/75	68,360.24		760	Bank of New South Wales—Current Account		998.02
	Transferred from Appropriation A/c.	237.78			Investments (at cost)		
	Increase in Valuation of Property	109,400.00			Depreciation Fund		
68,360	Depreciation Reserve written back	9,700.17			P.O.S.B.	0.17	
		119,100.17	187,698.19	10,064	Local Body Stock	7,200.00	
	Reserves				N.Z. Insurance Group	2,500.00	9,700.17
	Depreciation			7,729	Maori Boys' Hostel Fund		
	Balance 1/7/75	10,064.00			Investment Funds Board		7,999.09
	Add Transfer from Rents	1,904.00					
	Interest for year	661.09					
		12,629.09					
	Less Transfer to Appreciation A/c	2,928.92					
10,064	Less Transfer to Capital A/c	9,700.17					
	Maori Boys' Hostel						
	Balance 1/7/75	7,728.59					
7,729	Add Interest for year	270.50	7,999.09				
86,153			\$195,697.28	86,153			\$195,697.28

These Statements are to be read in conjunction with the notes attached hereto.

NOTES ATTACHED TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. The Farm Property consists of 152.665 Hectares together with the usual farm buildings. It is subject to a lease for 21 years from 15/7/1974 and a right to review the rental every 7 years. The value of the property recorded in the Balance Sheet is Government Value at 1/10/75.
2. The Trustees have set aside an amount from rents each year to create a Reserve for eventual replacement of the buildings. This has been separately invested. Following the revaluation the amount in the Reserve has been returned to the Capital Account although the investments are still held separately.
3. Future depreciation policy has yet to be resolved by the Trustees.
4. Income from the Reserve Funds has been re-invested as part of those Funds.
5. The 1973 Conference passed certain resolutions regarding the disposition of the income of the Farm. The 1975/76 allocation was made on the basis as previous years. Future distribution policies will depend on further clarification of the resolutions.

W. F. FORD, Chairman.
A. R. WALLIS, Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the attached Balance Sheet, Appropriation Account and Income and Expenditure Account. In my opinion the statements give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial situation at 30th June, 1976 and of its Income and Expenditure for the year then ended.

(Signed) F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., J.P.
2nd August, 1976

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
RESIDUARY ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT
INCOME CASH STATEMENT
30 JUNE 1975 TO 30 JUNE 1976

				\$	\$	\$
Balance from Last Statement					CREDIT	28,158.12
RECEIPTS:						
Interest:						
Pastoral House to 31/3/76				254.10		
Oparau Ltd. to 1/4/76				562.50		
Public Trustee				235.20		
Perpetual Trustees 3,000 to 7/3/76				285.00		
Perpetual Trustees 5,000 to 22/2/76				475.00		
Perpetual Trustees 10,000 to 15/5/76				975.00		
Perpetual Trustees 12,000 to 15/12/75				600.00		
National Bank of New Zealand				157.94		
						3,544.74
Dividends:						
Newton King Ordinary Final				0.75		
F.C.O.S. Ordinary Final				11.25		
						12.00
Other Income:						
F.C.O.S. Rebate						51.51
Farm Balances Transferred:						
Upper Riverlea				7,906.43		
Lower Riverlea				8,519.20		
Wai-iti Lease				3,021.09		
Whiteley				3,416.50		
Whiteley No. 2				1,434.93		
						24,298.15
Livestock Adjustment Account:						
Balance Transferred						480.00
					TOTAL	\$56,544.52
PAYMENTS:						
Other Expenses:						
Collection Charges—						
Perpetual Trustees				116.75		
Horne & Burns				28.11		
						144.86
Meeting Expenses:						
Photostating Minutes				24.40		
Mileage, Meals, etc.				522.64		
Chairman's Allowance				125.00		
						672.04
Re Bursaries and Grants:						
Advertising and Printing				38.64		
Postages				11.50		
Sundry				20.32		
						70.46
						887.36
Distribution—Bursaries and Grants:						
Wesley Training College:						
R. V. Cross				115.00		
E. Rangihuea				230.00		
L. K. Eveleigh				230.00		
K. J. Hames				230.00		
P. H. Hames				230.00		
K. W. Hirawani				230.00		
A. W. Johnston				230.00		
J. N. W. Lowry				230.00		
R. N. McInnes				230.00		
D. T. Martin				230.00		
J. M. Rouse				230.00		
M. A. Royal				230.00		
						2,645.00
Under Section B:						
P. T. Te Hau						150.00

Under Section D:

A. G. Benny	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
M. P. Joyce	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.00	
Miss M. E. Wastney	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.00	
Miss C. J. Billinghamurst	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
Miss A. J. Andrew	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
R. M. Brown	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
P. G. Falloon	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
B. W. Faulk	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
B. N. Gillespie	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.00	
C. J. Hilder	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	100.00	
D. L. Rolleston	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
M. D. Self	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.00	
							2,000.00

Other Grants:

Manaia Trust	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	800.00	
Masterton Children's Home	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	3,000.00	
							3,800.00

Capital Account:

Balance 30/6/75 Transferred	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****		24,301.29
Public Trustee:							
Charge for Administration	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****		1,032.43

TOTAL \$34,816.08

Balance at End	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	CREDIT	<u>\$21,728.44</u>
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Balance from Last Statement	OVERDRAFT	\$ —24,301.29
RECEIPTS:						
Income Account:						
Balance 30/6/75 Transferred		24,301.29
Bank:						
National Bank New Zealand Hawera		2,265.18
Fixed Deposit:						
National Bank—Withdrawal		1,000.00
Depreciation:						
Upper Riverlea		114.00
Lower Riverlea		85.88
Wai-iti Lease		242.00
Whiteley		185.00
						<u>626.88</u>
					TOTAL	<u>3,892.06</u>
PAYMENTS:						
Property Expenses:						
Milking Shed Lower Riverlea		15,230.55
Fixed Deposit:						
Pastoral House 10% 30th September, 1980	10,000.00	
Public Trustee—Interest Capitalised	235.20	
						<u>10,235.20</u>
Plant:						
Bloat Control Unit—Half Share		111.88
Shares and Stock Units:						
19 Taranaki Co-op. Dairy Co. Ltd. Ordinary		38.00
23 F.C.O.S. Ordinary		23.00
42 Clifton Dairy Co. Ordinary		84.00
						<u>145.00</u>
					TOTAL	<u>\$25,722.63</u>
Balance at End	OVERDRAFT	\$ —21,830.57

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1976

	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS:			
N.B.N.Z. Hawera			794.61
Fixed Deposit:			
Pastoral House 10% 30th September, 1980	10,000.00		
Oparau Ltd. 16% 1st July, 1977	5,000.00		
Public Trustee 6% 31st October, 1977	4,939.59		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 24th September, 1976	3,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 17th April, 1977	5,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 9.5% 15th January, 1979	10,000.00		
Perpetual Trustees 10% 15th December, 1979	12,000.00		
N.B.N.Z. Term Deposits	5,000.00		
		<u>54,939.59</u>	
Livestock:			
34 Cows at \$110.72	3,764.48		
13 Calves at \$30	390.00		
	<u>4,154.48</u>		
Half Share			2,077.24
Note: The values per head of Livestock are book values only and are not intended to represent the present market value.)			
Plant and Implements:			
Upper Riverlea Farm:			
G.V.B. Milking Plant and Sundries at 30/6/75	1,134.00		
Less Depreciation	114.00		
		<u>1,020.00</u>	
Lower Riverlea Farm:			
L.K.J. Milking Plant and Sundries at 30/6/75	743.00		
Add—Half Share Bloat Control Unit	111.88		
	<u>854.88</u>		
Less Depreciation	85.88		
		<u>769.00</u>	
Wai-iti Lease Farm:			
Milking Machines and Manure Tank as at 30/6/75	2,412.00		
Less Depreciation	242.00		
		<u>2,170.00</u>	
Whiteley Farm:			
Milking Plant, Spray Outfit and Sundry Items as at 30/6/75	1,845.00		
Less Depreciation	185.00		
		<u>1,660.00</u>	
			5,619.00
Shares and Stock Units:			
18 Producer Meats Ltd. Ordinary 1.00 F.P.	18.00		
656 Taranaki Co-op. Dairy Co. Ordinary 2.00 F.P.	1,312.00		
398 F.C.O.S. Ordinary 1.00 F.P.	398.00		
6 Newton King Ordinary 1.00 F.P.	6.00		
463 Clifton Dairy Ordinary 2.00 F.P.	926.00		
	<u>2,660.00</u>		
			2,660.00
Land and Buildings:			
Riverlea, Upper and Lower Farms Cs.T. 46/67 and 37/250 G.V. 1971	124,900.00		
Whiteley Pukearuhe C.T. 138/247 and Others—Purchase Price	90,000.00		
Wai-iti Pukearuhe Lessee Interest Cs.T. 98/168 and 129/213	Not Valued		
		<u>214,900.00</u>	
			TOTAL \$280,990.44

LIABILITIES:**Cash Overdraft:**

Capital Account	21,830.57	
Less Income Account	<u>21,728.44</u>	

102.13

Mortgage:

J. B. Wilkinson 6% 17th April, 1983	30,000.00	
Public Trustee 9% 2nd April, 1981	<u>12,000.00</u>	

42,000.00

Leaving Net Capital Worth:

Net Capital Worth 30th June, 1975	230,727.25	
Plus Increase in Assets	2,263.19	
Plus Decrease in Liabilities	<u>5,897.87</u>	

238,888.31

TOTAL \$280,990.44

Administered by the Public Trust Office,
Hawera Branch.

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1/7/75 TO 30/6/76

Balance at Bank 1/7/75	10,486.50	
E. W. Blackwell Trust	649.50	11,136.00
Receipts:		
Interest and Dividends	2,464.05	
E.W.B. Trust	970.00	
Hospital Chaplaincy Grant	1,023.00	
Connexional Budget	30,933.00	
Donations—Samoan	420.00	
Donations—Sundry	15,310.00	
Bulk Travel	1,515.37	
Kitset Sales	15.28	
Samoan Travel	34.00	
Samoan Car Expenses Refunded	56.03	
Samoan Furniture	459.21	
Superintendent Telephone Refunds	5.96	
Superintendent Travelling Funds	96.00	
Superintendent Sundry Refunds	125.00	
Superintendent Superannuation Refunds	81.22	
Chaplaincy Grant	2,675.00	
Light and Power	198.18	
Postages	43.20	
Printing and Stationery	375.38	
Car Park	10.00	
Equipment Maintenance	11.18	
Petty Cash	72.49	
Supply Ministry	290.00	
Telephones	237.81	
Conference Costs	27.60	
Rates	539.82	
Office Expenses	109.28	
Office Equipment	76.26	
Miscellaneous	416.73	58,591.05
		<u>\$69,727.05</u>
Payments:		
Circuit Grants	11,598.89	
Lay Visitation Material	32.00	
Ministerial Supply	329.30	11,960.19
Superintendent—Administration:		
Stipend	5,796.24	
Car Allowance	624.00	
Parsonage Allowance	150.00	
Parsonage Expenses	40.55	
Parsonage Telephone	147.50	
Parsonage Rent	600.00	
Superintendent Travelling	282.96	7,641.25
Samoan Ministry:		
Stipend	5,400.00	
Parsonage Allowance	150.00	
Travelling	114.03	
Car Loan Payment	578.00	
Car Running Costs	526.96	
Rent	1,225.00	
Telephone	78.12	
Stationery	0.63	
Sundries	336.03	
Furniture	600.00	
Clerical	291.40	
Donations	78.56	9,378.73

Office Expenses:					
Light and Power	.....	.....	.....	.....	118.50
Postage	.....	.....	.....	.....	250.81
Printing and Stationery	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,128.33
Office Salaries	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,637.74
Staff Superannuation	.....	.....	.....	.....	163.42
Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.80
Presbyterian Social Services	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Accident Compensation Levy	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.67
Tax	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.28
Task Group	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.90
Car Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
Equipment Maintenance	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.45
Office Expenses	.....	.....	.....	.....	643.11
Subscriptions	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.53
Telephones	.....	.....	.....	.....	531.43
Conference Costs	.....	.....	.....	.....	270.50
Audit Fee	.....	.....	.....	.....	170.00
Rates	.....	.....	.....	.....	809.74
Equipment	.....	.....	.....	.....	114.40
Research Resources	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.51
Bulk Travel	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,711.00
Sundries	.....	.....	.....	.....	239.94
Publicity	.....	.....	.....	.....	376.80
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	565.73
					<u>13,036.59</u>
Chaplaincies:					
Grants	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,848.61
Auckland District	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,337.50
					<u>11,186.11</u>
Balance at Bank	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,791.68
Balance at Bank Budget Payment	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,113.00
E.W.B. Trust	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,619.50
					<u>16,524.18</u>
					<u>\$69,727.05</u>

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1976

At 30/6/75

Surplus and Reserves:			
Accumulated Funds	1/7/75	12,151.29	
Less Adjustments		863.33	
		<u>11,287.96</u>	
Plus Surplus for Period		3,832.61	15,120.57
Edith W. Blackwell Trust		649.50	
Plus Transfer		970.00	1,619.50
Wesley Circulating Library		<u>421.06</u>	<u>421.06</u>
12,980.79	Total Surplus and Reserves Represented by—		17,161.13
Current Assets:			
11,039.00	Balance at Bank	13,791.68	
	Connexional Office	1,113.00	
	Wesley Circulating Library	<u>421.06</u>	15,325.74
Fixed Assets			
517.73	Equipment	555.87	
2,590.00	Car—Samoa	4,415.05	
1,229.20	Furniture—Samoa	<u>1,229.20</u>	6,200.12
15,375.93	Total Assets		21,525.86
Less Liabilities:			
1,726.67	I.F.B. Loan—Samoa Car	3,837.05	
668.47	I.F.B. Loan—Furniture	<u>527.68</u>	<u>4,364.73</u>
12,980.79			<u>\$17,161.13</u>

We have examined the books and records of the Development Division and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions as at that date.

24th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

**METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976**

Capital Balance 30/6/75	297,467.29	
Less Share Adj. (Farmers)	50.00	
		297,417.29
Legacy Disbursement 30/6/75	15,709.84	
Add Refund Porirua	104.00	
		15,813.84
Trust and Other Funds:		
Gerard Grounds	784.67	
E. M. Rishworth	500.00	
T. G. Brooke	10,861.34	
T. Buddle	200.00	
G. Buttie	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. E. Rushton	400.00	
E. W. Blackwell	10,320.55	
		27,142.18
Capital Receipts:		
Seamer House—Auckland	50,253.20	
Te Rahui ()—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	36,521.19	
Samoan Parsonage	50.00	
		277,269.73
Reserves:		
Sinking Fund Balances 30/6/75	62,944.61	
Add Current Transfers	4,207.96	
		67,152.57
Distribution Reserve	6,435.79	
Yarborough Reserve	471.06	
		6,906.85
Hostel Painting Reserves:		
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	200.00	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	150.00	
General Reserve	800.00	
		1,150.00
		692,852.46
Represented by Current Assets:		
Bank New Zealand Bank Balance	28,262.90	
Sundry Debtors	3,339.82	
		31,602.72
Fixed Assets Land and Buildings:		
Seamer House	69,736.61	
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	30,881.94	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	140,696.28	
Maori Parsonages	101,847.29	
Deaconess Cottages	21,938.01	
Maori Centres	30,970.90	
Maori Property	18,839.69	
Other Parsonages	42,118.37	
Office Space—Central Mission	24,725.46	
		481,754.55
Investments:		
Car Loans	23,124.70	
Furniture Loans	3,531.92	
Debenture Due 1979 (Kaeo)	13,600.00	
Debenture Due 1978 (Devonport)	5,000.00	
Debenture Due 1979 (Devonport)	5,000.00	
Debenture Due 1978 (Whangaparaoa)	5,000.00	
Debenture Due 1976 (Whaiwhetu)	2,000.00	
Legacy Disbursement B.N.Z.	4,243.60	
Loans to Circuits	251,480.71	
Mortgage	6,500.00	

Winstones						13,678.00	
N.Z.I.						3,300.00	
Astley Holdings						376.00	
C.S.R.						337.00	
Watties						3,010.00	
Allied Farmers						420.00	
Farmers						50.00	
A.R.A. Due 1/9/80						4,600.00	
Southland Building Society						800.00	
Auckland Gas Co.						1,458.00	
A.B. Consolidated						500.00	
Astley						1,881.00	
Mosgiel Woollen Mills						190.22	
P.O. Savings Bank A/c. 782075						62.36	
P.O. Savings Bank A/c. 782076						50.34	
						<u>350,193.85</u>	
Hospital Chaplaincy—Auckland:							
Residence						21,865.41	
A.S.B. A/c. 30902-11						6.00	
						<u>21,871.41</u>	885,422.53
Less Liabilities:							
Loans at Call						159,112.22	
Creditors Maintenance Account						1,024.76	
Loan at Call—Maori						5,000.00	
Loan at Call—Special						800.68	
						<u>165,937.66</u>	
Loans and C.B.L. Fund:							
Auckland Hospital Chaplains House						10,218.51	
Auckland Hospital Chaplains House						2,696.50	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton						7,442.40	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton						1,500.00	
Samoan Parsonage						4,250.00	
Tokoroa Maori Parsonage						525.00	
						<u>26,632.41</u>	192,570.07
							<u>\$692,852.46</u>

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 results and transactions as at that date.

19th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM—AUCKLAND
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975								1976
71,561	Sales							79,474
503	Sales—Upper Room						638	
(34)	Less Postages						36	
								602
72,030								80,076
	Less Cost of Sales:							
15,657	Stock at 1/7/75						17,412	
50,771	Purchases						53,871	
66,423							71,283	
17,412	Less Stock on Hand 30/6/76						15,741	
49,011	Cost of Sales							55,542
23,019	Gross Profit							24,534
	Less Expenses:							
2,173	Accountancy—Monthly						3,029	
325	Audit						400	
37	Accident Compensation						43	
451	Advertising						609	
96	Cleaning						96	
—	Commissions						22	
120	Freight						140	
227	General Expenses						201	
76	Insurance						90	
262	Interest						329	
501	Postages						626	
320	Power and Light						336	
603	Printing and Stationery						303	
722	Rates						852	
3,155	Rent						3,155	
33	Repairs and Maintenance						17	
13,853	Salaries, Wages and Supperannuation						15,831	
90	Subscription and Fees						53	
226	Telephone						273	
76	Travelling Expenses						85	
360	Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings						353	
23,706	Total Expenses							26,843
\$687	NET LOSS							\$2,309

The foregoing page must be read in conjunction with Accountants Report which appears at the foot of the accompanying Balance Sheet.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM—AUCKLAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

1975		\$	1976		\$	1975		\$	1976		\$
	Current Liabilities:						Current Assets:				
3,972	Bank Overdraft	—	—	—	3,298	4,997	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	6,106
4,088	Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	5,596	(75)	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	—	—	—	75
1,807	Bills Payable	—	—	—	2,555						6,031
9,867	Total Current Liabilities	—	—	—	11,449		Cash on Hand	—	—	—	142
	Term Liabilities:					17,412	Stock on Hand	—	—	—	15,741
	Loan—Hamilton	—	—	—	5,300	190	Superannuation in Advance	—	—	—	190
	Less Transferred to Reserves	—	—	—	5,300	22,524	Total Current Assets	—	—	—	22,104
	Total Term Liabilities	—	—	—	—		Fixed Assets:				
	Capital and Reserves:					2,002	Furniture & Fittings Book Value 1/7/75	—	—	—	3,295
6,839	Balance 1/7/75	—	—	—	6,152	1,653	Plus Additions	—	—	—	46
687	Less Net Loss	—	—	—	2,309	3,655					3,341
							Less Depreciation 10% on	—	—	—	3,295
6,152					3,843		Less Depreciation 10% 6 mths on	—	—	—	46
4,500	House Mission Grants Balance 1/7/75	—	—	—	4,500	360					353
5,300	Loan Hamilton Transferred	—	—	—	5,300	3,295	Total Fixed Assets	—	—	—	2,988
15,952					13,643						
\$25,819					\$25,092	\$25,819					\$25,092

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have examined the books and accounts of the Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) for the year ended 30th June, 1976, 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 at Balance Date.

SEDDON & ASSOCIATES,

Chartered Accountants.

Notes to the Accounts:

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (1) Depreciation has been charged using Inland Revenue Department Scale Rates of Depreciation.
- (2) Stock on Hand and Work in Progress has been valued by Epworth Bookroom at the lower of cost or Net Realisable value, after making due allowance for damage and obsolescence.

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS FROM
1st JULY 1975 TO 30th JUNE 1976

30/6/75							
10,484.04	Gross Rents and Rates Received					12,719.89	12,719.89
	Less—						
	Repairs to Buildings					238.00	
	Insurance					40.28	
	Rates					1,124.47	
	Valuation					141.50	
	Depreciation Reserve					550.00	
	Audit					60.00	
3,346.33							2,154.25
7,137.71	Net Income						\$10,565.64
	Distribution of Net Income—						
1,737.96	Capital					2,125.12	
300.00	Maintenance Reserve					300.00	
2,549.88	Investment Funds Board					4,070.26	
849.95	Development Division					1,351.75	
1,699.92	Maori Division					2,718.51	
							\$10,565.64

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND **BALANCE SHEET**

At 30/6/75

Capital:		
Balance 1/7/75	41,379.47	
Add Transfers from Interest	821.15	
Add Transfers from Income	2,125.12	
41,379.47		44,325.74
Depreciation Reserve:		
Balance 1/7/75	25,555.55	
Add Transfers from Interest	1,083.24	
Add Transfers from Income	550.00	
25,555.55		27,188.79
Maintenance Reserve:		
Balance 1/7/75	3,717.94	
Add Transfers from Interest	138.28	
Add Transfers from Income	300.00	
3,717.94		4,156.22
2,549.88	I.F.B. Distribution	4,070.26
849.95	Development Division Distribution	381.75
1,699.92	Maori Division	2,718.51
		7,170.52
		\$82,841.27
Represented by—Current Assets:		
12,160.64	Balance at Bank	28,255.28
Fixed Assets:		
28,433.66	Land and Buildings	28,433.66
Investments:		
	Mortgage G. A. Gribble	9,800.00
	A.S.B. Account 1/8466	1,283.78
	P.O. Savings Bank Account 816209	68.55
	Harbour Bridge Authority 28/2/79	5,000.00
	A.R.A. 1/9/80	5,000.00
	Debenture 30/10/80	5,000.00
30,058.66		26,152.33
		\$82,841.27

We have examined the books and records of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions as at that date.

