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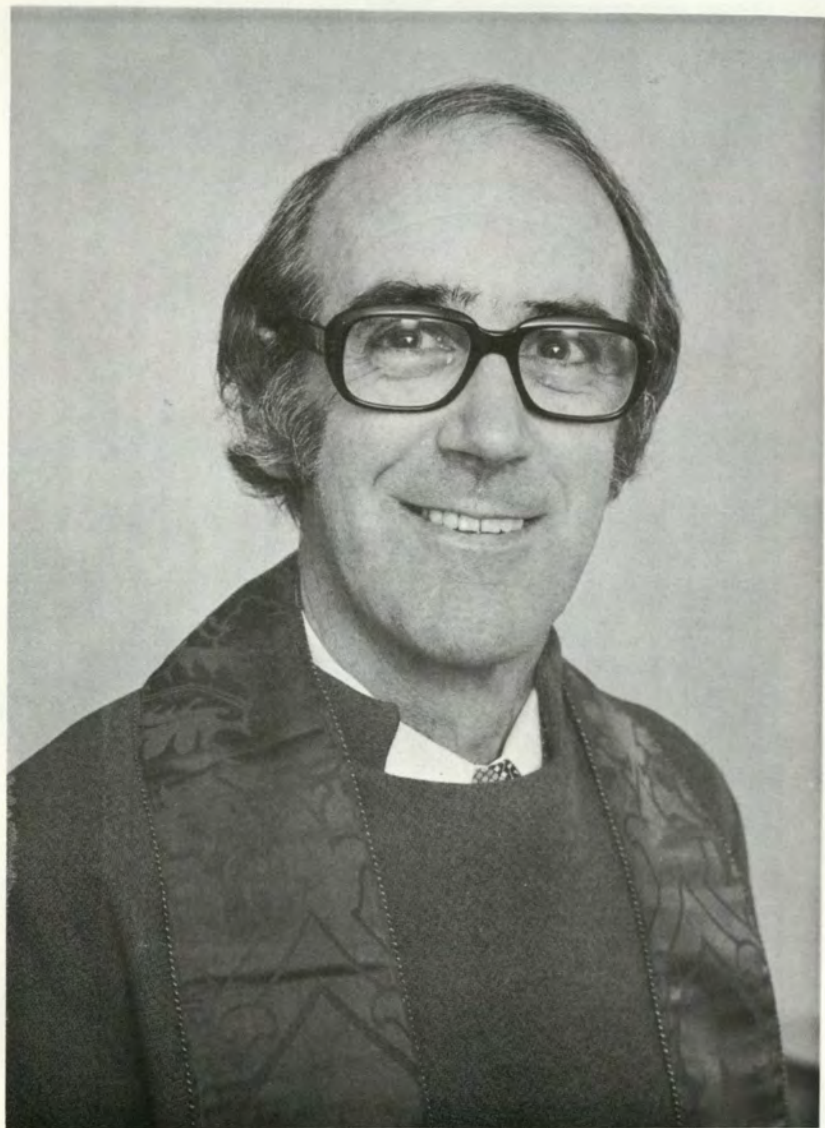
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THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the United Methodist Free Churches,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

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. Supernumeraries are listed separately, the years of entry and retirement being shown in the two left-hand columns, WA indicates "Without Appointment". The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right-hand column.

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 OD-Overseas Division. HC-Hospital Chaplain.
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 CF-Chaplain to the Forces.

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1955	W.A.	Abbott, William K., 62 Celia Street, Stratford. 	4030
1966	W.A.	Alexander, Roy M., Department of Pastoral Care & Education, Presbyterian Medical Centre, 1719 East Nineteenth Ave., Denver, Colorado, 80218, U.S.A.	3080
1971	8	Allan, Robert A., 46 Mathias Street, Darfield	8200
1944	4	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 252 Lyttelton Street, Christchurch 2, Ph. 382-259 and 328-356 (Office) P.O.Box 33-077	8020
1969	W.A.	Alley, David R., 52 Totara Street, Invercargill.	9110
1974	5	Amituana'i, Siauala, B.D., 53 Fife Street, Westmere, Auckland 2. DD	2600) 2010)
1973	3	Anderson, Ian E.M. 3 Park Avenue, Oxford	8210
1956	4	Andrews, Robert S., 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2. (Ph. 837-409)	6030
1963	1	Ansell, David H., 4 Claude Street, Hamilton	3100
1963		Armstrong, David, C/- Mrs. F. Gatman, P.O. Silverdale, Auckland. 	2190
1949	6	Baker, Edward, 25b Haerehuka Street, P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga	3260

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1953	5	Baker, Frederick J.K., 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth.	2290
1963	4	Ball, Niven G., 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne	5050
1965	1	Barnes, Stanley J., B.A., 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton.	3100
1975	3	Bell, Anthony N., L.Th., Willowby R.D.3, Ashburton.	8380
1957	10	Bell, G. Basil W., 19 King Street, Whakatane	3220
1967	W.A.	Bennett, Enid, J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138, Palmerston North.	5100
1956	7	Bennett, George L., 23 Landscape Road, Pukekohe	2240
1955	4	Bennett, Trevor L., 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland.	2190
1951	3	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 115 Main Road, Wainuiomata	6150
1954	3	Billinghurst, Noel D., 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara	4020
1971	6	Blundell, Warren H., 67 Palmerston Street, Riverton	9120
1959	W.A.	Bowen, Lewis,	
1955		Boyd, Edward P., 17 Lewis Street, Invercargill	9110
1960	6	Brazendale, Graham, M.A., 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	2120
1969	W.A.	Brookes, Norman E., M.A., C/- Methodist Church Office, 1 Central Buildings, Westminister, London SW1H 9NH England	
1941	8	Brown, Harold K., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson (Phone 84-672)	7010
1976	3	Bruce, Dougal H.C., L.Th., 50 Kitenui Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	2010
1964	2	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com., A.C.A., 77 Grey Street, Inehunga, Auckland 6	2190
1951	W.A.	Burrough, Amos W., 42 Miro Street, Palmerston North	5100
1949	4	Burt, Douglas H., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha	3050
1974	5	Burton, Restel A., 52 Queens Drive, St. Kilda, Dunedin	9020
1944	2	Bycroft, Leslie F. 40 Crownhill Street, New Plymouth	4010
1955	1	Cable, Wilfred H., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu. Phone 5376	3250
1947		Campbell, M. Jackson, 68 Kiwi Cres., Tawa, Wellington.	
1951	W.A.	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed.	

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1969	7	Chapman, Wallace, C., 4 Myers Road, Manurewa, Auckland.	2220
1965	6	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	2240
1960	11	Christian, Owen L., 304 Stanmore Road, Christchurch 1.	8030
1950	6	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 31 Court Road, Tawa, Wellington.	6110
1965	4	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D.(Hons.), 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne, (Ph.6260)	5040
1965	3	Clarke, Ian L., A.C.A., 8a Fovant Street, Christchurch 4.	8120
1942		Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 95 Beechdale Crescent, Pakuranga, Auckland 6.	2040
1947	1	Clements, Leslie C., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1951	1	Clucas, Ivan J., 48 Hillcrest Avenue, Rotorua	3170
1965	1	Collingwood, Ronald C., P.O.Box 51-102, Pakuranga, Auckland 6.	2040
1960	5	Conway, James H., 42 Ngatai Street, Manaia	4060
1969	W.A.	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., 28 Turaki Street, Taumarunui.	3280
1968	10	Couch, Moke A.G., B.A., 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth.	4510
1953	4	Craig, Hughan M., 5a William Street, Gore	9100
1957	5	Cropp, James, F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton.	8380
1962	W.A.	Currie, John B., B.A., C/- P.O.Waimarama, Hawkes Bay.	5020
1973	3	Currie, Lawrence H., 49 Murphy's Road, Blenheim.	7070
1968	1	Curtis, Darrell, R., B.A., 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai.	1100
1941	4	Darvill, Harold A., 18 Matai Road, Hataitai, Wellington 3.	6250) 6510)
1940	6	Dawson, John B., B.A., 28 Marion Avenue, Mt.Roskill, Auckland 4.	2030
1943	7	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland 3.	2010
1972	2	Dickie, Arthur W., C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E., Tauranga Road, Waihi	3040
1959	8	Dine, Mervyn L., 19 Hillside Crescent, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3.	2020
1940	W.A.	Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 47 Kebble Road, Lower Hutt.	6050

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1954	W.A.	Eastwood, Eric R., 9 Markham Place, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.	2050
1948	W.A.	Eisner, Wilf G., B.A., Tokanui P.B., Te Awamutu	3250
1943	28	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., Central Mission, P.O.Box 1449, Christchurch. (Phone 66-745)	8010
1964	1	Felderhof, Ludwig, 34 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland 8.... ..	2110
1970	W.A.	Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei.	1080
1948	4	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., 8 Ingestre Street, Wanganui.	4090
1957	3	Fowler, Irwin J., 406 Thames Street, Morrinsville.	3060
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1964	1	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7.	2080
1952	3	Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Avenue, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10 (Ph.469-136) ED	2140) 2800)
1975	4	Gibson, Roger M., 204 Preston Road, Box 61-171, Otara, Papatoetoe	2210
1951	5	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 83 Brougham Street, New Plymouth.	4010
1958	1	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 30 Kelso Street, Tokoroa	3160
1940	3	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 15 Brookfield Terrace, Tauranga	3190
1957	W.A.	Glen, Frank G., Myross Bush, R.D.11, Invercargill.	9110
1976	3	Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 27 Worksop Road, Masterton	6190
1950	7	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 10 Eden View Road, Auckland 3 (Ph.866-387), P.O.Box 5104, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1, (Phone 32-433 Office)	2020
1955	3	Goreham, Norman J., B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.), 29 Farley Street, Kaikorai, Dunedin	9050
1970	6	Graham, Duncan R., 214 High Street, Dannevirke.	5070
1956	1	Grant, Ian D., 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata	3140
1973	4	Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.) 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	8180
1975	2	Graves, Norma M., 203 Chelmsford Street, Invercargill	9110

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1972	W.A.	Greenwood, Russell J., B.A., 15 Sidey Street, Dunedin.	9020
1976	3	Greer, Michael W.L.Th., 21 Horoeke Street, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt ...	6120
1959	2	Griffith, Keith C., 235 Karori Road, Wellington 5.	6020
1974	2	Griffiths, William D., "Bridson House", 4 Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland 8.	2100
1943	6	Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Lenihan Street, Northcote, Auckland 9. (Ph.489-332)	2180
1960	1	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui, Christchurch 5. ...	8140
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1957		Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Win- chester St., Christchurch 1.	
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1952	4	Hall, John R., 31 King Street, Waiuku	2260
1958	3	Hamlin, R.John, 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth	7110
1954	7	Hammond, George M., 436 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3.	8110
1960	1	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., B.D., 44 Garden Road, Lower Hutt.	6120
		Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O.Box 6133, Wellington. (Phone 850-352)	6800
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1962	3	Hawkey, Graham E., 79 Arthur Street, Timaru (Phone 5625)	8310
1968	5	Hay, J.Cedric, 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland 10. ...	2140
1966	1	Hendry, Richard J., 92 Cambridge Street, Levin.	6220
1954		Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey Street, Christchurch 5.	8900)
			HC 8130)
1965	3	Herbert, C. Brice, Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia	1010
1968	1	Hey, Roger J.E., Chaplain's Office, Carrington Psychiatric Hospital, Auckland	2080
1962	8	Hight, Arnold C. 61 Wainoni Rd, Ch/Ch.6.	8030

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1962	6	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 80LE Queen St., Hastings	5020
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1967	5	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E.(Melb.), 43 Ayr Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin ...	9020
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1961	9	Langley, John E., 149 Kamo Road,Whangarei	1080
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1965		Mackie, Bruce E., Pauline Place, Paparangi, Wellington.	6010
1968	7	Malcournne, Brian J., B.A., 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland.	2100
1966		Manihera, John I., 53 Weir Terrace, Waiouru CF	4100
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1972	4	MacLeod, D.Ian, 3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood	4110
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1967	W.A.	Michie, Laurie A., 84 Aeroview Drive, Beach- haven, Auckland 10.	2150
1978	1	Milner, Colin, A., 12 Selwyn Street, Leeston	6170
1942	10	Morrison, William, J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest (Box 11007), Hamilton. (Phone Home 64-244, Office 69-056)	3330
1960	7	Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O.Box 5076, Dunedin (Phone Office 70-303, Home 44-165)	9020
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1953	1	Newman, Alan, 22 Goodwyn Crescent, Palmer- ston North.	5100
1954	W.A.	Newton, Alan H.V., Community of Celebration, P.O. Box 903, Woodland Park, Colorado 80863, U.S.A.	3080
1978	1	Nicol, Campbell, 7 Ajax Street, Milton.	9080
1959	6	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington	6120
1968	1	Norwell, Ian C., The Terrace Centre, Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Welling- ton 4.	6070
1977	W.A.	Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A. 103a Ohaupo Road, Hamilton.	3080

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1946	1	Olds, Norman W., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, 3.	2040
1964	W.A.	Olsen, Brian L., Upper Queen Street, Pukekohe.	2240
1953	5	Osborne, John H., M.A., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1947		Parker, Francis H., 15 Penrhyn Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3 (Phone 603-970)	2040) HC. 2045)
1952	12	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington 1. Office: 75 Taranaki St., P.O. Box 6133, Wgtn. (Phone Office 847-699, Home 849-309)	6010
1968		Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., 5 Albany Street, Dunedin.	UC. 9020
1962	1	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., 2166 Great North Road, Auckland 7.	2090
1967	2	Pratt, David C., 67 Shearman Street, Waimate.	8350
1975	4	Pratt, G. Douglas, M.A., 17 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10.... ..	2140
1966		Prince, Donald F. Rolleston Prison, P.O.Box 45, Rolleston	PC. 8150
1954	17	Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland 3 (P.O.Box 5023W) (Phone Office 2500) 71-843, Home 867-364)	MD. 2080)
1949	2	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 82 Murray Place, Christchurch 1.	8130
1950		Ramsay, Phillip D., 20 Solar Street, Coorparoo Heights, Brisbane 4151, Queensland	8350
1969	5	Rigby, Russell, G., B.A. (Hons.), 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	9110
1955	5	Rigg, Frank S., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale	2280
1974	5	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim. (Hons.), 193 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 9.	2130
1962		Robertson, Ian H., 35 Imlay Crescent, Ngaio, Wellington 4.	6010
1963	8	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)	2060) Th.C. 2820)
1954	5	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 9 Rhodes Street, Timaru. (Phone 88-401)	8320
1957	8	Russell, Kenneth H., 100 Jed Street, Inver- cargill, (phone 83-539)	9110
1962	4	Rutherford, Maynard G., 16 View Road, Hikurangi	1070

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1959	W.A.	Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher Street, Taupo	3180
1956	10	Scammell, Bruce, 100 West Street, Fielding	5120
1950	1	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 37 The Avenue, Lynfield, Auckland 4.	2030
1975	4	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 817W St. Aubyn Street, Hastings.	5020
1952	6	Shaw, Harry I., 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua	5090
1946	1	Shepherd, Trevor, The Manse, St. John's Street, Opotiki	3240
1961	1	Sides, Brian W., P.O.Box 2019, Tauranga South	3190
1971		Simpson, Ronald N., 14 Highbury Street, Avondale, Auckland IC.	2090
1975	4	Sinclair, Paul F., 202 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst	5110
1964	5	Slinn, Stuart G., 6 Haswell Street, Eketahuna	6210
1970	4	Smith, G. Clive, L.Th., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson	7030
1951	7	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton (Phone Home 81-435, Office 83-951)	3080
1973	4	Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol. (Melb.), 175 Queen Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	5060
1969	W.A.	Stringer, Robert G., F/4, 84 Wai-iti Road, Timaru	8320
1953	4	Stubbs, David G., 54 Leefield Street, Blenheim	7070
1954	4	Tahere, Te Awha W., 446 Innes Road, Christchurch. 5.	8510
1955	2	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera	4050
1961	W.A.	Taylor, A. Kerry, 47 Maugham Drive, Bucklands Beach, Auckland	2040
1966	4	Taylor, Keith J., B.A., 7 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn, Wellington 2, Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O. Box 6133, Welling- ton, (Phone Office 847-699, Home 846-751 6010	
1957	2	Taylor, Philip F., 54 Clevedon Road, P.O. Box 243, Papakura, Auckland	2230
1968	11	Te Whare, Morehu, C/- Post Office, Te Kuiti	3520
1955	4	Thornicroft, Neville, The Manse, 15 Wairau Road, Picton (Phone 129)	7080
1954	1	Trebilco, David L., 4 Oroua Street, Te Puke	3210

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1963	4	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, P.O. Box 8809, Auckland (Phone Office 74-143), Home 115 Queenstown Road, Auckland 6	2030) 2700)
1968		Turner, Brian H., M.A.(Hons.), 23 Lascelles Street, St.Martins, Christchurch 2.	8090
1978	1	Upson, Alan R., 97 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland 10	2150
1965	4	Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E., 11 Union Street, Hamilton	3510
1962	3	Waine, Frederick E., B.A., 8 Tabak Place, Palmerston North	5100
1962	1	Wakeling, W.J. Douglas, 3 Goldsbrough Avenue, Raumati Beach	6240
1978	1	Wall, Lynne, B.A., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5.	8140
1978	1	Wall, Terrence W., M.A., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5.	8010
1961	6	Wallace, William L., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Road, Christchurch 4...	8150
1945	5	Watson, Alexander C., 32 Hammersley Avenue, Christchurch 1.	8030
1977	W.A.	Webster, Alan C., M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S., Massey University, Palmerston North.	5100
1965	3	West, Norman J., 171 Parsons Street, Wanganui	4090
1966	5	West, Stanley J., 31 Beatty Street, Melville, Hamilton	3080
1976	3	White, Graeme R., L.Th., 5 Naish Street, Balclutha	9090
1959	1	Widdup, Robert W., 79 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt	6120
1942	2	Willing, Leonard, V., 8 Murray Avenue, Hawera	4510
1950	W.A.	Woodfield, Frank H., 233 Dowse Drive, Lower Hutt	6120
1950	6	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5	2060
1962	2	Woodley, Alan K., B.A., P.O.Box 931, Christ- church (Phone Office 66-049, 32 Amble- side Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 5.	8140) GS 8900)
1941	7	Woolford, J.Henry, M.A., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville (Phone 8724)	1090
1971	2	Wright, Jack, Mersey Street, Rongotea	5140

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
1943	1977	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84b Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe. ...	2210
1947	1960	Attwood, A. Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi	3040
1924	1956	Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10. ...	2140
1936	1977	Beckingsale, George E., 6 Keru Street, Onerua, Waiheke Is.	2140
1941	1967	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Road, Wanganui	4090
1944	1977	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Melb.), 6 Wesleydale Place, Papakura	2230
1949	1967	Benny, T. Ralph, P.O.Box 221, Ashburton	8380
1923	1946	Blakemore, Albert, C/- Whareama Home, Neale Avenue, Stoke	7010
1917	1958	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., (Melb.), 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch	5 8010
1943	1977	Brown, Clifford G., 1 Armagh Terrace, Marton	5130
1925	1977	Brown, F. Gardner, 31 Surf Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa	2280
1924	1964	Brown, Hubert G., 36 Brougham Street, Christchurch 2.	8100
1931	1966	Carr, Thomas H., 12 Torkar Road, Clarks Beach, R.D.4, Pukekohe	2240
1931	1971	Carr, W.E.Allon, 45 Fir Street, Waterview, Auckland 7	2090
1958	1974	Climo, Frederick J., 60 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach	5150
1939	1975	Cochrane, Herbert A., 26 Diamond Avenue, Christchurch 2.	8100
1949	1977	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., 14 Rangeview Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1943	1977	Cramond, George W., 5 Newall Avenue, Christchurch 5.	8010) 8130)
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames	3010
1935	1974	Duder, Clifford L., "Tinopai", 34 Port Albert Road, Wellsford, Northland	1120
1916	1957	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27A Lorna Street, New Plymouth	4010
1937	1974	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., (Lond.), 982 Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa	2280
1934	1969	Goodman, George H., 13 Middleton Road, Hannah Bay, Rotorua	3170
1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R., 46 Mulgan Street, Avondale, Auckland 7	2080
1940	1975	Greenslade, Lawrence, 2D Golf Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	2080

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1931	1971	Greenslade, William W.H., M.B.E., 5 Everest Street, Khandallah, Wellington	6010
1939	1968	Grice, Reginald, 105 Queen Street, Cambridge	3070
1928	1969	Grocott, John D., B.A., 3 Chislehurst Place, Christchurch 5	8130
1928	1968	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway Street, Hamilton	3080
1923	1963	Hames, Eric W., M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), 25 Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland 5	2060
1952	1977	Handyside, Allan J., 4 Oroua Street, Te Puke	3210
1938	1978	Harkness, Howard Edwin, M.A., B.D., 19A Robinson Crescent, Tamatea, Napier.	5010
1926	1966	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland ...	2010
1936	1970	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 20 Woodham Road, Avonside, Christchurch 6. ...	8010
1929	1968	Horwood, Leonard C., 12 Weston Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	2080
1942	1966	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 41 Paine Street, Judea, Tauranga ...	3190
1919	1954	Jefferson, Alfred E., Garlick Annexe, Everil Orr Homes, Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	2020
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey Street, Woodville	5080
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron Street, Mornington, Dunedin	9020
1940	1975	Jones, Alan O., 72 Puriri Street, Wanganui	4090
1916	1954	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon Street, New Plymouth	4010
1929	1969	Kent, Arthur T., 13 Esk Street, Tauranga	3190
1927	1966	Larsen, Norman P., Flat 2, 308 Market Street, South Hastings ...	5020
1927	1968	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3	2040
1938	1977	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 36 Niagara Street, Christchurch 6	8030
1930	1970	Leadley, E. Clarence, 8 Salem Place, Torbay, Auckland 10. Phone 4039232	2140
1939	1977	Lucas, Campbell, P., L.Th., 15 Tawari Street, Matamata	3140
1935	1971	Luxton, Clarence T.J., 1 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa	2280
1948	1971	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., 88 Ardern Avenue, Whangaparaoa	2280
1934	1974	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe Street, Onekawa, Napier ...	5010

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1946	1975	McDonald, D.I. Alister, 2 Karaka Street, Beachlands, Auckland ...	2040
1930	1970	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt. Union U.S.A.), 4 Huia Street, Waikanae	6240
1946	1971	Moore, Harry, Flat 1, 3 Esmonde Road, Taka- puna, Auckland 9 ...	2140
1931	1968	Moore, William E., 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland 2 ...	2010
1937	1974	Norwell, Leslie T., 36 Raleigh Street, Cambridge ...	3070
1939	1977	Oldfield, Charles B., 35 Dale Road, Raumati South ...	6240
1951	1977	Olds, O. McLennan, 19 Beach Road, Omokoroa, R.D., Tauranga ...	3190
1931	1972	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), Flat 2, 2 Kingsway Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	2020
1930	1971	Parker, J. Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Auckland 5. ...	2020
1929	1965	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland 3 ...	2010
1933	1965	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles Street, Christchurch 5 ...	8010
1931	1967	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland 10 ...	2140
1955	1974	Peart, Cuthbert F., 79 Clarkin Road, Hamilton ...	3100
1927	1966	Penn, Athol R., Flat 3, 774 Mt. Eden Road, Auckland 4 ...	2040
1938	1978	Petch, Ashleigh Kelvin, B.A., 13(a) Haven- wood Place, Birkenhead, Auckland 10	2150
1960	1974	Peterson, Frederick D., 270 Whangaparaoa Road, Silverdale, Auckland	2280
1925	1968	Peterson, Gordon, R.H., 1 Randwick Road, Northland, Wellington 5	6020
1957	1972	Reid, Andrew G., 11 Alexander Road, Algies Bay, R.D. 2, Warkworth. ...	2290
1911	1949	Rowe, William, Stoke, Nelson ...	7010
1951	1966	Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon Street, Hamilton	3100
1916	1955	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis Street, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. ...	2080
1945	1977	Shapcott, Leonard, 42 Bowen Street, Cambridge ...	3070
1941	1970	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 54 Rangatira Road, Birkdale, Auckland 10 ...	2150
1938	1978	Silvester, John, M.A., F/3, 28 King Street, Papatoetoe ...	2210
1952	1976	Spindler, Sydney J., 16 Hood Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui ...	4090

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1941	1978	Thomas, Gordon Vaughan, 3 Pa Road, Pukerua Bay	6100
1946	1971	Thompson, George R., E.D., 1582 Great North Road, Waterview, Auckland 7	2090
1951	1971	Thompson, J. Herbert, 15 de Bloge Place, Christchurch 6	8030
1935	1975	Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., 63 Wylie Street, Rotorua ...	3170
1926	1959	Voyce, A. Henry, 17 Prospect Terrace, Milford, Auckland 9.	2140
1939	1976	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 105 Rennie Street, Tararu, Thames ...	3010
1931	1971	Williams, David, O.B.E., M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), 20 Weston Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3	2080
1943	1976	Williams, J.C. Aldwyn, 8 Rata Street, Helensville	2270
1935	1974	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 113 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8	8050

MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Borrie, I. Donald, M.A., S.T.M., 55 Warspite Avenue, Porirua	6090
Moala, Taniela T., L.Th., 118 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3	2180
Stevens, Ewing C., M.B.E., B.A., P.O. Box 5397, Auckland.	2810
Vickery, John H., 15 Clayburn Road, Glen Eden, Auckland 7	2020

RESIDING IN NEW ZEALAND

Crawford, Samuel J., Okete, R.D. 1, Raglan	3090
Sarchet, E., 17 Tawa Road, Te Atatu, Auckland	2120
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HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Circuit
1928	Coombridge, Roy, 5 Turongo Street, Otorohanga	3260
1952	Johnson, Frank L., Waitoki R.D., Kaukapakapa	2270
1961	Tardif, A.E., Deborah Bay, Port Chalmers, Otago	9180
1939	Wright, H.R., 7 Tor Street, Westown, New Plymouth	4010

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
(a) FULL TIME:			
1962	2	Maaka, Herehere Maihi, 38 Bush Road, Kamo	1510
1960	7	Makiha, Matu, Methodist Parsonage, 51 Hall Road, Manurewa, Auckland	2510
1967	4	Toia, Samson, 26 Pirika Street, Dargaville	1510
(b) HONORARY:			
1972		Cassidy, Tohu, Omanaia, P.O. Box 37, via Rawene, Hokianga	1510
1955		Couch, Wera, P.O.Box 20, Lyttelton	8510
1972		Gray, Henare Te Huia, Te Kowhai Road, Horotiu	3510
1952	Ret.	Hemara, Hohepa, 65 Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland	1510
1969		Heremaia, John Hoani, Pariroa Pa, Kakaramea, Patea	4510
		Hunapo, Raka, 82 Vine Street, Mangere East	2510
1938	Ret.	Ihaka, Wiremu Paki, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland 6	2510
1977		Kahu, Ngaonepu Sidney, 22 Elizabeth Street, Patea, South Taranaki	4510
1942		Kawiti, Tawai Te Riri, Waioomio, R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	1510
1946		Kukutai, Waaka, Te Kohanga, via Tuakau, South Auckland	2510
1964		Livingstone, Para Piripi, Pokere, Northland	1510
1932		Manihera, Tuteao, 1 Butler Place, Fairfield, Hamilton	3510
		Martin, Huia, 74 Franklin Road, Otara	2510
1972		Morunga, Mack, Whirinaki, Hokianga	1510
1972		Morunga, Winiata, 33 Clark's Road, Kamo	1510
1969		Pate, Henare, 10 Amisfield Road, Tokoroa	3510
1972		Pickering, Alan Skinner, Portland, Whangarei, Northland	1510
1951		Rangitutia Pukerau, Aotearoa, R.D.7, Te Awamutu	3510
1971		Rogers, Aperahama Tutanekai, 10 Tawa Street, Te Atatu, Auckland 8	2510
1969		Rogers, Mare, 26 Orr's Road, Kaikohe	1510
		Searancke, Paddy, 56 Bader Street, Hamilton	3510
1970		Taha, George, Dawson's Road, Glen Massey, Ngaruawahia	3510
1962		Taka, Robert, 64 Fourth Avenue, Whangarei	1510
1968		Te Hiko, Wiremu Huirama, 31 Manaia Street, Tokoroa	1510
1967		Te Uira, Phillip, Taharoa, Te Kuiti	3520
1973		Toki, Te Marunui, 26 Whitley Crescent, Otara	2510

Ent.		Name and Address	Circuit
1962	Ret.	Tonga, Te Orahi, P.O. Box 110, Ngaruawahia	3510
		Turner, Charlie, No. 2 R.D., Otorohanga	3520
1952	Ret.	Wilcox, Hone, 81 Premier Avenue, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland 2	1510
		Wiki, Waha, 7 Smeath's Road, Kawakawa, Northland	1510
1948		Winikerei, Nguru, Ward Street, Te Kuiti	3520

DEACONESSES

1960		Sister Pamela Beaumont, 8 McLeod Street, Christchurch 1	8030
1978		Sister Johanna Maria Bouchier, The Manse, Raglan	3090
1948		Sister Grace Clement, 12 John Street, Tokoroa	3510
1948		Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, 93 Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch 5	8140
1972		Sister Hana Hauraki, 3 Buckland Road, Tuakau	2510
1962		Sister Edna Jenkin, P.O. Box 105, Marudi, Borneo.	
1963		Sister Barbara Miller, 2 Lynden Avenue, Northcote, Auckland	2510
1978		Sister Diana A. Tana, Taheki, Hokianga	1510
1957		Sister Beverley Taylor, 80 Fairburn Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 6.	2200
1964		Sister Shirley Ungemuth, Flat 7, 171 Bay- view Road, St. Clair, Dunedin	9020
1963	W.A.	Sister Shirley Wiki, Derrick Road, Kawa- kawa, Bay of Islands	1510
1960		Sister Joan Wedding, Flat 7, 8 Begbie Place, Sandringham, Auckland 3	2010
1949		Sister Betty Yearbury, 175 Waihi Road, Hawera	4510

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, Flat 6, 58 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, 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, Auckland 3.	

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
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, Flat 6, 58 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	

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- Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish: R. Stewart Anderson, B.A., P.O. Box 41, Kaeo. (1040)
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- Hikurangi Union Parish: Maynard G. Rutherford, 16 View Road, Hikurangi. (1070)
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- Ruawai Co-operating Parish: Darrell R. Curtis, B.A., 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai, Northland. (1100)
- Wellsford Co-operating Parish: 244 Rodney Street, Wellsford. (1120)

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O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 47 Kebble Road, Lower Hutt. (6050)

Ngaio Union Parish: S.A. Robertson, 44 Ottawa Road, Ngaio,
Wellington 4. (6060)

Johnsonville Union Parish: Ian C. Norwell, 55 Frankmore Avenue,
Johnsonville, Wellington 4. (6070)

Newlands Union Parish: R. Leslie George, 2 Oswald Crescent, New-
lands Wellington. (6080)

Tawa Union Parish: Colin D. Clark, 31 Court Road, Tawa, Wellin-
ton. A.E.B. Johnstone, B.A., 330 Main Road, Linden, Wellington.
D.E. Hollier, 85 Redwood Avenue, Tawa, Wellington. (6110)

Taita Union Parish: C/- 59 Cleary Street, Waiwhetu. (6130)

Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish: Graeme M. McIver, B.A., 11 Red-
wood Street, Upper Hutt. I.A. Milner, 715 Ferguson Drive,
Upper Hutt. W.J. Baker, 460 Ferguson Drive, Upper Hutt.
C.D. Sheriff, B.A., Ph.D., 4 Ebdentown Street, Upper Hutt. (6140)

Wainuiomata Union Parish: H. David Besant, B.A., B.D., 115 Main
Road, Wainuiomata. (6150)

Greytown St. Andrew's Union Parish: K.G. Wall, L.Th., The Manse,
61 Main Street, Greytown. (6160)

Featherston Union Parish: K.G. Wall, L.Th., The Manse,
61 Main Street, Greytown. (6170)

Carterton Union Parish: 164 High St. South, Carterton. (6180)

Masterton St. Luke's Union Parish: Peter E. Glensor, 27 Worksop
Road, Masterton. (6190)

St. James Masterton Union Parish: A.I. Hewson, 112 High Street,
Masterton. (6200)

Eketahuna Union Parish: Stuart G. Slinn, 6 Haswell Street,
Eketahuna. (6210)

Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish: Harold A. Darvill,
18 Matai Road, Hataitai, Wellington 3. Ian Bourne, B.A.,
B.D., L.Th., (6250)

NELSON (7000)

- Nelson St. Luke's Union Parish: H.C. Swadling, B.A., B.D.,
D.Sc.Rel., 55 Tipahi Street, Nelson. (7020)
- Motueka Uniting Parish: Owen T. Jenkin, 11 Eginton Street,
Motueka. (7040)
- Moutere Hills Uniting Parish: Basil J. Hilder, The Manse,
Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere. (7050)
- Picton Union Parish: Neville Thornicroft, 15 Wairau Rd, Picton. (7080)
- Reefton District Union Parish: 9 Mace St, Reefton. (7090)
- Buller Union Parish: Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed., 50 Wakefield
Street, Westport. (7100)
- Greymouth District Union Parish: R. John Hamlin, 43 Cowper Street,
Greymouth. Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A., 121 Main South
Road, Greymouth. (7110)
- Hokitika Union Parish: Lionel E. Brown, B.A. (Hons.), 118 Fitz-
herbert Street, Hokitika. (7120)

NORTH CANTERBURY (8000)

- Parklands Co-operating Parish: W.A. Childs, 129 Queens Park
Drive, Christchurch 7. (8220)
- New Brighton Union Parish: W. Ivan Bacon, B.A., 24 Collingwood
Street, New Brighton, Christchurch 7. (8040)
- Sumner-Recliffs Union Parish: 15 Wiggins Street,
Sumner, Christchurch 8. (8050)
- South East Christchurch Union Parish: Barry G. Harkness, B.A.,
B.D., 29 McGregors Road, Christchurch 6. (8060)
- Lyttelton Union Parish: 27 Sumner Rd, Lyttelton. (8070)
- Halswell Union Parish: George M. Hammond, 436 Halswell Road,
Christchurch 3. (8110)
- Lincoln Union Parish: Rowlatt M. Rogers, B.A., B.Com., 126 East
Belt, Lincoln. (8160)
- Leeston Co-operating Parish: Colin A. Milner, 12 Selwyn Street,
Leeston. (8170)
- Oxford District Union Parish: Ian E.M. Anderson, 3 Park Avenue,
Oxford. (8210)

SOUTH CANTERBURY (8300)

- St. Davids Marchiel Union Parish: 24 Tyne Street,
Timaru. (8330)
- Twizel (Ecumenical Appointment): 43 Jollie Rd, Twizel. (8340)
- Geraldine Co-op. Parish: F.G. Grimshaw, 10 Cox St, Geraldine. (8360)
- Allenton Union Parish: R.P. Fendall, B.A., 26 Cavendish Street,
Ashburton. (8390)
- Oamaru Union Parish: Clifford M. Russ, 24 Eden Street, Oamaru. (8400)

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND (9000)

- Port Chalmers Union Parish: Ian W. McIntosh, 1 Currie Street,
Port Chalmers. (9180)
- West Harbour United Parish: Bruce Murray, 19 Ascog St.,
Ravensbourne, Dunedin. (9040)
- 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 Ave, Wakari, Dunedin. (9050)
- CorstorphineConcord Union Parish: C/- Secretary, Parish Council,
Mr. John Fisher, 24 Summertime Avenue, Costorphine, Dunedin. (9060)
- Grants Braes Union Parish: Ian R. Merriman, B.A., 145 Larnach
Road, Waverley, Dunedin. (9070)
- Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish: Campbell Nicol, 7 Ajax Street,
Milton. (9080)
- Riverton Union Parish: Warren H. Blundell, 67 Palmerston Street,
Riverton. (9120)
- Otautau Union Parish: Alan Shaw, 68 Main Street, Otautau. (9130)
- Waiono Union Parish: Ivan A. Smith, B.A., B.D., The Manse,
Nightcaps. (9140)
- Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart Island Co-operating Parish: (9150)
- Teviot Union Parish: Peter Wishart, 75 Scotland Street,
Roxburgh. (9160)
- Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish: D.M. Povey, M.A., 13 Centennial
Avenue, Alexandra. R. Coates, M.A., 21 Fox Street,
Alexandra. (9170)

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1911 ROWE, WILLIAM (SUP.)	1935 DUDER, CLIFFORD L. (SUP.)
1916 FORDYCE, ROBERT E. (SUP.)	" LUXTON, CLARENCE T.J. (SUP.)
" KENDON, CHARLES H. (SUP.)	" THORNLEY, ROBERT (SUP.)
" SAGE, ERNEST E. (SUP.)	" WITHEFORD, ARTHUR R. (SUP.)
1917 BLIGHT, WILLIAM T. (SUP.)	1936 HOPPER, IAN H.K. (SUP.)
1919 JEFFERSON, ALFRED E. (SUP.)	1937 FRANCIS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.)
1923 BLAKEMORE, ALBERT (SUP.)	" NORWELL, LESLIE T. (SUP.)
" HAMES, ERIC W. (SUP.)	1938 HARKNESS, HOWARD E. (SUP.)
1924 BAILEY, JOHN H. (SUP.)	" LAWS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.)
" BROWN, HUBERT G. (SUP.)	" PETCH, ASHLEIGH K. (SUP.)
1925 PETERSON, GORDON R.H. (SUP.)	" SILVESTER, JOHN (SUP.)
1926 HARRIS, G. RAYMOND (SUP.)	1939 COCHRANE, HERBERT A. (SUP.)
" VOYCE, A. HENRY (SUP.)	" GRICE, REGINALD (SUP.)
1927 LARSEN, NORMAN P. (SUP.)	" LUCAS, CAMPBELL P. (SUP.)
" LAURENSEN, GEORGE I.,	" OLDFIELD, CHARLES B. (SUP.)
C.B.E., (SUP.)	" WATSON, JOHN K. (SUP.)
" PENN, ATHOL R. (SUP.)	1940 DAWSON, JOHN B.
1928 GROCOTT, JOHN D. (SUP.)	" DIXON, HADDON C., O.B.E.
" HAILWOOD, CHARLIE O. (SUP.)	" GILMORE, LESLIE R.M.
1929 HORWOOD, LEONARD C. (SUP.)	" GREENSLADE, LAWRENCE (SUP.)
" KENT, ARTHUR T. (SUP.)	" JONES, ALAN O. (SUP.)
" PARKER, WALTER (SUP.)	1941 BELL, CHARLES H. (SUP.)
1930 LEADLEY, E. CLARENCE (SUP.)	" BROWN, HAROLD K.
" McDOWELL, M. ALEXANDER (SUP.)	" DARVILL, HAROLD A.
" PARKER, J. WESLEY (SUP.)	" THOMAS, GORDON V. (SUP.)
1931 CARR, THOMAS H. (SUP.)	" WOOLFORD, J. HENRY
" CARR, W.E. ALLON (SUP.)	1942 CLEMENT, R. FREDERICK
" GREENSLADE, WILLIAM W.H.,	" IVORY, ARTHUR H. (SUP.)
M.B.E. (SUP.)	" LEWIS, JOHN J.
" MOORE, WILLIAM E. (SUP.)	" MORRISON, WILLIAM J.
" PARKER, GORDON (SUP.)	" WILLING, LEONARD V.
" PAYNE, HERBERT W. (SUP.)	1943 ANDREWS, STANLEY G. (SUP.)
" WILLIAMS, DAVID O. (SUP.)	" BROWN, CLIFFORD G. (SUP.)
1932 DAY, REGINALD (SUP.)	" CRAMOND, GEORGE W. (SUP.)
" JENKIN, WILLIAM C. (SUP.)	" DAWSON, W. SELWYN
1933 PATCHETT, RALPH E. (SUP.)	" FALKINGHAM, WILFRED E., M.B.E.
1934 GOODMAN, GEORGE H. (SUP.)	" GROUNDS, EDMUND D.
" JOHNSTON, ANDREW J. (SUP.)	" WILLIAMS, J.C. ALDWYN (SUP.)
" MATTHEWS, HOWARD C. (SUP.)	1944 ALLEN, ROBERT H.
	" BELL, R. GRAHAM (SUP.)
	" BYCROFT, LESLIE F.
	" CHAMBERS, WESLEY A.
	" SHERSON, DONALD G. (SUP.)
	1945 SHAPCOTT, LEONARD (SUP.)
	1946 McDONALD, D.I. ALISTER (SUP.)
	" MOORE, HARRY (SUP.)

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- 1946 OLDS, NORMAN W.
" SHEPHERD, TREVOR
" THOMPSON, GEORGE R. (SUP.)
- 1947 ATTWOOD, A. FRANCIS (SUP.)
" CAMPBELL, M. JACKSON
" 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.
" 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 AWWA W.
" TREBILCO, DAVID L.
" WATSON, ALEXANDER C.
- 1955 ABBOTT, WILLIAM K.
" BENNETT, TREVOR L.
- 1955 BOYD, EDWARD P.
" CABLE, WILFRED J.
" GOREHAM, NORMAN J.
" PEART, CUTHBERT F. (SUP.)
" RIGG, FRANK S.
" TAUROA, LANE M.
" THORNICROFT, NEVILLE
- 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.
" MABN, 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.
" HORRILL, C. SETON
" McKENZIE, IAN H.
" MULLAN, DAVID S.
" PETERSON, FREDERICK D. (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.

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1962	WAKELING, W.J. DOUGLAS	1970	GRAHAM, DUNCAN R.
"	WOODLEY, ALAN K.	"	GRIFFITHS, WILLIAM D.
		"	SMITH, G. CLIVE
1963	ANSELL, DAVID H.	1971	BLUNDELL, WARREN H.
"	ARMSTRONG, DAVID	"	SALMON, JOHN B.
"	BALL, NIVEN G.	"	SIMPSON, RONALD N.
"	CLARKE, IAN L.	"	WRIGHT, JACK
"	LAWS, DEREK G.		
"	ROWE, B. KEITH	1972	DICKIE, ARTHUR W.
"	TUCKER, W. GEOFFREY	"	GREENWOOD, RUSSELL J.
		"	MacLEOD, D. IAN
1964	BRUCE, MAXWELL L.	1973	ANDERSON, IAN E.M.
"	FELDERHOF, LUDWIG	"	CURRIE, LAURENCE H.
"	GERRITSEN, HENDRIK	"	GRANT, STUART C.
"	NEAL, BARRY W.	"	STRINGER, JOHN A.
"	OLSEN, BRIAN L.		
"	SLINN, STUART G.	1974	BURTON, RESTEL A.
1965	BARNES, STANLEY J.	"	ROBERTS, JOHN H.
"	CHESSUM, WILLIAM A.	1975	BELL, ANTHONY N.
"	CLARKE, EDWIN B.	"	GIBSON, ROGER M.
"	COLLINGWOOD, RONALD C.	"	GRAVES, NORMA M.
"	HERBERT, C. BRICE	"	JACOBSON, PATRICIA M.
"	MACKIE, BRUCE E.	"	PRATT, G. DOUGLAS
"	WAKA, TE NAPI T.	"	SHARP, GAVIN B.
"	WEST NORMAN J.	"	SINCLAIR, PAUL F.
1966	ALEXANDER, ROY M.	1976	BRUCE, DOUGAL H.
"	FERGUSON, RONALD W.	"	BURROUGH, AMOS W.
"	HENDRY, RICHARD J.	"	GLENSOR, PETER E.
"	MANIHERA, JOHN I.	"	GREER, MICHAEL W.
"	PRINCE, DONALD F.	"	WHITE, GRAEME R.
"	TAYLOR, KEITH J.		
"	WEST, STANLEY J.		
1967	BENNETT, ENID J.	1977	BECKINGSALE, GEORGE E. (SUP.)
"	JAMIESON, COLIN G.	"	BROWN, F. GARDNER (SUP.)
"	MICHIE, LAURIE A.	"	LEARY, GORDON A.
"	PRATT, DAVID C.	"	NUTTALL, A. ROGER G.
		"	WEBSTER, ALAN C.
1968	ALLAN, ROBERT A.	1978	GREENWOOD, I. MARIE
"	COUCH, MOKE A.G.	"	KOPELANI, FALEA'ANA
"	CURTIS, DARRELL R.	"	MILNER, COLIN A.
"	HAY, J. CEDRIC	"	WALL, LYNN
"	HEY, ROGER J.E.	"	WALL, TERENCE W.
"	LEADLEY, ALAN J.	"	UPSON, ALAN R.
"	LOADER, WAILLIAM R.G.		
"	McIVER, GRAEME M.		
"	MALCOURONNE, BRIAN J.		
"	MEREDITH, JOHN D.		
"	NORWELL, IAN C.		
"	PHILLIPPS, DONALD J.		
"	TE WHARE, MOREHU		
1969	ALLEY, DAVID R.		
"	BROOKES, NORMAN E.		
"	CHAPMAN, WALLACE C.		
"	CORLETT, ASHLEY I.		
"	EAGLE, BRIAN R.J.		
"	FERGUSON, RONALD W.		
"	HARKNESS, BARRY G.		
"	RIGBY, RUSSELL G.		
"	STRINGER, ROBERT G.		
"	TURNER, BRIAN H.		

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND IN MEMORIAM MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death. The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, 1. New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abbey, William H.E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Fawkner, Melbourne
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, New Zealand	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	-- June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England.	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in Tarurua
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses.	Yorkshire, England.	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bateup, Frank	Patea, New Zealand	1884	1924	29th November, 1962	Hamilton East
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew	Cumberland, England	1812	1831	1st May, 1893	Oxford, Nth. Canty.
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim.
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland.
Bellhouse, Harold E.	Leeds, Yorkshire, England	1869	1894	4th October, 1948	Auckland
Berning, Job	Wednesday, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Benny, Henry	Broadfield	1888	1921	16th December, 1956	New Plymouth
Bensley, Arthur A	Sydenham, Christchurch	1884	1913	26th February 1974	Auckland
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S.Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland.