16th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 1/7/75 TO 30/6/76

	\$	\$	\$
Balance at Bank 1/7/75	18,105.94		
		18,105.94	
Plus Income:			
Board Meetings and Conferences	8,468.56		
Connexional Budget	57,166.00		
Interest and Dividends etc.	12,707.64		
Car Payment	500.00		
Donations	1,573.85		
Grant Grey Institute Trust	4,000.00		
Hymn and Service Books	36.60		
I. F. Wallis Estate	612.87		
Library	0.40		
Printing and Stationery	2.00		
Postages	213.50		
Rents	72.00		
Tumuaki's Car	38.07		
" Travel	157.00		
" Telephone	184.73		
Car Licence	26.25		
Miscellaneous	1,771.25		
		87,530.72	
			105,636.66
Less Expenditure:			
Stipends and Compensation Levy	58,479.10		
Circuit Travelling	8,076.13		
Cars (Deaconesses)	901.55		
Rent	2,104.00		
		69,560.78	
Administration:			
Tumuaki's Stipend, Allowance, Rent	5,349.00		
" Travel	741.21		
" Telephone	220.13		
" Car	50.07		
Audit Fee	120.00		
Board Meetings and Conferences	103.72		
Circuit Payments	200.00		
Equipment—Maintenance	49.54		
Interest	2.60		
Miscellaneous	2,362.97		
Office Cleaning	157.06		
Equipment—Purchased	38.13		
Office Expenses	101.96		
Office Salaries	4,169.02		
Rates	269.91		
Parking	20.00		
Printing and Stationery	413.69		
Postage	305.52		
Publicity	7.50		
Refunded Creditor	10.08		
Superannuation	945.73		
Telephone	379.44		
		16,017.28	
			85,578.06
Balance at Bank 30/6/76	18,003.60		
Plus Budget Payment	2,055.00		
			20,058.60
			\$105,636.66

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1976

At 30/6/75

Accumulated Funds	15,521.30	
Less Deficit	156.84	
	<u>15,364.46</u>	
Reserves and Other Funds:		
Cars, Capital Receipts	7,393.95	
Christian Education Material	957.49	
Hymn and Service Books	1,917.98	
History	96.15	
	<u>10,365.57</u>	
Less, Travel—Overseas Reserve	1,030.00	
Loan	538.51	
	<u>1,568.51</u>	
		<u>8,797.06</u>
\$25,660.85		\$24,161.52
Represented by—		
Current Assets:		
Balance at Bank, B.N.Z.	18,003.60	
Plus Budget Payment	2,055.00	
Auckland Savings Bank	56.80	
Sundry Debtors	200.00	
	<u>20,315.40</u>	
Fixed Assets:		
Office Equipment	346.96	
Motor Vehicles	3,499.16	
	<u>3,846.12</u>	
\$25,660.85		\$24,161.52

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Maori Division, and in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions as at that date.

16th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

**METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
SEAMER HOUSE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1/7/75 TO 30/6/76**

30/6/75	Bank Overdraft 30/6/75	1,123.85	DR	
	Receipts:			
	Boarding Fees	10,801.15		
	Subsidy Ex Maori Affairs	10,648.95		
	Sundry Donations	350.00		
				<u>21,800.10</u>
\$10,087.45				\$14,676.27
	Payments:			
	Audit	60.00		
	Accident Compensation Levy	17.92		
	Boarding House Licence	30.00		
	Cleaning and Laundry	381.51		
	Debtors	33.24		
	Income Tax	20.18		
	Interest	541.41		
	Insurance	3.91		
	Light, Power and Water	815.33		
	Maintenance Buildings & Equipment	94.90		
	Salaries	3,133.50		
	Miscellaneous and Sundries	43.67		
	Provisions	5,467.86		
	Rates	861.33		
	Superannuation	43.70		
	Telephone	199.71		
	Wages	2,492.10		
17,210.75				<u>14,240.27</u>
	Surplus			\$436.00

**METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
SEAMER HOUSE
BALANCE SHEET**

		\$	\$	\$
30/6/1975	Reserves and Surplus Reserves:			
	Piano Fund	44.35		
	A. J. Seamer Prize	8.00		
52.35			52.35	
6,818.13	Accumulated Funds	6,818.13	DR	
	Less Maori Affairs Grant including Surplus	7,559.83		
				<u>741.70</u>
	Total Reserves and Surplus Represented by			\$794.05
	Current Assets:			
50.00	Cash on Hand	150.00		
64.62	Monograms	64.62		
			214.62	
	Fixed Assets			
58.34	Furnishing Fund	58.34		
94.39	Television Set	94.39		
			152.73	
7,123.30	O/D Cash at Bank, BNZ 30/6/76	426.70		
			426.70	
				\$794.05

We have examined the books and records of the Maori Division—Seamer House Hostel and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions as at that date.

16th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

Asset	Book Value at 31/3/75	Additions	Total	Depreciation Rate	Claimed Amount	Book Value at 31/3/76
Polishers (2)	414		414	10% DV	41	373
Slicer	303		303	10% DV	30	273
Typewriter (1)	58		58	20% DV	10	48
Heaters	31		31	10% DV	3	28
Washing Machines (2)	211		211	10% DV	28	183
Garage		877	877	4% CP	35	842
	<u>\$1,017</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>1,894</u>		<u>147</u>	<u>1,747</u>

**TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976**

1975							
20,124	Board Receipts	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	18,417.89
139	Donations	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	264.00
55	Interest Received	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1.13
176	Recreation Fees	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
20,494							18,683.02
—	Less Expenses:						
—	Accident Compensation Levy	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	56.80
—	Audit Fee	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	119.15
16	Fire Prevention	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	60.94
11,590	Foodstuffs and Provisions	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	12,424.92
2,408	Fuel and Power	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,832.54
288	General Expenses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200.82
844	Interest and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	135.92
896	Linen Hire	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,098.27
722	Rates	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	95.20
2,392	Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,469.21
12	Sports Equipment	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
233	Telephone and Tolls	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	188.82
6,928	Wages and Allowances	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	8,338.98
26,379							26,021.57
5,885	Cash Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	7,338.55
120	Depreciation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	147.00
6,005	Net Deficit for Year	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	7,485.55
492	Reimbursement Previous Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	6,374.81
\$5,513	Net Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	\$1,110.74

**TE RAHUI (TANE) METHODIST MAORI CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976**

1975							
—	Current Assets:						
—	Cash on Hand	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	10.00
492	Deficit Payment Due	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
492							10.00
—	Less Current Liabilities:						
2,756	Bank	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,668.82
962	Sundry Creditors	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,407.85
1,000	Advance Methodist Maori Division	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,000.00
							6,076.67
4,226	Working Capital—Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	6,066.67
1,017	Fixed Assets—as per Schedule	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,747.00
\$3,209							\$4,319.67
—	Represented by:						
—	Accumulated Funds:						
—	Balance 1st April, 1975	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	3,208.93
—	Net Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,110.74
\$3,209							\$4,319.67

We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Te Rahui (T) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31st March, 1976, from the books, accounts and vouchers supplied. In so far as can be established from these records as at 31st March, 1976.

Hamilton, 3rd June, 1976.

McKEAN, MALINS, YOUNG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1/7/75 TO 30/6/76

					\$	\$	\$
Bank Balance as at 30/6/75					63,027.43	63,027.43	
Receipts:							
Connexional Budget					86,981.00	86,981.00	
Interest and Dividends					15,951.32		
Donations					4,619.00	20,570.32	
Working Capital Fund					5,158.42		
Building and Special Projects					11,395.99		
Pacific Projects					6,837.59	23,392.00	
Calendars					43.95		
Donnelly Fund					120.00		
General Secretary's Travel (N.Z.)					172.00		
General Secretary's Travel (Overseas)					1,120.46		
General Secretary's Car					52.66		
General Secretary's Car Capital					5,209.78		
General Secretary's Residence					83.80		
Gifts and Grants for Transfer					23,813.91		
Legacy					2,500.00		
Investments					43,430.00		
Insurance					35.15		
Loans Repaid					84,190.30		
Literary and Publicity					7.50		
Mortgage Repayments					96.00		
Miscellaneous					584.94		
Office Salaries					8,375.64		
Office Expenses					19.52		
Open Door Sales					20.80		
Postage and Advertising					186.10		
Printing and Stationery					512.69		
Refunded Expenses					1,518.34		
Subscriptions					19.75		
Telephones					259.46		
U. Church Staff Allowances					2,560.85CR		
Tonga					1,033.79		
U. Church Exchange					2.68		
U. Church N.P.F. Subsidy					309.75	171,158.12	
							\$365,128.87
Less Payments:							
United Church—General Grant					54,999.96		
Staff					9,177.46		
Medical					2,200.00		
Exchange					2,404.80		
Devaluation					8,423.55		
Fares					3,092.27		
Freight					633.56		
N.Z. Allowance					23,444.54		
Deferred Stipend					3,494.60		
N.P.F. Subsidy					530.56		
Furniture Allowance					1,096.00		
Dr Scown Support					3,600.00	113,097.30	
Administration:							
General Secretary Stipend and Allowance					5,658.00		
Travel (N.Z.)					978.45		
Travel (Overseas)					2,674.80		
Car Expenses					397.71		
Car Capital					750.00		
Motor Cycle—Capital					1,683.70		
Motor Cycle—Expenses					464.91		
Residence					537.83	13,145.40	

Office Expenses:

Audit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	680.00	
Accident Compensation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	69.85	
Car Park	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	25.00	
Conferences	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	50.00	
Deputation and Publicity	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	362.87	
Donations	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	452.50	
Equipment Repairs	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	70.86	
Gifts and Grants	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	23,179.38	
Interest	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	229.85	
Investments	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	50,930.00	
Tax	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	538.20	
Miscellaneous	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	400.82	
Office Salaries	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	16,139.47	
Office Expenses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	354.59	
Postage and Advertising	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	997.10	
Printing and Stationery	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,425.18	
Publicity	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	5.44	
Rent and Rates	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	299.91	
Refunded Expenses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,061.20	
Sickness and Accident	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	315.52CR	
Subscription	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	76.00	
Superannuation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	424.09	
Telephones	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	580.34	
							98,037.13
Pacific Projects	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	6,343.06	
Building and Special Projects	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	10,000.00	
							16,343.06
McKenzie Debtor	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	188.44CR	
Skelton Debtor	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	124.44CR	
							312.88CR
Donnelly Fund	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,096.33	
							1,096.33
Office Equipment	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	38.13	
							38.13
Investments	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	90,000.00	
							90,000.00
Keightley Trust	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	495.93	
Samoa	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,030.25	
Munda	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	6,172.73	
Tonga	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	6,855.41	
							15,058.39
Balance at Bank 30/6/76	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****		346,998.79
Budget	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****		15,003.08
							3,127.00
							\$365,128.87

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1976

					\$	\$	\$
CAPITAL RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS:							
Part I Capital Funds:							
Working Capital Funds 30/6/75					70,874.41		
Add Legacies etc.					3,539.42	74,413.83	
Medical Fund					92,000.00	92,000.00	
Trust Funds:							
E. M. Rishworth					500.00		
A. Woodnutt					2,000.00		
Vanes Bequest					937.97	3,437.97	
Part II Replacement Funds:							
General Secretary's Residence					4,641.77		
Add Appropriations					600.00	5,241.77	
General Secretary's Motor-cycle					3,139.33	3,139.33	
Office Equipment Fund					200.00	200.00	
Part III Expendable Funds:							
Vanes Bequest					460.54		
Discretionary Fund					232.85		
Solomon Isle History Reserve					180.62	874.01	
Pacific Projects 30/6/75					8,799.54		
Add Legacies etc.					6,837.59		
					15,637.13		
Less Expenditure					9,495.76	6,141.37	
Sickness and Accidents 30/6/75					5,623.35		
Add Contributions					658.72		
					6,282.07		
Less Benefits					343.20	5,938.87	
Building and Special Projects 30/6/75					23,187.57		
Add Legacies etc.					11,395.99		
					34,583.56		
Less Expenditure					15,250.00	19,333.56	
Accumulated Funds 30/6/75					47,671.16		
Less Deficit for Year					30,858.03	16,813.13	
Total Capital Reserves and Trust Funds						\$227,533.84	
Represented by—							
Current Assets:							
Bank B.N.Z.					15,003.08		
Plus Budget Payment					3,127.00		
Bank—Sydney					373.93		
Sundry Debtors					1,317.03	19,821.04	

Fixed Assets:

Office Equipment					1,535.36	
General Secretary's Residence					42,475.89	
General Secretary's Motor Cycle					1,849.81	
Spa, Central Mission					19,907.09	
					<u>65,768.15</u>	

Investments:

Mortgage (Eason)					1,004.00	
Prince Albert Trust and Woodnutt					7,862.69	
Vanes Bequest A.S.B.					423.43	
Debenture (Short Term)					7,500.00	
Astley Holdings					2,820.60	
Auckland Gas Company					2,933.00	
C.S.R. Ltd.					2,800.00	
Farmers Trading Co. Ltd.					845.40	
Henderson & Pollard Ltd.					3,364.14	
New Zealand Insurance					3,300.00	
Wattie Industries Ltd.					2,442.50	
Winstones					400.00	
					<u>35,695.76</u>	

Debentures:

Auckland Gas Company					4,619.99	
Auckland Hospital Board					14,000.00	
Methodist Central Mission					500.00	
Watties Ltd					1,100.00	
Broadlands Ltd.					90,000.00	
					<u>110,219.99</u>	

Total Assets

231,504.94

Less Current Liabilities:

Loan at Call					3,600.00	
Sundry Creditors					156.70	
Tonga					214.40	
					<u>3,971.10</u>	

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\$227,533.84

We have examined the books and records of the Overseas Division and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions, as at that date.

24th August, 1976.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,

Auditors.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1976

\$				\$			
1,194	To Balance 1/7/75	—	—	712.59	1,024	By Advertising	—
39	Bank of N.S.W. Interest	—	—	51.84		Butterworths	726.00
	Connexional Budget:					N.Z. Charity Gazette	96.00
	1974/75	—	670.00		10	By Tolls	—
	1974/75	—	142.00	812.00	224	By N.Z.M.S.S.A. Executive (travel-	—
1,630						ling expenses)	—
	N.Z.M.S.S.A. Levies:				3,480	General Purposes Trust Board	225.00
	1975/76	—	785.00			(A. E. Orr Memorial Fund)	
	1976/77	—	700.00	1,485.00		Auckland Central Mission	1,000.00
925						Dunedin Central Mission	
	Auckland Central Mission:					(Interest on Investment \$5,000 at	
2,000	(A. E. Orr Fund)	1,000.00				9%)	418.57
300	Christchurch Central Mission					Other Interest Credited to Trust	
	Dunedin Central Mission:					Board Accounts	838.18
	(Interest on Investment \$5,000 at		418.56	1,418.56			2,256.75
	9%)					Stationery—Receipt Book, Stencils,	
	(Interest on Debenture Stock					etc.	33.89
	Repayable 1977)					D. B. Gordon Travelling Expenses to	
	Interest on Funds held by General					Church Council	81.80
	Purposes Trust Board:						
	General Deposit Account	—	396.82			Credit Balance 30 June 1976	1,892.57
	Orr Memorial Training	—	441.36				5,318.17
			<u>\$5,318.17</u>				

8th November, 1976.

Certified Correct.
W. D. SQUIRE, A.C.A., Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1976

ASSETS				LIABILITIES			
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Bank of N.S.W. Current Account	—	—	1,892.57	Everill Orr Fund	—	—	12,096.30
Everill Orr Fund Investments Cr Purposes:				Accumulated Funds	—	—	1,892.57
Deposit at 30/6/75	—	—	4,951.76				
Plus Additional Interest 30/6/75	—	—	58.64				
Plus Interest 30/6/76	—	—	338.18				
			5,348.58				
Training Fund:							
Dunedin Central Mission:							
Debenture Stock Repayable 1977	—	—	5,000.00				
Balance of Training Fund including Interest and Deposit 1976-77	....	....	1,747.72				
			6,747.72				
			<u>\$13,988.87</u>				<u>\$13,988.87</u>

8th November, 1976.

Certified Correct.
W. D. SQUIRE, A.C.A., Auditor.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976

SCHEDULE 1

1975									
359,978	Accumulated Funds:								
26,296	Balance 1st April, 1975	.....	.....	.....	.....			386,274	
	Appropriations to Capital	.....	.....	.....	.....			84,800	
<u>\$386,274</u>								<u>\$471,074</u>	
	REPRESENTED BY—								
	Current Assets:								
8,138	Cash and Bank Accounts	.....	.....	.....	.....			8,849	
3,659	Sundry Debtors	.....	.....	.....	.....			5,196	
87,965	Short Term Investments	.....	.....	.....	.....			101,287	
<u>99,762</u>								<u>115,332</u>	
3,692	Current Liabilities:								
	Sundry Creditors	.....	.....	.....	.....			10,366	
<u>96,070</u>								<u>104,966</u>	
259,698	Working Capital	.....	.....	.....	.....			11,900	
	Fixed Assets—Schedule 5	.....	.....	.....	.....			335,602	
	Investments:								
12,000	Mortgages	.....	.....	.....	.....			22,300	
22,200	Agreements for Sale and Purchase	.....	.....	.....	.....			11,900	
2,706	Shares—Astley Holdings Ltd.	.....	.....	.....	.....			2,706	
<u>36,906</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>			
<u>30,506</u>								<u>30,506</u>	
<u>\$386,274</u>								<u>\$471,074</u>	

The notes on Schedule 6 are to be read in conjunction with these accounts.

AUDIT REPORT

We have examined the books and accounts of the Auckland Methodist Children's Homes Board for the year ended 31st March, 1976, and in our opinion the accompanying income and expenditure accounts and the above balance sheet are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Board's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Board.

GREGORY & MILLAR, Chartered Accountants.

SCHEDULE 2

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	Wesleydale Property Expenses:						
60	Power	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	35
642	Repairs and Maintenance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	238
1,397	Rates	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
—	Telephone	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
267	General Expenses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	294
627	Depreciation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,000
434	Grounds	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	25
267	Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	—
321	Land Tax	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	315
							<hr/>
4,015							1,907
—	Pitt Street—Rent	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	200
5,860	Total Property Expenses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	4,732
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19,308	Total Expenditure	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	22,935
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\$6,103	Deficit	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	\$5,416
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SCHEDULE 3

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SCHEDULE 4

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**AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD
DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE 31st MARCH, 1976**

SCHEDULE 5

	Balance	Additions	Sales	Profit	Depreci- ation	Balance
Land Epsom	21,000		1,920			19,080
Mt. Albert	13,114		3,325			9,789
Manurewa	3,734					3,734
Sunnynook	10,730					10,730
Titirangi	9,024					9,024
Ventura Street	1,088					1,088
Buildings Mt. Roskill	122,838					122,838
Mt. Roskill	20,586					20,586
Manurewa	38,563					38,563
Sunnynook	3,507	76,096				79,603
Office	4,233					4,233
Titirangi (plans only)		595				595
Ventura St. (plans only)		595				595
Plant and Furniture	7,452	132	50		745	6,789
Sunnynook		2,767			277	2,490
Manurewa	1,844	236			208	1,872
Dominion Road	138		300	162		—
Mowers	133				133	—
Vehicles:						
Austin Maxi	3,645				365	3,280
J4 Van	835				122	713
	<u>\$262,464</u>	<u>\$80,421</u>	<u>\$5,595</u>	<u>\$162</u>	<u>\$1,850</u>	<u>\$335,602</u>

**AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976**

SCHEDULE 6

GENERAL STATEMENT:

The general accounting principles of the New Zealand Society of Accountants' Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 1 for the measurement and reporting of profit are used in the preparation of these accounts. The policies are unchanged as compared to 1975 except that depreciation is now provided on a straight line basis.

DEPRECIATION:

In previous years furniture and plant have been depreciated at rates approved by the Commissioner of Taxes on a diminishing value basis. As from this year the net book value of furniture and plant at 31st March, 1975, has been depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years. Buildings are not depreciated.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

Architects' Fees on proposed Family Homes.

BUILDING SUBSIDIES:

Subsidies from the Social Welfare Department towards the cost of Sunnynook Family Home have been added to Capital. The total cost of the building \$79,602 is shown on the Schedule of Assets.

WESLEYDALE:

Architects' Fees for the proposed development of the Wesleydale site have been written off against rents received.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
1975			1976	1975			1976
\$			\$	\$			\$
16,193	Salaries and Superannuation	—	22,510	1,090	Methodist Church Budget	—	71
7,182	House Stores and Expenses	—	9,600	699	Donations	—	238
2,554	Repairs and Maintenance	—	2,450	11,917	Maintenance	—	12,132
2,744	Draperies and Clothing	—	3,842	1,274	Social Security Benefit	—	1,620
27	Advertising	—	34	7,735	Government Capitation	—	7,553
40	Auditor's Honorarium	—	65	2,500	Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	—	3,000
84	Fares of Children	—	268	700	J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	—	700
37	General Expenses	—	93	150	Masterston Trust Lands Trust	—	200
1,685	Heating and Lighting	—	2,212	1,082	Income from Estates	—	1,098
204	Insurance	—	490	4,098	Interest	—	4,088
4	Interest	—	16	7,000	Wellington Methodist Endowments Board	—	—
1,057	Motor Car Allowance and Expenses	—	1,432	—	Share of Income	—	11,000
1,840	Manager's Disbursements	—	2,485	—	Farm Proceeds	—	—
—	Optical, Dental and Medical Fees	—	43	75	Joan Watson and Gloria Joseph Trust	—	—
87	Postages and Telephones	—	300	38,320			41,700
93	Rates	—	108	159	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	10,885
—	Removal Expenses (Staff)	—	—				
579	Recreational Expenses	—	1,109				
500	Secretary's Honorarium	—	2,000				
478	Stationery and School Requisites	—	688				
125	Subscription—N.Z.M.S.S.A.	—	50				
—	Staff Training	—	72				
193	Travelling Expenses	—	12				
2,000	Social Workers—Central Districts M.S.S.A.	—	2,000				
773	Depreciation—Plant, Furniture and Vehicle	—	706				
38,479			52,585				
—	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—				
\$38,479			\$52,585	\$38,479			\$52,585

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1976

1975					1976					
\$					\$					
Current Liabilities:					Current Assets:					
9,898	Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	2,526	Bank of N.Z. Current Account	—	3,774		
—	Accrued Wages	—	—	—	369	Sundry Debtors	—	1,985		
9,898	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			—	2,895	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			—	
600	Special Funds:				—	Investments:				
	Furnishing	—	—	—	90,181	Held by Wellington Board	—	—	71,865	
	Capital: Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities				Fixed Assets:					
	Balance 30/6/75	—	—	88,583	Land and Buildings (vested in Wellington Board)					
	Legacies Est. M. F. Ryan	—	—	100	Furniture and Plant at 30/6/76					
				88,683	Additions					
				10,885						
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—			Depreciation					
88,583	BALANCE OF CAPITAL 30/6/76			—	77,798					
					Holden Station Wagon at 30/6/75					
					Depreciation					
					3,364	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			—	
\$99,081				\$80,693	\$99,081				3,069	
									\$80,693	

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH. 1976

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1975		Harewood	Barrington	1976 Total	1975		1976
\$					\$		\$
1,675	Administration Charges	1,425	250	1,675		Maintenance Fees:	
105	Advertising for Staff	151		151	28,149	Capitation Subsidies	32,214
8,399	Board Payments	13,239		13,239	12,894	Department of Social Welfare	14,729
214	Grounds Expenses	650	18	668	10,365	Parents Contributions	14,230
908	Cleaning	786	1	787	6,167	Family Benefits	6,908
1,755	Clothing and Drapery	3,137	15	3,152			
8,776	House Supplies	7,767	2,749	10,516	57,575		68,081
926	Insurances	804	102	906	3,115	Connexional Budget	325
4,373	Power, Light and Heat	5,674	756	6,430		McKenzie Trust Grant	500
17	Music Lessons				6,000	Combined Homes Appeal	4,500
203	Medical Supplies and Costs	254	63	317		Combined Homes Appeal ex Investment	
1,698	Miscellaneous Expenses	452	90	542		Board	2,407
835	Pocket Money	1,290	208	1,498	10	Hyman Marks Trust Grant	15
764	Rates	2,538	113	2,651	768	Donations—Cash	1,449
1,340	Repairs and Maintenance	1,668	1,288	2,956	381	Donations—In Kind	2,366
33,911	Salaries and Wages	40,680	3,726	44,406			3,815
193	School Requisites	274	64	339		Grants from S.I. Orphanage Investment	
	Sports Ground Equipment	100		100		Board	8,000
582	Stationery and General	512	7	519	249	Interest Received	53
1,255	Telephone	768	86	854	794	Rent Received	2,704
143	Tolls	120	4	124	1,005	1974 Fair Proceeds	
1,077	Vehicle Costs and Travelling	1,635	7	1,642		Fire Insurance Claim—1975 Storm	300
130	Replacement of Utensils	120	3	123			
					69,897		90,700
69,279		84,045	9,550	93,595	3,860	Excess Expenditure over Income Transferred to Appropriation Account	7,310
4,478	Depreciation	3,646	769	4,415			
\$73,757		\$87,691	\$10,319	\$98,010	\$73,757		\$98,010

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED, 31st MARCH, 1976

\$3,860	Deficit Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	\$7,310	\$3,860	Balance Transferred to Accumulated Funds	\$7,310
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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976

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1975 \$			1976 \$		1975 \$			1976 \$	
—	Current Liabilities:					Current Assets:			
	Bank of New Zealand	—	66		7,510	Bank of New Zealand	—	—	
3,792	Sundry Creditors	—	3,082		85	Cash in Hand	—	185	
426	Surplus from Jubilee Fund	—	426		384	P.O. Savings Bank	—	395	
					5,549	Sundry Debtors, Capitation	—	5,581	
4,218				3,574		Sundry Debtors, Central Mis-	—		
	Capital and Reserves:					sion Rent	—	2,567	
20,125	Capital	—	20,125		723	Payments in Advance	—	23	
	Accumulated Funds:								
157,275	Balance at 31st March, 1975	153,414			14,251				8,751
3,860	Less Balance from Appropri-					Fixed Assets:			
	ation Account	7,310			15,569	Harewood Road—Land	15,569		
					4,375	Barrington Street—Land	4,375		
153,415			146,104					19,944	
	Reserves:					Harewood Road—Home	106,008		
775	Renovations	—	775			Less Depreciation	2,120		
2,500	Development Fund	—	2,500		106,008			103,888	
						Harewood Road—Dwelling	881		
3,275			3,275			Less Depreciation	22		
			169,504		881			859	
						Harewood Road—Furnishings	10,140		
						Plus Additions	1,995		
								12,135	
								35	
								12,100	
								1,210	
									10,890

		Barrington Street Home	—	25,806	
		Less Depreciation	—	516	
	25,806				25,290
		Barrington Street Furnishings	—	2,531	
		Less Depreciation	—	253	
	2,531				2,278
		Tools	—	256	
		Less Depreciation	—	51	
	256				205
		Commer Van	—	1,216	
		Less Depreciation	—	243	
	1,216				973
					164,327
<u>\$181,033</u>	<u>\$173,078</u>	<u>\$181,033</u>			<u>\$173,078</u>

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.
N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.
W. R. LAWS, Treasurer.