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Blair, Charles.	Creswick, Victoria	1881	1907	4th September, 1972	Christchurch
Blamires, Edgar Percy	Melbourne, Australia	1878	1900	16th March, 1967	Auckland
Blamires, Ernest O.	Warrnabool, Victoria	1881	1904	6th June, 1963	Auckland
Blamires, Henry, L.	Melbourne, Australia	1871	1896	18th August, 1965	Auckland
Blight, J. Montgomery	Temuka, New Zealand	1902	1930	10th May, 1972	Matamata
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
Brasell, H. Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9th July, 1953	Napier
Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Brooks, Leslie, A.G.	Christchurch	1894	1922	25th February, 1964	Hamilton
Brown, George E.	Dunedin	1889	1916	23rd January, 1973	Hamilton
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd March, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Burley, William A., M.A.	Otago, New Zealand	1885	1910	20th May, 1969	Hamilton
Burnet, Oswald	Woodend, North Canterbury	1888	1914	4th March, 1960	Christchurch
Burton, Ormond E., M.A., M.C.	Auckland	1893	1935	7th January, 1974	Otaki
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, New Zealand	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts. England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chambers, Ernest Bernard	Northamptonshire, England	1892	1917	22nd February, 1967	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.	Foxton	1909	1933	4th September, 1974	Auckland
Churchill, John	Northwood, England	1909	1937	5th November, 1972	Auckland
Clark, James R	Maysbury, Bucks. England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21st March, 1953	Palmerston North
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Collins, Alan P.	Kaiapoi	1916	1942	2nd September, 1959	Dunedin
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki

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Cooke, Percy I.	Blenheim, New Zealand	1885	1915	24th June, 1970	Auckland
Copeland, Fred	Waikato, New Zealand	1880	1905	19th September, 1970	Auckland
Costain, Alfred Moore	Isle of Man	1890	1918	16th February, 1975	Nelson
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Cottom, Harry	Birmingham, England	1879	1909	10th February, 1963	Christchurch
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912.	Stoke, Nelson.
Daglish, John Ainsley	Stanley, Durham	1907	1933	14th November, 1967	Wellington.
Daniel, Herbert	London, England.	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keithly, Yorks. England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dennis, John	Otago, New Zealand	1885	1917	25th August, 1969	Auckland
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dickens, Charles E.	Belfast, Christchurch	1902	1929	26th November, 1974	Christchurch
Divers, W. Lloyd	Dunedin	1921	1947	-- 1966	Medford, Oregon, U.S.
Dorrian, Arthur Peter	Shannon, New Zealand	1902	1944	12th September, 1977	Feilding
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Draper, Joseph C.	Teddington, England	1903	1930	24th February, 1969	Auckland
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Suva, Fiji	1904	1931	10th December, 1963	Napier
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington.
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Enticott, Walter J.	Lewisham, England	1880	1911	23rd June, 1969	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christchurch
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker. W. Aust.
Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.	Wellington	1899	1924	31st March, 1974	Christchurch

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Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Ford, Herbert	Latchford, England	1882	1919	28th November, 1962	Christchurch
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Fowles, Arthur H.	Davenham, England	1885	1911	7th April, 1963	Christchurch
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Gatman, William	Hull, England	1884	1919	21st September, 1960	Auckland
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Goldie, John F.	Hobart	1870	1897	29th June, 1954	Melbourne
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gosnell, Robert B	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20th August, 1944	Ashburton
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greening, G. Kingsley	Richmond, Nelson	1927	1959	19th September, 1974	Christchurch
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18th October, 1956	Wellington
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christchurch
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hall, James H	Invercargill	1901	1926	5th November, 1963	Auckland
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	----	1856	1857	Auckland
Handy, Francis J.	Birmingham, England	1900	1928	20th January, 1961	Otahuhu
Hanna, Leslie Gordon	Auckland	1911	1935	11th July, 1975	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shrops.Eng.	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland.
Harkness, Edwin S.	Bendigo, Victoria.Aust.	1878	1916	21st April, 1966	Auckland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England.	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Archer O.	Christchurch	1885	1910	10th December, 1965	Christchurch
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch

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Harris, Walter	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, John	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haslam, Jonathan H.	Christchurch, New Zealand	1874	1900	19th October, 1969	Waimate
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Henderson, William John	Dunedin	1900	1960	16th October, 1976	Waipawa
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
Hickman, Donald J.D.	Tinwald, Canterbury	1896	1932	3rd September, 1974	Christchurch
Hinton, George B.	Durham, England	1884	1912	10th March, 1965	Auckland
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hoddinott, Ernest Sydney	Hawera	1911	1938	16th May, 1967	Wellington
Hopper, Arthur	Christchurch, New Zealand	1869	1911	28th March, 1969	Hastings
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	----	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Hunt, George P.	Rongotea	1875	1900	29th January, 1964	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng.	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin.
Jack, J. Francis	Palmerston South N.Z.	1893	1922	8th September, 1961	Auckland
James, Benjamin J.	Victoria	1874	1903	20th July, 1955	Christchurch
Jamieson, Victor Roy	Lower Hutt	1904	1932	11th May, 1968	Hamilton
Jolly, Albert	Preston, England	1913	1943	25th January, 1975	Waihi
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jordan, Charles B., M.A.B.D., F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Kapa, Henare			1946	25th October, 1968	Poua, Kaipara
Keall, Robert Purcell	Richmond, Nelson	1875	1899	16th December, 1972	Wellington
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire,	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W.H.			1880		Christchurch
Kings, Harry Stanley	England	1890	1924	19th June, 1968	Levin
Kirk, William	owston, Lincs., Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington

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Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts. England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria.
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England.	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neal, Wallace S.	Napier	1888	1918	12th November, 1972	Christchurch
Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.	Auckland	1886	1911	26th August, 1959	Auckland
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March, 1947	New Plymouth
Odell, Henry, J.	New South Wales	1888	1915	16th March, 1961	London
Olds, Charles H., B.A.	Oamaru	1884	1910	29th September, 1929	Auckland
Olds, E. Thomas	Enfield, North Otago	1890	1915	25th August, 1966	Auckland
Olds, John Stanley	Christchurch	1921	1949	19th August, 1977	Wellington
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, Hector C.	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16th May, 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch
Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.	Roxburgh, New Zealand	1904	1933	25th August, 1971	Auckland
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland
Parker, Frederick John	Dunedin	1892	1917	15th November, 1959	Auckland
Parker, James William	Silverdale, Lancs. Eng.	1883	1918	14th August, 1975	Auckland
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patchett, Ernest D.	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13th September, 1958	Auckland
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	----	1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, Eng.	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Pennay, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, Eng.	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H.D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington

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Knight, Percy, N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kukutai Ngatete, M.B.E.	Te Kohanga	1878	1941	2nd August, 1966	Taupiri
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawrence, Frederick B.	London	1883	1912	16th July, 1959	Nelson
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawrie, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Paramatta, N.S.W.
Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng.	1867	1887	8th February, 1958	Auckland
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1851	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Leadley, Frank E.	Yorkshire, England	1876	1900	25th July, 1964	Auckland
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1848	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England.
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, Eng.	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
McArthur, John D.	Christchurch	1880	1909	3rd March, 1961	Blenheim
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	14th August, 1956	Paeroa
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff

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Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warana	Waimea	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1876	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England.	1854	1896	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Pratt, M.A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Prosser, Frederick O.	Blaenavon, Wales	1883	1897	26th March, 1963	Wellington
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Pybus, T. Arthur	Yorkshire, England	1873	1897	28th August, 1957	Port Chalmers
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Rapaki
Rands, Frederick	Methuen, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ranston, Harry, M.A. Litt.D.	Keighley, England	1878	1901	6th June, 1971	Auckland
Ratou, W. Te Kote	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Raynor, Ivo Mervyn	Waipuku, Taranaki	1901	1927	30th May, 1977	Levin
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England.	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville.
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Reddihough, John W.	Menston, Yorks. Eng.	1900	1957	23rd January, 1973	Dunedin
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, Eng.	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richard, Henry L.	Moonta, South Australia	1883	1911	14th August, 1961	Christchurch
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christchurch
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in Taranaki
Rigg, Charles W.		----	1850	July, 1883	
Riseley, Benjamin Henry	Lithgow, New South Wales	1906	1944	30th April, 1975	Auckland
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorks. Eng.	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Roberts, Charles M.	Henderson, Auckland	1882	1906	17th May, 1958	New Plymouth
Rogers, Ranginohora	Waimea, New Zealand	1911	1942	21st October, 1971	Otaua
Roke, Charles Edward	Gisborne, New Zealand	1907	1960	13th August, 1977	Tauranga
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown.
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey	----	1893	4th January, 1902	Roxburgh

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Ryan, Henry	London, England	1880	1906	22nd July, 1971	Auckland
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
Scrivin, Arthur H.	London, England	1883	1912	13th July, 1969	Auckland
Seamer, Arthur, J., C.M.G.	Tongala, Victoria	1877	1903	17th September, 1963	Auckland
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	----	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1855	1910	27th September, 1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Silvester, Archie W., M.M.	Ellesmere, Irwell, Canty.	1899	1927	18th December, 1967	Auckland
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Skuse, Thomas	Wales	1890	1918	27th July, 1965	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.	Taviuni, Fiji	1892	1916	15th May, 1974	Christchurch
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Speer, William H.	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18th February, 1954	Rotorua
Spence, George W.J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Spencer, Herbert	Lancashire, England	1881	1923	15th September, 1961	Wanganui
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George P.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Cecil R.	Shropshire, England	1892	1924	21st June, 1966	Christchurch
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancs. England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Christchurch
TeTui, Eruera	Whirinake	1888	1951	14th January, 1976	Oturei
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas, E.M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1887	2nd December, 1909	Auckland
Tinsley, Robert Borrows	Port Chalmers	1880	1908	4th April, 1968	Hamilton
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Toothill, Harry William	Hastings, New Zealand	1916	1951	22nd January, 1976	Wellington

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Trebilco, George R.	Waikari, New Zealand	1926	1952	21st October, 1971	Christchurch
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Tuhimata, Ngaweke		----	1936	1968	
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Utting, Harry V.	Auckland	1904	1927	25th September, 1965	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Walker, William	Bradford, England	1880	1912	20th June, 1969	Auckland
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, N.Z.	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, N.Z.	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Werren, Samuel J.	Little River, Canty.	1890	1914	10th September, 1965	Hamilton
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whitfield, Harris	Durham, England	1905	1938	13th May, 1967	Auckland
Whittaker, J.D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga		1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, Alfred E.	Streatham, London	1906	1966	16th January, 1969	Auckland
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, Eng.	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwall, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland

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Woodward, William Coombs	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R.B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	2nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

IN MEMORIAM - DECONESSES

Barnett, May	Tai Tapu, Canty.	1886	1913	7th September, 1976	Christchurch
Button, Edna Lenna	Scottsdale, Tasmania	1901	1930	30th August, 1940	Biggin Hill, Kent
Dobby, Eleanor	Yorkshire, England	1888	1922	4th September, 1974	Christchurch
Fawcett, Ruth		1884	1909	4th November, 1973	Christchurch
Jones, Ivy, J.P., M.B.E.	Devonport Auckland	1894	1928	20th December, 1973	Auckland
Jones, (nee Gittos), Netta		----	1927	1975	Auckland

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Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C.M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair.
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J.H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E.H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws B.A.	L.M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H.P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight B.A.	Sir Donald Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J.A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J.W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John P. Goldie	T.P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M.A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S.T.S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J.T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	F. Penn N.D.H. (N.Z.)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G.H.B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland+	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.

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Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scriven	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington **	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R.H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence P. Buxton, F.N.Z.I.M.L.T.	Gordon R.H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R.H. Peterson.
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., R.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R.H. Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Philip A. LeBrun, J.P.	Gordon R.H. Peterson
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R.H. Peterson	Allen A. Dingwall	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1959	A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.	Magnus S. Hughson	Athol R. Penn
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.	Hubert de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.	Athol R. Penn
Auckland	1961	E. Clarence Leadley	Eric A. Humphries	Athol R. Penn
Christchurch	1962	Robert Thornley, M.A.	Frank M. Souster	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1963	Athol R. Penn	G. Cyril Burton, M.A.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A. B.D.
Hamilton	1964	George H. Goodman	R.C.A. Marshall	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1965	Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.	Russell T. Garlick, LL.B.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Auckland	1966	Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.	Huia W. Beaumont M.A., Dip. Ed. (N.Z.)	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Dunedin	1967	John D. Grocott, B.A.	William E. Donnelly, M.B.E.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
New Plymouth	1968	William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.	E. Alan Crothall	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Wellington	1969	John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.	H. Clifford Vince	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1970	Wilfred F. Ford B.A.	Cedric B. Radcliffe, M.Sc.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Wellington	1971	R. Frederick Clement, M.A.	N. Patrick Alcorn M.Sc.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

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Whangarei	1972	W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.,	E. Clifford Flyger	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1973	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.	Eric G. Heggie, M.Com., A.C.A.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. Acting Secretary: Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A.
Auckland	1974	Williams J. Morrison, M.A.	Archibald C. Barrington, F.C.I.S.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia	1975	Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A.	E. Geoffrey Hill, M.P.S.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Wellington	1976	Peter A. Stead, B.A.	Vera I. Dowie	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.,
Christchurch	1977	John A. Penman, B.A.	Thomas G.M. Spooner, M.A.	Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

* William Greenslade President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August 1931.

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1978

APRIL	MORNING	EVENING
2 1st after Easter	Joel 3 : 14-21 Acts 3 : 13-36	Isaiah 2 : 1-4 Mark 16 : 9-20
9 2nd after Easter	Exodus 2 : 1-22 Acts 10 : 34-48	Job 29 : 1-16 John 9 : 1-25
16 3rd after Easter	Exodus 4 : 1-17 Acts 12 : 1-19	Amos 3 Luke 4 : 31-44
23 4th after Easter	Exodus 11 Acts 13 : 26-42	Amos 7 : 7-15 Luke 5 : 1-11
30 5th after Easter (Rogation)	Exodus 15 : 1-19 1 Cor. 15 : 1-11	Hosea 11 : 1-11 Luke 10: 1-24

MAY

7 Sunday after Ascension (Bible Sunday in N.Z.)	Psalms 119 : 1 -16 Romans 15 : 1 -13	Deut. 6 : 1 -7 Acts 8 : 26-40
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***N.B.: WEEK of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension Day to Pentecost) (See Passages for Special Days)

14 Pentecost (Home & Family Day)	Jer. 31 : 31-34 Acts 2 : 1-8;12-21	Psalms 103 (No.51) 1 Cor. 13
21 Trinity or Next after Pentecost	Isaiah 6 : 1-8 Matthew 28 : 16-20	Psalms 97 (No. 50) Revelation 4
28 2nd after Pentecost	Isaiah 5 : 11-24 Matthew 7 : 1-14	Exodus 34 : 1-10 Acts 9 : 1-22

JUNE

4 3rd after Pentecost	Isaiah 12 Matthew 7 : 15-29	Exodus 34 : 29-35 Galatians 1 : 11-24
11 4th after Pentecost	Isaiah 29 : 15-24 Matthew 9 : 1-17	Judges 16 : 15-30 Acts 14: 8-18

JUNE

MORNING

EVENING

18 5th after
Pentecost

Jer. 12 : 1-6
Matthew 9 : 18-38

Ruth 1 : 1-22
Acts 16 : 16-40

25 6th after
Pentecost

Jer. 18 : 1-10
Matthew 10 : 1-15

1 Samuel 8 : 1-22
Acts 17 : 16-34

JULY

2 7th after
Pentecost

Ezekiel 3 : 4-15
Matthew 10 : 24-42

1 Samuel 9 : 1-20a
Acts 18 : 24-19:6

9 8th after
Pentecost

Ezekiel 3 : 16-21
Matthew 11 : 1-19

1 Samuel 12
Acts 19 : 23-41

16 9th after
Pentecost

Ezek. 18 : 1-4; 19-23
Matthew 12 : 1-16

1 Samuel 16 : 1-13
Matt. 19 : 13-30

23 10th after
Pentecost

Ezek. 34 : 1-11
Matthew 12 : 22-37

1 Samuel 18 : 1-16
Acts 20 : 17-38

30 11th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 42 : 1-9
Matthew 12 : 38-50

2 Samuel 1 : 11-16
1 Cor. 1 : 1-17

AUGUST

6 12th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 42 : 10-17
Matthew 14 : 1-21

2 Samuel 1 : 17-27
1 Cor. 3

13 13th after
Pentecost
(L.P. Sunday)

Isaiah 44 : 6-20
Matthew 14 : 22-36

2 Samuel 12 : 1-7a
1 Cor. 12 : 1-11

20 14th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 45 : 1-13
Matthew 15 : 1-20

2 Sam. 18 : 1-17
1 Cor. 12 : 12-13:1

27 15th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 51 : 7-16
Matthew 16 : 21-28

2 Sam. 18 : 19-33
1 Cor. 15 : 35-58

SEPTEMBER

3 16th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 57 : 15-21
Matthew 17 : 1-13

1 Kings 3 : 5-15
2 Cor. 5 : 20-6:10

10 17th after
Pentecost

Isaiah 65 : 17-25
Matthew 17 : 14-23

1 Kings 8 : 54-62
2 Cor. 11 : 16-31

DECEMBER

MORNING

EVENING

3 1st in Advent	Isaiah 40 : 1-5 Matthew 25 : 1-13	Malachi 3 : 1-7a Luke 1 : 5-23
10 2nd in Advent	Deut. 30 : 8-16 Luke 4 : 16-30	Isaiah 11 : 1-10 Romans 15 : 1-13
17 3rd in Advent	Isaiah 26 : 1-9 1 Thess. 4 : 13-5:11	Micah 4 : 1-7 1 Cor. 4 : 1-7
24 4th in Advent	Isaiah 35 (No.69) Rev. 1 : 1-8	Micah 5 : 2-4 Titus 2 : 11-3:7
31 Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 41:1-7;17-20 John 1 : 1-14	Isaiah 43 : 1-13 Phil. 2 : 1-11
1979 JANUARY		
7 1st after Epiphany	Jer. 31 : 1-17 Matthew 2 : 13-23	Genesis 12 : 1-9 John 4 : 5-26
14 2nd after Epiphany	Jer. 7 : 21-28 Hebrews 10 : 1-8	Gen. 18 : 23-33 John 6:41-59; 66-69
21 3rd after Epiphany	Exodus 19 : 7-25 Hebrews 12 : 19-29	Gen. 28 : 10-22 John 10 : 1-18
28 4th after Epiphany	Daniel 6 : 10-23 Matthew 13 : 31-43	Ezekiel 33 : 10-16 Col. 3 : 12-17
FEBRUARY		
4 5th after Epiphany	Genesis 48 : 1-21 Matthew 17 : 22-27	Jer. 23 : 1-8 John 9 : 1-12
11 Septuagesima or 9 before Easter (Covenant Day)	Genesis 17 : 1-9 Hebrews 8 : 1-13	Deut. 26 : 19-19 Mark 14 : 17-26
18 Sexagesima or 8 before Easter	Genesis 3 : 1-24 Matthew 5 : 33-48	Deut. 30 : 8-20 John 15 : 1-15
25 Quinquagesima or 7 before Easter	Genesis 6 : 5-22 Matthew 6 : 16-34	Job 1 John 15 : 16-27
MARCH		
4 1st in Lent	Amos 5 : 18-24 Luke 4 : 1-13	Job 2 Matthew 26 : 1-16
11 2nd in Lent	Isaiah 28 : 1-13 Romans 5 : 12-21	Job 38 : 1-21 Matthew 26 : 17-35

MARCH	MORNING	EVENING
18 3rd in Lent	Ezekiel 2 : 1-10 Romans 6 : 15-23	Job 38 : 22-41 Matthew 26 : 36-56
25 4th in Lent	Jer. 17 : 5-14 Romans 7 : 7-8:2	Job 40 : 1-14 Matthew 26 : 57-75
APRIL		
1 5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	Isaiah 63 : 1-9 1 Peter 2 : 18-25	Isaiah 50 : 4-10 Matthew 27 : 11-31
8 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 52 :13-53:12 Luke 19 : 29-42	Psalms 118 (No.56) Matthew 27 : 32-54
15 EASTER	Isaiah 25 & 26 (No.68) Luke 23 :50-24 :12	Exodus 15:1-5;10-13, Luke 24 :13-35(17f)

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

HOLY WEEK:

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (Ascension Day to Pentecost)

2 Chron. 30:1-9; Psalm 122; Isaiah 55:6-3; Ezekiel 37 :15-28,
Matthew 16 :13-19; Matthew 18:10-21; John 17:20-26: 1 Cor 3;
Ephes. 1 : 3-23; 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
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YOUTH DAY:	Deut. 8:7-18; 1 Sam. 3:1-10; 1 Sam.16:1-13; Prov.3:1-7; 11-17; Matt.19:13-30;Mark 9:33-50 Mark 10:35-45; Luke 2 : 41-52;
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Nearest 11th November):	Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15; Wisdom 3: 1-9; 2 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
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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:	Gen.28:10-22; 1Kings 8:22-30; 1 Chron.29:1-2, 10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Ezra 3; Col.1:1-20;Matth 16:13-28, Ephes. 3:8-21; 1 Peter 1 : 22-2:10.
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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; Romans 9:30-10:15; Ephes. 3 : 1-11.
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HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Gen. 8 : 15-93; Deut. 26 : 1-10, 16-19;

Ruth 2 : 1-7; 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;

Matth. 13 : 1-9; Matth. 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.

DEDICATION SERVICE: Numbers 7 : 1-11; 1 Chronicles 28;

Romans 12; Matthew 10 : 1-23

WATCHNIGHT OR END OF THE 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, Matth. 1 :

18-25, John 1 : 1-14; Luke 2 : 1-20; 1 John 3 : 1-9.

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THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
THURSDAY, 3rd NOV.			
1.00 p.m.	Committee on Ministry		Cambridge Tce Central Mission
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry		
5.30 p.m.	Dinner		
7.00 p.m./	Committee on		
9.30 p.m.	Ministry		
FRIDAY, 4th NOV			
9.00 a.m.	Committee on Ministry		Cambridge Tce Central Mission
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	General Purposes Committee		Cambridge Tce Central Mission
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m.	General Purposes Committee		
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.30 p.m./	General Purposes		
5.30 p.m.	Committee		
7.30 p.m./	Stationing		Cambridge Tce
9.30 p.m.	Committee		Central Mission
SATURDAY, 5th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Stationing Committee		Cambridge Tce Central Mission
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Stationing Committee		
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m.	Stationing Committee		
3.45 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
4.00 p.m.	Wesley Historical Society Annual Meeting, Tea & Lecture.	Rev.W.R.Laws, M.A.,B.D., Subject: Historical Records in the Archives of the Connexional Office.	Knox Church Bealey Ave. ALL Invited
7.45 p.m.	Opening of Conference To be followed by a		Durham St.

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
9.00 p.m.	Welcome to Christ-church by The Mayor. Supper will be served in Aldersgate		In the Church Upstairs Downstairs Hall

SUNDAY, 6th NOV.

Morning Services will be held in Methodist Churches throughout the City.

9.30 a.m.	Session 1	Qns. 1 - 4	Durham St.
10.00 a.m.	Conference Ordination Service. Holy Communion Preacher: The Ex-President Rev.P.A.Stead,B.A.		Durham St.
3.00 p.m.	Session 2 "Sharing our Mission" with Christchurch Congregations.		Leeston Hornby Beckenham Papanui Upper Riccarton Shirley Central Mission
5.00 p.m.	Tea with the Congregations		
7.30 p.m.	Session 3 Combined Meth./Presby. Overseas Missions Celebration. Theme: Jesus Christ in Suffering, Hope, Action in Asia and the Pacific Today		Town Hall

MONDAY, 7th NOV.

8.00 a.m.	Convenors of Committees of Detail meet with General Secretary		Secretary's Office.
8.45 a.m.	Session 4	Adoption of Experimental En Bloc procedures. Appt. of Christian Educ.Director. Second Reading of Stationing. Notices of Motion	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	Committees of Detail.		

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
10.30 a.m.	Committees of Detail	E. Development Div. Qns. 41A, F 22-25 Convener: Rev.B.E.Jones	Quiet Room
		F. Church Welfare Qns. 36A, B, D; 48A, B. C.; 50A, 51A, B, C.; 34 Convener: Rev. E.R.Lewis	Upper Room
		G. Education Question 37 Convener: Mrs. M. Fisher	Lounge A
		H. Finance & Admini- stration Connexional Properties & Funds Qns. 10-13; 39A, B,C.; 43A-H. Convener;Mr.G.Hill	Choir Room
		J. Institutions Qns. 42A, B. C;45; 46A, B; 47A, B. Convener: Rev.A.A. Grundy	No. 3 Parlour
		K. Public Questions Question 38A. Convener: Rev.J.C.F.Mabon	Nth Side Aldersgate
		L. Finance & Stewardship Question 44. Convener: Dr.D.J.Janus	(Meeting in October)
		M.Faith & Order Qns. 49, 52A, B. Convener: Rev.D.Pratt	Lounge B
		N. Christian Citizenship Question 38B Convener: Rev.E.F.I.Hanson	Kasbah

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
		O. Overseas Division. Question 41C. Convener: Mrs. V.Dowle	Cafeteria
		P. Maori Division Question 41B Convener: Rev.M.Te Whare.	Chapel
12.30 p.m.	Lunch Womens Fellowship Reception to The President's wife and the Vice-President's wife.		Salvation Army Hall
1.30 p.m.	Committees of Detail Resume		
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
4.00 p.m./	Session 5	Overseas Div.	
5.30 p.m.		NZMSSA	
6.00 p.m.	Session 6	Maori Division with an Evening Meal	Aldersgate
8.30 p.m./	Session 7	General Purposes	
9.30 p.m.		Connexional Prop- erty Trusts	

TUESDAY, 8th NOV.

8.45 a.m.	Session 8	Notices of Motion. Election of President and Vice-President. Church Union Public Questions	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 8 resumes		
12.00 noon	Stationing Committee Methodist Revival Fellowship Lunch		Kasbah.
2.30 p.m.	Session 9	Faith & Order Church Council Wesley College Rangiatea College Armed Forces	
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
4.00 p.m./	Session 9 resumes	Welfare of the Church	
5.30 p.m.			
6.00 p.m.	Session 10	Development Division business. Tributes to Super-numeraries (including an evening meal).	
8,30 p.m./	Session 11	Samoa Policy Committee.	
9.30 p.m.		Committee on Ministry.	
WEDNESDAY, 9th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Session 12	Ex Vice-President's Address Connexional Budget Stipends	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea Ministers moving meet with General Secretary		Choir Room
11.00 a.m.	Session 12 resumes	Law Revision Conference appreciation of Mr.H.de R. Flesher on his retirement as President's Legal Adviser.	
12.30 p.m.	The Presidents' Lunch to Mr.H. de Rie Flesher		Aldersgate
2.00 p.m.	Session 12 resumes	Theological College. Deaconess Board	
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Standing Committee Convenors, Secretary/ Chairmen of all Connexional Boards meet with General Secretary		Choir Room
4.00 p.m.	Session 12 resumes	International Affairs	
5.30 p.m.	No Conference Evening Meal Arranged.		
6.00 p.m.	Lay Preachers Tea		Upper Riccarton.
7.30 p.m./	Session 13	Lay Preachers Womens Fellowship Administration Division.	
9.30 p.m.			

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
THURSDAY, 10th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Session 14	District Chairmen Elections. Education Division New Citizen Radio & T.V.	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 15	Unfinished business	
12.00 noon	Covenant Communion Service including Tributes to deceased Ministers & Lay persons.		
1.00 p.m.	Conference Concludes.		