We have examined the books of account and records of the South Island Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 31st March, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOUGH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1976

1975 \$				1976 \$				1975 \$				1976 \$
23	Expenses and Commission	—	—	(Cr.) 0.20				161	Interest Received:			
—	Grants to Children's Home	—	—	8,000.00				6,266	Bank of New Zealand	—	—	459.88
6,404	Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred to Capital Account	—	—	—				—	Mortgages, Debentures, Local Body Stock and Other	—	—	7,192.11
								—	Excess Expenditure over Income Transferred to Capital Account	—	—	347.81
<u>\$6,427</u>				<u>\$7,999.80</u>				<u>\$6,427</u>				<u>\$7,999.80</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1976

Capital:					Current Assets:				
87,088	Balance at 31/3/75	—	—	96,954.99	3,353	Bank of New Zealand	—	—	7,119.57
3,463	Add Legacies Received	—	—	40,187.27	137	P.O. Savings Bank	—	—	141.28
6,404	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	1,069	Accrued Interest	—	—	1,208.08
				137,142.26	487	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—
—	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	—	—	347.81	5,046				8,468.93
<u>96,955</u>				<u>136,794.45</u>	19,527	Local Body Stock	—	—	8,000.00
2,407	Reserves:				1,000	Preference Shares (Legacy)	—	—	1,000.00
	Ch.Ch. Combined Homes Appeal	—	—	—	4,000	Debentures	—	—	4,000.00
					1,500	Loan to Papanui Church Trust	—	—	1,500.00
					40,324	Mortgages	—	—	40,000.00
					16,658	Other Interest Bearing Invest.	—	—	61,648.31
					83,009				116,148.31
					11,307	Deposit—General Purposes Trust	—	—	12,177.21
<u>\$99,362</u>				<u>\$136,794.45</u>	<u>\$99,362</u>				<u>\$136,794.45</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the South Island Orphanage Investment Board for the year ended 31st March, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.
N. P. ALCORN, Secretary.
W. R. LAWS, Treasurer.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
69	Accident Compensation	98.18		Appropriations for Administration	
—	Cleaning	473.88		Charges:	
109	Insurance	73.72	7,500	Supernumerary and Allied Funds	8,500.00
150	Interest	225.00	7,500	General Purposes Trust	8,500.00
126	Lighting and Heating	136.63	7,500	Fire Insurance Fund	8,500.00
2,209	Office Rent	3,506.78	5,500	Church Building and Loan Fund	6,500.00
213	Repairs to Equipment	130.16	1,000	Transport Trust Board	1,000.00
30,951	Salaries, Wages and Superannuation Subsidy	46,549.23	1,675	South Island Children's Home	1,675.00
147	Staff Recruitment and Advertising	907.71	30,675		34,675.00
1,578	Stationery, General Expenses and Audit Fee	3,795.25	6,640	Connexional Budget	10,640.00
923	Telephone, P.O. Box and Postages	1,184.26	10	Board Room Rent	19.00
1	Travel Expenses	518.94	33	Bank Interest	79.90
453	Depreciation—Equipment, Furnishings and Renovations	1,108.00	92	Sundry Income, Commission, etc.	112.57
	House Property Account:		—	Rent Received—House Property	326.66
41	Insurance	39.92	—	One-third Share of Income from Thordon Property (31/1/76)	3,434.00
116	Repairs	80.60		Transfer from Salaries Fluctuation and Maintenance Reserve:	
232	Rates	319.39		Appropriation of one-third share of Income from Thordon Property:	
109	Depreciation on House furnishings	99.00		Year Ended 1974	3,082.00
23	Excess Income over Expenditure	538.91		Year Ended 1975	3,082.00
					6,164.00
				Excess Expenditure over Income	3,795.52
\$37,450		\$59,246.65	\$37,450		\$59,246.65

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975			1976				
\$			\$		\$		\$
6,164	Transfer to Salaries Fluctuation and				928	Balance at 30th June, 1975	950.69
	Maintenance Reserve				23	Excess Income over Expenditure	—
—	Excess Expenditure over Income		3,795.52		6,164	One-third Share of Income of Thorndon Pro-	—
951	Balance at 30th June, 1975					perty (31st January, 1976)	—
					—	Balance at 30th June, 1976	2,844.83
<u>\$7,115</u>			<u>\$3,795.52</u>		<u>\$7,115</u>		<u>\$3,795.52</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, CONNEXIONAL OFFICE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

1975 \$		\$	1976 \$	1975 \$		\$	1976 \$
	Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:		
—	Bank of N.Z. Ltd.—Current A/c.	1,985.80		545	Bank of N.Z. Ltd.—Current A/c.	—	
2,131	Sundry Creditors	7,447.06		6,164	Bank of N.Z. Ltd.—Reserve A/c.	—	
—	Removal Fund	1,961.21		50	Cash on Hand	50.00	
2,131			11,394.07	1,401	Sundry Debtors	7,387.95	
	Deposits Held for Other Trusts:			214	N.A.C. Bulkair Account	—	
80	North Canterbury Sites Trust	—	127.68	6	P.O.S.B. (Removal Fund)	—	
	Loans:			2,490	Removal Fund	—	
3,000	General Purposes Trust (General)	3,000.00					7,437.95
2,000	General Purposes Trust (Loan for Removal Fund)	5,000.00		10,870			
					Fixed Assets:		
5,000			8,000.00	5,243	House Property, 17 Merivale Lane	5,243.24	
6,164	Salaries Fluctuation and Maintenance Reserve	6,164.00		1,096	House Furniture	986.60	
—	Less Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	6,164.00		—109	Less Depreciation	—99.00	
6,164			—	987			887.60
	Capital Account:			2,479	Office Furnishings	2,232.00	
6,870	Balance at 30th June, 1975	6,870.49		—	Additions	1,192.40	
951	Less Appropriation Account	—2,844.83		2,479		3,424.40	
7,821	Balance at 30th June, 1976	4,025.83		—247	Less Depreciation	—342.00	
				2,232			3,082.40
				1,480	Office Equipment	1,863.80	
				590	Additions	717.05	
				2,070		2,580.85	
				—	Less Sale of Cabinet	—15.00	
				—			

		2,070		2,565.85	
		<u>—206</u>	Less Depreciation	<u>—256.00</u>	
		1,864			2,309.85
		<u>—</u>	Office Renovations	<u>—5,096.37</u>	
			Less Depreciation	<u>—510.00</u>	
					<u>4,586.37</u>
		<u>10,326</u>			<u>16,109.46</u>
<u>\$21,196</u>	<u>\$23,547.41</u>	<u>\$21,196</u>			<u>\$23,547.41</u>
Note: House Property, 17 Merivale Lane, Govt. Valuation \$33,300.					

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Board of Management, Connexional Office, for the year ended 30th June, 1976, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Board of Management's affairs as at that date.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976**

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
13,631	Removal Cost Paid — — —	9,824.99	12,000	Grant from Connexional Budget — — —	14,000.00
—1,528	Less Reimbursement Received — — —	—493.25	278	Excess Expenditure over Income — — —	—
12,103		9,331.74			
110	Loan Interest — — —	150.00			
65	Stationery, General Expenses and — — —				
—	Audit Fee — — —	67.19			
—	Excess Income over Expenditure — — —	4,451.07			
\$12,278		\$14,000.00	\$12,278		\$14,000.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
710	Sundry Creditors — — —	—	6	Post Office Savings Bank — — —	—
2,000	Loans: General Purposes Trust Board — — —	5,000.00	214	Deposit with Board of Management — — —	6,961.21
			2,490	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra) — — —	—
(2,212)	Accumulated Funds: Balance at 30 June, 1975 Deficit — — —	2,489.86			
(278)	Add Excess Expenditure over Income — — —	—			
(2,490)	Less Income and Expenditure Account — — —	4,451.07			
		1,961.21			
\$2,710		\$6,961.21	\$2,710		\$6,961.21

Analysis of Removals by Fund:	No.	Cost	Average	1974/75	Average
North Island Changes — — — — —	20	\$3,660.76	\$183	\$218	
South Island Changes — — — — —	4	\$717.80	\$179	\$176	
Inter Island Changes — — — — —	9	\$5,446.43	\$609	\$493	

Refunds:	
Received from Union Parish—North Island — — — — —	1
Grant Winstone Fund—North Island — — — — —	1
	\$225.00
	\$268.25

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Removal Expenses Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1976, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Fund's affairs as at that date.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman, Board of Management, Connexional Office. W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

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ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976											
—	Balance as at 1/2/75	—	—	—	723.26	232	Balance as at 1/2/74	—	—	—	—
955	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	—	—	—	506.59	723	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	—	1,229.85
955					\$1,229.85	955					\$1,229.85

4,928	Capital as at 1/2/75	—	—	5,378.63	4,655	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	—	—	—	5,371.20
450	Add Donation	—	—	1,222.42						
5,378				6,601.05						
—723	Less Accumulated Revenue Account			1,229.85						
\$4,655				\$5,371.20	\$4,655					\$5,371.20

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
	Charges:			Fund Contributions:	
5,518	Administration Charges — — —	5,590.00	39,373	Personal Contributions — — —	78,753.80
1,189	Stationery, General Expenses and			Subsidies:	
	Audit Fee — — —	1,260.98	54,785	From Connexional Budget — — —	71,150.70
			4,750	From Other Agencies and	
6,707				Individuals — — —	10,358.55
	Interest Paid:	6,850.98			
18,810	Allied Funds — — —	22,581.92	98,908		160,263.05
1,026	Other Interest — — —	1,718.02	162	Commission Earned — — —	150.00
19,836		24,299.94		Investment Income:	
	Fund Disbursements:		5,502	Bank and Other Deposit Interest	7,162.13
44,689	Annuities — — —	58,199.08	6,793	Local Body Stock and Debenture	
2,860	Furniture Grants — — —	5,660.00		Interest — — —	7,674.30
4,355	Refunds of Contributions — — —	—	19,073	Mortgage Interest — — —	21,958.43
				Less Allowance re Earth-	
51,904		63,859.08		quake and War Dam-	
88,252	Transferred to Balance Sheet — — —	145,894.88		age Insurance — — —	124.76
			6,492	Company Dividends and Other	21,833.67
				Company Interest — — —	8,765.60
			37,860		45,435.70

			Property Income:	
			Epworth Chambers—	
	29,193		Rent —	33,599.25
	<u>—16,373</u>		Less Expenses —	<u>18,092.35</u>
	12,820			15,506.90
			Century Property—	
	8,700		Rent —	9,050.00
	<u>—15</u>		Less Expenses —	<u>—</u>
	<u>—2,400</u>		Less Interest —	<u>2,550.00</u>
	6,285			6,500.00
	20,500		Papatoetoe Property—	
			Rent —	20,499.96
	<u>—991</u>		Less:	
	<u>—8,845</u>		Expenses 1,145.71	
			Interest 6,305.02	
				<u>7,450.73</u>
	10,664			13,049.23
	<u>29,769</u>			<u>35,056.13</u>
	<u>\$166,699</u>	<u>\$240,904.88</u>	<u>\$166,699</u>	<u>\$240,904.88</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
8,807	Sundry Creditors — — —	11,790.00	1,154	Bank of N.Z. (Current Account)	69,426.42
1,981	Morley House — — —	—	30,000	Bank of N.Z. (Term Deposit) —	60,000.00
414	Subscriptions—Prepaid — — —	—	49,003	Discounted Bills — — —	108,031.46
109	Subsidy — — —	—	1,081	Subscription—Due — — —	9,371.40
				Subsidy — — —	3,875.70
11,311		11,790.00	7,435	Interest Accrued — — —	7,130.28
	Deposits by Allied Funds:		8,267	Sundry Debtors — — —	2,381.56
4,655	Benevolent Fund — — —	5,371.20			
121,551	Home Acquisition Fund — — —	165,236.41	96,940		260,216.82
7,789	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	10,341.50		Investments:	
23,482	Lay Workers Retiring Fund — — —	30,783.23	21,371	Local Body Stocks — — —	17,073.00
20,541	Deferred Stipend Fund — — —	22,226.59	77,070	Debentures — — —	54,288.39
75,807	Deaconess Retiring Fund — — —	69,568.53	269,100	First Mortgages — — —	245,235.44
—	Retired Ministerial Housing Fund	32,241.49	99,312	Company Shares and Convertible Notes — — —	102,852.20
253,825		335,768.95	10,000	Insurance Co. Group Investments	—
	Term Loan:		10,000	Perpetual Trustees — — —	—
30,000	Century Property Mortgage — — —	—	486,853		419,449.03
	Mission and Others — — —	30,000.00		Properties:	
	Other Loans:		201,001	Papatoetoe Property at Cost (1970)	201,000.80
50,000	General Purposes Trust Board—	—	87,310	Century Property at Cost (1968)	87,310.32
112,650	Morley House Loan — — —	50,000.00		Add Additions during year — — —	8,554.20
	General Purposes Trust Board—	—			95,864.52
10,000	Papatoetoe Property Loan — — —	52,650.00	213,080	Epworth Chambers at Valuation, (1966) plus subsequent additions at Cost — — —	213,080.29
	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund —Papatoetoe Property Loan —	10,000.00		Morley House Property at Cost (1973)	50,000.00
172,650		112,650.00	58,095	Add Architect Fees	2,000.00
	Accumulated Funds, Reserve and Special Funds:			Rates and Interest on Loan to Date — — —	11,884.33
	Provisions and Reserves:				63,884.33
10,000	Investment Fluctuation Reserve —	10,000.00		Less Rent to date	190.00
3,000	Provision for Building Maintenance — — —	3,000.00			
13,000		13,000.00			
15,109	Special Fund for Widows' Benefits	12,335.46			
200	Add Donations — — —	—			
1,026	Add Interest — — —	925.16			

16,335			13,260.62			63,694.33
—4,000	Less Payments	—	—		559,486	573,639.94
12,335				13,260.62	4,500	
4,500	Special \$150,000 Appeal:—					
—	Retirement Housing Fund	—	27,226.80		\$150,000 Appeal Fund:	
	Less Special Grants to Supernumeraries on Retirement	—	—16,980.00		Grants Made in Advance	—
4,500				10,246.80		
584,413	Accumulated Funds:					
599	Balance as at 1/2/75	650,157.24				
88,252	Add Capital Profit on sale of Shares	—				
	Add Transfer from Revenue Account	145,894.88				
673,264		796,052.12				
—23,106	Less Annuities Compounded	—69,462.70				
			726,589.42			
650,158			726,589.42			
\$1,147,779			\$1,253,305.79	\$1,147,779		\$1,253,305.79

Notes:

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible Notes at Balance Date amounted to \$114,344.73.
2. Government Valuation of Properties held:—

	Capital Value	Improvements	Unimproved Value
Epworth Chambers, 1974	375,000	163,000	212,000
Century Property, 1974	160,000	90,500	69,500
Morley House, 1974	93,000	3,000	90,000
Papatoetoe, 1974	328,000	162,000	166,000
	\$956,000		

3. Bank Balance needed for commutation early February, 1976, \$65,400.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.
Christchurch, 24th August, 1976.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975				1976				1975				1976
\$				\$				\$				\$
6,394	Funds Withdrawn	—	—	—	12,509.08			100,967	Balance as at 1/2/75	—	—	118,884.84
305	Subsidies Forfeited	—	—	—	—			4,902	Contributions:			
118,885	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	—	159,832.52			8,761	Personal Subscriptions	—	—	17,817.61
									Personal Additional Amounts paid			
									into Fund	—	—	9,585.46
								3,376	Subsidies	—	—	27,403.07
								7,578	Interest on Accounts	—	—	17,002.96
												9,050.73
<u>\$125,584</u>					<u>\$172,341.60</u>			<u>\$125,584</u>				<u>\$172,341.60</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR YENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

7,578	Interest Allowed to Contributors	—	—	9,050.73	8,528	Interest Earned	—	—	—	—	11,450.00
578	Administration	—	—	659.00							
90	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	99.00							
282	Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred										
	to Accumulated Revenue	—	—	1,641.27							
<u>\$8,528</u>				<u>\$11,450.00</u>	<u>\$8,528</u>						<u>\$11,450.00</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,337	Balance at 31/1/76	2,978.79	1,055	Balance as at 1/2/75	1,337.52
			282	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	1,641.27
<u>\$1,337</u>		<u>\$2,978.79</u>	<u>\$1,337</u>		<u>\$2,978.79</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

1,238	Fire Insurance Subsidy Balance	2,335.34	121,550	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	165,236.40
118,885	Contributors Account	159,832.52			
	Accumulated Funds:				
90	Capital as at 1/2/75	89.75			
1,337	Accumulated Revenue	2,978.79			
		<u>3,068.54</u>			
<u>\$121,550</u>		<u>\$165,236.40</u>	<u>\$121,550</u>		<u>\$165,236.40</u>

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquisition Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 25th August, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975				1976				1975				1976
\$				\$				\$				\$
9,586	Contribution and Interest Withdrawn	—	—	16,481.35				65,569	Balance as at 1/2/75	—	—	66,362.64
66,363	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	59,012.33					Contributions:			
								1,148	Personal	—	—	2,473.38
								2,942	Subsidy	—	—	2,583.60
												5,056.98
								5,013	Interest Allowed	—	—	4,074.06
								1,277	Bonus Allowed	—	—	—
<u>\$75,949</u>				<u>\$75,493.68</u>				<u>\$75,949</u>				<u>\$75,493.68</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

5,013	Interest Allowed	—	—	—	—	4,074.06	5,796	Interest Earned	—	—	—	5,064.00
747	Administration Charge	—	—	—	—	851.50	543	Income Mabel Morley Trust	—	—	—	182.63
108	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	118.80						
471	Balance to Accumulated Revenue	—	—	—	—	202.27						
<u>\$6,339</u>						<u>\$5,246.63</u>						<u>\$5,246.63</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1,277	Bonus Allowed	—	—	—	—	—	1,608	Balance as at 1/2/75	—	—	—	801.51
802	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	—	—	1,003.78	471	Transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c.	—	—	—	202.27
<u>\$2,079</u>						<u>\$1,003.78</u>	<u>\$2,079</u>					<u>\$1,003.78</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,456	Sundry Creditors — — —	2,265.52	75,807	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund — —	69,568.53
66,363	Contributors Account — — —	59,012.33			
107	Bonus Allocation—Balance No. 1 Account — — —	107.40			
650	Grants Allocation Account — —	650.00			
	Accumulated Funds:				
6,429	Capital as at 31/1/75 — —	6,429.50			
—	Add Donation to Capital — —	100.00			
		<u>6,529.50</u>			
802	Add Accumulated Revenue A/c.	1,003.78			
		<u>7,533.28</u>			
7,231					
<u>\$75,807</u>		<u>\$69,568.53</u>	<u>\$75,807</u>		<u>\$69,568.53</u>

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the Books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deaconess Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 25th August, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975					1976					1975					1976
\$					\$					\$					\$
9,494	Funds Withdrawn	—	—	—	3,039.18					11,793	Balance as at 1/2/75	—	—		7,749.10
7,749	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	—	10,885.81						Contributions:				
										2,023	Personal	—	—	—	2,644.31
										2,380	Subsidy from Connexional Budget	—	—	—	2,851.75
										1,017	Interest Allowed	—	—	—	5,496.06
															679.83
<u>\$17,213</u>					<u>\$13,924.99</u>					<u>\$17,213</u>					<u>\$13,924.99</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1,017	Interest Allowed to Contributors	—	—	—	679.83	;	1,086	Interest Earned	—	—	—	—	—	—	668.00
65	Administration Charges	—	—	—	74.00		20	Excess Expenditure over Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	112.33
24	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	26.50										
<u>\$1,106</u>					<u>\$780.33</u>		<u>\$1,106</u>								<u>\$780.33</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

20	Transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c.	—	—	—	112.33		87	Balance at 1/2/75	—	—	—	—	—	—	67.52
67	Balance as at 31/1/75	—	—	—	—		—	Balance as at 31/1/76	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.81
<u>\$87</u>					<u>\$112.33</u>		<u>\$87</u>								<u>\$112.33</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

7,749	Contributors Account	—	—	10,885.81	1,088	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	—	1,559.67
	Accumulated Fund:				7,789	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	—	—	—	—	10,341.50
1,060	Capital as at 1/2/75	—	—	1,060.17							
68	Less Accumulated Revenue A/c.			44.81							
				<u>1,015.36</u>							
<u>\$8,877</u>				<u>\$11,901.17</u>	<u>\$8,877</u>						<u>\$11,901.17</u>

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Missionaries Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 25th August, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1,430	Interest Paid	—	—	—	—	1,730.44	1,443	Interest Received	—	—	—	—	2,079.00
93	Administration Charges	—	—	—	—	106.00	104	Balance from Accumulated Revenue Account	—	—	—	—	—
24	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	26.40							
—	Balance to Accumulated Revenue Account	—	—	—	—	216.16							
<u>\$1,547</u>						<u>\$2,079.00</u>	<u>\$1,547</u>						<u>\$2,079.00</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY,— 1976

1975		1976		1975		1976
\$		\$		\$		\$
231	Bonus	—	—	582	Balance as at 1/2/75	—
104	Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	—	—	—	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	246.67
247	Balance at 31/1/76	—	—			216.16
		462.83				
\$582		\$462.83		\$582		\$462.83

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

1,049	Sundry Creditors	—	—	831.83	23,482	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	—	—	30,783.23
21,756	Contributors Account	—	—	29,058.57					
	Accumulated Funds:								
430	Capital Account as at 1/2/76	—	430.00						
247	Add Accumulated Revenue	—	462.83						
677			892.83						
\$23,482			\$30,783.23		\$23,482				\$30,783.23

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers' Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 25th August, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEFERRED STIPEND FUND
DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975		1976		1975		1976	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
5,982	Funds Withdrawn	5,234.49		19,075	Balance as at 1/2/75	20,591.21	
20,591	Balance as at 31/1/76	22,305.50		5,922	Deposits	5,303.82	
				1,576	Interest Allowed	1,644.96	
\$26,573		\$27,539.99		\$26,573		\$27,539.99	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1,576	Interest Allowed to Depositors	1,644.96		1,577	Interest Earned	1,736.00	
82	Administration Charges	93.50		105	Balance Transferred from Accumulated Revenue	28.86	
24	Stationery and General Expenses	26.40					
\$1,682		\$1,764.86		\$1,682		\$1,764.86	

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

—	Balance as at 1/2/75	50.05		55	Balance as at 1/2/74	—	
105	Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	28.86		50	Balance as at 31/1/76	78.91	
\$105		\$78.91		\$105		\$78.91	

BALANCE SHEET

20,591	Contributors' Deposits	22,305.50		20,541	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	22,226.59	
				50	Accumulated Revenue	78.91	
\$20,591		\$22,305.50		\$20,591		\$22,305.50	

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1976. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 25th August, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975 \$		1976 \$		1975 \$		1976 \$
109,817	Interest Allowed to Trusts and Depositors	—	99,921		Interest Earned:	
7,500	Administration Charges	—	8,500	16,608	Local Body Stock and Company	
1,064	Stationery and General Expenses	—	795		Debentures	12,918
2,035	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	5,891	46,541	Mortgages	43,707
				25,559	Loans	12,074
				10,281	Bank and Other Interest	1,368
				19,720	Greenock House Property Interest	37,665
				118,709		107,732
				145	Commissions	128
				1,562	Dividends	1,734
				—	Greenock House Rents	5,513
<u>\$120,416</u>		<u>\$115,107</u>		<u>\$120,416</u>		<u>\$115,107</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

2,000	Transfer to General Reserve	—	2,000	2,036	Nett Income for Year	—	5,891
1,584	Provision for Grant to Supernumerary and Allied Funds	—	1,946	1,169	Interest on Greenock House Property:		
1,584	Balance Transferred to Capital Account	—	11,309	1,963	1972-3	—	—
				—	1973-4	—	—
					Rents from Thorndon Property and Greenock House Property from July 1972 to 30th June 1975	—	9,364
<u>\$5,168</u>		<u>\$15,255</u>		<u>\$5,168</u>			<u>\$15,255</u>

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

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1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
32,805	Sundry Creditors — — —	2,694	29,545	Bank of N.Z.—Current Account — —	4,281
1,583	Provision for Grants to Supernumerary and Allied Funds — — —	1,946	10,000	Guardian Trust — — —	—
			28,000	N.Z. Insurance Co. Group Fund — —	—
34,388		4,640	—	Bills of Exchange — — —	37,089
	Short Term Deposits:		12,500	Other Short Term Deposits — — —	—
8,429	Church Sites Fund — — —	8,429	10,248	Sundry Loans to Connexional Funds — —	13,138
10,019	Church Building and Loan Fund — —	—	788	Sundry Debtors — — —	1,301
567	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund — —	567	13,406	Interest Accrued — — —	7,884
11,590	S.I. Children's Home Investment Fund — —	11,590			
			104,487		63,693
30,605		20,586		Investments and Loans:	
4,094	Loan—Walters' Farm Trust:	3,864	642,751	First Mortgages — — —	512,859
	Home Mission Department — — —		112,650	Loan—Supernumerary Fund — — —	52,650
	Other Liabilities:		50,000	(Papatoetoe property)	
1,289,289	Sundry Church and Other Deposits — —	1,132,505		Loan—Supernumerary Fund — — —	50,000
26,500	Depositors Holding Specific Invest. — —	39,200	29,028	(Special Loan)	
			6,000	Sundry Loans to Church Trusts — —	31,520
1,315,789		1,171,705	131,810	Loan to Walters' Trust — — —	6,000
	Trusts Administered by General Purposes Trust Board:		77,739	Local Body Stock — — —	116,948
183,655	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund — — —	188,012	18,000	Debentures in Public Companies — —	67,804
123,371	Sundry Other Trusts — — —	169,948	22,045	Debentures—Dunedin Central Mission — —	12,000
			26,500	Shares in Public Companies — — —	22,045
307,026		357,960		Specific Assets Held for Trusts — —	39,200
			1,116,523		911,026

Accumulated Funds and Reserves:						
12,104	Accumulated Funds at 30/6/75	—	13,738	442,680	Wellington Property Development—	
50	Add Donations Received	—	—		Greenock House	569,133
1,584	Add Balance from Appropriation A/c.	—	11,309	27,800	Loans to Transport Trust Board:	
					Winstone Fund, Methven and General	27,800
13,738			25,047	20,150	Walters' Trust:	
6,000	General Reserve	—	8,000		Additional Land—at Cost	20,150
19,738						
			33,047			
\$1,711,640			\$1,591,802	\$1,711,640		\$1,591,802

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 Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1976. 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 30th June, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 10th September, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975		\$	1976		1975		1976
\$			\$		\$		\$
	Conference Travel:				27,500	Connexional Budget Payments	25,893.00
1,238	Equalisation Fund	1,201.20			882	Conference Arrangements and Collections	—
1,859	Official Representatives, Ordinands etc.	2,407.26			35	Synod Collections	—
					317	Sales of Printed Matter	1,869.64
					93	Interest Received	134.22
					—	Excess Expenditure over Income	2,354.50
3,097			3,608.46				
	Conference Printing and General Expenses:						
3,646	Conference Agendas	4,738.40					
4,499	Conference Minutes	5,008.50					
216	Station Sheets	279.70					
5	Ordinands Bibles	37.60					
423	Secretarial Platform and Other Expenses	599.74					
118	J.C.C.U. Report	138.65					
45	Conference Letterheads	53.62					
8,952			10,856.21				
	Connexional Payments:						
70	President's Travel and Expenses	50.50					
88	Hood and Photograph	—					
150	Allowance	—					
440	Vice-President's Expenses	543.01					
159	General	—					
10	Ecumenical Committee	—					
917			593.51				
	Connexional Printing:						
160	Confirmation Certificates	186.84					
169	Membership Cards	195.70					
329			382.54				
	Connexional and J.C.C.U. Committees:						
675	District Payments	2,449.70					
2,123	Paid Direct by Fund	1,779.29					
2,798			4,228.99				

6,561	District Expenses	---	---	---	6,418.62
1,227	Synod Expenses	---	---	---	1,028.76
1,382	Church Council	---	---	---	1,366.15

Grants:

136	Study and Book Grants	---	---	---	---
100	Sundry Committee Grants	---	---	---	---

236					
—220	Less Amount Held for World Methodist Council	---	---	---	---

16					
13	General Expenses, Stationery, Postage and Audit Fee	---	---	---	577.86
138	Interest Paid	---	---	---	385.35

Special Committee on Investment Board and Finance Manager's Expenses:

249	General Expenses	---	---	341.21	
350	Travelling Expenses	---	---	463.70	

599					804.91
2,798	Excess of Income over Expenditure				—

\$28,827				\$30,251.36	
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\$28,827

\$30,251.36

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:	
—	Sundry Creditors —	316.25	4,717	Bank of New Zealand —	2,865.96
296	Board of Management, Con- nexional Office —	—	2,617	Sundry Debtors —	2,182.00
		316.25		Board of Management, Con- nexional Office —	1,092.43
	Loan:				
5,138	General Purposes Trust Board —	5,138.00			
	Balances Due to District Synods:				
688	Northland —	794.21	7,334	Balances Due from District Synods:	
57	Auckland —	440.03	311	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu —	282.97
107	Waikato-Bay of Plenty —	337.45	81	North Canterbury —	—
586	Taranaki-Wanganui —	320.26			
471	Wellington —	568.87	392		282.97
58	Nelson —	—	796	Deficit Balance of Fund (per Contra)	3,150.27
—	North Canterbury —	41.43			
725	South Canterbury —	942.10			
396	Otago-Southland —	675.03			
3,088		4,119.38			
	Accumulated Fund:				
—3,593	Deficit Balance at 1st July, 1975	795.77			
2,797	Excess Income over Expenditure	—			
—	Add Excess Expenditure over Income —	2,354.50			
—796	Deficit Balance at 30th June, 1976 per Contra —	3,150.27			
\$8,522		\$9,573.63	\$8,522		\$9,573.63

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1976, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Contingent Fund as at this date.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976**

1975		1976		1975		1976
\$		\$		\$		\$
7,500	Administration Charges	8,500		22,402	Net Commissions Earned before charging	
965	Stationery and General Expenses	695			Cost of Reinsurance borne by Fund	23,351
—	Audit Fee 1975	350			Interest Earnings:	
—	Audit Fee 1976	350		588	Bank and Deposits	833
—	Provision for Rebate	5,051		2,524	Loans to Churches and Departments	2,253
26,115	Profit for year before charging cost of Reinsurance borne by Fund	22,322		716	Local Body Stocks	539
				8,350	Mortgages	10,292
				12,178		13,917
\$34,580		\$37,268		\$34,580		\$37,268

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1976

430	2,800	Transfer to Capital	—	—	—	2,800	—144	Balance at 31/5/75	—	—	—	1,916
		Cost of Reinsurance Borne by Fund:					26,115	Profit for Year	—	—	—	22,322
		—Public Liability										
	333	Camps and Retreats	—	—	255							
	2,213	Churches, Halls, Preaching Places and Parsonages	—	—	2,213							
	307	Money Insurance	—	—	307							
	100	Employers Liability	—	—	—							
	2,953				2,775							
	—1,697	Less 1974 Refund	—	—	—							
	1,256				2,775							
	20,000	Provision for Grants	—	—	17,000							
	1,915	Balance Carried Forward	—	—	1,663							
	\$25,971				\$24,238			\$25,971				\$24,238

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MAY, 1976**

1975 \$			1976 \$	1975 \$			1976 \$
	Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:		
45,398	Sums Due to Reinsurers	—	30,525	79,166	Cash at Bank	—	—
2,135	Sundry Creditors	—	600	29,692	Premiums from Trusts Due to Fund	—	68,544
—	Bank Overdraft	—	11,806	—	Less Provision for Rebate	—	—5,051
							63,493
47,533	Total Current Liabilities	—	42,931	—	Sundry Debtors	—	320
20,000	Provision for Grants	—	17,000	1,689	Accrued Interest	—	2,600
21,305	Unearned Commission	—	23,487	5,087	Short Term Deposits	—	—
	Reserves:						
600	Doubtful Debts Reserve	—	600	115,634	Total Current Assets	—	66,413
3,118	Natural Calamities Fund	—	3,118	97,781	Investments:		
8,109	Investment Contingency Reserve	—	8,109		Mortgages (including contributory mortgages)	—	127,500
				39,876	Loans to Churches and Trusts	—	58,053
11,827	Total Reserves	—	11,827	10,153	Local Body Stock	—	8,607
	Accumulated Funds:			147,810	Total Investments	—	194,160
158,064	Balance 31/5/75	—	160,865				
2,800	Add Transfer from Appropriation A/c.	—	2,800				
160,864			163,665				
1,915	Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c.	—	1,663				
162,779	Accumulated Funds at 31/5/76	—	165,328				
\$263,444			\$260,573	\$263,444			\$260,573

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1976, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 15th September, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.
LOANS ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976**

1975					1976					1975					1976
\$					\$					\$					\$
66,092	Loans at 1/7/75	—	—	—	—	69,483				31,624	Loan Repayments	—	—	—	33,373
31,524	Loans Advanced	—	—	—	—	27,949				69,483	Balance at 30/6/76	—	—	—	67,548
3,491	Interest Charged	—	—	—	—	3,489									
<u>\$101,107</u>						<u>\$100,921</u>				<u>\$101,107</u>					<u>\$100,921</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1,000	Administration Charges	—	—	—	—	1,000				3,491	Interest Received	—	—	—	—	3,489
2,336	Interest Paid	—	—	—	—	2,307										
149	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	157										
<u>3,485</u>						<u>3,464</u>										
6	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	—	25										
<u>\$3,491</u>						<u>\$3,489</u>				<u>\$3,491</u>						<u>\$3,489</u>

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1976**

1975 \$			1976 \$	1975 \$					1976 \$
10,998	Current Liabilities:			69,483	Secured Advances	—	—	—	67,548
222	Bank of N.Z. Overdraft	—	12,027	—	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	44
	Sundry Creditors	—	177						
11,220			12,204						
26,000	Loans:								
1,800	General Purposes Trust	—	26,000						
1,000	General Purposes Trust (Methven)	—	1,800						
2,000	Wellington Methodist C. & E.E. Trust	—	1,000						
5,000	Wesley Social Services Trust	—	—						
1,000	Homes Mission and C.E.I. Fund	—	—						
10,000	Te Awamutu Trust	—	1,000						
	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	—	10,000						
46,800			39,800						
10,357	Accumulated Funds:								
1,000	Balance at 1/7/75	—	11,463						
100	Add Grant from Fire Insurance Fund	—	4,000						
6	Donation P. & E. F. Rushton	—	100						
	Memorial Trust	—	25						
	Net Income for Year	—	—						
11,463	Total Accumulated Funds at 30/6/76		15,588						
\$69,483			\$67,592	\$69,483					\$67,592

N. E. BROOKES, Chairman.
W. R. LAWS, General Secretary.

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Transport Trust Board Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1976. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Loans 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 Methodist Transport Trust Board Inc. as at 30th June, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Christchurch, 15th September, 1976.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT—FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
408,616	Payments to Departments and Funds	419,569	365,049	Contributions Received:	
8,982	Expenses Collected through Connexional Budget	10,876	37,509	Methodist Circuits	377,834
	and Refunded to Districts		9,506	Union Parishes—General	37,674
411	Stationery, Postage, Tolls, Travel and General	193		Retiring Fund	13,834
	Expenses		47,015		51,508
—	Excess of Income over Expenditure	52	412,064		429,342
				Refunds from Departments and Funds:	
			1,700	Deaconess Retiring Fund	1,220
			2,800	Supernumerary Fund	—252
				Home Missionaries Retiring	
				Fund	—720
					—972
			4,500		248
			818	Contributions for 1974-5 Received in	
				1975-6	855
			338	Bank Interest Received	245
			289	Excess of Expenditure over Income	—
<u>\$418,009</u>		<u>\$430,690</u>	<u>\$418,009</u>		<u>\$430,690</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:			
1,145	Payments in Advance—1976-7	—	146	11,228	Cash at Bank of N.Z.	—	10,357
25,257	Final Payments Due to District and Non-guaranteed Funds and Departs.	15,938		16,467	Payments Received After 30/6/76 for the 1975-76 year	—	7,071
26,402			16,084				
Accumulated Funds:							
1,582	Balance at 1/7/75	—	1,292				
—289	Add Balance from Income and Expenditure Account	—	52				
1,293			1,344				
\$27,695			\$17,428	\$27,695			\$17,428

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Budget for the year ended 30th June, 1976, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Connexional Budget as at this date.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

GENERAL ACCOUNT No. 1

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

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Note: Short Term Investment of \$4,500 matures 21/7/76.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE GENERAL ACCOUNT No. 2
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			\$				\$
Rent College Buildings Grafton	....	....	45,585.00	Rent of Staff Houses at St Johns	....	....	4,159.92
Deaconess Board Fees (1975)	....	....	497.34	Mortgage Investments (2)	....	....	20,000.00
Short Term Investments (matured)	....	....	78,919.14	Short Term Investments	....	....	79,319.14
Interest ex P.A.C.	....	....	3,977.52	Australian Conference 1976	....	....	300.00
ex B.N.Z.	....	....	45.35	Student Fees			
ex Mortgages	....	....	2,395.62	Balance 1975	....	....	981.00
ex Short Term Investments	....	....	943.81	1976	....	....	13,474.00
Transfer from House Account	....	....	4,600.00	Examination Fees	....	....	156.00
				Ordained Student (part)	....	....	2,000.00
							<u>16,611.00</u>
				Cheque Book	....	....	1.00
				Insurance Premiums 1975	....	....	980.09
				Insurance Premiums 1976	....	....	953.54
				Grant Continuing Education 1975	....	....	876.98
				Repairs at College—Grafton	....	....	196.94
				Valuation Fees	....	....	755.00
				Duplicating	....	....	7.56
				Carpeting—Ramage House	....	....	206.00
				Water Rates Grafton (part)	....	....	42.13
							<u>124,409.30</u>
Opening Balance 1/7/75	....	....	136,963.78	Bank Balance 30/6/76	....	....	13,053.24
			498.76				<u>\$137,462.54</u>
			<u>\$137,462.54</u>				

Note: Short Term Investment of \$5,000 matures 28/7/76.

HOUSE ACCOUNT

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HOUSE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1st July 1975 (corrected)	2,227.23
Less Excess Expenditure over Income	227.99
Cash Balance per Bank Account 30/6/76	\$1,999.24

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

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Mortgages (Secured)			
College Funds	35,166.68	
Staff and Student Bursaries	1,516.66	
			36,683.34
Shares in Companies (at cost)			
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	.....	5,400.00	
Carter Holt Hold.	.....	55.00	
I.C.I.	.....	162.20	
			5,617.20
Debentures (at cost)			
A.R.A.	.....	400.00	
Gorman Fund (A.R.A.)	.....	400.00	
Auckland Harbour Board	.....	200.00	
Methodist Central Mission	.....	500.00	
			1,500.00
			<u>\$930,229.41</u>

\$930,229.41

This is to certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council for the year ended 30th June, 1976 and have compared them with the above Balance Sheet and in my opinion, they correctly set out the position of the Council as at that date.

B. C. BAIN, B.Sc., B.Comm., A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.
17th August, 1976.

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND
WARDENS AND TRAINEES ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

Warden's Honorarium	\$ 150.00	Credit Balance Brought Forward 1/7/75	\$ 3,683.23
Wardens Expenses	100.00	Interest Received:—	
	250.00	National Bank of N.Z.	7.35
Trainees' Allowance, Board and Book Allowance	497.34	Prince Albert College Trust	205.48
Grant—D. Tana for Uniform	75.00	General Purposes Trust Board	3,576.62
Secretary—Stationery and Postage	20.00		3,789.45
Conference Representative Expenses	10.00		
Grant—Deaconess Association for Convocation			
Travelling Expenses	332.00		
	1,184.34		
Credit Balance 30/6/76	6,288.34		
	<u>\$7,472.68</u>		<u>\$7,472.68</u>

SPECIAL FUNDS
TRAINEES EMERGENCY FUND

Credit Balance 30/6/76	\$ 1,369.03	Balance 1/7/75	\$ 1,289.44
		Interest Received:—	
		National Bank of N.Z.	4.59
		Prince Albert College Trust	75.00
			79.59
	<u>\$1,369.03</u>		<u>\$1,369.03</u>

MAORI LIBRARY FUND

Balance 30/6/76	\$ 120.39	Balance 1/7/75	\$ 117.57
		Interest Received:—	
		National Bank of N.Z.	2.82
	<u>\$120.39</u>		<u>\$120.39</u>

LENNA BUTTON FUND

Grant—D. Tana	.....	\$	20.00	Balance 1/7/75	.....	\$	92.43
Balance 30/6/76	.....		85.07	Interest Received:			
				National Bank of N.Z.	.....	1.87	
				General Purposes Trust Board	.....	10.77	
							12.64
			\$105.07				\$105.07

EST. LILY WHITE

Balance 30/6/76	.....	\$	89.05	Balance 1/7/75	.....	86.95
				Interest Received:		
				National Bank of N.Z.	.....	2.10
			\$89.05			\$89.05

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1976

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		\$				\$	
Warden's and Trainees' Account	.....	6,288.34		National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	.....	3,951.88	
Trainees' Emergency Fund	.....	1,369.03		Deposits at 12 months call with Prince Albert College Trust	.....	4,000.00	
Maori Library Fund	.....	120.39		Deposit with General Purposes Trust Board	.....	41,666.67	
Lenna Button Fund	.....	85.07					
Est. Lily White	.....	89.05					
Accumulated Funds—Share of Proceeds Morley House	.....	41,666.67					
		\$49,618.55				\$49,618.55	

C. J. KEIGHTLEY, Chairman.
H. L. WILLIAMS, Acting Treasurer.

Audited and found correct—
A. TURNER, A.C.A.
8th July, 1976.

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1976

1975 \$		\$	1976 \$	1975 \$		\$	1976 \$
Capital Account:				Land, Buildings and Improvements:			
1,252,835	Balance at 1/2/1975	—	1,958,846.27	1,196,795	Paerata	—	1,318,511.02
2,447	Grafton Lease Conversions	—	244.00	547,721	Other Properties	—	628,822.92
123,823	Sales of Property Waikowhai	—	40,409.50				
5,500	Donations	—	10,750.00	1,744,516			1,947,333.94
550,943	Revaluation Paerata Buildings	—	86,857.33		Plant and Equipment:		
—	Bad Debts Recovered	—	313.18	45,655	Furniture and Equipment	—	52,906.95
27,825	Excess Income over Expenditure	—	33,050.89	13,460	Motor Vehicles	—	12,870.00
—	Sales of Property Grafton	—	133,838.00	1,315	Farm Machinery	—	3,310.00
1,963,373			2,264,309.17	60,430			69,086.95
Less				Stocks on Hand:			
4,527	Bad Debts—College Fees	—	—	15,678	Livestock	—	16,000.00
1,958,846				4,253	Produce and Sundries—College	—	6,090.81
				5,155	Farm	—	5,670.71
				25,086			27,761.52
Scholarship Funds:				General Investments:			
4,000	Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	—	4,000.00	1,280	Shares—Auckland Co-op. Milk	—	—
3,000	J. Stuart Caughey	—	3,000.00		Producers Limited	—	1,323.00
2,000	George Winstone	—	2,140.87	20,060	Bank of N.Z.—Current	—	40,025.61
2,000	Stephen James Ambury	—	2,000.00	25,000	Term Deposit	—	25,000.00
3,815	Kingswood	—	3,836.61	112,366	Southern Cross Building and	—	—
1,000	War Memorial (Maori)	—	1,000.00		Banking Society	—	147,894.68
500	Henry Wills Memorial	—	2,500.00	698	Savings Bank Accounts	—	1,208.12
3,974	General	—	1,973.76	79,658	Loans on Mortgage or Secured	—	178,108.10
5,823	Special Maori Appeal	—	1,448.00	50,000	Perpetual Trustees Estate and	—	—
—	Clothier Memorial	—	4,000.00		Agency Co. Limited	—	—
			25,899.24	289,062			393,559.51
Special Funds:				Scholarships and Special Funds			
7,475	College Swimming Pool Fund	—	7,475.16	Investments:			
500	Butland Bursary	—	—	1,750	Debentures	—	11,250.00
—	Secretaries Prize Fund	—	368.55	6,233	Loans on Mortgage	—	4,000.00
34,087				6,776	Public Company Shares	—	7,144.75
				565	Savings Bank Accounts	—	310.41
Sundry Creditors:							
	Loans on Mortgage—		33,742.95				

72,000	South British Guardian Trust	68,000.00	18,763	Southern Cross Building and	
50,000	Methodist General Purposes			Banking Society	11,037.79
	Trust Board	50,000.00	34,087		
70,924	Trade and Other Creditors	125,493.45		Sundry Debtors and Repayments	73,900.95
2,832	Undistributed Scholarship Income	2,840.25	35,508	Less Reserve for Bad Debts	1,000.00
					72,900.95
<u>195,756</u>		<u>246,333.70</u>			<u>72,900.95</u>
\$2,188,689		\$2,544,385.82	\$2,188,689		\$2,544,385.82

H. M. DENTON, Chairman.
Auckland, 25th March, 1976.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, General Secretary.