The success of the above timetable will depend upon:

- (1) The Stationing Committee completing the major part of its task on the Friday and Saturday.
- (2) An acceptance of the en bloc procedure.
- (3) A co-operative spirit in the Conference in response to Committees of Detail who have done their work.
- (4) The willingness of Members to commit themselves to the whole of Conference.

EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDING ORDERS

All speakers shall be required to occupy the tribune except when a question is asked.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question without the leave of the Conference, except when the Conference is in Committee of the whole. The mover of a motion, however, has the right of reply.

Every motion and amendment shall be presented in writing by the proposer at the time the proposition is made, and shall be immediately handed to the Secretary.

The seconder of a motion or of an amendment may reserve his speech.

Unless Conference shall otherwise determine by a vote of a majority of those present, no person shall speak for more than three minutes at any time in any debate of the Conference, provided always that the mover of a motion when introducing such motion may speak for five minutes.

Nothing contained in the preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to or prevent any explanation in response to a question being made with the consent of the President by any member moving the adoption of any report and such explanation shall not be deemed to be speeches within the meaning of this paragraph.

Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report.

Only one amendment shall be before the Conference at one time, but notices of other amendments may be given before the amendment is put from the Chair. Such amendments shall be taken in the order in which notice has been given.

The mover of a motion shall have the right of reply, but not the mover of an amendment. The reply must be limited to answering the arguments advanced against the motion.

No motion or resolution on any other subject shall be submitted until the one under consideration is disposed of. This may be done by withdrawal, adoption, rejection, or by one of the following:-

By an amendment, moving "The previous question," moving "The Order of the Day", Postponement, Reference to a Committee, Adjournment.

THE POWERS OF A LAY REPRESENTATIVE AT CONFERENCE

Question: Is a person elected to represent his Circuit at Conference morally or legally obliged to represent the opinions or decisions of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting: or, when such have not been ascertained, to represent what he believes to be the majority opinion of such Quarterly

Meeting; or is such lay representative in all respects free to express himself according to his own beliefs and opinions and likewise to vote on any issue in accordance with his own convictions?

ANSWER: Conference members are representatives entitled to exercise their own judgment and not delegates instructed how to vote. It might well be that additional information on the matter under discussion at a Quarterly Meeting would be forthcoming during the Conference discussion and the representative should be free to take all factors into consideration. On the other hand, the matter under discussion might be so clearly defined as to enable the Quarterly Meeting to arrive at a definite conclusion, in which case the meeting should appoint a representative in whom it has full confidence. It is thus clear that a representative is under a moral obligation to present the mind of the Quarterly Meeting appointing him, unless fresh information constrains him otherwise, but he is not bound legally to support the same.

And I do so rule.

(Presidential Ruling - Minutes of Conference 1946, Ruling 4, p.193).

PROCEDUCRES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN BLOC:

- (1) Committees of Detail of Conference will be asked to advise the Conference as to those reports/resolutions that can be presented to the Conference en bloc. On the recommendation of the Committees of Detail they will be put to the Conference en bloc. Reports/resolutions to be taken en bloc will be clearly marked on the papers distributed to the Conference.
- (2) In order to safeguard the rights of members of Conference to speak on any report/resolution, members desiring Conference to take it out of the 'en bloc' resolution can seek to do so by either:-
 - (a) moving that a resolution or a report be debated separately in which case the mover shall have 1 minute to state why it should be so debated.
 - OR (b) prior written notice by at least 10 members of Conference that they desire the report/resolution to be debated separately

The Convenor of the Committee of Detail shall then have 1 minute to reply as to why the Committee recommended that the report/resolution be taken "en bloc" and Conference shall without further debate then vote on the question whether the report/resolution be taken "en bloc".

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

I. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The members of the Committee are: (1) The President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Convener of the Committee on Ministry, Secretary of Examinations, Field Worker Continuing Education, Assessment Convener, one representative of Theological College, one representative of Education Division, one representative of Maori Division, President-Elect, Warden of the Deaconess Order and a Deaconess. (2) Two District Chairmen, as appointed by the Chairmen of Districts. (3) Ministerial Representative of each District--Northland: Rev. C. Brice Herbert; Auckland: Rev. H.W. Kitchingman; Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. W.S. Gilbert; Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. W.F. Ford; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. Harry Shaw; Wellington: Rev. E.F.I. Hanson; Nelson: Rev. J. Hamlin; North Canterbury: Rev. A.A. Grundy; South Canterbury: Rev. G. McIver; Otago-Southland: Rev. D.J. Phillipps. (4) Four Laymen as appointed.

II. STATIONING COMMITTEE

FIRST READING

The first Reading of Stations was prepared by a Committee which met in Wellington on Wednesday, October 5 at 2 p.m. and concluded on Thursday, October 6 at 12 noon.

PERSONNEL: The President, General Secretary, President-Elect, all District Chairmen, General Superintendent of the Development Division, Representative of Maori Division, Principal of the Theological College, General Secretary of the Overseas Division. Laymen-- Northland: Mr. G.B. Keightley; Auckland: Mr. E.H. Laurenson; Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Mr. A. Bettany; Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. G.A. Hutton; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr. S. Collis; Wellington: Mr. E.G. Heggie; Nelson: Mr. O. Smith; North Canterbury: Mr. G.E. Hill; South Canterbury: Mr. J. Diack; Otago-Southland: Mr. A. Mabon.

SECOND READING

The Stationing Committee will meet on Friday, November 4, at 7.30 p.m. and will prepare the Second Reading of Stations for submission to a later session of Conference. The Committee consists of an equal number of ministers and laymen: The President, Vice-President and the General Secretary are members ex-officio; the General Superintendent of the Development Division and the Principal of the Theological College are Consultants.

The following are the District Chairmen and Ministerial representatives:

Northland: Revs. B.W. Sides and J.H. Woolford.

Auckland: Revs. E.D. Grounds and I.H. McKenzie.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Revs. W.J. Morrison and I.J. Clucas.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Revs. G.T. Gilbert and W.F. Ford.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Revs. E.B. Clarke and W. Gust.
Wellington: Revs. E.F.I. Hanson (Dep. Chairman) & C.J.F. Mabon.
Nelson: Revs. H.K. Brown and D. Stubbs.
North Canterbury: Revs. R. Widdup and R.H. Allen
South Canterbury: Revs. P.P. Rushton and I. Norwell.
Otago-Southland: Revs. K.H. Russell and D.S. Mullan.

Lay representatives were elected at the District Synods as follows:

Northland: Mr. J. Ramsay and Mrs. P. Vugler.
Auckland: Mr. E.H. Laurenson and Mrs. N. Tibble.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Messrs. A. Bettany and C.B. Fenwick.
Taranaki-Wanganui: Messrs. G.A. Hutton and N.P. Laursen.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Messrs. K. Fay and S. Collis.
Wellington: Messrs. E.G. Heggie and T.J. Martin.
Nelson: Mrs. E. Reynolds and Mrs. G.B. Trathen.
North Canterbury: Mr. G.E. Hill and Mrs. P.M. Teague.
South Canterbury: Mr. J. Diack and Mr. C.S. Leadley.
Otago-Southland: Messrs. A. Mabon and C. Flyger.

III. COMMITTEES OF DETAIL (F-K, M-P)

See Time-table for Conveners and items of business. The Conference Committees of Detail will meet on Monday, November 7 at 10.30 a.m. and as far as possible prepare their business.

N.B.: Reports of Committees are to be typed on foolscap paper and shall become the property of the Conference.

IV. THE COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (B)

The Committee consists of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen and is appointed to consider and report upon all matters arising under subsection (6) of Section 37 Law Book, page 60, and Model Deed clause 4.

NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Written nominations for the office of Vice-President must be handed to the Secretary of the Conference, prior to the opening of Conference, signed by two members of the Conference who must have secured consent of their nominee before nominating him. The nomination papers shall be countersigned by the Chairman of his District who shall inform all other District Chairmen. (Nomination papers may be obtained from the Secretary of Conference).

QUESTION 1 - Who are the Ministers of this Conference?

1.-MINISTER IN FULL CONNEXION

William Rowe	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Robert E. Fordyce	Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
Charles H. Kendon	John Silvester, M.A.
Ernest E. Sage	Herbert A. Cochrane
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	Reginald Grice
Alfred E. Jefferson	Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
Albert Blakemore	Charles B. Oldfield
Eric W. Hames, M.A.	John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
John H. Bailey	John B. Dawson, B.A.
Hubert G. Brown	Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.
Gordon R.H. Peterson	Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A.
G. Raymond Harris	Lawrence Greenslade
A. Henry Voyce	Alan O. Jones
Norman P. Larsen	Charles H. Bell, B.A.
George I. Laurenson, C.B.E.	Harold K. Brown
Athol R. Penn	Harold A. Darvill
Ivo M. Raynor	Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
John D. Grocott, B.A.	Henry J. Woolford, M.A.
Charlie O. Hailwood	R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
Leonard C. Horwood	Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Comm.
Arthur T. Kent	John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
Walter Parker	William J. Morrison, M.A.
E. Clarence Leadley	Leonard V. Willing
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Clifford G. Brown
J. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D.	George W. Cramond
Thomas H. Carr	W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
W.E. Allon Carr	Wilfred E. Falkingham
William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E.	Edmund D. Grounds
William E. Moore	J.C. Aldwyn Williams
Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.	Robert H. Allen, B.A.
Herbert W. Payne	R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol. M
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Leslie F. Bycroft
Reginald Day	Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
William C. Jenkin	
Ralph E. Patchett	Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
George H. Goodman	Leonard Shapcott
Andrew J. Johnston	D.I. Alister McDonald
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.	Harry Moore
Clifford L. Duder	Norman W. Olds
Clarence T.J. Luxton	Trevor Shepherd
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc, Sc.	George R. Thompson, E.D.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.	A. Francis Attwood
Ian H.K. Hopper, B.A.	Leslie C. Clements
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.	Allen H. Hall, M.A.
Leslie T. Norwell	Francis H. Parker
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.	Wilf G. Eisner, B.A.

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 George C. Hopkins
 Edward M. Marshall, B.A.
 Edward Baker
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 Douglas H. Burt
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A.
 Clifford J. Keightley
 Ian C.E. Ramage, M.A.
 Colin D. Clark, M.A.
 D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
 Phillip D. Ramsay
 Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
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 Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.
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 Geoffrey T. Gilbert
 Idris J. Ruck
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 Loyal J. Gibson
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 John H. Thompson
 Frederick J.K. Baker
 E. Raymond Le Couteur
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 Archibald W. McKay
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 Noel D. Billingham
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 Alan H.V. Newton
 Ruawai D. Rakana
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 Te Awa W. Tahere
 David L. Trebilco
 Alexander C. Watson
 William K. Abbott

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 George L. Bennett
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 Bruce Scammell
 G. Basil W. Bell
 James F. Cropp
 Irwin J. Fowler
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Rochester Divinity School),
M.A., Ed.D. (Syracuse)

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Warren Green

II. LAY REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Vice-President of the Conference: Mr.T.G.M.Spooner
 Ex Vice-President: Mrs. Vera I. Dowie
 (b) Representatives of Circuits:

NORTHLAND DISTRICT - 1000

1010 Mangonui County Un. Par.	-
1020 Kaikohe Union Parish	-
1030 Sth Bay of Islands Coop.	-
1040 Kaeo-Kerikeri Un. Parish	-
1050 Nth Hokianga Comm. Church	-
1060 Sth Hokianga Coop. Parish	-
1070 Hikurangi Union Parish	-
1080 Whangarei Uniting Church	- Mr. J. Ramsay
	- Mrs.A. Ramsay
1090 Dargaville	- Mrs.P. Vugler
1100 Ruawai Co-op. Parish	-
1110 Paparoa	- Mrs. M. Duder
1120 Wellsford Co-op Parish	-
1510 Maori Circuit	- Mr.Hemara T.Hemara

AUCKLAND DISTRICT - 2000

2010 Auckland Central	- Mr. C. Edgar
	- Mrs. M. Aufai
2020 Auckland Central Mission	- Miss P.K.McConnell
	- Mr. F.M.Souster
	- Mr. M.C. Copeland
2030 Balmoral-Roskill	- Mr. A.H. Gorringer
	- Mr. E.H. Laurenson
2040 Auckland East	- Mrs. N. West
	- Mr. W.G. Alexander
2050 Buckland Beach Co-op.	-
2060 Orakei	- Mr. R.B. Verry
	- Miss H.M. Astley
2070 Glen Innes Co-op.Parish	-
2080 Mt. Albert	- Mrs. K.Horwood
	- Mr. J.R. Osborn
2090 Avondale Union Parish	-
2100 Henderson	- Mr. P.D. Hollings
	- Mrs. R.N.Halfpenny
2110 Ranui	-
2120 Te Atatu Union Parish	-
2130 Devonport	-
2140 Takapuna	- Mr.T. Baker
	- Mr. J.R.Osborne
	- Mrs. J.A.Dawson
2150 Birkenhead	- Mr. B.A. Woodhams
2160 Glenfield-Albany Co-op.	-

2170 Birkdale-Beach Haven	- Mr. T. K. Heimuli (Tongan)
2180 Northcote	- Mrs. T. G. M. Spooner
2190 Onehunga	- Mr. C. G. Dyson
	- Mr. F. P. Norris
2200 Otahuhu	- Mr. R. Craig
2210 Papatoetoe	- Mr. R. Mason
2220 Manurewa	- Mr. Fa Toelei'u
2230 Papakura	- Mr. D. Vince
2240 Pukekohe	-
2250 Tuakau Union Parish	-
2260 Waiuku	-
2270 Sth Kaipara Co-op.	- Mr. R. Dixon
2280 Whangaparaoa	- Mrs. R. A. Graham
2290 Mahurangi	-
2510 Tamaki	- Mr. R. Hunapo
	- Mrs. W. Anderson

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT - 3000

3010 Thames Union Parish	-
3020 Hauraki Plains Co-op.	- Mr E. G. Townshend
3030 Paeroa	-
3040 Waihi	- Mrs. R. Jolly
3050 Te Aroha	-
3060 Morrinsville	- Mr. R. G. Eastwood
3070 Cambridge Union	- Mrs. M. McLeod
3080 Hamilton	- Mrs. Z. Brooks
	- Mrs. H. Bray
	- Mr. S. D. Richards
3090 Raglan Union Parish	-
3100 Hamilton East	- Mr. H. Richardson
3110 Chartwell Co-op.	-
3120 Ngaruawahia Union	-
3130 Huntly	-
3140 Matamata Union	- Mrs. M. Grover
3150 Putaruru Co-op	- Mr. C. A. Head
3160 Tokoroa	-
3170 Rotorua	- Mr. N. Pachoud
3180 Taupo	- Dr. R. Glover
3190 Tauranga	- Mr. G. G. Decke
	- Mr. A. Bettany
	- Mr. T. Whimster
3200 St. James Union	-
3210 Te Puke	- Mr. R. G. Lowe
3220 Whakatane Co-op	-
3230 Kawerau	- Mr. A. R. Speirs
3240 Opotiki Union	-
3250 Te Awamutu	- Mr. R. Field
	- Mrs. M. Field
3260 Otorohanga	- Mr. W. F. Walters

3270 Te Kuiti	-
3280 Taumarunui	- Mrs. E.Curo
3290 Turangi Union	-
3300 Ohura	-
3310 Kawhia	-
3320 Coromandel	-
3330 Hillcrest Co-op.	- Mrs. G. Telford
3340 Pio Pio Co-op.	-
3510 Waikato	- Mrs. Pari Waaka
	- Mr. C. Fenwick
3520 Rohe Potae	- Mrs. E.K. Tuheke

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT - 4000

4010 New Plymouth	- Mr. N. Laursen
	- Mr. D. Bennett
	- Mr. G. Hutton
4020 Waitara	-
4030 Stratford	-
4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op.	-
4050 Hawera	-
4060 Manaia Union	- Mr. I.E. Hooper
4070 Opunake Co-op	- Mrs. H.E. Hopkins
4080 Okato	-
4090 Wanganui	- Mrs. J.M. Ford
4100 Taihape	-
4110 Inglewood Union	-
4510 Taranaki	- Mr. N. Kahu
	- Mrs. C. Hikuroa
	- Miss N. McCulloch

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT - 5000

5010 Napier	- Mrs. E.R. Le Couteur
	- Mr. K. Walker
5020 Hastings	- Mrs. H. Melling
5030 Flaxmere Co-op.	-
5040 Gisborne	- Mr. C. Wills
5050 Mangapapa Union	-
5060 Presby./Meth.Par.Wairoa	-
5070 Dannevirke-Norsewood	-
5080 Woodville Union	-
5090 Pahiatua Union	-
5100 Palmerston North	- Mr. S. Collis
	- Mr. D. Petersen
	- Mr. N. Olsson
	- Mr. K.M. Fay
5110 Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	- Mrs. T. Gore
5120 Fielding-Oroua	- Mr. M. Tarrant
5130 Marton	-
5140 Sanson-Rongotea	- Mr. H.B.Smith
5150 Foxton Union Parish	-

WELLINGTON DISTRICT - 6000

6010 Wellington Central	- Mr. Tevita Finau
6020 Wellington West	- Mr. J.S. Hickman
6030 Wellington Sth Union	- Mrs. K. Loncar
6040 Wellington East	- Mr. D.P. Buller
6050 Miramar Co-op	- Mrs. J. Guise
6060 Ngaio Union Parish	-
6070 Johnsonville Union	- Mr. W.E. Elderton
6080 Newlands Union	- Mr. P.V. McNicol
6090 Porirua	-
6100 Plimmerton-Paekakariki	-
6110 Tawa Union	- Mr. J.M. Daley
6120 Lower Hutt-Petone	-
	- Mr. E.G. Heggie
	- Mr. R.E. Sullivan
	- Mr. E.C.D. Watson
	- Mrs. A. Garner
6130 Taita Union	- Mr. R.H. Ellis
6140 Upper Hutt Co-op.	-
6150 Wainuiomata Union	- Mrs. J. Besant
6160 Greytown St. Andrew's Un.	- Mrs. F.M.N. Hickson
6170 Featherston Union	-
6180 Carterton Union	-
6190 Masterton St. Luke's Union	- Mr. B. Pratt
	- Mrs. M. Blundell
6200 St. James Masterton Union	-
6210 Eketahuna Union Parish	-
6220 Levin	- Mr. F. Pitcher
6230 Otaki	-
6240 Paraparaumu	- Mrs. J.R. Patchett
6510 Poneke	- Mr. T. Tai

NELSON DISTRICT - 7000

7010 Nelson	- Mr. G.B. Trathen
	- Mr. D.H. Williams
7020 Nelson St. Lukes Union	-
7030 Waimea	-
7040 Motueka Uniting Parish	- Mr. J. Miller
7050 Moutere Hills Uniting	- Mrs. L.L. Masters
7060 Murchison	- Mrs. E. Gold
7070 Blenheim	- Mr. L.F. Holdaway
	- Mrs. L.F. Holdaway
7080 Picton Union	- Mrs. E.R. Thornicroft
7090 Reefton District Union	- Mrs. E.D. Baird
7100 Buller Union	- Mrs. G.M. Hamlin
7110 Greymouth Dist. Union	-
7120 Hokitika Union	- Mrs. E.M. Reynolds

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8000

8010 Christchurch Central Mission	Mrs. D. Robinson Mr. N.P. Alcorn - Mr. A.A. Dingwall
8020 Christchurch South	- Mr. J. Walter
8030 Christchurch East	- Mr. H. Kerr - Mrs. E. Roberts - Mrs. M. Sharr
8040 New Brighton Union	-
8050 Summer-Redcliffs Union	- Mr. J.E. Brookes
8060 S.E. Christchurch Union	- Mrs. B. Roud
8070 Lyttelton Union	- Mr. A.T. Couch
8080 Christchurch (Opawa)	- Mr. S. Falkingham
8090 Beckenham-Sydenham	- Mrs. E.J. Allen
8100 Christchurch (Spreydon)	- Mrs. C. McNaughton
8110 Halswell Union	- Mrs. V. McNiven
8120 Christchurch (Riccarton)	- Mr. G.K. Rodda - Mr. D.G. Watson
8130 Christchurch (St.Albans)	- Mr. R.T. Lawn - Mrs. W. Yeatman
8140 Christchurch (Papanui)	- Mrs. P.M. Teague - Mrs. D.C. Pike - Mrs. N. Williams
8150 Hornby	-
8160 Lincoln Union	-
8170 Leeston	- Mrs. W.V. Sheat
8180 Kaiapoi	- Mrs. M.E. Bannan
8190 Rangiora	- Mrs. D. Judson
8200 Greendale	-
8210 Oxford District Union	-
8220 Parklands Co-op. Parish	-
8510 Otautahi-Te Waipounamu	- Mr. R. Ellison

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8300

8310 Timaru (Bank Street)	-
8320 Timaru (Woodlands St.)	- Mr. W. Greenwood
8330 St. David's Marchwiell Un.	- Mrs. O.G. Rawcliffe
8340 Twizel	-
8350 Waimate	- Mr. C.E. Hawkey
8360 Geraldine	- Mr. L.W. Neutze
8370 Temuka	- Mr. R.H. Cone
8380 Ashburton	- Mr. C. Leadley - Mr. P.Bain
8390 Allenton Union	-
8400 Oamaru Union Parish	- Miss M. Addison

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT - 9000

9010 Dunedin Central Mission	-
9020 Dunedin	- Mr. F.S. Grocott - Mr. A.C. Mabon - Mr. A.H. Harman

9040 West Harbour United	
9050 West Dunedin Union Parish	- Mr.C.Chirnside
9060 Corstorphine-Concord Union	- Mr. J.Fisher
9070 Grant Braes Union	
9080 Tokomairiro Co-op	- Mr.J.A.Stewart
9090 Balclutha	- Mrs. J.Bruce
9100 Gore	
9110 Invercargill	- Mrs. J. Lawry
	- Mrs. I.Lankshear
	- Mr. E.C.Flyger
	- Mr.B.C.Jillings
9120 Riverton	- Mr. J.I.Lindsay
9130 Otautau Union Parish	- Mr. R.F.Burnett
9140 Waiono Union Parish	-
9150 Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart Is-	Mr. C.H.Ladbrook
9160 Teviot Union	
9170 Alexandra-Clyde Union	-
9180 Port Chalmers United	-

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 - Rev. T. Moala
 - Rev. I. Bailey
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QUESTION 10 (a) What Ministers, Probationers, Deaconesses or Home Missionaries have died since last Conference?

Ivo M. Raynor
J. Stanley Olds

Charles E. Roke
Oscar Fawcett
A. Peter Dorrian

IVO M. RAYNOR

Ivo Mervyn Raynor was born in Waipuku, Taranaki, in 1901. Towards the end of his primary school years he moved to Inglewood from Opunake with his parents who were devoted Christians.

For a few years Ivo worked as a cabinet maker. During this time he made his decision for Christ at a Val Trigge mission. Presently he became a local preacher and a society steward. The call to the ministry came during the ministry of the Rev. E.B. Chambers. He was a Candidate at the 1924 Conference and accepted for training at Dunholme College. He was one of three candidates at about that time from the small town and circuit of Inglewood.

During Probation Ivo Raynor served in Raetihi, Gisborne and Mangonui Circuits. In 1932 he married Ella Pike of Gisborne. With her musical gifts, her unflinching devotion, loyalty and love, Ella has been a tower of strength to Ivo and his work.

After ordination Ivo served in Port Albert (4 years); Papakura (4 years); Dargaville (5 years); New Plymouth (2nd) (6 years); Cambridge (6 years); Wellington North (6 years) and Porirua (2nd) (3 years). After superannuation he served for one year as a greatly appreciated Supply at Otaki. The fact that his terms of ministry were longer than many in those years is an indication of the quality of his service.

He was a quiet unobtrusive person, but definite and effective in his work as preacher and pastor who endeared himself to his people. He had gifts of oratory that helped in the presentation of his message.

Ivo Raynor was Overseas Mission Secretary in two Districts for a number of years; a member of the Board of Christian Education, and Secretary of a Conference Arrangements Committee. While he was Superintendent of Wellington North Circuit he had the joy of seeing the dedication of a fine Church Hall at Ngaio.

Ivo served the Church as one humbly grateful for God's call to the ministry and for the Church's challenge to service. He had just completed the Jubilee of his ministry of the Word and Sacraments when the call came on 30 May 1977.

Thanks be to God for the life and faithful Christian Witness of Ivo Raynor.

OSCAR FAWCETT

On May 24th 1977, the Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish was saddened by the death of Oscar Fawcett.