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1976

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1975 \$		1976 \$	1975 \$		1976 \$
INCOME—			EXPENDITURE—		
Farm Working Account:			College Working Account:		
64,515	Dairy Receipts	68,132.57	194,411	Salaries and Wages	248,656.39
3,883	Profit on Cattle	3,267.53	37,600	Provisions	41,250.09
64	Sale of Timber	1,500.00	23,627	Repairs and Maintenance	21,029.09
143	Interest	158.48	7,624	Fuel and Light	11,642.60
			5,829	Depreciation—Chattels	7,542.09
			14,671	Other Expenses	17,951.28
68,605		73,058.58			
	Less				
37,820	Working Expenses	38,889.61	283,762		348,071.54
1,685	Vehicle Expenses	2,925.02	227,923	Less Fees Charged	277,476.00
2,527	Repairs and Renewals	4,106.45			
2,084	Administration	1,532.59	55,839	Plus Fees Concessions to Staff	70,595.54
1,982	Standing Charges	2,345.80	2,664		1,800.00
1,785	Depreciation	2,117.15			
2,697	Develop. Expenditure	9,377.72	58,503		72,395.54
			2,615	Less Rent from Outside Organisa- tion and Staff	3,074.82
50,580		61,294.34			
18,025		11,764.24	55,888		69,320.72
	Maurice Harding Park:		15,070	College Beneficiary Work	20,632.00
8,870	Scoria and Metal		2,000	Wesley Scholarship	2,000.00
	Royalties	9,955.67	180	Depreciation Buildings and Improve.	
42,638	Rents	61,685.80	17,383	Administration and General Expenses	17,121.87
		71,641.47	27,825	Excess of Income over Expenditure	33,050.89
	Less—		\$118,346		\$142,125.48
191—	Rates	211.58		(Government Grants received and applied during the year against College payments as follows):	
3,507—	Repairs & Maintenance		1,413	Capital Items of Equipment and	
1,287—	Other Expenses	1,245.30		Library Books	1,430.19
			23,082	Revenue Items	27,206.19
		1,456.88	\$24,495		\$28,636.38
46,523		70,184.59	\$38	Balance Unexpended	\$130.97
	Waikowhai Park:				
11,884	Rents	11,723.18			
3,111—	Less Rates	2,673.29			
	Less Other Expenses				

		2,673.29	
8,773			9,049.89
	City Property Rents:		
1,751	Grafton	2,857.13	
1,223	Carlton Gore	2,196.98	
21,569	Interest	24,549.62	5,054.11
20,482	Investment Properties		
	Rents	21,523.03	
\$118,346			\$142,125.48

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 again decided not to charge depreciation for those buildings for the current year, this practice being first adopted last year for the 1975 Accounts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 notes 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, 1976, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Auckland, 30th April, 1976.

HUTCHISON, HULL & CO., Chartered Accountants.

**RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1976**

	1976	1975	1974
	\$	\$	\$
INCOME from Fees	19,626	16,333	19,470
Staff Board	522	522	136
Lease of Land	1,120	1,160	1,020
Grants—Grey Trust	4,500	4,500	4,750
—Kai Iwi	2,000	1,500	600
—Wellington Methodist C.E. & E.	7,000	—	2,750
—Methodist Women's Fellowship	464	—	—
Interest	1	2	2
Rent	252	378	366
Profit on Livestock	—	—	251
Miscellaneous Receipts	1	36	1
Bad Debts Recovered	215	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$35,701	\$24,431	\$29,346
LESS EXPENSES			
Administration	2,805	1,720	1,719
Bad Debts	—	1,728	—
Grounds Maintenance	92	156	153
Grounds Wages	290	1,477	2,143
Hostel Working Expenses	9,538	7,040	5,022
Hostel Wages	13,919	11,625	11,693
Provisions	8,374	8,339	8,776
Finance Charges	265	288	129
Depreciation	1,586	1,623	1,665
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$36,869	\$33,996	\$31,300
EXCESS EXPENDITURE transferred			
Accumulated Funds Account	\$1,168	\$9,565	\$1,954

**CANTEEN TRADING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1976**

	\$	\$	\$
SALES	1,423	1,375	1,578
Less Purchases—adjusted for unsold stocks on hand	1,322	1,260	1,384
PROFIT transferred to Recreation Fund	\$101	\$115	\$194

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1977

						1976 Actual (Subject to Audit)	1976 Budget
					\$	\$	\$
INCOME:							
Fees (35 Girls @ \$750)	....	....			26,250	19,626	19,250
Ground Lease	....	....			1,120	1,120	1,120
Grants: Grey Trust	....	....	4,500			4,500	
Kai Iwi	....	....	2,000			2,000	
Wgtn. C. & E.	.....	.....	4,000			7,000	
M.W.F.	....	....	400			465	
					10,900	13,965	7,850
Miscellaneous Income	....	....			250	468	300
TOTAL INCOME	....	....			\$38,520	\$35,179	\$28,520
EXPENDITURE:							
Administration	....	....			2,800	2,805	1,800
Ground Maintenance	....	....			100	92	180
Grounds Wages	....	....			300	290	1,900
Hostel Working Expenses	....	....			10,000	9,878	5,250
Hostel Wages (as for 1976)	....	....			13,100	13,057	12,500
Provisions	....	....			8,400	8,374	7,500
Financial Charges	....	....			250	265	150
Depreciation	....	....			1,600	1,586	1,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	....	....			\$36,550	\$36,347	\$30,880
EXCESS INCOME	....	....			\$1,970	\$1,168 (loss)	\$2,360 (loss)

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$	1974 \$
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank of New South Wales (Secured)	4,602.23	8,771.40	4,079.00
Matron's Imprest Account	—	315.75	—
Sundry Creditors	1,784.08	1,542.64	1,336.00
Students' Funds Held	1,228.42	1,113.29	950.00
Fees Paid in Advance	2,028.00	522.00	711.00
Ground Rent Received in Advance	—	—	100.00
	<u>9,642.73</u>	<u>12,265.08</u>	<u>7,176.00</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 1/7/75	108,517.08	118,082.04	120,036.00
Losses Transferred	1,168.37	9,564.96	1,954.00
	<u>107,348.71</u>	<u>108,517.08</u>	<u>118,082.00</u>
FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES			
Balance 1/7/75	1,433.97	1,176.88	1,350.00
Profit from Canteen	101.06	115.14	194.00
	<u>1,535.03</u>	<u>1,292.02</u>	<u>1,544.00</u>
Expended during the year	264.35	—	367.00
Received during the year	80.10	141.95	—
	<u>1,350.78</u>	<u>1,433.97</u>	<u>1,177.00</u>
	<u>\$118,342.22</u>	<u>\$122,216.13</u>	<u>\$126,435.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Canteen Stocks	395.88	503.62	374.00
Matron's Imprest Account	68.68	—	218.00
Cash on Hand	29.58	355.76	3.00
Fees Owning	940.00	1,188.00	5,946.00
Students' Accounts due to Board	82.85	375.22	948.00
Livestock on Hand	—	—	—
Grants Due	2,700.00	4,000.00	1,500.00
Prepayments	—	82.70	112.00
	<u>4,216.99</u>	<u>6,505.33</u>	<u>9,101.00</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Land	8,592.23	8,592.23	8,592.00
Furniture and Equipment	17,443.71	17,443.71	17,440.00
Less Depreciation	14,332.71	13,986.11	13,602.00
	<u>3,111.00</u>	<u>3,457.60</u>	<u>3,842.00</u>
Hostel Buildings	123,910.53	123,910.53	123,846.00
Additions	—	—	64.00
	<u>123,910.53</u>	<u>123,910.53</u>	<u>123,910.00</u>
Less Depreciation	21,488.53	20,249.53	19,010.00
	<u>102,422.00</u>	<u>103,661.00</u>	<u>104,900.00</u>
	<u>114,125.23</u>	<u>115,710.83</u>	<u>117,334.00</u>
	<u>\$118,342.22</u>	<u>\$122,216.13</u>	<u>\$126,435.00</u>

We have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD for the year ended 31st May, 1976 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 1976.

MORINE AND JAMES, Chartered Accountants, Auditors

NEW CITIZEN
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975		1976		1975		1976	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
6,604	Editor's Salary and Superannuation	7,657		9,117	Partners in Print and Donations	10,550	
619	Travel	297		17,660	Connexional Budget	20,009	
116	Payment to Contributors	25		796	Subscriptions	998	
2,852	Wages—Office Assistants	2,584		8,173	Advertising	8,701	
3,767	Wages—Assistant Editor	5,390					
300	Accountants Fees	400		35,746			
731	Rent	912		831	Excess Expenditure over Income	—	
2,329	General Expenses (Stationery, Postage and Phone)	1,956					
16,554	Printing Costs	15,733					
210	Photographs	252					
2,423	Distribution Costs	2,655					
72	Depreciation	76					
36,577		37,937					
	Excess Income over Expenditure	2,321					
\$36,577		\$40,258		\$36,577		\$40,258	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1976

3,295	Bank of New Zealand	585	4,061	Sundry Debtors	3,856
1,809	Sundry Creditors	2,041		Office Equipment—Costs	1,312
	Accumulated Funds:			LESS Depreciation	620
	Balance 1/7/75	399	644		692
Dr 399	LESS Surplus	2,321			
		1,922			
\$4,705		\$4,548	\$4,705		\$4,548

I have examined the books and vouchers of the New Citizen and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and in my opinion, according to the best of my knowledge and belief the Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account are properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the Boards affairs as at the 30th June, 1976, and of transactions for the year ended on that date.

R. THORNLEY, B.Com.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

1975		1976	1975		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
834	Stock of Booklets—1st July, 1975	876.63	2,070	Sale of Booklets	707.60
	Printing Booklets—		11	Interest—National Bank of N.Z.	
	Prayer Manuals — — —	151.00		Bank of New Zealand — —	23.45
	Holy Communion — — —	612.39	87	Investment Funds Board	82.84
	Alternative Baptism — — —	62.61			
	Alternative Holy Communion — —	81.62			106.29
1,527		907.62			
2,361		1,784.25			
877	Less: Stock of Booklets, 30/6/76	1,182.33			
1,484	Cost of Sales	601.92			
44	Advertising — — —	29.20			
29	Petty Cash, Stationery, Net Postage	12.47			
50	Travelling Expenses and Allowances	50.00			
10	Board Room Rent — — —				
11	Insurance — — —	9.70			
1,628		703.29			
540	Excess Income Over Expenditure for Year — — —	110.60			
\$2,168		\$813.89	\$2,168		\$813.89

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1976

3,866	Accumulated Funds:		772	Cash at Bank of New Zealand — — —	283.86
540	Balance as at 30/6/75 — —	4,405.92		Bank of N.Z.—Term Deposit — — —	500.00
	Plus Net Income for Year — —	110.60	2,336	Investment Funds Board—3 months call	2,419.34
4,406		4,516.52	302	Sundry Debtors — — —	12.00
			877	Stock of Booklets as per list — — —	1,182.33
			65	Typewriter at Cost — — —	65.00
			54	Filing Cabinet — — —	53.99
\$4,406		\$4,516.52	\$4,406		\$4,516.52

Audited and found correct:

R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

H. C. POMEROY, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Treasurer.

12th August, 1976.

CHAPLAINCY FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1976

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Balance 30/6/75	—	—	242.28	P.O. Tolls	—	—	12.93
Bank Interest	—	4.65		Expenses Senior Chaplain	—	—	20.00
	—	3.62		Grants to T.F. Chaplains:			
			8.27	M. L. Dine	—	—	10.00
				N. Waaka	—	—	10.00
				J. I. Manihera	—	—	10.00
				S. C. Grant	—	—	10.00
				Credit Balance National Bank	—	—	177.62
			<u>\$250.55</u>				<u>\$250.55</u>

J. B. McKINNEY, Treasurer.
L. E. M. GRACE, M.Com., A.C.A., Auditor.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1976

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
1975				\$	1975				\$
\$				\$	\$				\$
366.14	General Funds (Auckland Savings Bank 1/7/75)	—	—	—	2,062.95	Sundry Purchases:			
	Subscriptions					Waterview Booklets	—	—	101.80
30.50	Arrears	—	—	—		Colour Prints Kaeo Cairn	—	—	81.12
226.10	Current	—	—	—	3,354.06	Sundries	—	—	5.20
38.70	In Advance	—	—	—	2.50				
				69.00	68.51	Subscriptions	—	—	—
				193.75		Advertising	—	—	—
				30.00		Donations:			
					292.75	Symonds St. Cemetery Repairs	—	—	100.00
	Proceeds From Sales of:					Wesley Chapel London Preservation Fund	—	—	371.00
261.05	General Literature	—	—	—		N.Z. Historic Places Trust	—	—	29.50
1,105.56	4 Histories	—	—	—		N.Z. Alliance	—	—	15.00
3.80	Sundries	—	—	—	804.38				
				2.60					
	Donations:								
	Wesley Chapel Preservation Fund	—	—	—					
	N.Z. Historic Places Trust	—	—	—					
	N.Z. Alliance	—	—	—					
	Sundries	—	—	—					
				523.78					
				29.50					
				15.00					
				1.20					
616.30					569.48				
2,850.00	Subsidies and Grants	—	—	—					
—	Commission:								
	From Sales of "Young Kauri"	—	—	—					
53.73	Bank Interest	—	—	—					
3.05	Sundry Receipts	—	—	—					
				21.12					
				62.01					
				4.98					
\$5,554.76				\$3,817.67	\$5,554.76				\$3,817.67

NOTE: The Society holds stocks of Books on hand to the value of not less than \$2,500.00 (last year \$3,300.00) and Sundry Debtors at Balance Date amounted to Nil (last year \$195.32).

1st September, 1976.

KEITH H. LAWRY, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand) and in my opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the transactions of the Society for the year ended 30th June, 1976.

Auckland, 14th September, 1976.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., Hon Auditor.

Notes

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION 1976

Roll of Members, 9 September 1976

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TWELFTH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

The Joint Commission on Church Union in New Zealand submits this, its Twelfth Report to the Negotiating Churches, dated 9 September 1976.

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I. "IN A COMMON OBEDIENCE"

A. THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission met in Wesley Lounge, Wellington, on 2-3 June 1976. The Chairman, the Rev. A. K. Petch, presided, 33 members and proxies being present. The meeting was opened with worship in Wesley Church con-

ducted by Archbishop Johnston. At the Communion Service, the Rev. W. J. Morrison presided, being assisted by members of the Commission.

2. The Commission met in Church House, Wellington, on 17-18 August 1976. The Chairman presided, 31 members and proxies being present. The meeting was opened with worship in the Cathedral conducted by Bishop Norman. At the Communion Service, the Rev. J. A. Balchin presided, being assisted by members of the Commission.

B. THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive met on 11 November 1975, 19 February, 12 May, 28-29 June and 16 August 1976. It reported fully to the Commission.

C. THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised the Executive that he wished to relinquish the office to which he was appointed in May 1973 for a period of two years. The Executive reported to the June meeting that it had requested him to continue until the end of the August meeting and that he had agreed to do this.

At the conclusion of the August meeting the Commission recorded its appreciation of his service in this extended term, during which "Mr Petch has offered a steady, visionary chairmanship of a truly statesmanlike quality".

The Commission appointed the Rev. W. A. Best as Chairman.

D. PERSONAL

At the June meeting, the Commission recorded its deep regret at the death of the Right Rev. W. W. Robinson. The members acknowledged their thanksgiving for his life and service and their appreciation of his "distinctive contribution in his membership of the Commission".

E. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

At the June meeting, consideration was given to the membership of the Commission. It was agreed to approve in principle a reduction in the number of members appointed by the Churches. At the August meeting it was agreed "that the membership of the Commission be on the basis of Anglican seven, Churches of Christ five, Congregational one, Methodist six, and Presbyterian seven, together with the Chairman of the Maori Council".

II "INTO ONE CHURCH"

A. THE PROCESSES OF DECISION

1. The 11th Report (1975) p.3, in recording the decisions of Anglican Diocesan Synods regarding the proposal of the General Synod, March 1974, mentioned that the Christchurch Diocesan Synod was to meet in October. In the Christchurch Diocesan Synod, the motion was carried.

2. At the meeting of General Synod at Nelson, 2-7 May 1976, the resolutions passed included the following:

- i. That the Report of the Provincial Commission on Church Union be received.
- ii. That General Synod affirms that the unity of the Church is part of God's own gift and purpose for the Church and is fundamental to the nature of the Church which unity has been hindered by the sin of man, and that the task of the Church is always to give expression to that unity. It sees in the Act of Commitment an expression of the Church's desire to regain that unity which is God's gift to his Church in the words 'one Church according to his will'.
- iii. That General Synod affirms the Act of Commitment to seek a basis of union with the other Negotiating Churches.

- iv. In view of the fact that three dioceses have voted against the Plan for Union 1971 as the basis for union with the Negotiating Churches, (this General Synod) regretfully resolves that it cannot enter into union at this time.
- v. That General Synod accepts that the Negotiating Churches are part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, and recognises our ministries to be real ministries of the Word and Sacrament, given by Christ the Head of the Church.
- vi. That General Synod accepts that the way forward is that the Negotiating Churches should first work towards unification (or reconciliation) of their ministries.
- vii. That General Synod accepts the statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union as providing an adequate theological basis for such a unification (or reconciliation) of the ministries.
- viii. That General Synod accepts that such a unification (or reconciliation) of ministries should be understood as a preliminary step towards the organic union of the Negotiating Churches.
- ix. That General Synod affirms its acceptance of the Guidelines for Co-operating Parishes and further recommends that the Plan for Union be used as a resource material for co-operating ventures.
- x. That General Synod, recognising the special cultural needs of Maori Christians, encourages Anglican Maoris to develop a style of co-operation with Maoris of the Negotiating Churches appropriate to their circumstances.
- xi. That this General Synod informs the Joint Commission on Church Union that it is willing, if acceptable to the Negotiating Churches, to enter into a Covenant agreement to put into effect the proposals contained in the foregoing resolutions.
- xii. That any necessary legislation be prepared for the next Session of General Synod.

3. At its meeting on 2-3 June the Commission gave consideration to the decisions on the proposal to unite which had been made by the five Churches since the Plan for Union 1971 was submitted in that year. Each Convener reported on the meeting of his Church's Committee which had been held following the General Synod.

It was decided to set up two representative Committees:

- i. One centred on Auckland with Miss M. E. Brown as Convener, "to prepare for the JCCU a model for Covenant by which the present and developing relationships of the negotiating Churches might be expressed".
- ii. The other centred on Dunedin with the Right Rev. P. W. Mann as Convener, "to prepare material for the JCCU to submit to the Churches indicating a method and the means by which the ordained ministries of the various Churches might be reconciled in the fullest way".

These Committees prepared reports which were forwarded to Church Union Committees for consideration prior to the August meeting of the Commission.

4. The August meeting of the Commission was almost completely occupied by attention to these two reports on a Covenant and on Unification of the Ministries. On the basis of the material prepared, the Commission was able to approve a report which was prepared, reviewed and approved in the course of the meeting.

It was agreed as follows:

That the Commission adopts the Draft Covenant and the material relating to the unification of the ministries for the purpose of sending it

to its member Churches with the Commission's warm commendation and the hope that it may be found to meet the present needs of the Churches.

5. The Commission agreed that the report on the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministries be included in the 12th Report. It follows as Section II.B.

B. THE COVENANT AND THE UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRIES

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At the General Synod in May 1976, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, while it was unable to accept the Plan for Union, agreed to a number of resolutions relating to the unity of the Church. These included the following:

That General Synod accepts that the negotiating churches are part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, and recognises our ministries to be real ministries of the Word and Sacrament, given by Christ the Head of the Church.

That General Synod accepts that the way forward is that the Negotiating Churches should first work towards unification (or reconciliation) of their ministries.

That General Synod accepts the statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union as providing an adequate theological basis for such a unification (or reconciliation) of the ministries.

That General Synod accepts that such a unification (or reconciliation) of ministries should be understood as a preliminary step towards the organic union of the Negotiating Churches.

That this his General Synod informs the Joint Commission on Church Union that it is willing, if acceptable to the Negotiating Churches, to enter into a covenant agreement to put into effect the proposals contained in the foregoing . . .

2. As a result, representative Committees centred on Auckland and Dunedin were set up by the JCCU which then devoted a full meeting to considering the significance of the Synod resolutions. From these meetings a number of recommendations for the Churches were agreed on.

Prominent and basic among these was the draft of a Covenant agreement among the Churches. In the Covenant we state the position to which we have moved since the Act of Commitment 1967. Then we commit ourselves to immediate action in the unification of ministries and we declare our intention with regard to continuing action.

3. The Commission agreed as follows:

- i. That the JCCU recommends to the Churches that following their constitutional acceptance of the Covenant there be a national and representative Service. At this the Churches will formally enter the Covenant and there will be the initial Act of Unification of the Ministries.
- ii. The JCCU further recommends that regional Services follow, in which there would be both thanksgiving for the Covenant and further Acts of Unification of the Ministries.
- iii. The JCCU recommends that the Covenant be featured in local Services—possibly at joint Services—on a Sunday soon after the national Service.

II. THE COVENANT

COVENANT BETWEEN
THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW ZEALAND
THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW ZEALAND
THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW ZEALAND
THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Recognising the compulsion of the Holy Spirit towards unity, confessing our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and renewing our will to better serve his mission in the world, we acknowledge that our several Churches since entering into the Act of Commitment 1967 have been brought into a new relationship.