Trained as a Methodist minister but unable to carry on with the work for health reasons, Oscar Fawcett's life was nonetheless a ministry. Beginning in Bible Class work, he became a Home Missionary and between 1930 and 1934 exercised this ministry in Lawrence, Rakaia and Silverdale. Coming to Alexandra in February 1937, he acted as locum preacher and pastor during a vacancy until December of that year. He was a talented preacher and leader of public worship - during his forty years in Central he has occupied almost every pulpit in the Presbytery.

An expository preacher with a love of nature, he never tired of relating scripture of life; perhaps his favourite text was John 15 : 5. For most of those four decades he served as a Manager and more recently as a Parish Councillor. For almost as many years he has served as an elder and there have been many people in his districts who have been deeply grateful for his pastoral care. As an elder he represented Alexandra-Clyde parish on the Presbytery of Central Otago for many years, and in 1965 was its Moderator. He also represented the parish on occasion at General Assembly. His love and concern for young people was reflected in his years of devoted work as a Bible Class leader and his involvement in religious instruction in the State schools of the Dunstan. As a parish, we have cause to be deeply grateful for this life of ministry. 2 Timothy 4 : 7 would be a fitting epitaph.

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

George Graham Slater
John Hugh Phillipps

Leonie Dorn Verry
Marion Holdaway

GEORGE GRAHAM SLATER

The Connexional Budget is now accepted as the way local churches are partners in and supporters of the wider work of the church in New Zealand and overseas. Graham Slater was one of those responsible for the smooth introduction of the budget system and its efficient administration.

From the time of his youth, in the Morningside Church, before serving overseas in the 1st World War, he was a loyal member and worker in local churches. His career in the State Insurance Office took him to Invercargill, Napier, Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch and, finally Wellington where he finished as General Manager for New Zealand.

After his retirement he was able to devote much of his time, voluntarily, to introducing the Connexional Budget. The Conference in 1960 appointed him as the first Budget Treasurer - a position he retained until an unfortunate car accident made it impossible for him to continue. In its 1962 report the Finance and Stewardship Committee recorded "its appreciation of the outstanding work being performed by Mr. G.G. Slater as Budget Treasurer". The committee referred to his marked ability in handling financial matters and to the Church's good fortune in having such an experienced and devoted servant in such a key position.

Conscientiousness, natural ability, devotion, Christian convictions and humility were characteristic of the man. Throughout he was well supported by his wife, Dora, who survives him.

Graham Slater died 28th May 1977. His funeral was from Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington on 31st May.

JOHN HUGH PHILLIPPS

The death of Jack Phillipps on 8th June in his 80th year marked the end of a life that was remarkable for its energy, ability and devotion; over a long period and a wide diversity of interests he served church and community with rare distinction.

Despite all the demands made upon him by the church, business and community he was essentially a family man and the home which, with his wife Freda, he built was a centre of love and warmth. This was vividly symbolised when the whole congregation and a very wide circle of friends shared in the celebration of their golden wedding in recent months.

He loved the worship of the church, enriching it as a loyal choir member. He also gave his sound judgement and strength to the trust and administrative life of the local Hataitai church, the Circuit, District and Connexion. His New Zealand roots go

back to one of the pioneer Wesleyan missionaries and he was a life-long worker in the Methodist Church; at the same time he was an ardent advocate of the union of this church and it was sadly ironical that his last illness prevented him from attending the inaugural service of the Co-operating Parish which he largely inspired, which he worked so eagerly to achieve and whose coming into being he had looked forward to so much.

The name of Jack Phillipps is inextricably associated with cricket. He enjoyed joking about his playing prowess but as an administrator and manager he was unexcelled. Suffice it to say that two New Zealand skippers - Walter Hadlee and John Reid - were among his pall bearers. He was closely associated with Lord Cobham in the establishing of Outward Bound and his administrative gifts were called on in the field of Broadcasting. He had a distinguished record in the oil industry and equally impressive was his record in the services in two world wars.

Jack Phillipps was a man of rare ability. He possessed a mind that saw issues clearly and firm convictions that enabled him to make sound judgements with deceptive ease. He was, nevertheless a gracious and humble man who always looked for the right decisions that served the best interests of people. He walked confidently with people of high rank, but never lost touch with ordinary folk and made no claims to special ability. It was said of him at the funeral service that had it not been for the Christian grace which his warm faith gave him, he could have been a difficult man to get on with; that had he chosen to use his great gifts for personal gain he would have been a wealthy man. He exemplified the words of our Lord. "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant."

For the enrichment he brought to home, church and community we give thanks for Jack Phillipps. To his widow and family we offer our love.

LEONIE DORN VERRY

Leonie Dorn Verry died on 1st May 1977, following a prolonged and critical illness borne with Christian fortitude and courage.

Her death came within a week of the memorable Bible Class Movement Reunion for which she and her husband, Bruce, had done so much to prepare and which she, despite her failing health, was able to attend. The reminiscences which she prepared for that occasion voiced her deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to the Bible Class Movement, which she herself served with such conspicuous ability and devotion at local, district and national level.

Leonie was born at Napier and spent her childhood in Grey-mouth and Wanganui. As a Junior member of the Wanganui East Bible Class she began to develop her latent secretarial gifts, and later at the Epsom Church, Auckland, her influence as a leader became far reaching. As a member of the National

Schools Leadership Committee and eventually its National Secretary, she did much to promote Summer and Winter Leadership Schools, which were one of the great strengths of the Bible Class Movement and which proved a determinative influence in her life.

In recent years she was a valued member and respected leader in the Mission Bay Church.

During her term as Secretary to the late Rev. Everil Orr at the Auckland Central Mission, the plans for the erection of the present Church and commercial block were finalised.

But her interest in and loyalty to the things of Christ and his Church were not restricted to her own denomination. For eighteen years after her marriage she and her husband gave their considerable gifts of leadership to the Community Church at Titirangi which was of the Presbyterian tradition. For many years both served as members of the Auckland Council of Churches.

Leonie Verry will be remembered by her many friends for her penetrating comments, her breadth of vision, depth of insight and her unflagging loyalty and devotion. She was a thoughtful person who valued the stimulus of contact with other minds. Though compassionate in outlook she was without sentimentality and displayed a practical approach to life. Her sense of humour and quiet chuckle won a warm response in all who knew her. Always, she impressed as one who was possessed of strong, inner resources.

Despite the slowly-losing battle she fought so valiantly against acute illness, she was uncomplaining and without self-pity.

We give thanks to God for the person she was, for the quality and influence of her life and to Bruce, her husband, we convey our deepest sympathy.

MARION HOLDAWAY

Marion Worsley went to Wellington to take over the Methodist Youth Office. She was highly trained in business, as well as in Methodist Bible Class and Church affairs.

She was only on the job for a short time when the unexpected happened. She married Hubert Holdaway, a first war veteran, whose home and small orchard property were in the beautiful valley below Mount Arthur Range at Lower Moutere, near Motueka.

Hubert was noted in the Nelson District for his devotion to Bible Class and Church work.

Marion shared this devotion and she and Hubert were also totally dedicated Christian Pacifists.

Together in 1941, they pioneered the Riverside Community, making its commencement possible by giving all they had - home and orchard.

They believed that abandonment of private ownership, and private profit, limitation and equality of income, and lives based on caring, sharing, serving, and equal responsibility to be the way in which Christian man and woman should be moving, to-

wards a better and more Christian society.

The start was made in war time when pacifists and the strange ideas of communal living were unpopular, or viewed with suspicion.

Marion and Hubert enjoyed this demanding life and welcomed into their home all those who visited, some needing care and rest because of illness, young people who came briefly and went off to prison and detention camps for the duration of the war.

The work was hard and it was not lightened by Hubert and Marion adopting four children from birth, who grew to adulthood in the Community.

Riverside is now known in many parts of the world, and is studied in New Zealand Schools.

Hubert soldiered on in the Community until he died in 1962, and Marion until failing health caused her to join her sister at Astley House two or three years ago.

There could hardly be a more splendid memorial to this devoted couple than the Community whose origin their sacrifice and dedication played so great a part.

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

Albert Blakemore
William Rowe
Alfred E. Jefferson
Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage
John H. Bailey
Robert E. Fordyce
Williams T. Blight
A. Henry Voyce
A. Francis Attwood
Eric W. Hames
Hubert G. Brown
Walter Parker
Ralph E. Patchett
Thomas H. Carr
G. Raymond Harris
Arthur H. Ivory
Norman P. Larsen
Athol R. Penn
T. Ralph Benny
Herbert W. Payne
Idris J. Ruck
Charles H. Bell
Reginald Day
Reginald Grice
Charlie O. Hailwood
Leonard C. Horwood
George I. Laurenson

Arthur T. Kent
H. Ian K. Hopper
Andrew J. Johnston
E. Clarence Leadley
M. Alexander McDowell
Donald G. Sherson
W.E. Allon Carr
William W.H. Greenslade
Edward M. Marshall
Harry Moore
Clarence T.J. Luxton
J. Wesley Parker
George R. Thompson
John H. Thompson
David O. Williams
Gordon Parker
Andrew G. Reid
Frederick J. Climo
Clifford L. Duder
William R. Francis
Howard C. Matthews
Robert Thornley
Stanley R. Goudge
D.I. Alister McDonald
Sydney J. Spindler
John K. Watson
J.C. Aldwyn Williams
Stanley G. Andrews

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

George H. Goodman
John D. Grocott
William C. Jenkin

George E. Beckingsale
R. Graham Bell
Clifford G. Brown
F. Gardner Brown
Gordon A.R. Cornwell
George W. Crammond
Alan J. Handyside
William R. Laws
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
O. McLennan Olds
Lenonard Shapcott

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

Howard E. Harkness
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester
Gordon V. Thomas

FRED GARDNER BROWN

The application of Fred Gardner Brown to re-enter Ministerial Status shortly after last Annual Conference was accepted by the President and his Committee of Advice and he became a Supernumerary Minister. This record is now presented for the Conference through the Auckland Synod.

Born in Dunedin in 1895, he went with his parents and family to England in 1899 where his father resumed farming at Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire. Converted at a Mission in the Family Chapel at the age of sixteen, he became a member of a Mission Band and commenced preaching five months after his conversion. After becoming an accredited lay preacher he went to Cliff College, studying under the Rev. Samuel Chadwick.

When the Rev. William Slade went to England deputed by the New Zealand Conference to seek recruits for Home Mission work in this country, Fred Brown was one of the six chosen. Received as a Home Missionary Probationer, his first appointment was to Te Puke where he conducted the first service held at the Mount. In 1916 he was sent to Mangonui Home Mission Station where he filled the appointment most acceptably for twelve months. However, the call of the Country in the First World War led him to enlist and he served in Belgium and France in 1917 and 1918, returning home in mid 1918.

His experience had unsettled him, but he served for a year at Hikurangi and then returned to the land for two years. Feeling more settled he again applied for Home Mission service, and was appointed to Henderson to prepare for Candidature for the Ministry, studying under the Rev. W.T. Blight

In 1923 he entered Dunholme College, and thereafter was appointed to Wairoa, Hawkes Bay, in 1925. Here our work was commenced in a Mission conducted by the Rev. E.T. Olds, assisted by the Rev. E. Te Tuhi and Mr. Brown. He stayed on as Minister of the new cause. In 1926 he married Miss Eileen Brooks of Mt. Eden, who has proved a wonderful helpmeet and a gracious lady of the Parsonage, and a strong leader in Women's work wherever they have lived.

They have served in Matamata, Morrinsville, Christchurch East (New Brighton and Shirley), Dominion Road Auckland, and then for three years Mr. Brown was a Chaplain in the Middle East in the second World War. On his return Mr. Brown resumed at Dominion Road for a year, but he was unsettled after the experiences, and he shared the difficulties of resuming civilian life that faced all returning ex-servicemen. For a few months he served as a Chaplain again at Burnham Camp, but with the ending of the War the job ceased and he stood aside for a while to re-think things. Owing to some uncertainty under the existing regulations governing the Supernumerary Fund, this added to Mr. Brown's restlessness, and he decided to resign from the Ministry.

This did not mean any cessation of Mr. Brown's interest in preaching and serving, and he has since then proved a very acceptable preacher and Church member and Office Bearer wherever he and Mrs. Brown have lived. They found great delight in growing gladioli, and their Cotswold strain has been famous. At Waiuku and in Hamilton and Whangaparaoa Circuits they have remained in close identification with the local Church, and it was on the strong urging of layfolk and fellow ministers that now Mr. Brown has sought and been granted re-instatement in the ranks of the Ministry. He has always been a man under authority, the authority of the call and commission of God. As a good man of God he has commended the Faith by his word and his life, and he and Mrs. Brown now enter upon Supernumerary Status with the deep affection of their host of grateful friends.

HOWARD EDWIN HARKNESS, M.A., B.D.

Howard Harkness has known the Church all his life. He was born in 1914 in Tonga where his father was a minister serving the Free Church of Tonga. Howard came to New Zealand as a lad of seven years in 1921 with his parents when his father was transferred to the New Zealand Conference, and so in his own ministry he has had the advantage of a gracious Parsonage and Missionary background to enrich his own.

He was educated at various schools as his parents were moved to successive Circuits until in 1935 after being accepted for theological training he entered Trinity Theological College, Auckland.

Always an able and conscientious student he graduated M.A. in 1934 and while pursuing his theological Course he completed his

B.D. (Melbourne) in 1947.

Following his three years in College he was appointed as a Probationer to the Greytown-Featherston Circuit, then to Dominion Road (Auckland) as a Supply, then to Nelson South. After Ordination in 1942 he married Miss Rona Win of Dovedale, Nelson and together they served in the following Circuits:- Mornington (Dunedin) five years; Christchurch East (Linwood) seven years; Blenheim seven years; Masterton six years; Gisborne two years when he had to withdraw for two years owing to ill-health. One of these two years was spent in Wanganui as a night orderly to an Old People's Home and the other as a Supply appointment in 1970 with the New South Wales Conference. On returning to New Zealand he was appointed to the Porirua Circuit in 1971 (and now in the Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit as a result of the division of the Porirua Circuit).

Mrs. Harkness contributed a rich quality to their ministry and home until her passing in 1971 shortly after their appointment to the Porirua Circuit. The Harkness home was warm in fellowship and love, ever open and accepting of everyone who came and many can recall helpful and delightful times spent in their generous hospitality. Four sons and three daughters blest their home and all have shared in the various work in the Circuits and now, in different ways and places, are still associated with Church life, three of them overseas.

Howard Harkness is a man of many able gifts which he has willingly shared in the Church. In able administration he has served in many places of responsibility as the following will illustrate. He has served as District Synod Secretary in both Canterbury and Nelson. While in Christchurch he lectured in theology at Deaconess House. He has very ably served the Church on the Conference platform in various positions since 1950 and was Conference Secretary from 1963 to 1965 when ill-health compelled him to relinquish the position. In an emergency in 1975 he again acted as Secretary and was associate Secretary in 1976 and 1977. In all this Howard has brought a steady dedication to his Lord to whom all his gifts have been made available and used to the full. A warm friendly man, his delightful wit has aided many a moment to run more smoothly, while his deeper experiences have encouraged others to renewed courage. His special concern in an effective pastoral ministry has been to the elderly and the shut-ins while in his preaching he has laid emphasis on teaching the faith. With his particular background it is no wonder he has ever been specially interested in the missionary outreach of the Church.

Mr. Harkness retires to Tamatea, Napier, with the love and thanks of the whole Church which expresses the hope he will enjoy good health and many days.

ASHLEIGH KELVIN PETCH, B.A.

Ashleigh Kelvin Petch was Born at Inglewood, Taranaki on the 10th September 1916. At an early age he displayed exceptional gifts and abilities for the Christian ministry, and through more than 40 years these have been given to a ministry of rare distinction.

Ashleigh received his secondary education at the Christchurch Boys' High School, gained much from the Bible Class Movement, Amberley Easter Camps and opportunities for Christian witness. From the Edgeware Road Church he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry, entering Trinity Theological College in 1935.

His first appointment after ordination came in dramatic circumstances. Ashleigh and Gwen (who were married in March 1942) were almost en route to their first appointment at Dundas Street Church, Dunedin. The sudden death of the Rev. Percy Paris led to their being switched to supply at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington. Ashleigh was then 25 years of age. The five years at Wesley Church (some of them war years) were strenuous but they were also formative and rewarding. An extra duty valued by him was visiting Methodist men in detention camps and ministering to Ormond Burton in prison. Somehow it was still possible for him to complete a B.A. degree. Gratitude is especially felt for the counsel and friendship of the Rev. W.A. Burley and Bishop St Barbe Holland.

The appointments filled tell their own story:- Wesley Wellington (1942-47) Nelson (1947- 52), Durham St. Christchurch (1952-62) St. Paul's Hamilton (1962-72) Takapuna (1972-78).

The Ecumenical Movement has been a living force in the ministry of Ashleigh Petch. A foundation member of the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs and Secretary for 4 years: active in the Campaign for Christian Order in the 40's: for 10 years he served on the Executive of the National Council of Churches in Christchurch, for 2 years as Chairman. He represented the N.C.C. at the inaugural Assembly of the E.A.C.C. in Kuala Lumpur in 1959. In 1968 he was a representative at the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden.

Among New Zealand church leaders Ashleigh Petch has made an outstanding contribution in his work for Church Union. For 18 years he served as convener of the Church Union Committee, representing the Methodist Church on the Joint Standing Committee, and later on the Joint Commission on Church Union. He completed this service as Chairman of the JCCU during the years 1972-76.

Ashleigh has carried a full load of Connexional responsibility. He was District Chairman 1967-72, President of the Church 1966-67, and in recent years has given valued service on the Councils of Trinity College and St. John's College, Auckland.

Music in the church has always been important to Ashleigh.

He acknowledges the privilege of working with choirmasters and organists such as Temple White, Melville Lawry, Albert Bryant and Norman Firth, with the inspiration of many splendid choirs.

The basic elements in the life of a Methodist Circuit Minister, preaching and pastoral work have always been first in his commitment. To the old question has he gifts, graces, fruits? the church answers with confidence and gratitude. Yes, and the record of his ministry provides eloquent proof. We think that Ashleigh is unaware of the measure of greatness he has among us. His warmth of personality, never diminished, has reached out to his colleagues in the ministry, and to men, women and children wherever he has served. Conference records a ministry rooted in experience of the grace of God in Christ issuing in concern for persons and strong social awareness.

Ashleigh is grateful for all that his wife (Gwen Hewson of Birkenhead) has given to their ministry. She has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement. In her own fields she is highly qualified and competent. The several parsonages have been centres of gracious hospitality. Countless people have received a warm and loving welcome. Catherine, Margaret and Elizabeth are a rightful cause for joy and pride to their parents who rejoice that two sons-in-law will serve in the ministry of the Christian Church.

The Methodist Church and the wider church in New Zealand give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of Ashleigh and Gwen Petch. We pray for them many years of fulfilled retirement. Their home is on the North Shore in a street close to where Gwen was born and lived until marriage. In Ashleigh's words: "As I look back it is with deepest gratitude to God and to loved ones, and the wonderful company of friends who have so enriched our life through the years."

JOHN SILVESTER, M.A.

Dedication and discipline in mind and spirit have marked the ministry of the Reverend John Silvester. Of his forty years' sustained service in the Church, he has contributed fourteen years as Tutor in Systematic Theology in the Theological College. He has been always a preacher of the grace of God.

He was born of Methodist family and forbears in Hamilton in 1912. The ministry of the Rev. H.L. Fiebig greatly influenced him in his early association with the St. James Methodist Church, Frankton. In 1929 he became a clerical cadet with the Railway Department. Transferred the following year to Auckland, he began his long connection with the Epsom Methodist Church, becoming very active in the Bible Class movement and in Leadership Schools. He entered Trinity College in training for Ministry in 1935, spending the following years of Probation at Waiwhetu and Opawa. In 1941 he graduated M.A. with honours in Philosophy at Canterbury University. This proved a very formative period in his

training and he acknowledges his deep indebtedness to Sir Karl Popper for what the Church has come to recognise as his very sound grounding in modern philosophy and in the issues involved in theology.

It was at the Wellington Conference in 1942 that he was ordained. Later in that same year he married Miss Lilian Souster and they have served together in Circuits at Lyttelton, Greymouth Rotorua, Papatoetoe, Devonport. Deep friendships were made in all of these districts and Churches were strengthened through the pastoral and teaching ministry.

In 1964 John Silvester took up appointment in Systematic Theology at Trinity College, spending the first year in study overseas in such centres as New College, Edinburgh, Princeton, Union Seminary, New York. He was again able to spend a further five months at Queen's College, Birmingham, in the study of the philosophy of A.N. Whitehead and of Process Theology, in 1973-74. To his work as Tutor he has brought both integrity and a well furnished mind, with marked clarity of perception. Both Methodist and Anglican students, at Trinity and St. John's Colleges, who have worked with him, have paid warm tribute to his scholarship.

For sixteen years he served the Connexion well handling the Question and Answer column of the Methodist Times and for eight years was convener of the Faith and Order Committee, work which was enriched by his attendance at the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission in Denmark in 1964. Committed to the Ecumenical vision, he participated in the 1947 Marsden College and in the 1956 Sumner Faith and Order Conferences. In recent years he has been a member of the National Council of Churches/Roman Catholic Joint Working Committee.

Still a dedicated harrier, he has set an example of physical fitness to succeeding generations of students.

Over the years, Mrs. Silvester has given her full support to this ministry. She has contributed much by her practical interest in the life and work of the College and in her service to students.

The College and the Connexion wish them well in their retirement. They take with them the gratitude and respect of many friends, of students and colleagues.

GORDON VAUGHAN THOMAS, B.A.

Gordon Thomas is a gift to the Church from the Matamata Circuit and District where he was born in 1913 of farming parents. His early primary school years were spent at the Te Poi School and later he attended the Matamata Junior High from Forms I to IV when he then left to assist on the farm.

He rejoiced in the benefit of a good christian home upbringing and had a strong background link with the Church throughout his earliest years. He regularly attended Sunday School and the fortnightly worship services with his parents at the Te Poi

Church.

During his teenage years he became a Sunday School teacher and was also active in the Scout Movement until leaving the District. He became an accredited Lay Preacher in 1935 under the leadership of the Rev. Albert Blakemore, and in 1936 offered for the ministry but was not accepted. He entered Home Mission work and spent one year assisting the Masterton Circuit following which he was accepted for theological training in Tinity Theological College, Auckland during the years 1938-1940.

His Probationary years were spent at Whakatane where he served for three years and a fourth was spent at Te Kuiti, then being Ordained at the Dunedin Conference in 1945. His appointments have been Roskill (Auckland Central) four years; Thames five years; Rotorua six years; Sydenham (Christchurch) five years; six years at Hataitai (Wellington East); and the past seven years at Levin.

Gordon Thomas has shouldered gladly a good deal of Connexional responsibility and has ably served either as Secretary or Chairman or as a Member of a number of Committees. He was Secretary of the Deaconess Board and a member of the Spiritual Healing Committee while in Christchurch. In Wellington he served as Secretary of the Radio and T.V. Committee and later as its Chairman, and also was a member of the Churches T.V. Commission while in that City. He has served on the Board of Christian Education and the International Affairs Committee. For a period he contributed the Devotional Notes in the Methodist Times, the Connexional paper, and while in Rotorua regularly conducted devotional broadcasts. He has been the Chairman of CORSO for three years at Levin.

Gordon Thomas has never had it easy throughout his life. He gained his B.A. following a provisional matriculation after formal schooling was over and while at work, but his steady characteristic persistence conquered his difficulties and brought rewards. His life has been mellowed and deepened by much sorrow which has enabled him to bring an enriched ministry and understanding to others in their sufferings. He is an able administrator, open and warm in friendship, honest in the pulpit as in life. He has ever sought to be faithful to the truth of the Gospel which through the years has been his own anchor and has endeavoured to commend the christian way as the only viable path to follow.

He is blest with two of his own family, Jennifer, the daughter of Edith (Maidie) formerly Blyth, and Elaine, daughter of Mabel, formerly French, and three step-children, Anne, John and Jill, children of Kathleen Todd whom he married in 1963 and who by her own winsomeness has brought comfort and strength to his home and ministry.

Gordon and Kathleen retire to Pukerua Bay in the Plimmerton-Paekakariki Circuit with the thanks and appreciation of the whole Church for a shared ministry of worth. We wish for them many

happy years and continued usefulness in the Kingdom.

GORDON A. R. CORNWELL

Gordon Cornwell was born into a Christian home near Kaitaia in 1922. In his early years spent in the South Island High Country, he was first educated by his Mother, a school teacher, followed by Primary school and Secondary education at South Boys High School and Auckland Boys Grammar Schools, proving both a good scholar and a good sportsman.

Mr. Cornwell commenced his working career in the Engineering Department of the New Zealand Dairy Company in the hopes of gaining an Apprenticeship for Marine Engineering.

Called up for Military Service in 1940, he was posted to the New Zealand Engineers but transferred later to the Royal New Zealand Navy as an Officer Cadet. Training with the Fleet Air Arm in England as an Engineering Test Pilot, he qualified as a Naval Airman.

Gordon Cornwell heard the call to Overseas Missions serving with the lady who later became his wife, Miss Irene Shoosmith of Masterton, who completed her Plunket Training as well as S.R.N. and S.R.M. Nursing.

In November, 1946 Gordon Cornwell was accepted for training for the Ministry, and was given a short period of training at Trinity College with the expressed intent of gaining an appointment in the overseas Mission Field. He was ordained in November 1948 and after a supply appointment in St. John's Church, Masterton proceeded to the Buka Mission Station in March 1949.

His fifteen years' Missionary service was varied in the extreme:- from repair and engineering work on building and boats to Plantation Management, Hospital and village Medical work, Education, Supervision of the Reconstruction Scheme in Trades and Domestic Duties, Budgets and Book-keeping, as well as preaching and translating it into the main native language of his Circuit. His work involved anything from 1500 to 2000 miles covered by foot annually.

Owing to needs of their four children for health and Education Gordon and Irene Cornwell returned to New Zealand and served in Okato, Taranaki, Kaikohe, Northland and Dominion Road, Auckland. In each place the Cornwells left their mark.

Poor health has forced Gordon to retire at an early age. We trust that they together may be spared to give many years of Service.

QUESTION 30 - Who are elected as District Chairman 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. E. Francis I. Hanson.
Nelson: Rev. Harold K. Brown.
North Canterbury: Rev. Robert H. Allen.
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?

N/A

(b) Secretaries of Synods?

Northland: Rev. C. Brice Herbert.
Auckland: Rev. Roger M. Gibson.
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, Kaitia.
Auckland: Mr. A. Turner, A.C.A.,
129 Exmouth Rd, Northcote, Auckland 9.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Mr. A. Bettany, 47 Kulim Avenue,
Tauranga.
Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. G. A. Hutton, 23 Bracken Street,
New Plymouth.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr. L. A. Davis, P.O. Box 68,
Napier.
Wellington: Mr. T. J. Martin, 47 Manuka Street,
Stokes Valley.
Nelson: Mr. O. M. Smith, 26 Brewer Street, Blenheim.
North Canterbury: Mrs. R. W. Price, B. Comm, A.C.A.,
21 Waiau Street, Christchurch 2.
South Canterbury: Mr. Z. V. Lurajud, 25 Pukatea Street,
Timaru.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met at the City Mission Camp, Otaki, on 16-18 May 1977.

The President, the Rev. Peter A. Stead, presided.

CHURCH UNION

The Rev. W.J. Morrison presented a report on "the present situation concerning Church Union".

The report was received and discussed.

The Council resolved:

As it now appears that it is not possible for the Anglican Church to move as quickly as at first anticipated to confirm its own acceptance of the proposed Covenant and Unification of the Ministry it is necessary for the Methodist Church to reconsider its own timetable of decision making. The matter is not now as urgent as it appeared to be at Conference 1976.

However, if the Anglican Church through its Diocesan Synods meeting in June and July appears to be affirming the proposals we would wish to respond as quickly as possible.

The Church Council would therefore then expect the Church Union Committee to provide Synods and Circuits with explanatory material to enable August Synods to discuss adequately the proposals and to record their decisions.

STIPENDS

The Convener of the Stipends Committee, Mr J.B. McKinney, presented the Committee's annual review of stipends. The report set out the application of the formula for the stipend calculation, and was in accordance with the Conference Resolution of parity with the Presbyterian Church. The Committee recommended a minimum stipend for a Minister of \$6,990.

Rev. J.S. Hosking presented a paper "the Implications of Stipend Increases".

The reports became the basis of discussion.

Resolutions:

1. That as Conference had adopted the principle of parity of stipend with the Presbyterian Church, the recommendation of the Stipends Committee be that the minimum stipend as from 1 July 1977 be \$6,990.
2. That the Stipends Committee, in consultation with the Connexional Office, investigate, and report to Conference 1977 on the following matters:
 - (a) The principle of parity between Methodist and Presbyterian stipends.

- (b) The justification for the 10% margin over average gross male earnings in fixing basic stipend rates.
- (c) The possibility of an increase in the non-taxable allowance at present paid to Ministers, and the consequent adjustment of stipend.
- (d) The adequacy of current stipend rates, in the light of research conducted into the financial position of Ministers.
- (e) The desirability of a graded scale of stipends, to meet the financial burdens of Ministers during critical years in ministry.
- (f) Other relevant matters.

3. That Church Council recognising the continuing inflationary trend asks the Development Division to consult with Synods to identify financially marginal Circuits/Parishes in order that the Circuit/Parish with the support of the Synod and Division can be encouraged to develop positive alternatives for the provision of appropriate ministry.

PRINCIPLE OF PARITY OF STIPEND FOR MINISTERS, DEACONESSES AND HOME MISSIONARIES (1976 Conference Minutes, p.289, Res.3)

The Stipends Committee to report to the October meeting.

ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTERS OWNING OWN HOUSES AND LIVING IN THEM (1976 Conference Minutes, pp.289-290, Res.4 a, b & c)

The Stipends Committee to report to the October meeting.

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE DECISIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION - BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (1976 Conference Minutes, pp.210-215)

Mr G.E. Hill presented a verbal report on the progress to date. Mr Hill advised that additional resolutions must be passed by the Conference before the Board of Administration can succeed the existing Boards in the Connexional Office. In the meantime, the members of the various Boards were members of the Board of Administration. The Board of Administration will need to be Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act and the Constitution was now being prepared.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

The Chairman, Mr G.H. Peak, reported that the Constitution had now been approved by the President, and Incorporation under the Charitable Trusts Act would be completed by 1 July 1977.

TERM OF CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS (1976 Mins, p.215, Res.11)

The report from the Special Sub-Committee was received and after amendment, adopted.

LEGAL PROCEDURES AND LAW REVISION (1976 Mins, p.214, Res.7)

The report from the Special Sub-Committee was received and after amendment, adopted.

Recommendations:

1. That Committees recommending changes that may require changes to the law consult the General Secretary and the Legal Adviser when they have formulated their report/resolutions. (Normally prior to August Synods.)
2. That after August Synods the General Secretary and the Legal Adviser examine all reports and resolutions that have received the support of the Synods and advise the Standing Committee of Conference that if the Conference passed their report/resolutions that amendments to the law would be required. Where practical the changes to the law would be prepared by the Law Revision Committee. The appropriate Committee of Detail shall be advised accordingly.
3. At Conference, when Committees of Conference have completed their task, the General Secretary, Legal Adviser and the respective Committee's Convener shall consult to ensure that any proposed change is accompanied by advice to the Conference that if the report/resolutions is passed a change to the law is required.
4. There shall be established a Standing Committee of Conference to be known as the Legal Committee to operate only while Conference is meeting, consisting of the General Secretary, the Legal Adviser and one other suitable person to be appointed annually at the commencement of the Conference to be alert for any resolution passed by Conference which might involve a change of any provision of the Church law and to draw the attention of the Conference to any such resolution. If directed by the Conference so to do, such Committee shall be responsible to draw up and submit to that Conference a suitable amendment of the law in order that the intention of Conference, expressed in the resolution, be incorporated immediately into the law of the Church.

Conference could then:

- (I) After approval of the report/resolution(s) pass the implementing legislation. (Prepared after August Synod or at Conference.)
- (II) Recind the present law and give general approval to the proposed amendments. The Law Revision Committee shall prepare the necessary amendments which shall come into force after approval by the President.
- (III) Resolve that the Rights of the Ministry/Laity were involved and follow the procedures of Law Book 370/11.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE - REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ON AVAILABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF ORDAINED AND ACCREDITED LAY SAMOAN PERSONNEL TO MEET THE NEEDS FOR MINISTRY AMONG SAMOAN FAMILIES (1976 Minutes, p.168, Res.3c)

It was reported that this matter had been referred by the Samoan Policy Committee to the Committee on Ministry.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Memorandum from the Education Division was received. Church Council endorsed the intentions of the Education Division to:

- (a) Seek a new Director and to continue with an Associate Director (Planning and Training) and Associate Director (Stewardship).
- (b) Carry the work nearer to the local Church by a team of other skilled and trained persons being built up throughout the connexion.

REPRESENTATION AT CHURCH COUNCIL

The Rev. B.E. Jones presented a paper "Ethnic representation on Church Council". Recognising multi-racial membership of the Church, it was agreed that the Development Division present the concerns of the paper to Synods and seek from them a response to the following questions, and subsequently, report with recommendations to Conference.

1. What is the role of Church Council in the life of the Church?
2. What is the relationship of Church Council to Synods and Conference?
3. In the light of answers to 1. and 2. above, what would be appropriate representation on Church Council?

IDENTIFYING AND INCLUDING GOSPEL AGENDA IN LEGAL AND DISTRICT CHURCH COURTS

Church Council requested the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Rev. B.E. Jones, to prepare material for consideration by Quarterly Meetings and Synods on the above.

WHAT METHODISM IS AFFIRMING

It was agreed to request the Vice-President to form an Auckland based ad hoc Committee in consultation with the Development Division and the Education Division to promote in October of this year the theme

"What Methodism is affirming - Good News".

INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL CHURCHES IN SOCIAL SERVICES (1976 Conference Minutes, p.215, Res.11)

Church Council requested M.S.S.A. to report direct to the Church.

DATES FOR 1978

- (a) AUGUST SYNOD - 5 to 15 August
- (b) COUNCIL OF MISSION - 3 to 5 March & 8 to 10 September
- (c) CHURCH COUNCIL - 15 to 17 May & 2 to 5 October
- (d) CONFERENCE - 4 to 9 November

ISSUES FOR THE CHURCH

For some years, many attending the Church Council, have become disturbed when the Agenda is crowded by a variety of items referred to it for convenience, but which could just as well be handled elsewhere.

Thus a decision was made, to endeavour to identify the major issues facing the Church, and to select several of these to be placed on the Agenda each year.

An introductory paper had been prepared during the year on each issue, and after brief presentation of this material, Church Council members worked in small discussion groups.

No prepared statements or resolutions were arrived at, but the following summaries will indicate the trend of thinking from this representative gathering of leaders from throughout the Connexion.

The three chosen for attention this year were:

1. 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 the New Zealand society.

2. THE FACTORS INHIBITING THE VITALITY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

3. THE CHURCH'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

1. COMMUNICATION

The introductory paper recognised that no exhaustive discussion about communication could take place in the time available so attention was focussed on four points:

(a) Improvements in art of communication is more a matter of developing the ability to 'listen' - than the ability to 'tell'.

(b) The clear understanding of the content of the message is essential - and equally important is an understanding of self. i.e. feelings, attitudes, assumptions, self awareness and self assessment.

(c) Do we not need to give more attention to teaming scholars with those skilled in presentation methods?

(d) Choices need to be made regarding the methods of proclamation we use. How much priority do we intend to give to radio and T.V.?

Two main directions for action are indicated -

(i) Mutual trust; the openness of relationships: willingness to listen - are seen to be pre-requisites for communication. Our Church needs to give high priority to cultivating these qualities and skills.

(ii) Next would be all possible means of encouragement and training in use of non-verbal means of expression; parable and story; music and drama.

2. WHAT ARE THE FACTORS INHIBITING THE VITALITY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH?

By way of introduction Church Council members were asked to mark a check list consisting of 50 factors which may inhibit.

The three factors rated most often were:

- (a) No clear conception of mission.
- (b) Lack of young people.
- (c) People don't want to be involved.

Discussion produced a very wide range of opinions about action which would be effective in reducing the inhibiting factors.

People, rather than methods or programmes, are the key factor.

(i) More attention could be given to helping persons to identify their 'gifts' and abilities - affirming and encouraging them - creating more opportunities for them to exercise those gifts.

(ii) There are clear indications that our structures are an obstacle. Our method of electing 'representatives' to the Leaders and other decision making groups, instead of 'selecting' persons, for their creativeness and possibly their dissatisfaction with Church life as it is, in many cases means things remain static or decline.

3. THE CHURCH'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

The paper dealt with the following:

- (a) Modern pressures on marriage and family.
- (b) The unique contribution of the Christian Gospel.
- (c) Ways in which the Church has ministered to family life.
- (d) Priority areas in the Church's future ministry to families.

It was accepted that in its future ministry, the Church should give priority to:

- (i) Personal Growth.
- (ii) Marriage Enrichment.
- (iii) Parent Training.
- (iv) Family Enrichment.
- (v) Family Clusters.

Having accepted such priorities, it was acknowledged that there were a number of practical implications.

(A) The need to identify those people within the Church and the wider community who have the skills to mount family-oriented activities and to provide resources.

(B) The need to develop a wider pool of resource people at District and local level.

(C) The need to examine the implications for Theological training of a deliberate and ongoing emphasis on the nurture of family life.

(D) The need to motivate our people to be open to growth in marriage and family relationships, and to see that the Church is concerned not only to repair what is broken but also to enrich what is good.

Our social concern has been expressed by giving much energy to caring for individual persons, and families, at their point of crisis and breakdown. The trend in these discussions pointed clearly towards more emphasis on preventive work.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of

(a) Welfare of the Church Committee?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

Conference Votes on Controversial Issues

Concern was expressed in last Conference that Conference decisions are regularly reported in the media as though they express the minds of all Methodists, whereas there is often a substantial minority of Conference holding a different viewpoint, while others will have refrained from voting because they feel unable to express a confident opinion on the issue debated.

Committee 'F' was asked to consider this matter, and presented a suggestion that when votes are counted in Conference the numbers should be recorded in the Minutes and released to the media. However this proposal did not find favour, because it was feared that the business of Conference would be impeded by frequent calls for votes to be counted. The whole matter was referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee, which presents the following points for consideration.

1. The Church ought not to be prevented from making statements on matters of social or international concern by the fact that a proportion of her people hold a contrary view.
2. Where there is only a narrow majority for a particular resolution this is perhaps a sign that an adequate understanding has not yet been reached. In such a case partisans should be free to make their views known, but it is not appropriate that one party should seek to legitimate its view as that of the Methodist Church or the Methodist Conference. Those who prepare business would do Conference a service if they presented resolutions in a form likely to promote consensus.
3. Where controversial issues are to be put to the vote Conference members have the right to expect the most thorough and informed preparation. Committees should so do their work that their findings are authoritative, and then members of Conference should give their reports considerable weight. The practice of introducing new controversial issues from the floor of Conference or from Committees of Detail should be discouraged, and if such arise they should normally be referred to appropriate Committees for consideration and report during the year.
4. Material of a possibly controversial nature, especially that touching social or political issues, should normally be presented to Synods before it is discussed in Conference. In this way members of Conference get the opportunity to be thoroughly acquainted with the issues, and to see how they are received in Synods. If this procedure is followed members will have little excuse to remain neutral in the Conference vote. A member who

will not vote in Conference on important matters which have been thoroughly presented would appear to be unfitted to be a representative.

5. It has to be recognised that it is not possible to control what is presented in the media, and distortions are bound to occur. Those who make press releases should endeavour to minimise these by making their statements as carefully factual as possible, e.g. "A substantial majority of the members of the Methodist Conference supported a resolution that..."; "Conference narrowly decided..." etc. However those who are offended by particular resolutions and the manner of their reporting might reflect that a vote is the vote of a particular body of people, and almost always implies that there was a proportion of dissenters.

Note: Decisions of last Conference concerning printing of Agendas and Minutes imply that Committee reports will normally be received only, by Conference. This should give less opportunity to the media to offend by sensationalising sections of reports taken out of context.

G.R. WILLIAMS, Chairman

E.R. LEWIS, Convener

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 36—What are the Reports of

(b) New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association?

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1977

Since Conference 1976 the Dominion Executive has transferred to North Canterbury and meetings are held regularly.

The Association is grateful to the Auckland members who ably carried the Executive task for the last four years.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: There have been three passes in Theology, one each in Old Testament, New Testament and the Church and four passes in Homiletics.

As the new Lay Training Course becomes available the Executive hopes to promote the work of lay preaching through study groups and residential weekends. An up-to-date report on the Training Course will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Conference 1977.

NEW LAY PREACHERS: The following have been accredited during the year and are warmly welcomed to our ranks:

Gwendolyn E. Ryan, Mavis K. Loncar, Lesley M.

Shekleton, D.C.S. Devadhar, Geo. Whitlam.

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS: The following have been presented:

William Dickinson (46 years)

William Oliver (51 years)

Ernest Cumberpatch (27 years)
Philip A. Le Brun (50 years)

Elizabeth Jones (25 years)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 1977 will be presented at the Annual Conference.

For the Executive,
G.E. HILL, President
W.R. WALLS, Secretary

RESOLUTION

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 31 AUGUST 1977

This is the 14th Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship. We have pleasure in presenting an outline of the varied, faithful and loving work carried on by women associated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

MEMBERSHIP at 31.8.77 is 6,963. This shows a decrease of 433 over the previous year, but as this records only affiliated Methodist members it is a minimum figure. Members are grouped as follows (1976 figures shown in brackets):-

	<u>Methodist</u>	<u>Union/Coop.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Districts	16 (16)	3 (3)	19 (19)
Fellowships	178 (190)	102 (85)	280 (275)

LOCAL FELLOWSHIPS as groups and individuals have engaged in a very wide range of praying, learning, sharing, caring and working activities in the local Church and beyond.

DISTRICT OFFICERS continue in their task of stimulating local groups by their visits, organising of District occasions and general encouragement and oversight. Sometimes difficulty is experience in finding leaders at this level.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE in Waikato has met each month. Our thanks for enthusiastic participation, and special thanks to the 5 who travel distances of up to 100 miles each way. Each of the 13 members has a special responsibility for a particular part of the work.

CONVENTION - a biennial occasion of fellowship, business and inspiration, was held in Wanganui in October 1976 and attended by delegates and observers from all Districts and other Denominations. The theme "Alive Now" has carried us into 1977 and we are still alive!

During the year the President (and on occasions other Executive members) has visited Wellington, South Auckland, Waitemata, Taranaki, Thames Valley-Bay of Plenty, and Northland Districts, and sat in on Kurahuna and Smethurst Committees. It is a privilege to be able to see the work at first hand

and a joy to be so welcome in many homes. The President and Mrs Dorn Herbert represented the Fellowship at Church Conference in Wellington, 1976, and the President and Vice-President, Mrs Betty Cable, were present at the Council Council, May 1977. As the Deaconess Convocation was held in Hamilton, members of the Executive were happy to share in several of the sessions.

PRESIDENT'S LETTERS AND BULLETINS have been sent out regularly. We have been able to keep the cost of the former at a level similar to that for last year but anticipate that this will increase in 1978. This will be partly offset by an increase in affiliation fees. This Letter continues to be a valuable link.

FINANCE - The National Treasurer, Mrs Ona Coatsworth, has had a busy year over and above routine work. We do not look upon ourselves as a fund-raising body but are always agreeably surprised by the amounts members raise for all manner of needs. This year's Special Objective "Replacement of Teleradios for the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands" caught the imagination and resulted in a wide range of support from outside the Fellowship. The following is a brief summary of some of the results:

Stamp Fund	\$ 4,865	Medical & Education Fund	\$ 2,570
Local Church Trusts	26,055	Teleradio Special Obj.	20,315
Other Organisations	11,565	Connexional Budget	24,785
Other Church Bodies	11,600		

(includes Ludhiana Appeal)

KURAHUNA GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE made grants to 46 girls this year. Since the first bursaries in 1972, 300 girls have benefited. We believe M.W.F. is playing its part in encouraging Maori girls to study for and seek fulfilling careers.

SMETHURST HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE in Auckland continues to exercise excellent stewardship over this valuable property.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE in Wellington has kept us up-to-date with new programme suggestions and their enthusiasm is much appreciated. Work continues in liaison with the Assoc. of Presbyterian Women's Programme Committee towards the production of some shared material.

MISSION OUTREACH - The work of keeping members informed and aware of rapid changes in both Overseas and New Zealand outreach is a task that Mrs Betty Buchan has tackled with energy and enthusiasm. Many members were able to meet the Rev. Leslie and Hazel Boseto on their N.Z. visit learning at first hand of the problems and triumphs of a United Church in a developing country, and how we can best contribute to that partnership. Each District has been allocated a N.Z. and an Overseas worker for their special caring and concern.

TE ROPU WAHINE and Women's Fellowship continue to work together and we thank Mrs Pari Waaka, T.R.W. representative on the National Executive for her gracious help in fostering together-

ness. The President and Mrs Betty Buchan and families were happy to attend the Maori Division Hui-a-tau at Mangakino, October 1976, for the Annual Meeting of the T.R.W. The President, also was an honoured guest at the Huihuinga at Oturei Marae, Dargaville in May 1977.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN - We are privileged to have Mrs Vera Dowie as South Pacific Area President and support her in her endeavours to bring Methodist women of the Pacific together in fellowship.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS - The President and Mrs Dorn Herbert attended the meeting in Wellington in March. A sub-committee is working on the preparation of "Guidelines" for Women's Groups coming together in union, and Mrs Betty Cable is representing M.W.F. on this committee. We are urged to keep before us ways of co-operating at District level to help ease the administrative difficulties of Union and Co-operating Groups. Members of M.W.F. have been glad to attend Regional Conferences held during the year by the Association of Presbyterian Women.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - Many groups are involved in the activities of the Women's Committee of their local Council of Churches and participated in the World Day of Prayer Services.

UNITED WOMEN'S CONVENTION - A number of members attended this convention in Christchurch, June 1977, and have reported back to their Fellowships, making the members more aware of the rich diversity of life and talents of N.Z. women.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - Local and District Fellowships are affiliated to N.C.W. taking an active part in many of its aspects. Mrs Milly Downs is our official representative at National level.

CORSO - We reaffirmed our membership of this organisation and Mrs Marjorie Mannell represented us at their Annual Meeting in June 1977.

THANKS! - Without Local, District Council and National Executive members Women's Fellowship as an organisation would not exist. Thank you all for a task well done. Without the helpful cooperation of the Divisions of the Church our work would be very difficult. Thank you too.

And THANKS BE TO GOD for loving Christian women everywhere.

JOYCE K. DEY, President

BERYL BOWLER, Secretary

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

Much of the Board's time during this year has gone into the Review and Selection process, preparatory to making a Nomination of a new Director. A wide cross section of people throughout the Connexion were asked to respond to the questionnaire. The aim was to review:

- a) The objectives of the Division as set out in 1972.
- b) The effectiveness of the way the Division functions in carrying out those objectives.

A summary of the main points emerging from the survey has been reported to Church Council and to Synods. There was some urgency to glean the information from the review which would guide the Selection Committee in the nomination of a new Director. A larger task still needs to be undertaken. Closer study of the responses we hope will indicate the varying needs of particular Districts and Circuits. This data will be given attention by the staff and the Board as the Division plans its work for 1978.

Strategy: The means of communication between the Division, and the people in the parishes, is urgently in need of improvement. Staff members often feel remote from all but the few local churches, which can be visited, working within the limits of time and travelling expenses.

The majority of people, and many Ministers are unaware of much that is available to enrich and update the activity of church life. The Methodist Churches need in the next year or two, is not so much to produce new educational material and methods, but to become more familiar with and implement what is already available.

With this need in mind, we plan to come to every district during this coming year, inviting a selected team of people to meet with us in a Christian Education Seminar. The aims will be:

- 1) To familiarize more people with the Divisions work.
- 2) To establish personal contacts with persons who will work with us in maintaining and renewing the churches educational activities.
- 3) To increase our awareness of the real needs and to hear what new resources would be helpful.

Staff Work in Planning and Training Section: This has been a difficult year with only one staff member. The Acting Director has undertaken a wide range of consultancy, training and demonstrating tasks, as well as maintaining the essential administrative and representative functions in Wellington and

Auckland. Work has also been able to be continued, even though to a limited degree, on:

- * Lay training course modules.
- * Development of aids to increase sensitivity among Methodist Church members on matters of race and cultural diversity.
- * Ministry with children and families.
- * Stimulating leadership amongst the youth of the church.
- * Preparation towards offering some methods of cultivating spiritual awareness - of leading meditation - and of developing fresh modes of corporate worship.

We look forward to again having a Director resident in Wellington. However, two full-time staff members would still be unable to relate to Circuits and Parishes very frequently. The indications are that this kind of field work will be necessary particularly in the next year or two. The Division will aim to meet this need in two ways:

- a) The employment of a part-time staff member in the South Island. This may be a Ministerial or Lay appointment.
- b) The appointing and equipping of a number of people to be known as Christian Education Associates or Consultants. To have sufficient numbers of such persons as to give service in all districts.