Part I Our Present Position

1. In "The Faith We Affirm Together" we are already at one in understanding and confessing our faith centred in Jesus Christ.
2. We recognise the actions of our Churches in making possible a freedom to join together in Holy Communion, opening up new possibilities of worship and fellowship.
3. We have commenced sharing such resources as land and buildings, theological education and training, christian education, social services, chaplaincies in hospitals, universities and prisons, and qualified people in an increasing number of spheres.
4. There is developing co-ordination through the Joint National Committee on Church Extension and Joint Regional Committees, increasing sensitivity to each other's structures and a desire to modify these where necessary.
5. We have already experienced some of the richness of our differing patterns of worship and look for continued creative diversity within unity so that the whole life of the Church is further enriched.
6. At all levels, and increasingly in local congregations, we are praying together, listening to one another, experiencing together the witness and practice of our various traditions and sharing our strengths and the riches entrusted to us in separation.
7. We note with thanksgiving the considerable number of Union Parishes, Co-operating Parishes and other types of co-operative ventures already in existence. We acknowledge them to be a visible sign of our compulsion to move into a closer and more effective relationship.

We give thanks for all that we have been enabled to achieve and make known our understanding of the obedience to which we are now called.

Part II Our Immediate Commitment

1. We declare to each other as Churches, and to the world, that we accept and acknowledge each other as belonging to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
2. By virtue of our common baptism, we recognise our members as members of Christ, called to participate in the ministry of the whole Church. We accept that membership in any one communion is fully acceptable and recognised in each of the others.
3. We accept each other's ministries as real ministries of the Word and Sacraments, given by Christ to his Church, and yet showing distinctive

marks, emphases and differences.

4. Because we are not satisfied that divided and separate ministries are an adequate expression of the will of Christ for his Church, we commit ourselves to a unification of our ministries to serve and foster the unity of the Church.
5. Following the unification of ministries, we shall conduct our ordinations with appropriate representatives of each Church participating and in such a way that those ordained are fully acceptable in each of our five Churches.

Part III Our Declared Intention

1. We determine to seek together better ways to serve the pastoral and administrative needs of the Churches by establishing councils for corporate decision at local, regional and national levels of responsibility.
2. In pastoral care of parishioners, in regional structures and in unifying ministries we will move to develop our present forms of oversight both personal and corporate where relevant to the newly emerging patterns of church life.
3. We will assist people of various backgrounds, traditions and cultures to pursue styles of co-operation suitable to their particular needs and expressing their various gifts.
4. We pledge ourselves to continue to work for the union of our five Churches.
5. The unity of the Church will not be completed by such a union. As this Covenant is in no sense meant to be exclusive, we also pledge ourselves to continue to work for the wider unity of Christ's Church.

Accordingly we enter now into this solemn Covenant before God and with one another, to work and pray in common obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ in order that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one visible Church to serve together in mission to the glory of God the Father.

III. UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRIES

The Commission agreed to recommend the following provisions for the unification of the ministries:

1. We recognise each other's ministries to be real ministries of the Word and Sacraments, given by Christ to his Church, and yet showing distinctive marks, emphases and differences.
2. We nevertheless acknowledge that we are not satisfied that divided and separate ministries are an adequate expression of the will of Christ for his Church. We believe that our ministries should be reconciled into an integrated fellowship better to serve and foster the unity of the Church.
3. We recommend that provision be made for the unification of the ministries of the negotiating (covenanting) Churches, so that, as far as possible, all may minister in any of the Churches wherever they may be duly called and appointed so to do.
4. A Service of Unification should include as many members of the ministries as possible, and take place as soon as possible. Although the Churches may decide to unify their ministries, it may be that, for a variety of reasons, some ministers may find difficulty in sharing in this service. They are

to be assured that they remain ministers in full standing in their own Churches.

5. The form of Service may be required for later use in special circumstances.

6. The Service of Unification will contain the following essential elements:

(a) A Preface and Statement of Intention.

(b) Declarations to be made by all the ministers participating in the Service.

(c) Prayers, declarations and other acts especially associated with the unification.

7. The Service will be held at a representative, national level, followed by similar services at local or regional level.

It is envisaged that for each service of unification of the ministry there will be a group of officiating ministers, one from each Church appointed by that Church. They will first preside over the unification of the ministries of the other ministers present, including the laying on of hands in silence. When this is concluded, the officiating ministers (unless they have previously taken part in a service of unification) will themselves be received in a similar act of unification by a second group of representative ministers appointed by each Church from among the ministers taking part in the service.

8. (a) **The Preface and Statement of Intention** shall be as follows:

- i. "The ministry of God's servant people, the whole Body of Christ, is a ministry in, to and for the world, a ministry of witness to a divided world of the saving and reconciling purpose of God. It is this by proclaiming the gospel of reconciliation, by manifesting in its own life the reality of God's reconciling power, and by loving concern for the life of a world divided against itself.
- ii. "Within the ministry of the whole people of God there is and has been from the beginning a special ministry representative of God who calls and of the Church which ordains. This ministry originates in Christ's command to his Apostles and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, continues to derive its authority from the living Christ. Its members are to lead the mission of the Church and to help equip God's people to share in the Church's total service. This special ministry of Word and Sacraments and pastoral care expresses, represents and serves the redemptive work of Christ through his Church in a particular but not exclusive way within the ministry of the whole people of God.
- iii. "Christ continues his apostolic ministry to the world in and through his Body the Church. The manner by which his power and authority is exercised in our different traditions has been diversified in the course of history and by the struggles of the past.
- iv. "It is now our intention by this act to initiate through the ordained ministry an expression of the Covenant we have made together; to develop our separated ministries into one integrated fellowship of service; and to remove any reservations which may be held as to the full acceptance amongst us of our separate ministries as being undoubted ministries of the Church of God as we look forward to the complete unity of Christ's Church on earth.
- v. "We therefore call upon all who have exercised a ministry of Word and Sacraments in separation humbly to share in this act of unification, that henceforth all can accept their right to minister wherever they are duly called and authorised so to do."

9. (a) **Declarations to be made by all the ministers participating in the Service:** (Provisional wording only)

- i. *Officiating ministers:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we call on those who have been ordained to the ministry of the Church of God within the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to offer themselves anew with complete trust in the reconciling power of God that they may be ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God in the one ministry.
- ii. *All ministers offering themselves say together:* That God may be glorified in his Church I seek with all my heart to receive gladly from him whatever he wills for me and for my fellow ministers of the covenanting Churches. Having been ordained to the ministry of the Church of God under the authority of my own Church I praise him for all he has bestowed on me for his service. I acknowledge that by reason of our separation from God and from one another all our ministries lack the fullness God desires us to have. I offer myself to God that grace may be given me according to the measure of Christ's gift that we might all be reconciled to God and to one another. So may our ministries receive the fullness we have lacked in separation. I do this in faith that our ministries may now be used in all our Churches, and as far as possible beyond them. So may we grow towards the visible unity of all God's people and proclaim the mission to which Christ calls his Church.

10. (c) **Prayers, declarations and other acts:**

- i. **Prayer in the Act of Unification:** Eternal God, you called your Church into being to be one fellowship of your own people so that the world may believe. Through your Son Jesus Christ you have called and sent the ordained ministry to be servants of the servants of God. We thank you for all you have given us in our separation and that your mercies have never failed us. We bring to you our penitence, faith and hope, praying that by your Holy Spirit you will sustain, renew and invigorate us all. From your abundance grant as you will to these your servants all that each may need to minister as a bishop, presbyter or deacon. May Christ be in all for the building up of His Body, for the strengthening of the unity and mission of his Church, and for the glory of your holy name. AMEN.
- ii. **The Declaration, the Laying on of Hands, and the Right Hand of Fellowship.**

The ministers take their place before the officiating ministers.

The ministers kneel.

The officiating ministers say: "God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, confirm and renew your ordination to the ministry of the Church of God."

The officiating ministers together lay their hands in silence on each of the ministers.

After the laying on of hands, the ministers still kneeling, the officiating ministers say: "Heavenly Father, give your Holy Spirit anew to these your servants for the office and work of a presbyter in the Church of God, to minister your Word and Sacraments, to declare your forgiveness and to be a shepherd of your people."

The ministers stand.

The officiating ministers say: "Receive our commission to preach the Gospel of Christ and to minister the Sacraments within our Churches."

The officiating ministers give to each minister, and each gives to his neighbour, the right hand of fellowship.

11. Ordinations in Common

Following the Unification of the Ministries, subsequent ordinations in the covenanting Churches shall be conducted with appropriate representatives of each Church participating and in such a way that those ordained are fully acceptable in each of our five Churches.

The forms of ordination shall continue to be those at present in use in the Churches, but with minimal changes at appropriate points to ensure the inclusion of the following necessary common elements:

1. Preface and Statement of Intention such as to ensure mutual acceptability of ministers. (See Draft Outline of Elements for a Service for Common Ordinations (i).)
2. Worship with appropriate Scripture readings, examination of candidates, and ordination with collegial prayer. (See Draft Outline, (ii).)

12. DRAFT OUTLINE OF ELEMENTS FOR A SERVICE FOR COMMON ORDINATIONS

(i) Synopsis of Preface and Statement of Intention

1. The unification of the Ministries of the Negotiating Churches has taken place on the assumption that all future ordinations within these Churches shall contain common necessary elements and thereby ensure that every person so ordained is acceptable in the fullest sense in the ordained ministry of each Church should he or she be invited to exercise that ministry.
2. The Churches accept a doctrine of the Ministry which recognises that Jesus Christ, as only Head of the Church, is the source of all its ministry and that He gives power and authority in and through the Church to continue this ministry to the world.
3. Within the total Ministry of the people of God, the Churches recognise an ordained ministry for service in the Church. This ministry is seen as being exercised in three distinct offices and functions: Bishop, Presbyter and Deacon. It is further agreed that in those Churches where Ministry has historically been exercised through only one office, this office is now declared to be synonymous with the office of presbyter.
4. While some Churches in Christendom have required ordination to the Office of Deacon as a pre-requisite for ordination to the Presbyterate, it is agreed that such a pre-requisite should not be mandatory for those Churches which will continue to have only one order of Ministry.
5. The intention in common ordinations is to continue the historic ordained ministry in the Churches and to this end, the authorised representative of each of the Churches shall participate in every ordination.

ii. Common necessary elements for the service

1. The opening section of the Service of Holy Communion.
2. The presentation of the candidates to the presiding bishop or minister and a public assurance that they are fit persons for ordination to the particular office.
3. Scripture readings appropriate for the particular office.
4. After the Gospel the examination of the candidates in which the following subjects are dealt with—
 - (a) A question relating to the inward call of the candidates.
 - (b) A question relating to the belief in Scripture and the teachings of the Church.
 - (c) A question relating to the intention of the candidate to model his/her life on that of Christ.
 - (d) A question relating to the desire on the part of the candidate to exercise a ministry.
 - (e) A question requiring obedience to the authority of the Church and its Officers into which the candidate is being ordained.
 - (f) A further question asking if the candidate is willing to accept the discipline and authority of the other Churches should he/she accept an invitation to serve in one or more of them.
5. The Ordination.
 - (a) A collegial prayer in which God is asked to provide grace and the gifts of the Spirit for the work of the office to which the candidate is to be admitted.
 - (b) The laying on of hands by the presiding minister and the other authorised representatives of the Churches on the head of each candidate.
 - (c) A prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the office and work of the person being ordained. (To be said by the presiding minister and the other authorised representatives.)
 - (d) The presiding minister declares the candidate as being received into the particular office of ministry and a copy of the Scriptures is given to the candidate.
 - (e) A prayer of blessing for the ministry of those who have been ordained.
6. Continuation of the Service of Holy Communion.

13. NOTE ON THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

In the New Testament the laying on of hands appears in a number of different connections: with healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Apostles (Mark 5:23, 6:5, Acts 28:8); with ordination (1 Timothy 4:14, 5:22, Acts 6:6); with the appointment to a further mission of those already ordained (Acts 13:3); with the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17, 19:6); and apparently in connection with baptism (Hebrews 6:2).

There is a similar variety of associations in the usage of the Church throughout its history. There is a laying on of hands not only on such once-for-all occasions as confirmation and ordination, but also where repetition is possible, as in acts of blessing and healing and of commissioning missionaries both ministerial and lay.

In many New Testament contexts where it appears, the laying on of hands symbolises the purpose of sharing with one another some function, gift,

benefit, or responsibility, which one has oneself received from God, and which God now wills to be passed on. It also expresses the self-identification and solidarity of one person, or group of persons with another.

Submitting to the laying on of hands does not commit everyone personally to precisely the same view of its significance. But in the New Testament and in the life of the Church the laying on of hands is accompanied by prayer. The accompanying prayer is of the essence of the action and declares its agreed and intended significance.

This prayer has already been set out above as the "Prayer in the Act of Unification", while the declarations and prayers accompanying the act, of equal importance, are also all described above.

It should be clear that the laying on of hands is used on many solemn occasions in the life of the Churches, and is very suitable in this act in which the ministries are unified.

C. REGIONAL OVERSIGHT

The Executive reported to the June meeting that it had received reports of increasing interest in the formation of Co-operating Parishes. It recommended that there should be "opportunity for consideration of the need for more effective regional oversight".

In the discussion, reference was made to the memorandum on the Constitution and Function of Joint Regional Committees dated 27 November 1974 which was being reviewed by the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. (The revised Memorandum is included in Section IV A of this report with the annual report of the JNCCE.)

It was agreed "That the Commission commend to district courts the need for supporting Joint Regional Committees and making them as effective as possible".

III "TO RECEIVE NEW INSIGHTS"

A. THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES

1. Following the decisions regarding the Covenant at the August meeting, the Commission decided to appoint a Committee to consider the ways of implementing paragraph 1 of Section III of the proposed Covenant. It was agreed to appoint a committee centred on Wellington with the Rev. D. C. Evans as Convener, to report to the next meeting and with the following order of reference:

To consider the manner in which pastoral and administrative needs of the Churches may be met by the establishment of councils for corporate decision by the Churches at local, regional and national levels of responsibility.

2. The Commission agreed to express its thanks to the Convener of the Study Committee on Administration and Finance, Mr R. F. Wilson, and to the Convener of the Committee on Superannuation Funds, Mr L. A. Atkinson, the work of the Committees now being finished.

3. When the Commission in 1974 received advice of the formation of the "Negotiating Churches' Women's Committee", it expressed the hope that the Committee would report with recommendations "on what has come to be known as 'the co-operation of men and women in the life of the Church' ". This was considered at the meeting of the Committee on 21 October 1975 and 27 April 1976. The Report of the Committee was presented to the Commission at its June meeting by the Chairman, Mrs J. Gillies, the Secretary, Mrs M. G. Davies and Miss M. E. Brown. After discussion, it was agreed that the report and the recommendations be forwarded to the Churches.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Presented to the JCCU, 2 June 1976

PREAMBLE

In presenting this report, the JCWO would state that in nearly all the Churches concerned all positions are open to women.

The Committee would also recognise that during the past year there has been a pleasing increase of involvement of women in positions of responsibility in the Churches.

The Committee believes that the matter of co-operation of men and women is one of vital importance to the Church. It is a matter of conciliation, of equal importance with the conciliation between denominations, cutting across the divisions of denomination and affecting the whole nature of the Church. Implicit in this conciliation between men and women lies the fullness of the fellowship of the Church.

1. WOMEN AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Women tend to avoid responsibilities in the Church because of society's attitudes and because of a lack of self-confidence. The latter is most noticeable in women returning to community activities after some years devoted to child-bearing and child-rearing.
- (b) It is hoped that in the long-term the problem of women's reluctance to accept responsibility will be overcome by a larger number of more qualified women coming on, and by a gradual change in society's attitudes to women in positions of responsibility.
- (c) In the short-term, the JCWO organisations have all promoted and encouraged leadership training courses for their members. It seems clear that in the future these courses should be continued for both men and women.
- (d) In the field of leadership training, it seems to the JCWO that there would be greater efficiency and less duplication if the various Boards and Committees of the Churches concerned with the question of education, leadership etc. co-operated with the women's organisations of the various Churches. There is a need for training in procedural matters, Church organisation etc. There seems no reason why the Churches themselves should not encourage such training programmes.
- (e) The JCWO has decided that where appropriate, leadership courses for women will be organised co-operatively with the women of the other Churches in the area. It seems that co-operation in this field between men and women and between the various Churches, would be very worthwhile.
- (f) The Committee believes that for some years women should be put into a special category when it comes to appointments to Boards, Committees and other decision-making bodies. Women do not wish to be appointed to these positions solely because they are women, but at the same time, few if any, women are likely to be appointed in their own right. This would to some degree correct the imbalance which at present exists and would help women to "catch up" in fields where they have previously had very little experience. The Committee

believes that this should not be necessary for a very long period, but is very necessary at present. The JCWO believes that the Church has a responsibility to provide the climate for women's growth into responsibility.

- (g) We quote from *The Role of Women in New Zealand Society* (Report of the Select Committee on Women's Rights, June 1975, Chapter three Women in Public Life, Section 4 Voluntary Associations. Page 39).

"First, voluntary organisations are predominantly engaged in activities with social and philanthropic ends which accord with society's conventions regarding women's role in the community, but which are not viewed as being directly related to public affairs of moment. Secondly, women leaders are usually found in organisations specifically for women. In mixed organisations they more often play a subordinate role, and their association may be in the nature of a 'ladies' auxiliary" rather than being completely integrated. Thirdly, in mixed groups women are usually responsible for catering and fund raising (stalls, raffles etc.) while men comprise the majority of committee members and office-bearers. "The committee recommends to voluntary organisations, including all types of welfare, social, cultural, sporting and political groups, that they give careful consideration to achieving an even distribution of activities and responsibilities between men and women members."

Although the Church is not specifically mentioned here, we believe that much of what it says is true of Church organisations.

2. CHANGE IN ATTITUDES OF MEN AND WOMEN

- (a) Men and women should recognise the importance of each other's gifts, and that men and women complement each other.
- (b) It is important that women should support and encourage women in positions of responsibility.
- (c) The JCWO recommends that men and women in training for the Ministry should be informed of the work and place of the women's organisations in the structure of the Churches.
- (d) The JCWO recognises clearly the complexity of the question of co-operation of men and women. There are many questions involved which interact with one another, and to claim that there is a simple answer would be foolish in the extreme. Above all, it seems to the Committee, that there is a need for balance and perspective in all matters concerning the work of men and women in the Church.

3. WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS IN THE CHURCH

- (a) We quote from Section 4 of the *Study Committee on Women's Organisations, 1973*.

"The present women's organisations are facing difficulties of lack of leadership, dwindling numbers and waning enthusiasm. The reasons are many and varied; the changing role of women, the insistence on men and women working together, the increasing service of women in community organisations and projects, the growing number of women in full-time or part-time employment. These factors should not cause the achievements of women's organisations to sink without trace. It is rather a matter of their proper integration into the life of the Church."

The JCWO believes that women's organisations fulfil a need in the Churches and have an important part to play in many activities. As well as their more traditional work, it is clear that women's organisations are important in encouraging and training women to accept the full responsibilities of their Church membership.

- (b) The Committee recognises that women's organisations tend to be isolationist and recommends that men should attend activities organised by Church women's groups.

4. THE FAMILY

- (a) The JCWO strongly upholds the belief that the stable family is the basis of our society and recognises the importance of the relationship between the child and his father and mother.
- (b) With this in mind, the Committee recommends that Churches make opportunities to encourage the participation of the family as a whole.
- (c) It is clear that both father and mother should be encouraged to fulfil their responsibilities to the family. At the same time the JCWO is conscious of the importance of encouraging women to participate in the decision-making processes of the Church.
- (d) The Role of Women in New Zealand Society (Report of the Select Committee on Women's Rights, June 1975. Chapter 5 Women, the Home and the Family. Page 65).

"We were particularly concerned at the evidence of social injustice towards full-time homemakers for which there can be no justification other than customary practice, and which reflects detrimentally on the status of all women. Not only is it still widely accepted that women's primary function is that of housewife and mother, but also the importance of this function is given little active recognition . . . 'In a society overtly concerned with money, power, position and prestige the universal qualities of mature motherhood can easily be unrecognised, devalued and pushed aside.' (Submission of Helen Brew.) The committee emphasises that the creation of equal opportunity for women must not exclude the area of domestic responsibility the improved status which is essential if it is to continue to be a valuable alternative to activities outside the home."

CONCLUSION

In conclusion we quote from Papers and Report on the Unity of the Church, Section II, What Unity Requires. (Received at the Nairobi Conference of the World Council of Churches.) The emphasis is ours.

The Community of Women and Men and the Wholeness of the Body of Christ.

The Church's unity includes women and men in a true mutuality. As a result of rapid cultural, economic and social change, women (and many men) reject the passive or restrictive roles formerly assigned to women, and search for fuller participation in the life of the Church and society at large. The relations of women and men must be shaped by reciprocity and not by subordination. **The unity of the Church requires that women be free to live out the gifts which God has given to them and to respond to their calling to share fully in the life and witness of the Church.**

Recommendations

Following on from this report the JCWO would make the following recommendations:

WOMEN AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. That leadership training be promoted and encouraged and that where appropriate men and women co-operate in this venture. This would be of particular benefit to women re-entering community activities after some years devoted to child-bearing and child-rearing. Where possible the Churches should promote training in procedural matters, Church organisation and such matters.

2. That as a temporary measure, women be put in a special category for appointment to Boards, Committees etc. This would help women to "catch up" in fields where they had previously had very little experience.

CHANGE IN ATTITUDES OF MEN AND WOMEN

3. That clergy be kept informed of the work of women's organisations both during training and in work situations with a view to understanding the developing role of women and the great potential available in the co-operation of men and women.

WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS IN THE CHURCH

4. That women's organisations continue in their present form and that provision be made for regional sub-committees of the Joint Regional Committees where necessary, thus permitting representation of women's organisations of the Negotiating Churches at regional level.

THE FAMILY

5. That, recognising the problems faced by the family in society today, the Churches do all possible to support families within their parishes. That they help educate parents in the role of parenthood, first in order to help prevent and secondly to help parents cope with the problems as they arise and that programmes involving the whole family be initiated.

4. The Convener of the Hymnbook Supplement Committee, the Rev. J. S. Murray, reported to the June meeting as follows:

A. **Progress to date:** in general the copy for the book has now been gathered though some editing work remains to be done. Work done consists of:

- i. Selection of about 60 English new hymns.
- ii. Selection of about 30 Maori and Pacific Island hymns.
- iii. Selection of liturgical material in several languages.

B. **Work in hand:** two meetings have been held this year to discuss details of publication and estimated costs:

- i. A words only and full music edition have composed. A melody edition is under investigation as to additional costs.
- ii. It has been tentatively decided to split the task of publication between
 - (a) Joint Board of Education (Aust.) to carry out copyright arrangements, typesetting, layout and art work; and
 - (b) Epworth Bookroom (N.Z.) to carry out printing arrangements, distribution, storage, accounting.
 Copy has been sent to Australia for assessment of possible costs.

- iii. It has been estimated that the financial requirements for publication would be a total budget of about \$20,000. This is a substantial investment but if the book is used by the Churches, it would be reasonable to expect some profit from the venture.

The Commission agreed to encourage the Committee to carry out a pre-publication assessment of the market and recommended that this be added to the matters to be handled by the Epworth Bookroom.

IV. "TO DO TOGETHER"

A. THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The Annual Report to the Negotiating Churches and the JCCU, 1976

1. The Committee

The Committee met 13 November 1975, 4 March, 8 July and 2 September 1976.

The membership of the JNCCE at 9 September was as follows: Anglican: The Ven. E. G. Buckle, the Rev. A. G. Georgantis, Mr R. S. Jebson, Mr 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, The Rev. B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie; Presbyterian: The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev. E. K. Orange, The Rev. W. B. Watt, The Rev. R. J. Weeks, Mr A. B. Robertson. Mr E. G. Heggie continues as Chairman.