The primary tasks of these persons would be:

- * Local training and consultancy.
- * District training and Christian Education Activities.
- * Promotion of resources.
- * Interpretation and demonstration of new resources.
- * Co-operation with other negotiating churches staff.
- * Several gatherings annually at a central point for training,, briefing etc., with full-time staff.

Youth Ministry: Last year's report stated that initiatives were been taken with this area of work. We are glad to report that some significant events have taken place, and there are encouraging signs.

A Youth Task Group has been created. It is located in Auckland, where its first few months of work resulted in:

- a) A personal visit being made to all known Methodist Youth groups in Auckland.
- b) An event which was attended by 300, representing most groups who were visited.
- c) The holding of a Youth Leadership Training week-end for 50 people.
- d) The establishment of an Auckland District Youth Committee, including representation from the several Polynesian cultural groups now active in Auckland Methodism.

The members of the Task Group are now writing to other parts of New Zealand endeavouring to establish contact with leaders in each area. In some cases this has already led to a personal visit being made, and consultation being held, to share information, hopes, and concerns. The aim is to re-establish lines of communication between groups, and thus encourage young people themselves to share in defining ways the wider church can best assist them to find a meaningful place in the church.

A Youth Convention is being held in January 1978. Numbers will have to be limited to approximately 100, but it is hoped that some can attend from most districts. New directions may be set, and there may well be call for more Connexional resources to be made available for Youth Ministry.

Epworth Bookroom: Epworth Bookroom Wellington is part of the Methodist Education Division, and a significant part of its function is to service and supply Christian Life Curriculum materials to churches throughout New Zealand. The books it stocks reflect and support the current work of the Division and thereby offers resources to the life of the local church.

Stewardship Section: The Stewardship Section has continued to provide Stewardship programmes of varying designs for a significant number of Circuits and Parishes. In addition low key promotion of the Connexional Budget has been undertaken.

Consideration is being given to further evolutionary changes in programme models and to new strategies.

Keith J. Taylor (Chairman)
Loyal J. Gibson (Acting Director)

Resolutions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference encourages the Division to implement the proposal to appoint and equip a number of Christian Education Consultants, who will assist the Division to service all Districts.
3. That the financial statements be received and adopted.

Note: supplementary report and resolutions concerning staffing still to be prepared.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

1. COMBINED METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE: New ground has been broken with the two Public Questions Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches meeting jointly since November 1976. It has been a worthwhile venture, in which several active groups are undertaking study and consultation on a wide range of public questions. The joint chairmen preside over meetings alternatively and in pooling resources there is a mutual awareness of a great deal to be shared.

Also, under this arrangement, assistance from the Presbyterian Church has made it possible for the services of a Research Officer to be available for fresh issues requiring in-depth study and enquiry. In benefitting from this service, the Methodist section of the combined group would wish to make a contribution towards the services of the Research Officer.

2. ENERGY RESOURCES & USE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN NEW ZEALAND :
(Resolutions 2 & 4, P.130 - 1976 Minutes of Conference)

NUCLEAR POWER

In previous reports, consideration was given to the technical effects of nuclear power generation, and this has been well discussed both in the church and by the public. At least as important are the social effects likely to result, but this subject has been rarely studied. During the year, the Committee studied the social aspect of nuclear power, and this section sets out the initial thinking of the combined Committee.

Dependence on power: The advent of nuclear power was hailed as providing vast resources of energy for the indefinite future, but the situation does not look quite so promising now, with the resources being more restricted than at first thought, at least those that can be obtained at an economic price. This situation compels us to re-assess our use of energy, which must be recognised as a valuable and scarce resource. Only energy produced from renewable resources, such as solar, wind, tidal and hydro power can be regarded as a long-term source of supply.

This fact is important and necessitates reducing the use of energy to a minimum, if our civilisation is to survive. The availability of power has been an important factor in determining the way development has proceeded. In the past, we have taken for granted its availability to meet demands, but this may not continue to be the case as resources are depleted.

The particular way our civilisation has developed has been profoundly influenced by the use of natural sources of energy. The use of steam power gave rise to factories with a demand for labour at the site. Factories tended to be grouped in the same area for convenience in obtaining fuel, and in developing and using rail

transport. Thus grew the large industrial cities.

In the world to-day, the Christian is dismayed by the injustice of the social systems in so many parts of the world—perhaps indeed everywhere. There are many countries where the majority of the population live in poverty and suffer from malnutrition, while in other countries the large majority live in affluence and luxury. Yet in the affluent countries also, there is a minority who live in poverty and suffer its ill effects. The Christian is disturbed by this inequality, and seeks to work for social justice.

How will the spread of nuclear power affect this situation? Nuclear power was hailed as providing an almost unlimited source of power, making possible an adequate power supply in under-developed countries. To achieve this result it was intended to develop primary nuclear reactors, and also breeder reactors, which would transform a large proportion of ordinary uranium (238) into plutonium, which in turn would be a further source of fuel.

Social Effects:

This visionary hope looks rather different to-day. The cost of construction of reactors has multiplied several times, and the cost of uranium has also risen. Perhaps more important, nuclear power has not in fact had the effect of increasing the development of poor nations. In general, the cost of nuclear reactors is beyond the means of developing countries, and the few that have been installed in such countries have provided power mainly for those already using it.

The availability of power will by itself, not raise the economic level of society, unless it is part of a larger far-reaching plan to alter the outlook, organisation and role played by the people. The subsistence farmer will not alter his role unless he is helped by education, finance, advice and encouragement to raise his lot.

A nuclear reactor is a sophisticated piece of equipment, that requires highly trained staff to supervise its operation. This is one social effect of nuclear installations: it creates a demand for highly trained professional staff and technicians. The effect is much greater in under-developed countries, where very few possess professional skill, and the development of a professional class may change the shape of some societies. There would also be a tendency for professionals to find employment in other countries offering greater security and remuneration.

An important aspect of nuclear technology is its relation to nuclear weapons, with the fears and dangers that brings. The active element in a nuclear reactor core is fissile material, which is also the basis of nuclear weapons. Strict control is imposed on the fissile material used by any country outside the "nuclear Club" to make sure none of the fuel is diverted to military purposes. This control is frequently supervised by the International Atomic Energy Agency, and

it involves keeping certain records and receiving regular inspections. As the number of reactors increases, the implementing of safeguards will require a steadily growing number of such international inspectors, and as technology becomes more refined their inspection will require to be more detailed and more far-reaching.

Such control is always unpopular and resented by a section of the population. The very existence of this sort of control has its effect on society, by compromising the open nature of our society. It also tends to raise tensions and antagonisms.

There is a certain vague fear of nuclear reactors in the public mind, a fear arising from the knowledge that nuclear material is dangerous through its radioactivity, and that it contains the substance used in nuclear explosions. This fear may be based on a partial or even complete misunderstanding of the facts, but it is a real factor just the same.

In addition, to this, there is a further fear based on the known disadvantages of nuclear reactors - the problem of waste disposal, the danger of sabotage or attack, the risk of malfunction or accident, the danger of diversion for military purposes of some nuclear material, the problem of heat dispersal etc. These dangers may be exaggerated, but their effect is based on the way they are understood by the public.

It is very difficult to specify the form that social effects may take. Tension, antagonism, fear in the social order is likely to find expression in some form. It may be in acts of violence against relevant places or people, or it may be in less aggressive ways, using more conventional methods of protest. It may give rise to opposition to established powers, leading to active disruption or civil disobedience. The extent of reaction will depend on the extent of opposition aroused, but it may be aggravated by other grievances already present. The effect would be cumulative and would thus depend partly on what other tensions existed in the society concerned. The point at which reaction would take a violent form will depend a great deal on the nature of society itself.

The extent of the reaction is not altogether a function of the fear of nuclear reactors, but is added to other fears in the society due to other causes. The nuclear fear may be only the final straw which raises the anxiety above the level of acceptance, and leads to its expression in violence, or some other form of action.

In a democratic society it is realised that those holding a minority view will have to accept a majority decision, which runs counter to their viewpoint. But if the issue is seen to be serious enough they may not be willing to accept defeat with equanimity. Is this the case with nuclear reactors? It is difficult to say.

There is no doubt however, that some objectors to nuclear power hold their objections very strongly, and to reject them arouses considerable emotion, causing tensions and perhaps a split in society.

Conclusions:

Social control is dependent on moral and spiritual convictions, and it may be doubted whether our society has convictions capable of controlling increasing technology. Nuclear power raises this question very dramatically.

Frequently, objections to nuclear power, arising from vague fears and suspicions are the direct result of ignorance. It is important therefore, that steps be taken to educate the public as fully as practicable regarding the nature of nuclear power.. generation.

Because some of the social effects of nuclear power may be felt undesirable, it is recommended that consideration should be given to other forms of energy, involving inevitably different lifestyles.

3. FILM CENSORSHIP : (Resolution 5, Page 130, 1976 Minutes)

Although only limited comment has been received from the Connexion in response to the 1976 Report to Conference on Film Censorship, in general it supports the main thrust of that report. With some minor changes, it is presented afresh as the Committee's substantive report on the subject.

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 persuasive 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 1976. In the submissions presented by many groups while this Act was before a Committee of the House, two clear attitudes to film censorship emerged. There were those who wished 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. Other groups and individuals were strongly opposed to any change in the censorship

laws and indeed suggested that they be toughened.

This report, therefore comes as a response to the Cinematograph Films Act of 1976 and as a contribution to the continuing debate on film censorship.

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 of changing of sexual behaviour or attitudes in real life.

As far as violence is concerned there appears to be 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 are 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, which stated:-

"Extensive, empirical investigation, both by the Commission and others, provides no evidence that exposure to or the use of explicit sexual materials plays 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 judgement 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 naïve 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 and 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 feels 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 the law when it comes to viewing films. At 18, if they are in the armed forces, they are regarded as old enough, should the occasion 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.
- (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 on 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.

4. COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TO THE POLICE AND POLICE IMPARTIALITY (Resolutions 6 & 7, pages 130-131, 1976 Conference Minutes)

1. A lengthy reply was received from the Minister of Police to the issues and questions raised by the 1976 Conference, including the concern of Conference that the actions over which it had raised its voice had led to ill-will towards the Police. The Minister of Police made the following points:-

- (a) He expressed appreciation of the sincerity behind the thoughts voices by Conference and that it was not being critical of the Police.
- (b) In their role of protecting the public, the Police must inevitably resort to some force, to prevent injury befalling the public or the Police. It is accepted that on the one hand, the public conscience must be satisfied in the situation where force is used (especially if it results in death) that force was necessary. On the other hand, there must not be placed on the Police too many inhibiting pressures, which at a critical phase could cause a delay in preventive action by the Police, thereby resulting in danger to life or the loss of a life.

(c) It is important in the Minister's view that the Police feel they are subject to the same sort of enquiry that would be placed on any member of the public who may find it necessary to use force and is not singled out for special attention.

(d) In the case of the Taumaranui shooting, which led to the suggestion of an investigation by the Ombudsman, the Minister claimed there was considerable independent scrutiny of the Police action. This involved the Solicitor-General, the scrutiny of the Coroner and extensive cross-examination of counsel for the father of the deceased and other witnesses.

2. Concerning the three questions asked by the Conference, the Minister replied as follows:-

(a) Access by Members of Cabinet to Police Files

The Police in their law enforcement role operate to a large extent independently of Government control and are well aware of the need to preserve confidentiality of information in their possession. Any erosion of this principle would result in public reluctance to assist with Police enquiries. This confidentiality was in fact preserved, the Minister claims in the 1976 incident involving an M.P. The independent Commission of Inquiry had no criticism of the Police handling of this aspect.

(b) Random Checks of Overstayers

The Commissioner of Police has directed that no further random Police checks against suspected overstayers will take place.

(c) Detention of Persons Without Adequate Cause

It is certainly general practice that no person should be detained without adequate cause, or arrested without a charge being laid. A difficulty occurred in enforcing the Immigration Act, in that while the Police hold powers to arrest suspected overstayers, they were not empowered to lay informations for offences under that Act. These are laid by the Immigration Division of the Labour Department and this accounted for the delays in bringing the actual charges; also why in some cases no actual prosecution followed arrest. The aim is for both the Police and Immigration Division to work more closely together and avoid such incidents in the future.

5. NAMES SUPPRESSION LAW

(Resolution 8, page 131, 1976 Conference Minutes)

In replying to the resolution of Conference, the Minister of Justice referred to the policy enunciated in the Government's election manifesto. It did not support the legislation on this question enacted by the Labour Government. The present Government continues to hold to the view that the administration of justice "requires the full and public disclosure of criminal cases that come before the Courts".

6. RACE RELATIONS WITHIN NEW ZEALAND
(Resolution 9, page 131, 1976 Conference Minutes)

A sub-committee has been established in Auckland to consider New Zealand's contemporary race relations and relevant issues, especially those which are inimical to good relationships.

At this stage, the group is not at the point where it can make a formal statement or report. It wishes however, to share some of the impressions it has gained and reactions experienced in this complex human area. These impressions have come in the form of "jottings" and are available to interested groups and persons who may wish to study them.

7. IMMIGRATION - PACIFIC ISLAND OVERSTAYERS
(Resolutions 10-13, pages 131-132, 1976 Conference Minutes)

In response to the Conference resolutions which were placed before the Government, also further representations made by the Public Questions Committee on the Immigration Amendment Act 1976, the Minister of Immigration replied along the following lines:-

(a) He contended that the Government's policy applies to all persons unlawfully in New Zealand, following the expiry of a temporary permit and that it is not a case of exercising discrimination against Pacific Island overstayers.

(b) The Government rejected a total amnesty, as suggested by the Conference, on the grounds that Government considered it would be inequitable to others who had complied with the terms of their permit and had returned to fulfil family responsibilities.

(c) The Government has opted for a policy of considering each individual case and believes this is a just method of dealing with a very human and complex situation.

Subsequent to these representations from Conference, the Committee and the considerable swell of public reaction on the overstayers issue, it became apparent that Government began to exercise a more tolerant and flexible attitude than was the case a year ago.

Need for a New Immigration Policy

The less restrictive approach shown by the Government in the administration of its policy on immigration, does not however, in the Committee's view, alter or reduce the fundamental limitations in this policy. The trauma of events in the latter part of 1976 underlined the need for a deeper examination of this important area. Accordingly, the Committee presents a draft which outlines "A New Immigration Policy".

A NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY

Not only is our present policy in some areas narrow and restrictive, but it also reflects attitudes and assessments which are no longer valid in our society or in our world.

We acknowledge that immigration policy will always be a target for criticism, no matter what Government holds office. Factors like fairness in criteria of selection, New Zealand's ability to absorb extra population at any given time, the amount of unskilled work available for migrant labour will mean that successive governments will always be in a difficult position. In the eyes of their critics they will either be doing too little, or will be called too selective or they will be accused of using immigrants as the hewers of wood and drawers of water for "superior" New Zealanders. If we are to maintain a good community attitude to immigration we have to get rid of ill-informed criticism and ensure a recognition of the practical considerations.

Any re-shaped policy must show a continued national commitment to justice and humanitarianism with more openness to the poor, the unskilled and those most in need of a new life chance. The Committee would suggest the following as possible goals for a new policy:-

(a) To fulfil New Zealand's international legal obligations with respect to refugees and to uphold and maintain its humanitarian tradition with respect to the displaced and the persecuted.

(b) To facilitate the reunion in New Zealand of New Zealand citizens and permanent residents with their close relatives abroad.

(c) To ensure that any person who seeks admission to New Zealand on either a permanent or temporary basis is subject to standards of admission that do not discriminate on grounds of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex or age.

(d) To enrich and strengthen the cultural and social fabric of New Zealand, taking into account the multi-cultural character of our nation.

(e) To encourage and facilitate the entry of visitors into New Zealand for the purpose of fostering trade and commerce, tourism, cultural and scientific activities and international understanding.

(f) To support the attainment of such demographic goals as are established by the government of New Zealand from time to time, in respect of size, rate of growth, ethnic mix and geographic distribution within New Zealand.

- (g) to foster the development of a strong and viable economy and the prosperity of New Zealand.
- (h) to maintain and protect the health, safety and good order of New Zealand society, and
- (i) to promote international order and justice by denying the use of New Zealand territory to persons who are likely to engage in serious criminal activity.

Such goals would explicitly affirm that the fundamental objectives of New Zealand's immigration laws are, concern for refugees and their family reunification, non-discrimination, and the promotion of New Zealand's economic, social, demographic and cultural goals.

Such goals would also mean that to demonstrate a serious commitment to humanitarian concerns New Zealand would confirm its obligations as a party to the U.N. Convention and Protocol on Refugees and also establish selection criteria tailored to meet special needs not covered by the Convention definitions of "refugee". As well as responding to particular individual and political crises, New Zealand would be (under a policy such as we have outlined) under obligation to commit itself to deliberate planned refugee resettlement programmes with firm quotas of refugee families, as an integral part of total immigration numbers. Of necessity, the criteria for such refugees will be generally less rigid than for other categories of migrant.

As the Australian Green Paper on "Immigration Policies and Australia's Population" comments:-

"The admission of refugees under relaxed entry criteria may impose additional burdens on the community and limit the achievement of some material objectives to which migration is oriented... .. However, to the extent that refugees do not have skills or qualifications in demand, their admission, particularly in times of high unemployment and economic recession could add to manpower problems. The acceptance of physically or mentally handicapped persons will impose additional costs on the community for pension payments and medical and institutional services: However, such costs are inevitable if humanitarian, rather than economic or manpower considerations are to take precedence in determining the refugee entry....."

Furthermore, the adoption of goals such as we have outlined, would preclude refugees being assessed solely on the basis of those most likely to settle successfully here. The strict application of criteria such as those with professional or trade skills, high levels of education and ability to communicate in English, would continue

to mean that most people in most refugee-type situations would not be eligible for entry into New Zealand. As a nation, we have a responsibility to make special efforts to accept and assist refugees who might not otherwise be accepted by any other.

We would therefore urge sensitive, just and enlightened re-settlement programmes, which would provide services in

- Reception, including better information, counselling, and in some cases training in the country of origin.
- Employment
- Accommodation
- Emergency welfare and medical assistance.
- Language training
- Translation and interpreter services
- Information and orientation.
- Individual and family counselling.
- Vocational training.
- Special educational programmes and assistance for immigrant children and their parents.

Such an immigration policy would give recognition to our links with and special responsibilities towards the nations and peoples of the South Pacific and South East Asia. It would mean a thorough review and revision of work permit schemes.

If it is to be implemented in an effective way it may be necessary to create a separate Government department for Immigration and Re-settlement matters which are distinct from the Labour Department. Such a Department would have special responsibilities for education. Such responsibilities could include the publication of information on New Zealand's immigration principles and practices, the stimulation of public discussion on immigration issues, a commitment to the development of positive race relations in New Zealand and the challenging of the prejudices which make migrants easy scapegoats for many social, economic and political problems.

Our immigration policy should also provide appeal and review procedures against entry and deportation decisions. These should be administered by independent officers with adequate statutory authority. They will take special account of discretionary errors, and more generally will emphasise publicly available criteria and procedures for selection, prompt action with applications, easily available information about reasons for decisions made, and guaranteed rights comparable to those of citizenship.

8. POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT ACT:

Joint submissions were made by the Methodist and Presbyterian Public Questions Committees on this measure. While it was seen as a genuine endeavour by the Government to respond to the problem

of criminal violence, unfortunately it adopted too negative an approach on several aspects. Our submissions drew attention to what seemed excessively wide powers to the Police in dealing with offensive weapons and in particular, expressed disappointment that the special committee on "gangs" had been unable to produce more positive amendments to this legislation. These failed to take cognisance of the underlying factors involved in criminal violence, such as inadequacy and instability in an offender's home, the increasing misuse of alcohol, a lack of responsibility on our roads, insufficient education, undue emphasis on violence by television and the news media, an excessive concern by society with affluence. A penal policy alone cannot solve these issues. The answer lies in vigorous social action, by a concerned and caring society.

Copies of the detailed submissions are available to those interested.

9. HUMAN RIGHTS BILL

As an expression of an ongoing concern for human rights and the lessening or removal of discrimination on grounds of sex, marital status, religious or ethical belief, this piece of legislation is welcomed.

Submissions were made jointly with the Presbyterian Public Questions Committee to the Statutes Revision Committee and copies of the full text are available to interested parties.

We are able to report that some points in these submissions have been put forward by the Select Committee as amendments to the original Bill. Principally, they related to discrimination, ethical beliefs, supervision of the Bill when enacted and reports called for by the Prime Minister.

10. OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

During the year, the Combined Committee took the opportunity to make representations to the Government on the need for more adequate time in which to make submissions on Bills referred to select committees of the House of Representatives.

Particular difficulty arose with the Police Offences Amendment Bill, when only two weeks were allowed in which to prepare and make submissions on this important and contentious measure.

While our suggestion that a period of four weeks should be allowed has not been agreed to, several Ministers in Government acknowledged the importance of the points made. They have indicated support for the principle of ample opportunity being given to interested parties to make submissions.

11. COMMON CONCERN

The organisation "Common Concern" - established in 1975 with the object of encouraging and assisting the public to be involved in the legislative process - has proved of value. Its help comes in the issue of regular reports on pending legislation and guidance in making submissions. This is a worthwhile service and the group's contribution is to be commended.

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The new and important issues which arose with the announcement of the Governor-General designate, were of concern to the combined Committee. In its view, a significant change has been made in national policy, arousing concern and disagreement in many quarters. After a great deal of research, the Committee issued a statement, seeking revocation of the appointment and giving its reasons for such a request.

STATEMENT OF THE JOINT METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEES ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HON. SIR K.J. HOLYOAKE AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL DESIGNATE

Never has the appointment of a Governor-General of New Zealand been received with such misgiving and open opposition as the present one.

It is clear that the reaction has not been a personal one against a respected and honoured New Zealander, but against the setting aside of a deep and valued constitutional convention that no one active in party politics in New Zealand should be appointed to this position.

This is particularly important in these days when with frequent visits of Her Majesty The Queen to our country, a renewed sense of loyalty to her is evident and a sense of the importance of the monarchy as personifying the nation and national aspirations which has been clearly shown in the response to the recent Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Our joint committee agrees that these are valid reasons for the opposition to the present appointment and after careful research of the role of the Governor-General and of opinions recently expressed, makes the following statement:-

First as to the position and power of the Governor-General in New Zealand.

(1) The Governor-General, representing the Monarch, is the apex of our constitutional structure. He is the unifying symbol of the authority and power of the State.

The Governor-General is therefore over and above all politics and any division along party lines of party allegiance. Indeed, he may be said to personify the whole people.

(2) His legal powers are few and those which are best known, such as the power to summon or prorogue Parliament, to assent to bills, to appoint judges, to appoint ministers, to grant pardon and to confer honours, all depend on the advice of the Prime Minister and the Executive Council.

Nevertheless, he stands as a safeguard and check on the legislative process. In short, he stands to prevent Government from acting despotically. Though it may be believed that such a situation could not arise in our country, this in itself is not an argument against the need for some ultimate constitutional safeguard.

(3) He can be called to act in any constitutional impasse though this would normally be on the advice of the Prime Minister. Such an impasse could arise where two parties are equally represented in Parliament and therefore in deadlock, or if a Government is defeated but refuses to resign.

(4) He has no authority over the working or policies of Government. He has no right to criticise publicly an act of Government. But a Governor-General has traditional rights to advise, counsel and warn his Ministers and these rights should be maintained without thought of favour towards any political party.

Secondly, and in view of his role, we believe that for the following reasons, the present appointment should be revoked:-

(1) The constitutional safeguards in our parliamentary process are weak. There is no Upper House or Legislative Council, no written constitution and no provision for delay in legislation. The Government rules by a simple majority and is able to make laws as it will. Therefore, the constitutional check of the Governor-General is seen as being necessary, to be the "containing walls" of political power.

(2) As the Sovereign is the non-partisan Head of State, so the Governor-General must not only be impartial or seen to be impartial, but also must be believed to be impartial. How can this be if the Governor-General is, or has been active in politics?

The move of the present Government to appoint one of its own members to this position seems clearly to be the use of its power to appoint without due regard to the sensitiveness of this issue. Such an action conflicts with the constitutional conventions or the accepted political practices of our country. These conventions, of which this is one, have been described as our "constitutional morality". The appointment of a man who has been associated with one political party until his resignation a few months ago, means that the office of Governor-General is no longer non-political. It lowers the standing of the office and brings into question its value as a constitutional safeguard.