2. Joint Regional Committees

The Committee reported last year that the memorandum on "The Constitution and Function of JRCs" dated 27 November 1974 was being revised in the light of the replies from JRCs and district church courts. This was completed and the following memorandum was approved at the meeting, 8 July 1976. The Committee is firmly convinced that the effectiveness of the various forms of co-operation requires the regular functioning of the Joint Regional Committee in co-operation with the district Church courts. It commends this Memorandum to both JRCs and district Church courts for their guidance in their mutual responsibilities.

JOINT REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Structure of JRCs

1. The structure should be such that enables the district Courts to make their decisions smoothly and together. Since the responsibility for final decision remains with the district Courts of the negotiating Churches, an essential function of the JRC is to conduct its consultations, maintain its lines of communication, and make its recommendations so that the district Courts which have the final decision can make these decisions expeditiously and harmoniously. (See Steps in the Formation of Co-operative Ventures.)

2. It is suggested that JRCs include persons with experience and the confidence of their own church because of their ability and skills. This will be assisted if the membership of the JRC includes persons with appropriate responsibilities in the Church Courts. It should include persons of sufficient experience appointed because their own church has confidence in their general ability or special skill in some particular field. In this way, though the final responsibility for decision remains with the Church Courts, recommendations of the JRC will in practice be much more likely to commend

themselves to the Church Courts, and thus effective, co-ordinated decision-making will be assisted.

3. It is suggested that the JRCs could operate in a way similar to Committees of the district Church Courts, so that their report and recommendations would go straight to the district Court for final decision.

Various suggestions have been made to reduce the process of repetitive referral through the various Committees and Courts. It is suggested that the JRC should be authorised and encouraged to function as if it were a Committee of each of the Church Courts represented on it, in order that its recommendations would not need to be reviewed again before being presented to the Court. Adoption of this practice would ensure that the responsibility of the particular Committee would be discharged with the maximum opportunity for consultation with the Committees of the other Churches and the minimum need for reviewing the recommendations to be made to the Church Courts.

4. Where several JRCs are involved in an area covered by one Church Court effective liaison will be essential.

In some areas, the structure of the community, the number of parishes and the organisation of the Church Courts are such that several JRCs are involved, with a heightened need to avoid conflicting policies and decisions. In such an area a liaison group could be formed comprising the Convener/Chairman of each JRC together with any others specially able to assist or with special responsibilities in their own Church.

5. JRC's should meet regularly.

The Functions of JRCs

1. **Oversight:** Oversight is shared with District Church Courts. (These are the Bishop-Diocesan Standing Committee, District Synods, Presbyteries, District Committees.)

Note: (a) Each Court shares a responsibility for the life of the parish.

(b) The Court of the Minister has a specific responsibility for his ministry.

i. The JRC has responsibility as outlined in the booklet "Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parishes".

The Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes refers to the JRC carrying out "all the necessary functions of oversight" and in III 9 provides that it "shall act in an advisory capacity on matters referred to it". However, it was found that the JRC had a more positive function to fulfil. The 1969 JCCU Report (p.13) contained this paragraph:

"Experience suggests that the Joint Regional Committee may be required to act on a number of occasions during the working out of the agreement, and, in the initial stages of the parish, in its effective implementation. Otherwise the kind of action envisaged is the receiving of annual reports, arranging an occasional visit to the parish, and being available for consultation when required."

Subsequent experience has shown that this more positive function has increased in importance. JRCs meet this need in various ways, and the exchange of information could be profitable.

ii. Regular personal contact with minister, office-bearers and congregation enables the JRC to be kept informed and maintains a personal link with parishes.

The JNCCE commends the practice of one JRC which arranges that each union parish is visited at least annually by a JRC member who would attend the annual congregational meeting and meet separately with the minister and the Parish Council. This enables the JRC to keep informed on the general situation and provides a personal link which facilitates the handling of matters that may arise.

- iii. The JRC has the responsibility for making regular reports to the district Church Courts, at least annually.
- iv. The District Court of the Minister has the responsibility to conduct visitations that review all aspects of the parish's life. However, the JRC has the task of co-ordinating visitations and ensuring that with a change in ministry, the regularity of visitations is maintained. The provisions for regular visitation by the District Court also need attention. The JNCCE recommends consideration of these points:
 - (a) The visitation should be at, say (at a minimum) three-yearly intervals, but more frequently in special circumstances, for example, new areas.
 - (b) The JRC should be represented in the visitation committee, along with other denominations involved in the Union or Co-operating Parish.
- v. There is also need to ensure that there is regular pastoral care of the minister. It is very easy for the minister in a union/co-operating parish to become in some measure separated from fellowship of the ministry of his own Church. It is, however, recognised that the prime responsibility for this pastoral care rests with the minister's own district court.
- vi. The JRCs should share with the Church Courts in planning programmes which will help clergy and office-bearers who are contemplating co-operative ventures. Valuable material on this matter is available in the document "Guide to Procedures".

2. Development

Introduction: The co-ordination of development work in new situations has been a recognised function of JRCs. The JNCCE considers that attention should be given to the following points:

- i. Strong emphasis is needed on the importance of consultation before properties are acquired or disposed of.
- ii. It is not only in the development of work in new areas but also in the re-organisation of work in established areas that consultation is desirable. It may be necessary to give close attention to existing parish boundaries and the way in which the existing buildings are to be utilised.
- iii. JRCs should initiate discussions that will encourage all congregations to co-operate in all matters of common interest.
- iv. There is need for the JRC to provide opportunity for consultation on the development of the Church's style of life, new spheres of ministry and new forms of activity that are appropriate to the changing or changed circumstances and likely to prove effective in serving the Church's mission.
- v. The JRC needs to have competent advice in matters related to development planning. There must be adequate research and effective contact with the local authority.

The JRC and Other Bodies

1. The JRC and Church Courts

- i. The JRC should report fully and regularly to the Church Courts concerned.
- ii. It would save much confusion and delay if provision were made for the first communication from a parish on matters of property, buildings and development, etc. to be to the JRC at the same time as it goes to the District Courts. The JRC, after consideration, would then forward its recommendation to the Courts of the Churches concerned. No final decision should be made prior to consideration of the JRC recommendation.
- iii. Matters relating to the minister should be communicated directly to the Church Court concerned.
- iv. The decision of the Church Court is communicated to the JRC, copy being sent to the parish.

2. JRC and JNCCE

- i. Regular contact with the JNCCE should be maintained by each JRC sending its minutes and any relevant reports to the JNCCE.
- ii. In determining the denomination of a new minister to a Union or Co-operating Parish, the JRC will receive the recommendation of the parish and transmit it with its own recommendation to the JNCCE for decision. (See Guidelines Co-operating Parishes.)
- iii. Policy matters should be referred to the JNCCE.

3. Visitation Questionnaire

In its 1972 Report, The JNCCE recommended for use in visitations the Presbyterian "Presbyterial Visitation" questionnaire together with an additional sheet. However, the Committee came to feel that a revised form should be prepared, more directly related to the situation of union and co-operative ventures.

In the process of revision, the Committee kept in view that an important objective of a visitation is to promote awareness of the mission of the parish and to give opportunity for evaluation, encouragement and advice. So it was decided that the form of the questionnaire should be so designed as to assist a parish to assess its own life and work.

The Committee would draw attention to the need for careful preparation before a visitation, and the furnishing of relevant information to the members of a visitation, so that the time available for consultation with the minister and office-bearers is not excessively occupied with matters of detail.

The Committee approved the following:

VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE

For use in the visitation of
Union and Co-operative Ventures

Aim: To review the life and activities of the parish in order to assist the congregation in their ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, to the local community, and to each other. A visitation should be so designed that it will help a parish to assess its own life and work, and its effectiveness in inviting people to share in the life and mission of the Church. The

questions besides seeking basic information about the congregation required by the respective Church courts, should also be used to stimulate discussion within the congregation on its strengths and weaknesses, and to help in forward planning.

Procedure: Each parish will generally be visited every three years or at such times as the JRC considers appropriate.

The District Court of the minister has the responsibility to conduct the visitation. It appoints a Convener and necessary personnel. However the JRC has the task of co-ordinating visitations and ensuring that with a change in ministry the regularity of visitations is maintained. The JRC appoints its representative and makes provision for the other denominations in the co-operating parish to appoint theirs. The report will be made available to all concerned.

QUESTIONS

Section 1: Public Worship

1. What forms and styles of worship do you use, and at what times?
2. How is this decided?
3. To what extent are all age groups involved in public worship?
4. Do these meet the needs of the co-operating/union parish?
5. (a) What new forms of worship have been tried since the last visitation?
(b) Have these been useful?

Section 2: Christian Education

1. What work is already being done?
2. Do you have specific areas of concern?
3. How many leaders, teacher, do you have? Have you enough?
4. What are your plans for the future, including "leadership training" at all levels of congregational life?

Section 3: Mission of the Parish/Congregation (to be used with as wide a section of the parish as is convenient as well as the Parish Council/Session)

1. What do you see as your fundamental tasks—fellowship, service, evangelism, etc.—and how are you trying to achieve them?
2. Do you feel the congregation has a sense of purpose? How do you, along with your minister, foster this—e.g. sharing planning and decision making, good communication with the parish, etc?
3. Are there significant trends in your parish statistics and how do you interpret them?
4. What is your relationship with other congregations in your area?
5. What are your hopes and plans for the future?

Section 4: Parish Council (Governing Court of the Parish)

1. How do you function?
2. Do you think that you are effective?
3. Are your relationships with the parent Church Courts and JRC adequate?
4. What is the state of the buildings under your care:
 - i. Church.
 - ii. Church hall.
 - iii. Ministerial houses.
 Please supply a report from a builder (or architect).
5. Please supply a summarised statement of the parish income and expenditure, based either on the most recent parish accounts, or on a recent estimate of the current year.

What are the main features and problems in the state of your giving and the budget provisions both to maintain parish life, and to provide for the wider Church?

6. What plans do you have for making your stewardship of money more effective?
7. Have you a newsletter or means of parish communication and is this meeting your needs?

Section 5: Ordained Ministry (to be answered by the minister)

1. Are you happy in what you are doing?
2. What is your workload, and the priorities within it?
3. What is your relationship with:
 - i. The Parish Council.
 - ii. Associate ministers.
 - iii. The wider community.
 - iv. Other clergy working in your area?
4. Any specific issues you wish to raise in connection with the way you carry out your ministry?
5. What is your relationship with your own denominational Church Courts? Do you still feel really part of your own Church?
6. What is your relationship with other denominational Church Courts represented in your parish?

Section 6

Please raise any matters which you feel ought to be made known to the visitation team which are not dealt with in this questionnaire.

Are there any significant learnings and/or programmes that the Parish wishes to share with other parishes?

4. Guide to Procedures

Since the issue of the first edition of the "Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parishes", dated 9 May 1975, two additional statements have been approved by the JNCCE and these have been included in the second edition dated 19 December 1975. They are:

1. **Preliminary Steps in the Formation of Co-operative Ventures:** This gives guidance for the very early stages in the discussions which may lead to some form of co-operation.
2. **Worship and Sacramental Practices in Co-operating Parishes:** This gives guidance to assist in the initial negotiations concerning a co-operating parish and in implementing clauses 6 and 11 of the Guidelines Forming a Co-operating Parish.

Copies of the Guide to Procedures are available from the Secretary on request.

5. Property Clauses in Agreements for Co-operating Parishes

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the desirability of some provision in the Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish regarding the final disposition of property should an agreement be dissolved.

Section V Property (paragraphs 17-19) and Section VII Dissolution (paragraph 21) of the Guidelines for Co-operating Parishes were drawn up before the revision of the Joint Use of Buildings Agreement, and no attempt was made to explore the effect of that revision on any situation where a Co-operating Parish might wish to commence dissolution procedures.

In the event of a Co-operating Parish wishing to commence dissolution procedures, provided there has been no change in the property held by the Co-operating Parish, everything would resolve itself quite smoothly under existing procedures. However, if there has been any move towards disposal or alternative use of property then it is essential that it be dealt with under the same principles that operate in the revised "Joint Use" agreement. Essentially these principles are as follows:

1. All property is held in common for the use of the Co-operating Venture even though titles may still be vested in one or more denominational trustees. (Denominational trustees are then "holding trustees" on behalf of those party to the agreement.)
2. The values of the respective capital contributions, whether in cash or property, are recorded as a proportion of the whole. (This is a significant change from the previous policy where trustees hold the property and others make contributions as free of interest loans.)
3. Repayment on dissolution or withdrawal is in the same ratio as those proportions.

The Committee realised that if the document "Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish" was to be amended, this would require the agreement of each of the negotiating Churches. It seemed that the recommendations could properly be regarded as in the form of a recommended procedure rather than a change in the document itself. The Committee therefore agreed that the following be included as an appendix to Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish and asks the Churches to approve this:

For inclusion in "Guides to Procedures"

Appendix to "Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish"

The following have been approved as giving guidance with regard to the provision that should be made in an agreement for the disposal of property in the event of dissolution:

1. An addition to follow Clause 18 in Section V, Property of the Guidelines:

Note: It is recommended that any rationalisation of property subsequent to the commencement of the agreement be regarded as a "Joint-use" proposal and be dealt with in terms of Section C "Property and Finance", Section F "Dissolution" and the appended Deed of Trust of the "Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures based on the Joint Use of Buildings".

2. An addition to the Appendix at the conclusion of "Guidelines" to read "Appendix: Section C, Property and Finance, Clauses 7-11, and Section F, Dissolution, Clauses 20-23".

3. An addition to the Deed of Trust which is appended to the "Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures based on the Joint Use of Buildings":

Note: In cases where it is desired to make more detailed provision regarding procedures in the event of dissolution, the following clause may be included as Clause 7 of the Deed of Trust.

Clause 7: In the event of the dissolution of the aforesaid Agreement the . . . (Holding Trustees . . .) will then hold the assets set forth in the First Schedule hereto and all other assets then vested in them for the purposes of the said joint venture in trust for the participating Churches until such times as the . . . (Trustees of the other participating churches) . . . shall have each of them signified in writing to the . . . (Holding Trustees) . . . that all issues of property arising out of the discontinuance of the joint venture have been

resolved and the monetary payments and adjustments pertaining thereto have been settled and completed AND in the meantime the . . . (Holding Trustees) . . . will permit the use of the said assets for the purposes of the participating Churches in common at such times and in such manner and subject to such contribution for maintenance and upkeep as shall be agreed upon between the parties hereto and failing agreement as shall be determined by arbitration under the Arbitration Act 1908 AND in the event of the inability of the . . . (Trustees of the participating churches) . . . to resolve the issues of property arising out of the discontinuance of the joint venture the . . . (Holding Trustees) . . . shall hold the said assets in terms of such order as shall be made by the Supreme Court of New Zealand upon the application of the trustees of any of the participating churches under Part XIII of the Property Law Act 1952.

6. Purchase of Adjacent Properties

The Presbyterian Ministry Committee raised the question of the desirability of Churches entering into a written agreement where land is purchased either separately or jointly but with contiguous sites. Already there have been instances of misunderstanding where no such agreement has been made.

The JNCCE approved the following recommendation for consideration and endorsement by the negotiating Churches: Where adjoining properties are purchased by two or more of the negotiating Churches—separately or together—for future development, it is recommended that a written agreement be entered into indicating that Joint-use of the property is envisaged.

7. Number of Union and Co-operating Parishes

The information available at 1 September shows the number of Union and Co-operating Parishes and the number of ministers serving in them, as follows:

Union Parishes	64	
Co-operating Parishes, existing (28) or		
shortly to be inaugurated (13)	41	
	<u>105</u>	<u>105</u>

Note: These comprise 31 based on the Guidelines
and 10 based on special constitutions

Ministers in Union Parishes		
Associated Churches of Christ	2	
Methodist	25	
Presbyterian	40	
	<u>67</u>	67

Note: 4 vacant parishes
5 parishes have 2 ministers
1 parish has 3 ministers

Ministers in Co-operating Parishes		
Anglican	14	
Methodist	10	
Presbyterian	12	
	<u>36</u>	36
		<u>103</u>

Note: 6 Co-operating parishes have 2 ministers
1 Co-operating parish has 3 ministers

8. Consultation on Finance Arrangements within Union and Co-operating Parishes

The Committee received a number of communications regarding matters of finance in Union and Co-operating Parishes. In addition, it received a letter from the Negotiating Churches' Committee on Overseas Mission regarding mission contributions, requesting that a consultation be held on "the whole question of finance in union and co-operating parishes". The Committee arranged for a representative Consultation to be held. It met in Auckland on 31 August and forwarded an interim report to the Committee. It is anticipated that in due course its full report will be submitted to the JNCCE for presentation to the Churches.

E. G. HEGGIE, Chairman.

THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES The Annual Report to the Churches September 1976

The Joint Board of Theological Studies serves the Colleges of the negotiating Churches by providing a meeting point for the sharing of mutual concerns in ministerial training as well as opportunity for joint action.

1. In the general **Study Programme**, the L.TH and S.TH Courses meet a continuing need for those within and beyond the Colleges who wish to pursue a course in basic disciplines at Diploma level. There has been an increase in the number of papers taken.

2. **Continuing Education for Ministry:** The JBTS sees training for ministry as a continuing process beyond Ordination and has been greatly encouraged by the report from the Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry. The Field Worker, the Rev. B. K. Rowe, has travelled widely, endeavouring to assess the overall needs of the Church's Ministry. He has given leadership in Clergy Schools and in various consultations on Rural Ministry, Union and Co-operating Parishes, Ministry in New Housing Areas. He teaches in St John's College, sharing insights gained with students, and maintains contact with Knox College. Future plans include, the production of study resources for use in Clergy groups, the production of three issues a year of a magazine devoted to the practice of ministry, the study of the use of long service leave, consideration of a Diploma in Ministry course as an alternative to the S.Th course, the assistance of young Clergy in the first few years after College. The Annual Report of the JNCCEM, dated December 1975, is appended to this report.

3. **Joint Assessment Committee:** 17 Presbyterian and six Methodist candidates for theological training met in the August 1975 Assessment Course at Otaki Bridge Lodge. Leadership again was given by the Rev. D. S. Mullan with the assistance of 13 staff members. College staff members who attend find the occasion valuable in establishing relationships with prospective students. Candidates have expressed appreciation of the venture in helping to clarify motivation and expectation and in building up community across the denominations. The Course is establishing itself as a useful part of the process of selection.

4. **ANZATS:** Under the umbrella of the JBTS a meeting was held to consider the establishment of a New Zealand Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. Dr R. H. Thompson, Principal of the Baptist College, had already attended the meetings of the Joint Board by

invitation. Present also were Fathers B. Scott and T. Mannix of Holy Cross College, Rev. W. M. Limbrick of Selwyn College and the Revs. R. G. McCullough and Dr G. Robinson of Christchurch College. Questions, such as assessment, multi-racial training, training for urban ministry, chaplaincies, libraries, audio-visual and programmed learning, were covered in a wide-ranging discussion. There was unanimous agreement to establish a New Zealand Chapter of ANZATS, an interim Committee being formed of Dr Thompson, Father Mannix, Rev. W. J. W. Rosevear (Secretary), Dr J. J. Lewis (Chairman). The Annual Meeting of the whole ANZATS association will be held at St John's College on 22 and 23 August 1977, in conjunction with the Auckland University Religious Studies' Colloquium arranged under the direction of the University Chaplain, Dr John Hinchcliff.

J. J. LEWIS, Chairman.

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JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

December 1975

Introduction:

This Committee and its work grew out of the recommendations of the Consultation on Continuing Education sponsored by the JCCU in 1973. At that consultation a process of thinking and planning was begun which led to the formation of the Joint Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry, located in Auckland, and to the appointment in late 1974 of the Rev. B. Keith Rowe as Field Worker in Continuing Education for the negotiating churches. Mr Rowe took up the position in February of this year and this report summarises some of the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Committee. The Committee responsible for the appointment of Mr Rowe described his position and task in the following terms:

1. This is a joint appointment by both St John's College and the Joint Board of Theological Studies.
2. The appointee will have full status at St John's College, sharing in pastoral studies and in supervision of student field work.
3. The appointee will work in close conjunction with the Joint Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry.
4. The conception of this Committee's and of the Fieldworker's work is that which was formulated in the 1973 Report of the Continuing Education Consultation.
5. Thus the primary responsibility of the Fieldworker will be for the clarification and supplying of the educational needs of ordained clergy of the negotiating churches, particularly in relationship to the multi-cultural character of those churches and their ministry.
6. The Fieldworker will further represent those educational needs within St John's, and possibly other Colleges, in relation both to College teaching curriculum in all departments and also to the use of College resources for the supply of clergy educational needs.

Mr Rowe is employed half time as lecturer in St John's College, the Continuing Education half of his time being financed by the negotiating churches.

This partnership with St John's College has been very fruitful—the College has provided him with a base while his acquaintance with the wider church and its ministry has influenced the work of the College.

We have been heartened by the way in which clergy and church leaders have received Mr Rowe and the concerns which he represents. In both church and wider society there is a growing appreciation of the importance of adequate continuing education opportunities. This appointment has come at the right time.

Work of the Field Worker

Mr Rowe has travelled widely during this initial year, endeavouring to assess the overall needs of the church's ministry.

Leadership of clergy schools has given him an excellent opportunity to meet with clergy of the various denominations and to share with them. Denominational clergy schools have been held in the Waikato Diocese (on the theme of Marriage and Sexuality), Waipapua Diocese (Choosing Directions in Ministry), Northland Methodist and Presbyterian, Methodist Maori Division and the Churches of Christ (Trends in Contemporary Theology). At the request of the Methodist Committee on Ministry a Training Day for Chairmen of Districts was held. The support and training of church leaders with special oversight is something that needs to be explored further.

Denomination schools of two or three days' duration continue as the most common expression of the church's commitment to the provision of educational opportunities for clergy. Anglican Dioceses and Methodist Districts have a strong tradition of annual gatherings which, alongside any intellectual content, provide an important opportunity for a team spirit and mutual understanding to develop amongst clergy who must work together. We have been encouraged by the refresher schools conducted by the Presbyterian church during 1975 and hope that they may be continued and extended. Notwithstanding the continuing advantages of denominational schools, we urge those responsible for their planning to remain open to the ecumenical possibilities in this field. We welcome the trend towards regional ecumenical gatherings.

A regional, inter-denominational school on "Hope and Ministry" in New Plymouth demonstrated the value of bringing together the clergy of a particular area, across denominational boundaries, and against the background of a city in which they all share some responsibility for the mission of the church. We commend to the churches the practice of including persons of other denominations at the earliest possible stage when planning a course, and of extending an invitation to other denominations, including those not involved in the JCCU. Leadership may also be drawn from other denominations.

Two gatherings sponsored by the Committee broke new ground and reflect our view that continuing education is crucially related to the mission of the church and the support and guidance of clergy involved in new expressions of that mission.

The first was a School on Rural Ministry for clergy in the Auckland and Waikato areas. This gathering brought together about 25 persons from rural parishes and gave them an opportunity, with the help of resource people from Federated Farmers and University Sociology Departments, to extend their understanding and appreciation of rural society, to explore ways whereby the church may more effectively minister in such a setting and to share their experiences of, and discoveries in, a rural parish. This school went partway towards meeting the needs of a group of clergy who are frequently overlooked.

We believe that Church Courts need to give increased attention to the needs of rural parishes and of the clergy who serve in them. Other parts of New Zealand have asked if similar schools may be held in their area during 1976.

The second was the Consultation on Union and Co-operating Parishes held in Auckland in July. A full report on this gathering is available. This gathering brought together clergy in ecumenical parishes along with those expecting to serve in one in the near future, lay persons in a similar situation and denominational planners and administrators. The success of this gathering confirmed that such a 'systems' approach, i.e. bring together all those who have responsibility for some new venture in the church's life, is essential if we are to avoid the unfortunate misunderstandings between clergy and lay leaders who have responsibility for such ventures locally, and the administrators who must service the same ventures. Most importantly, this consultation enabled clergy working in a similar setting to learn from one another. Further consultations are planned in other areas during 1976. The growth of ecumenical parishes is an exciting development but it brings with it a need for adequate orientation and support of both clergy and lay persons engaged in this pioneering style of churchmanship.

Mr Rowe has met with a large number of clergy groups and individual clergy through the country. One result of this is that the need for the preparation of study resources for use in Ministers' Fraternals, support groups and study groups has become very apparent. We plan to give a high priority to the provision of such resources in 1976. It is heartening to see that an increasing number of clergy are recognising the need for a more collegial understanding of ministry. Some groups are endeavouring to develop team approaches to ministry. It is clear that the intention to become a team must be supported by a clear commitment to team decision making, support of one another and the occasional assistance of an outside consultant who can assist team members to look critically at their relationships and work. This Committee is watching developments in team ministry very carefully, aware that increasing ecumenical co-operation and emerging understandings of shared ministry will result in the formation of more groups seeking to become a team. An understanding of the ministry as a team venture, embracing lay persons and fellow clergy needs to be built into the content and shape of theological college training. Habits of sharing and co-operation will need to begin during college training. We welcome the developing practice whereby denominational leaders consult with one another before an appointment to an existing team ministry is made. While we commend a collegial approach to ministry as representing the best of the Christian tradition and also a more adequate response to the needs of the church in our day, we are aware that the habits of individualism and competitiveness are deep seated in our culture and are not overcome easily.

Relationship with the Theological Colleges

Mr Rowe teaches within St John's College but has also endeavoured to build up a relationship with Knox College. We are grateful to the Warden and Principal of St John's College and the Principal of Knox College for the support and encouragement they have extended to him. We hope that next year the tentative relationship built up with Knox during the last year can be further extended. We are heartened that both Colleges have plans to provide residential courses for clergy taking study leave.

The 1973 Consultation suggested that both Colleges might bear in mind the needs of continuing education when appointing further staff. Mr Rowe's appointment was made possible by the response of St John's College to this suggestion. If the way opened for a similar appointment at Knox College in

the future this would lessen the load upon Mr Rowe and strengthen the services offered to the South Island.

Future Plans

Matters which will be given some priority in the coming year include:

The production of study resources for use in clergy groups. These will cover various areas of the practice of ministry and theological understanding. Tentative titles include: *Living with Conflict*; *What's the Job?*; and *Evaluation in Ministry*.

The production of three issues a year of a magazine devoted to the practice of ministry. This will replace *Forum Magazine* for three issues, in March, June and September, and will be sent to all clergy. It has been difficult for 'Forum' Magazine, a magazine with a strong denominational history, to become accepted as an ecumenical journal for ministers. In August 1975 it was being received by all Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Christ ministers and the clergy of the Waikato, Auckland and Dunedin Dioceses. The Methodist Church has since discontinued its bulk subscription. The proposed magazine will be simply produced and will include material specifically on the practice of ministry and continuing education. The Committee is currently seeking finance for the venture. The cost for three issues of 1500 copies each would be about \$950. An early issue will contain details of continuing education opportunities currently available in New Zealand.

A study of ways in which clergy have used study or long service leave in recent years. This is in response to a steady stream of requests seeking suggestions as to the most effective use of study leave opportunities.

A continuation of the work begun in building up contacts with churches, seminaries and training centres overseas engaged in continuing education. A number of clergy have sought advice on overseas training opportunities and there is at present no central point at which such information is available.

The Committee has given some thought to an in-parish, post-L.Th diploma which could be an alternative to the S.Th offered through the Joint Board of Theological Studies. A Diploma in Ministry course would provide a structure within which a minister could reflect upon his or her practice of ministry and the theological dimensions of it, in a disciplined manner with his or her peers. There are many exciting ventures in this area in other parts of the world from which we may learn. The Committee will be continuing to explore this possibility and will be reporting to the Joint Board of Theological Studies.

Assisting young clergy in the first few years following the College years. We believe that a more disciplined approach to this matter, ecumenically organised, is desirable.

General

A most promising development is the proposal which has come from the Inner City Ministry in Wellington that a Training Centre for Ministry be established in Wellington. This proposal has the enthusiastic support of our Committee, who believe that such a centre would provide a much needed training facility. Such a centre would provide opportunities for clergy and laity (against the background of Wellington City) to work at the relationship between Theological ideas and Christian action. We commend the proposal to the churches and are confident that the necessary finance will be found.

The work of our Committee does not of course embrace all that is done within our church in the field of continuing education. The work done to prepare persons and continue to equip them for specialised ministries such as Industrial Chaplaincy, the work of the Inter-Church Laboratory Committee, Clinical Pastoral Education Centres, secular and Church-based counselling

centres, all contribute towards a more effective ministry. We continue to be impressed by the readiness of many secular education agencies such as Community Colleges to provide specific courses for clergy if approached.

The Committee and Fieldworker remain available to individual clergy or groups of clergy for advice or direct assistance. We are also pleased to hear from clergy or church bodies as to how we may best support them in their work through initiating, or encouraging, a more adequate provision for effective continuing education of clergy.

DON GLENNY, Chairman.
GEO ARMSTRONG, Convener.
KEITH ROWE, Fieldworker.

C. THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES' COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS MISSION. Report to JCCU September 1976.

Obituary: The NCCOM has recorded with a deep sense of loss the sudden death of the late Walter Wade Robinson, Bishop of Dunedin, on the day following our first meeting at which he made a notable contribution.

Establishment: In accordance with the decision of the special consultation called by the JCCU in May 1975, representatives of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Mission bodies met in Auckland on 3 October 1975. The appropriate authorities of the Associated Churches of Christ and of the Congregational Union had been notified, and, though they were unable to attend, they expressed their approval and good wishes.

Officers: The Rev. D. E. Duncan was elected chairman, and the Rev. M. Bent was elected Secretary.

The meeting noted that the JCCU Study Committee was now dissolved at the request of member Churches and that this Committee was to report to the JCCU.

Name of Committee: It was agreed that the name of this committee be "The Negotiating Churches' Committee on Overseas Mission".

Authority of Committee: The question "To whom are we responsible?" was considered. The representatives of the Anglican Board of Mission, the Church Missionary Society, the Methodist Overseas Division and the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Overseas outlined the position of their respective Boards. There was a large degree of agreement. Already authority had been given by the ABM, MOD, and CMO for co-operation in such areas as publicity, recruitment, training and orientation. The CMS was open to co-operative ventures but this committee could have no authority over CMS business.

It was agreed that the authority of NCCOM is in the Boards working together and in concert with the Church overseas. Basically NCCOM will be reporting and making recommendations to constituent Boards.

The Churches of Christ and Congregational Union were urged to appoint representatives. In any case, reports and agendas and minutes will be sent to them.

Recommendations of May Consultation: (a) Representatives reported that the relevant recommendations had been accepted by the Anglican Board of Mission and the Joint Interim Board.

(b) Recommendation No. 5 had asked the JIB to delay further development of joint Methodist and Presbyterian administration pending consultation with the other mission boards. Anglican representatives pointed out that by the nature of the ABM, it would not be able, without consent of General Synod, to join the JIB in any restructuring. They assured, however, that Anglican co-

operation would be given as fully as possible. It was therefore agreed that the JIB should be free to proceed with its own integration as it saw fit.

Publicity, Recruitment, Training and Orientation: Useful discussions have been held on all these matters. They should lead to the pooling of information and of requests, and to better utilisation of present publicity channels. The question of an ecumenical school of mission has been raised. The CMS reported on preparations for the Spring School of Mission to be held in Wellington, and invited participation by others. Information was given on plans by the ABM to hold a consultation with Partners in Mission in 1977, and it was reported that on JIB initiatives, the NCC had invited representatives of the Council of Churches in Indonesia to visit New Zealand.

Further Meeting: The NCCOM met again in June 1976. There were four Anglican representatives (ABM three, CMS one), five from the Joint Board (three Presbyterian, two Methodist), one from the Churches of Christ and one from the Congregation Union (CWM).

Reports were received as follows:

Anglican: General Synod had expressed the intention to seek greater co-operation between Negotiating Churches at all levels. The principle of an ecumenical base for overseas mission was one toward which the Anglican Church would be working.

Joint Board: The word "Interim" was to be dropped and full integration of Methodist and Presbyterian overseas activities was being planned. One integrated office would be established by mid August at 83 Khyber Pass Road, Auckland. The Committee expressed the hope that the ABM office would act in Wellington for the Joint Board and likewise the JB in Auckland for the ABM. Arrangements were set in train for representatives of other Boards to attend meetings of the constituent bodies.

Policy: It is necessary to spend time in relating to each other on matters of policy and it was agreed that at each meeting some two hours should be devoted to the study of an agreed topic. This is seen as one of the major activities of this committee. At the next meeting (23 November) topics will be "The New Hebridean Situation", to be introduced by the Rev. A. G. Horwell, and "Partners in Mission—its Implications", to be introduced by the Rev. B. Carrell.

Mission Contributions in Union and Co-operating Parishes: This was seen as part of the wider question of financing in general and in such parishes. Because of the diversity of arrangements and policies in evidence through New Zealand, and because of the lack of information enabling us to see the picture clearly, it was agreed to inform the JCCU of this committee's concern and to ask that action be initiated at Diocesan level.

Conclusion: The Secretary, the Rev. Michael Bent, has resigned as a consequence of his appointment to a parish position. The committee has thanked him for his very able contribution to its establishment and expressed congratulations and best wishes as he takes up his new post.

The expectation of all members of this committee is that it will provide a valuable forum on matters of mutual concern and responsibility and an instrument for fuller utilisation of the resources available to the negotiating churches in Mission Overseas.

D. E. DUNCAN, Chairman.

V. THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION

A. FINANCE

1. The Treasurer, Mr George Nelson, submitted a statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 1975, duly signed by the auditor, Mr P. H. Johnsen. This was adopted and is as follows:

JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION
Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 1975

				\$
Cash in Hand 1/1/75				23.59
Receipts:				
Contributions from Churches				13,823.50
Sales of published material				65.11
Sundries:				
Interest			23.21	
Various Refunds			6.72	29.93
Total Receipts				13,942.13
Add:				
Debit balance 31/12/75			112.58	
NAC Bulkair A/c O/drawn			14.00	126.58*
				\$14,068.71
Payments:				
Salaries:				
Secretary, Stipend and House Allowance			8,690.45	
Beneficiary Fund Assessment 15 months			1,005.30	
Office Assistance			517.10	10,212.85
Accommodation:				
Rent			650.00	
Power			17.98	667.98
Communications:				
Telephone Rentals			122.23	
Toll Charges			256.86	
Postal Charges			104.22	483.31
Other Office Expenses:				
Supplies			371.16	
Services			26.44	397.60
Travel:				
Secretary — Inland	1,411.71	495.29		
Secretary — Overseas (less recovered)	1,698.90	287.19	782.48	
Chairman			466.37	1,248.85
Publications:				
Subscriptions			8.00	
JCCU Publications (less recoveries)		882.05	667.40	
Hymnbook Project		214.65	115.04	790.44
Sundries:				
Expenses of Meeting			224.13	
Insurances			23.32	
Bank Charges			5.23	
Expenses — Women's Committee			15.00	267.68
				\$14,068.71

*Adjustments necessary to show REAL debit balance at 31/12/75

Balance as entered above	\$126.58		
ADD Tax deducted but not lodged	247.37	373.95	
LESS Refund on a/c travel exps, secretary		57.95	
Real debit balance		\$316.00	

G. NELSON, Hon. Treasurer.

I have inspected the books of Account and vouchers of the Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended 31 December 1975 and report that the foregoing Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended 31 December 1975.

P. H. JOHNSEN, Chartered Accountant.

2. The Budget for the year 1976 totalling \$14,900 was allocated to the Churches as follows:

	Membership	Contribution
Anglican (Average of Christmas and Easter Communicants, 114,000 and 80,000)	97,000	6,913
Presbyterian	82,548	5,886
Methodist	26,512	1,892
Churches of Christ	2,553	179
Congregational Union	414	30
	209,027	\$14,900

3. At the meeting on 18 August the Executive submitted a Budget for 1977 totalling \$16,400. This was approved, to be allocated to the Churches on the basis of membership figures when received.

4. Mr G. Nelson advised that he wished to relinquish the position of Treasurer, and the Commission recorded its thanks for his valuable assistance. Mr L. I. Stevens was appointed at the June meeting.

B. MEETINGS IN 1977

The Commission has decided that its next meeting will be held in Wellington on 29 and 30 March 1977. Arrangements for other meetings will be decided later.

9 September 1976.

W. A. BEST, Chairman.

**General Statistical
Returns
for the Year Ending
30th June, 1976**

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICT NATIONAL SUMMARY

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
NORTHLAND	1040	973	24	51	9	15
AUCKLAND	5844	5915	95	394	11	119
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	3722	3915	54	235	10	47
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	1781	1811	38	145	1	28
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	2507	2496	34	159	11	52
WELLINGTON	2968	3018	52	179	4	50
NELSON	1212	1351	26	70	1	18
NORTH CANTERBURY	3940	4197	73	184	3	49
SOUTH CANTERBURY	1075	1117	18	53	4	28
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	1691	1771	32	69	1	38
TOTALS	25780	26564	446	1539	55	444

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DISTRICT NORTHLAND

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH	100	100	-	5	5	5
KAIKOE UNION PARISH	24	31	7	-	-	-
SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OP. PARISH						
KAEK-KEKIKERI UNION PARISH	64	66	2	1	-	-
NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH	35	31	1	3	1	1
SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OP. PARISH	91	-	2	-	-	-
HIKURANGI UNION PARISH	22	57	1	-	1	-
WHANGAREI UNITING PARISH	335	305	4	18	1	6
DARGAVILLE	172	170	3	5	1	3
RUAWAI UNION PARISH	52	58	2	4	-	-
PAPAROA	55	60	1	6	-	-
PORT ALBERT	90	95	1	2	-	-
TOTAL	1040	972	24	51	9	15

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICT AUCKLAND

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
AUCKLAND CENTRAL	397	402	8	18	-	9
AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	188	209	7	10	-	2
BALMORAL-BOSKILL	427	445	8	22	1	22
AUCKLAND WEST	68	66	1	11	-	-
AUCKLAND EAST	617	639	14	32	3	21
BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING PARISH			-	-	-	-
ORAKEI	283	291	7	7	-	2
GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH	36	39	1	1	-	-
MT. ALBERT	307	319	6	22	-	5
AVONDALE UNION PARISH	65	71	2	4	-	-
HENDERSON	295	278	2	44	-	8
TE ATATU UNION PARISH	71	76	1	3	-	-
DEVONPORT	152	153	-	8	-	-
TAKAPUNA	678	681	7	32	1	-
BIRKENHEAD	182	180	2	9	-	7

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DISTRICT AUCKLAND

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING PARISH	82	79	-	8	-	2
BIRKDALE-BEACH HAVEN UNION PARISH	38	40	2	12	-	-
NORTHCOOTE	121	112	-	6	2	2
ONEHUNGA	322	305	4	41	3	13
OTAHUHU	113	111	3	12	-	-
PAPATOETOE	294	305	4	28	-	9
MANUREWA	231	421	2	21	-	10
PAPAKURA	199		4	14	1	-
PUKESDIE	226	241	6	14	-	6
TUAKAU UNION PARISH	39	46	3	3	-	-
WAIKURU	100	100	-	8	-	-
SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH	65	65	-	-	-	-
WHANGAPARADA	115	109	1	3	-	1
MAHUPANGI	133	132	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	5844	5915	95	394	11	119

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICT WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
THAMES UNION PARISH	110	118		1		1
HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH	43	43		4		
PAEROA	63	69	1	18		5
WAIHI	72	76	1	9		
TE AROHA	162	153	4	3		2
MORRINSVILLE	211	221	3	12		5
CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH	161	184	3	5		
HAMILTON	435	550	12	30		
RAGLAN UNION PARISH	38	38		7		4
HAMILTON EAST	416	473	6	21		1
CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH	32			7		2
NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH	42	43		1		
HUNTLY	73	80	1	8		
MATAMATA UNION PARISH	185	189	4	6	4	8

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
PUTARURU	90	95	1	8		
TOKOROA	130	127		12		
ROTORUA	229	238	4	8		
TAUPO UNION PARISH	50	50		5		
TAURANGA	425	432	3	11		
GREERTON UNION PARISH	51	40		12		
TE PUKE	80	84	2	7		
WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH	83	108	2	3		8
KAWERAU	24			6		
OPOTIKI UNION PARISH	59	55	2	3	1	
TE AWAMUTU	210	198		14	2	8
OTOROHANGA	90	92	1	1		2
TE KUITI	49	49				
TAUMARUNUI	54	54	3	10		1

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY
DISTRICT

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICT ..TARANAKI-WANGANUI.....

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
NEW PLYMOUTH	499	510	14	29	-	-
WAITARA	126	131	4	20	-	6
STRATFORD	157	148	-	17	-	10
ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OP	109	121	3		-	-
HAWERA	153	151	2	13	-	3
MANAIA UNION	22	24	-	4	-	1
OPUNAKE CO-OP	104	107	1	9	-	-
OKATO	93	101	2	17	-	-
WANGANUI	428	422	10	32	1	7
TAIHAPE						
INGLEWOOD UNION	81	87	2	4	-	1
PATEA RECIPROCAL	9	9	-	-	-	-
	1781	1811	38	145	1	28

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICT ... HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
NAPIER	381	404	2	11	1	-
HASTINGS	448	402	6	23	-	11
GISBORNE	132	142	6	7	1	-
MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH	118	104	1	8	6	11
WAIROA PARISH	40	44	1	3	-	-
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	123	122	2	8	-	-
WOODVILLE UNION PARISH	67	68	1	-	-	-
PAHIATUA UNION PARISH	81	86	-	15	-	1
PALMERSTON NORTH	495	478	6	27	-	22
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	102	102	-	9	1	-
FEILDING-OROUA	245	243	3	21	1	2
MARTON	83	93	1	9	-	3
SANSON-RONGOTEA	120	141	2	7	-	2
FOXTON UNION PARISH	64	67	3	7	1	-

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

DISTRICTWELLINGTON.....

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	273	307	3	16	-	-
WELLINGTON WEST	169	183	4	2	-	-
WELLINGTON EAST	172	167	2	13	-	7
WELLINGTON SOUTH	66	64	-	1	-	2
LOWER HUTT-PETONE	606	596	10	35	-	11
NGAIO UNION PARISH	87	100	5	8		
NEWLANDS UNION PARISH	19	24	-	7	-	-
JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH	101	96	-	6	2	9
TAWA UNION PARISH	215	215	1	6	-	3
WAINIOMATA UNION PARISH	50		2	4	-	5
TAITA UNION PARISH	11	14	-	6	-	-
UPPER HUTT	216	200	1	19	1	
PORIRUA	164	170	5	6	-	-
PARAPARAUMU	160	158	-	5	-	-

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DISTRICTWELLINGTON.....

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
OTAKI	53	61	3	-	-	-
LEVIN	224	236	8	8	1	3
FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH	14	17	-	6	-	-
CARTERTON UNION PARISH	77	75	2	12	-	7
GREYTOWN ST ANDREW'S UNION PARISH	24	28	1	1	-	-
MASTERTON ST JAMES UNION PARISH	61	78	3	1	-	1
MASTERTON ST LUKE'S UNION PARISH	165	178	2	9		2
EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH	41	51	-	8	-	-
TOTALS	2968	3018	52	179	4	50

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DISTRICT NELSON

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
NELSON	372	404	9	26	1	8
ST. LUKES UNION	31	36	2	1	-	-
WAIKAI	139	140	4	5	-	6
MOTUEKA	83	100	2	2	-	-
MURCHISON	22	22	-	1	-	-
BLenheim	346	417	3	22	-	2
PICTON UNION	40	46	-	1	-	-
REXPTON DIST. UNION	24	25	1	4	-	-
BULLER DIST. UNION	43	44	2	4	-	-
GREYMOUTH DIST. UNION	65	67	2	3	-	-
HOKITIKA DIST. UNION	47	50	1	1	-	2
TOTALS	1212	1351	26	70	1	18

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DISTRICT NORTH CANTERBURY

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
131 Christchurch Central Mission	363	369	12	11	-	4
132 Christchurch South	246	242	7	7	1	3
133 Christchurch East	548	560	6	30	-	11
134 New Brighton Union Parish	82	78	4	6	-	-
135 Sumner-Redcliffs Union Parish	87	88	2	6	-	-
136 South East Christchurch Union Parish	28	30	-	7	-	-
137 Lyttelton Union Parish	17	19	2	3	-	-
138 Christchurch (Opawa)	94	99	-	3	-	-
139 Beckenham-Sydenham	164	167	2	4	-	9
140 Christchurch (Spreydon)	146	188	2	4	-	6
141 Halswell Union Parish	75	88	1	9	-	-
142 Christchurch (Riccarton)	325	328	6	6	-	5
143 Christchurch (St Albans)	493	525	13	21	-	-
144 Christchurch (Papamoa)	439	461	4	21	-	-

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DISTRICT NORTH CANTERBURY

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
145 Hornby	98	101	1	6	1	3
146 Lincoln Union Parish	41	47	-	3	-	2
147 Leeston	160	181	1	3	-	-
148 Kaiapoi	140	174	3	8	1	2
149 Rangiora	216	273	5	12	-	3
150 Greendale	110	111	2	6	-	1
151 Oxford District Union Parish	68	68	-	8	-	-
7 Otautahi - Te Waipounamu						
TOTALS	3940	4197	73	184	4	50

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DISTRICT SOUTH CANTERBURY

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
BANK STREET	97	93	1	5	-	8
WOODLANDS STREET	219	211	3	4	-	9
ST. DAVID'S UNION PARISH	70	70	2	17	-	2
WAIMATE	126	126	1	2	-	-
GERALDINE	34	39	2	-	-	-
TENUKA	48	49	1	-	-	-
ASHBURTON	316	364	6	17	4	9
ALLENTON UNION PARISH	40	42	-	3	-	-
OAMARU UNION PARISH	125	123	2	5	-	-
TOTALS	1075	1117	18	53	4	28

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DISTRICT OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

CIRCUITS	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30 1976	Number on Electoral Roll at June 30, 1975	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)
DUNEDIN	669	686	19	43	1	15
PORT CHALMERS UNITED	16	16	-	1	-	-
WEST HARBOUR UNITED	25	32	2	2	-	-
WEST DUNEDIN UNION	93	94	-	-	-	1
CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION	7	11	-	-	-	-
GRANT'S BRAES UNION	23	18	-	-	-	-
TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH	44	44	1	2	-	2
BALCLUTHA	82	85	2	5	-	1
GORE	89	96	-	2	-	-
INVERCARGILL	504	515	8	11	-	18
RIVERTON UNION	26	29	-	1	-	-
OTAUTAU UNION	31	31	-	-	-	-

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