(3) The present appointment creates a precedent. It raises the questions as to who in the future might be appointed, perhaps people of less eminence and worth. Though there is no law to prevent this appointment, it means that a new convention has been created in the appointment of future Governors-General.

(4) As the Sovereign's representative, the Governor-General represents all New Zealanders both within our country and to the world. Yet from the reaction to the present appointment, it is clear that many New Zealanders of all walks of life, from the highest to the lowliest and from all political persuasions have found the appointment unacceptable and indeed a profound mistake.

Responsible editorial opinion as well as the opinions of many concerned and informed citizens has confirmed this. A recent opinion poll (March 1977) showed 63.2% against a political appointment and only 25.6% in favour.

Because of the profound change of constitutional convention which is not acceptable to so many, we are of the opinion that it is right to ask for the revocation of the present appointment. We do not ask this lightly, but because we believe it is in the best interests of the people of New Zealand and of their relationship to the Queen.

13. CHRISTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

We are conscious of the criticism and comment which rises from time to time within the Church about its involvement in political issues, also the work and role of the Public Questions Committee in these issues. In the hope that it will help to promote a balanced consideration of Christian responsibility in political and public affairs, the Joint Committee decided to prepare a statement for discussion within the Church.

"Christian Involvement in Politics"

To answer some of the continuing criticism by some churchmen and some politicians, of the churches involvement in political issues, it is necessary to state the imperatives for Christian political involvement and some of the practical implications which arise from their application.

A. The Imperatives:

(1) Christians believe in God as Creator: This means that they are therefore required to have a proper reverence for that which God has created. In our kind of modern technological society, this means that Christians have to be

concerned about ecology. To save Nature from destruction, it is necessary to engage in political and economic activity - both at the national and international level.

(2) The Lord of Creation has revealed Himself as God Incarnate:

This belief cannot be reconciled with indifference to, or contempt for the material body. Christians have to be concerned for the physical since Christ Himself was the Word made flesh. But to be concerned with the physical well-being of people is to be engaged in the political and economic spheres which directly affect people.

(3) The Imperative of love means the striving for justice with generosity:

The over-riding imperative of Christian action is that of love, and this must apply not only in personal relations, but also in the exercise of political and economic responsibility. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves and that means willing what is best for them and striving to achieve it. Our neighbour is everyone with whom we come in contact, or whom our actions can affect.

In practical terms, this means working as far as possible to ensure that each individual or group gets a fair share of the world's goods, a fair opportunity to use his or her talents and gifts for the benefit of all, a fair chance to become a full person. It means that care must be taken that the strong do not dispossess or oppress the weak.

(4) The Christian accepts the world as being the sphere of God's purposes and acknowledges His call to transform it:

The New Testament emphasises throughout (see John 3, 17; 2 Cor. 5, 17; Acts 17, 6.) the Christian is not on a programme of preparation for another world, but of changing the one in which we live. Christians are called to fulfil a mission in the world and obedience to that call means full participation in the life of the world. No concentration upon man's eternal destiny can be used as a means to evade responsibility for his welfare now. This in no way implies a repudiation of the view that the Church's task is to confess Jesus Christ and witness for Him. On the contrary, the very acceptance of these functions carries with it the requirement of political involvement.

(5) Worship and Prayer carry the requirement to work for that which we pray for:

Prayer is not some magical formula or incantation, it is not just a matter of uttering a petition and then leaving the outcome to God. To pray for something - peace, the overcoming of injustice, the overthrow of racism - is to commit oneself to its realisation.

(d) In the last analysis all major political problems are moral problems:

Even items which at first glance appear quite ~~remote~~ problems: from ethics are soon discovered to rest upon some form of moral evaluation. Thus the questions of increasing the level of super-annuation, or devoting more money to health or education raise ethical questions precisely because, with limited resources, priorities have to be determined and they can only be fixed in accordance with some scale of values. But if political problems are ethical problems, they are very much within the area of Christian concern, for although Christianity be more than morality, it is certainly not less.

B. Some Implications:

(1) Christians will differ:

This is to be expected, indeed welcomed. Christians are no different in this regard from anyone else. There will be differences in background and experiences, differences arising from temperament and tradition. In this area of political involvement, there will be a strong Christian conservative tradition concerned to preserve the traditional values, and inclined to view society as a kind of fixed order, in which each group has its duties and its privileges. There will also be a strong Christian radical tradition which sees the Gospel as a challenge to overthrow entrenched divisions and bring new opportunities to the oppressed and needy, and which envisages the ideal Christian community more in socialist than in hierarchical terms. Another factor which makes for difference of opinion and belief is the sheer complexity of the economic and political situation. No one can have a full understanding of every aspect of it and each of us is influenced by the parts we know best. Few of the choices to be made are straightforward ones, between black and white, but they are nearly always between different shades of grey.

God's world is vast and His truth is great, and none of us can grasp more than a small part of it. But we can have the charity to accept that others will disagree with us, and to respect their integrity and try to understand their reasons and seek together for greater truth.

(2) Christians hold their views under judgement:

In the presence of Christ, the conservative authoritarianism of the Sadducees, the legalism of the Pharisees and the violent nationalism of the Zealots were alike held under judgement and their weaknesses were shown up as well as their strengths. So it must be with all our political philosophies. There can be no room for the complacent conservatism which is content to accept the "status quo", because it is comfortable, and to sweep under the carpet all the

injustices which it may conceal. There can be no place either for the heady and heedless radicalism that pushes on with its ideals, no matter what the injustice it causes through the use of revolutionary violence.

(3) Christians are under obligation to see and act beyond group loyalties. There should also be the will to transcend one's own personal class and group interests, together with a recognition that one is unlikely to be able to do so completely.

(4) Christians must be willing to accept that they may be mistaken:

Christians should know that they are fallible and when they make mistakes, pride should not prevent them from admitting it and making amends in any way they can. This could well mean coming round to advocating policies which we have previously fiercely attacked.

(5) Christians will be serious in their support of policies and

There is no room in the Christian ^{as} life for the cynical opinions: playing with ideas or causes just ^a clever intellectual game. The issues involved - people's livelihoods and welfare, war and peace, social justice, - are too important for that. A Christian is under an obligation to act in obedience to the righteous will of God.

C. Can there be 'a' Christian Politics ?

We think the answer to this is a simple No: Attempts in some countries to set up Christian political parties, or to advocate certain political views as being essentially Christian have only had the effect of discrediting the Christian faith by associating it with particular classes or interests. They have alienated from the Church many sincere people who cannot accept the line of policy advocated, or who feel that the name of Christ is being invoked to support what they regard as unjust or untrue.

We will normally expect to see Christians sincerely giving support to a wide range of political parties and economic views. In New Zealand today, some will be National, some Labour, some Social Credit and some Values. But whatever the party or philosophy to which they feel themselves attracted, Christians can never be uncritical supporters of it. They will realise that no political creed can have a monopoly of the truth. They will realise that any party, especially if it is in power, has to compromise with the realities of the political situation. The temptation is to make political necessity the excuse for taking actions which compromise those fundamentals of justice and fair dealing between men and groups which are part and parcel of the implications of Christian truth. Thus there comes a point where Christians, like all men and women of principle must....

.....stand

stand by what they believe even against a party to which they are deeply committed. Christians will thus see their role as that of giving loyal, but critical support to any group to which they belong.

14. THE CHURCH AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

(1) CONTINUING EDUCATION: This remains the first priority. If the overall consumption of alcohol is to be noticeably reduced then education has an essential part to play. The most urgent need is for a widespread education programme which could include television documentaries about driving-and-drinking problems, adult extension courses, a sponsored campaign to enlist business management in a drive to reduce pressures on businessmen to drink heavily, and hard-hitting information about drinking and driving. Such a programme would cover all age groups in the community, with special emphasis on alcohol education in both primary and secondary schools. The schools' programme must include factual information on motives for drinking and different drinking and non-drinking practices, so as to encourage a more objective attitude towards liquor. We would urge all Church members to support actively such educational programmes.

(2) DRINKING AND DRIVING: The Committee continues to be dismayed by the almost total lack of effective Government policy and action in this area. Scarcely a week goes by without some prominent medical authority expressing real concern, not only about the continuing slaughter on our roads, but also about the high accident risk of the drinking driver. Without doubt, this is a matter of urgent public concern, but successive Governments seem strangely reluctant to accept any responsibility for any urgent programme to deal with this problem. The Church must continue to reiterate its view that the following are the MINIMUM actions required, if the sad record of death and injury on our roads is to be reduced:-

- (a) The maximum permissible alcohol blood-level should be 50 mg per 100 ml
- (b) That there be more effective penalties for anyone convicted of any driving offence involving alcohol.
- (c) Law enforcement officers should be given authority to use breath and blood-level testing devices when they stop suspected drink-drive offenders and to conduct random spot-checks at frequent intervals.
- (d) Magistrates should be empowered to direct drivers to accept treatment facilities when evidence of a drinking problem is present.
- (e) Alcohol education should be included in all driver training or defensive driving courses.

The longer the Government delays, the longer the senseless

and costly slaughter on our roads will continue.

- (3) SUNDAY TRADING: In our last report we quoted from our submissions on the SALE OF LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL, in which we expressed our concern that it would make it possible for sports clubs to sell liquor to those who are under 18, on Sundays.

Recent decisions of the Licensing Control Commission have made that concern a fact. It is now possible for young people, if they are accompanied by either their spouses or their parents, who are club members, to drink at for example, bowling or golf clubs on a Sunday. While the general situation in regard to ancillary licences is unclear, predictably the trade has already resumed its agitation for Sunday trading. This confirms our view that the granting of ancillary licences may be the first step towards the granting of Sunday trading in general.

We reiterate the view ^{we} expressed to the recent Royal Commission on Liquor:-

"Sunday is the only day of the week which is relatively free from motor accidents and the social problems associated with alcohol. We believe that it should be kept this way.

Sunday too, is still the one day when commerce generally stops and in view of N.Z.'s traditional 40-hour week, we would oppose the introduction of Sunday trading on the grounds that Sunday trading may become for some of our people just another working day."

This point of view was confirmed by the Commission itself. "... we gained the firm impression that many people still regard Sunday as being traditionally a non-trading day which should not be changed, possibly to the detriment of the community by allowing hotels and taverns to open for the sale of liquor to the public."

It is vital that the Church continues not only to express its strong and continuing opposition to Sunday trading, but also to express its dismay at the granting of permission for certain sporting clubs to open bars on Sunday. We welcome the statements made by the Police that the new regulations will be strictly enforced.

- (4) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRADE: The Church must continue to insist that the manufacturers, distributors, retailers and users of alcohol, should meet the rapidly rising costs of social damage by new and heavy taxes on the manufacture and sale of alcohol beverages. For this reason, we welcome the provision in the budget that more of the additional and increasing costs of community health be met by an additional excise tax on alcoholic liquors.

The time has come when both the manufacturer and user should bear a greater responsibility towards meeting the costs of the social problems alcohol produces. As Rupert Wilkinson in his book "Prevention of Drinking Problems" writes: "In judging the moral responsibility of an industry for the ill effects of its products, I suggest four criteria.....

" The first criterion is the severity of the direct damage caused to some consumers by their use of the product.....

The second is the degree of damage to persons other than the consumer.....

The third....is the promised effect of industry co-operation and regulation.

The fourth... is the extent to which the promotion of the product, the way in which it is sold, is involved in the harmful use of the product....

When all four criteria are considered together, it becomes clear that the alcoholic beverage business has as great a responsibility as any other consumer industry and more than most industries, for co-operating in public programmes."

(5) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL: This is still all-important, for we should never underrate the power of an example. It is neither feasible nor desirable to lay down one standard binding upon all Christian people. For some, it will be total abstinence, for others that standard will be to use alcohol moderately. But whatever standard the individual chooses to adopt, the important thing is that the decision be made in a responsible manner and with genuine concern for others. To every Christian there is a call at least to show an example of moderation and self control, and to actively support those organisations already working in these fields.

(6) THE NON DRINKER: The Committee believes that those who drink in moderation, should be more aware of that significant group of people, who for personal or medical reasons, do not drink. They should ensure that there is always a non-alcoholic alternative available for such persons. This is particularly important where young people are concerned, e.g. in sports clubs, so that they feel there is nothing unusual or immature in preferring a soft drink to an alcoholic one.

(7) THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ADVISORY COUNCIL: This newly established Council has as its primary objective:-

"To encourage and promote moderation in the use of liquor, to discourage and reduce its misuse, and to minimise the personal social and economic evils resulting from the misuse of liquor."

To fulfil this objective, the Council is required:-

(a) To encourage, promote, sponsor and co-operate in research into:-

- (i) the use of liquor in New Zealand.
- (ii) Public attitudes in N.Z. towards the use of liquor in N.Z.
- (iii) Problems associated with or consequent upon the misuse of liquor in N.Z.
- (iv) Means of minimising the harmful effects of liquor.

- (b) To encourage, promote etc.....in the dissemination to the public... information relating to any problem that is, or may be, associated with, or consequent upon, the misuse of liquor.
- (c) To devise, promote, sponsor and conduct, and to encourage and co-operate in the preparation and conduct of, educational programmes for the public or any class of person (including persons attending schools or other educational institutions and persons who may be at special risk in respect of liquor-related problems) designed to discourage the misuse of liquor, to encourage moderation in its use, and to promote and encourage responsible attitudes to its use.
- (d) To encourage, promote, etc.....in the treatment, care and rehabilitation of persons adversely affected by the use of liquor, whether by themselves or others.....
- (e) To make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the advertising of liquor whether generally, or through any particular medium and the need to regulate, or in any way restrict any such advertising.

We have set out in full the main functions of the Council, for we believe it is important that Church members be aware of this Council and of the responsible tasks it is required to undertake.

What the Council does in regard to education and advertising is going to come under close and continuing scrutiny, but the Council can be assured that as it begins its work, it does so under the sympathetic but watchful eye of the Churches, who will willingly co-operate in any way they can.

15. SEXUALITY: A combined study group has been working on this subject during the year and has produced a joint statement. However, as much of its essential content is contained in the 1975 Report to Conference, the statement is not being included in the present report. It is available separately, if desired.

16. REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION AND ABORTION: While recognising the difficult task facing the Royal Commission, the Committee shares the disappointment and reservations felt in many quarters, concerning several aspects of this report, also the proposed legislation for giving effect to the Commission's recommendations. As debate is pending on this whole issue, the Committee considers it advisable to defer fuller comment until the probable or final shape of the legislation is clearer.

17. HEALTH PRIORITIES IN NEW ZEALAND

The last few years have seen a growing debate about New Zealand's health services, stimulated particularly by the Labour Government's 1974 White Paper, "A Health Service for New Zealand". The change of Government in 1975 saw a changed approach to the question of reform, but the important fact is that both major political parties have expressed the need for an improved health care system for the country.

The Public Questions Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of N.Z. welcome this interest and concern, and have expressed to both governments their belief in the need for change. These expressions have been formally ratified by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Because public debate is bound to intensify once Government announces its proposed policy changes, the joint Public Questions Committee thought it would be useful to provide congregations with some basic material for study and discussion.

Section A : ILL HEALTH A MAJOR PROBLEM

Most of us do not like to be sick and do not like to see members of our family, or our friends ill. When we are in good health we usually have little inclination to discuss health and health services. When we or our families are sick, we have too personal an involvement for long-term, broad-based, objective consideration. But we cannot escape the fact that ill health is a major problem in our society. Many of us find that the pursuit of our individual goals in life is adversely affected by the incidence of disease and disability.

1. Inpatient Admissions: During 1976, there were 375,697 inpatient admissions to public hospitals in New Zealand. This is equivalent to 14% of the total population, although some patients would be admitted more than once during the year.

2. Outpatient Attendances: Outpatients are people attending hospital for treatment and diagnosis, without being admitted to a hospital bed. In 1976 there were 2.93 million outpatient attendances at public hospitals. This is equivalent to 92% of the country's population, although again, a number of patients would attend more than once.

3. General Practitioner Consultations: In a survey conducted by a team headed by Professor C.W. Dixon of the Otago University in 1973, it was found that a sample of people from Auckland and Dunedin made 4 to 4.5 general practitioner contacts each year. Generalising from this study it can be estimated that the number of consultations with general practitioners each year is about 12 million.

4. Cost:

Each year more money is being allocated to health services. In 1950/51 government spending on health was \$37 million. In 1976/77 it was almost \$700 million. This represents not just an increase in money figures. For example, as a percentage of gross national product (G.N.P.) government expenditure on health services rose from 2.7% in 1950/51 to 4.5% in 1973/74.

The above expenditure does not include the amount we spend on private health care. A senior Treasury official suggested in an article in "The New Zealand Medical Journal" (referred to in the Evening Post 18 June 1977) that in 1976/77, more than \$100 million was spent by individuals on private health care. He suggested that the combined total of Government and private spending on health was about 7% of G.N.P.

In addition to government and private expenditure mentioned above, there are other costs associated with ill health and injury. For example, it has been estimated that about \$76 million is paid each year by employers to their workers for the first week off in respect of accidents and to the Accident Compensation Commission for the levy for individual incapacity attributable to accidents or occupational disease incurred in the course of work. If we add to this figure the cost of lost production because of sickness and non-work accidents, the estimated cost of sickness and accidents amounts to about \$290 million a year - a cost not recorded in health expenditure figures.

Against the increasing expenditure on health services, however, account should be taken of the positive gains it brings in terms of the well-being of people and their families, and avoidance of loss of production. For example, in the last 30 years, the population in the age group 15-64 years and the number in the labour force, have both increased substantially. If the number of social security invalids benefits, which is lower than it was 30 years ago, had increased in keeping with the increased population and larger labour force, there would be thousands more persons on invalid benefits, at an additional cost of perhaps \$20 million annually, plus the social costs involved and the loss of production.

5. Causes of Death:

The most prominent causes of death are heart disease and cancer, with motor vehicle accidents being a very significant cause of death for the age group 15-44 years.

The major causes of these deaths are excessive cigarette smoking and driving motor vehicles while influenced by alcohol. According to the Ministry of Transport, the greatest single human factor associated with motor vehicle accidents is alcohol, which it is estimated is involved in 50% of fatal accidents, 30% of non-fatal accidents and 15% of non-serious, non-fatal accidents.

6. Some International Health Comparisons: New Zealand's rating in international mortality comparisons is only fair. Information supplied by Dr. G. Salmon, Department of Health (from a survey conducted by Robert Maxwell) ranks N.Z. tenth in a selected list of 22 developed countries, which included North America, Europe and U.S.S.R.

In 1937, N.Z. had the lowest infant mortality rate in the world, but in 1971-73 it was ninth, behind Sweden, Finland, Japan, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, France and Switzerland. Whether Maoris and Polynesians are excluded or included makes no difference to this rating.

In 1972, N.Z. rated twenty-sixth in the mortality rates for children 1-4 years. Sweden had the lowest rate of 47.6 deaths per 100,000 population, in that age group. N.Z. had 95.3 deaths per 100,000.

7. Conclusion: Ill health is a major problem and a growing one in New Zealand. International comparisons for developed countries show that New Zealand's rating is only average, and in some respects has fallen badly. Causes of death have changed in emphasis from epidemic diseases to diseases associated with life styles.

Clearly, some remedial action is called for, but before deciding what changes should be made, we need to examine our present health services to see if we have our priorities right.

Section B: PRESENT EMPHASIS ON HOSPITALS

1. Present Objectives: Numerous statements have been made in the past concerning the direction in which some aspects of our health services should develop, but there is no officially formulated set of priorities or objectives for New Zealand's health services as a whole. An examination of government expenditure on health over recent years indicates that the overwhelming emphasis has been in the hospital area. About 70% of the \$700 million spent in 1976-77 was on hospitals.

2. Hospitals Are Big Business: The hospital industry in N.Z. is big business, using considerable resources in terms of buildings, manpower and equipment.

Beds: At March 1976 there were 28,046 public hospital beds and 4,715 private hospital beds.

Manpower: N.Z.'s total labour force in April 1976 was 1,206,000. Approximately 63,000 (5.2%) of these employees were in health services. The total staff working in general, maternity and psychiatric public hospitals was 45,195.

Services: When we think of hospitals, we usually think of doctors, nurses and patients, but often forget the extensive back-up services needed to keep a hospital running. For example, during the year ended 31 March 1976, more than \$12 million was spent on food for general and psychiatric hospitals.

About one-third of the staff employed in hospitals are non-treatment staff engaged in such activities as maintenance of property, engineering, administration and catering.

3. Hospital Efficiency: In 1974, N.Z. had 6.3 general hospital beds per 1000 population. Some other developed countries have about 4 beds per 1000 and the United Kingdom has a planning target of 2 beds per 1000. On the basis of these figures it seems that N.Z. has more hospital beds than it needs; but we should be careful in drawing conclusions from comparisons with other countries where different systems operate.

The variation in bed occupancy rates between different hospitals suggests that bed occupancy rates for public general hospitals in New Zealand could be improved.

Also, there are indications that some hospital beds are misused. For example, in a study on the accommodation and service needs of the elderly, it was found that 20% of elderly patients in hospital could appropriately have been placed in residential homes and that 33% of old people in residential homes were misplaced.

A further reason to question the emphasis on hospital development is the important part played by matters other than hospital care, in promoting health. For example, the major factor in the dramatic improvement in health and expectation of life in the United Kingdom in the last few centuries was the improvement in living conditions which began with the increase in food supplies from 1700 onwards, as a result of the agricultural revolution in Europe. From 1870, improved hygiene, mainly better water supplies and sewerage disposal, added significantly to the trend. A second factor in this improvement was the introduction of scientific, preventive and therapeutic measures. Improved living conditions had reduced the incidence of various infectious diseases, but it was the use of immunisation, antibiotics and anti-tuberculosis drugs from the 1930's which has nearly eliminated diseases like diphtheria, measles, whooping cough and tuberculosis. Contrary to popular belief, these diseases had declined significantly before the intervention of scientific measures, which were outside the framework of hospitals.

4. Conclusion: The present emphasis on hospitals should be questioned because:-

- (a) Hospitals are expensive to build and operate, and unless they are managed efficiently, they are likely to have more beds and use more financial and material resources than are needed.
- (b) Some overseas studies have shown that some forms of hospital inpatient treatment are no more effective than other forms of treatment which could cost less.
- (c) Hospital services should be properly co-ordinated with those provided by general practitioners and other health services if they are to be really effective.

(d) Improved social and living conditions and effective public health and health education programmes are more important than hospitals in promoting good health and lowering the death rate. We should do all we can to change a life style which results in unnecessary ill health, accidents and death.

Section C: SUGGESTED CHANGE OF EMPHASIS

1. What Can be Done ? The question is how can we get better value for money, so ensuring that the health of our community is improved ?

At first it may be thought that more resources of money, buildings, staff and equipment need to be allocated to the health services of N.Z. However, overseas examples show that this is not the answer. The U.S.A. spends about 8.5% of its G.N.P. on health services. This is proportionately and absolutely more than any other country, but it has been estimated that at least a quarter of this \$139 billion annual health care budget is wasteful.

In a comparison of nearly two dozen developed countries, Robert Maxwell has produced an international comparison based on mortality rates which shows that the U.S.A. compares very unfavourably, despite its massive health expenditure.

The provision of more resources is not necessarily (nor usually) the best answer. It is a matter of examining existing priorities and uses of health resources in the light of current health problems and their causes .

The problem of misuse and overuse of public hospitals is not solved by doing away with them. Instead, they should be brought under more effective financial and management control, so that they do their job more effectively and efficiently. In order for this to occur, certain changes referred to in the following paragraphs are needed.

2. Responsibility of People for Their Own Health: People should be encouraged to accept a much greater responsibility for living their lives in a way that will promote good health, rather than illness, injury or death. Sir Edward Sayers, Chairman of the National Heart Foundation's scientific committee, told the Foundation's Council early in 1977 that medicine could do little about five of the six main modern killers, which he identified as:-

(a) heart disease (the main cause of death)

(b) cancer

(c) diseases like arterio-sclerosis

(d) bronchitis and emphysema

(e) accidents

(f) pneumonia and similar diseases.

The only one of these six types of disease which he did not attribute mainly to social causes was pneumonia and similar diseases. He suggested that drugs were unlikely ever to be much help in the fight against heart disease and that the most effect-

ive way of reducing the number of deaths from the above causes was for people to eat less food (especially saturated fats) drink less alcohol, give up smoking, get a reasonable amount of exercise and reduce stress and tension.

An association between diet and heart and other diseases has been noted, but has not been established so positively as the link between smoking and cancer and other diseases. However, there seems to be sufficient grounds to make it advisable for us to be more sensible in our eating habits than many of us now are. are

The churches/well placed to make a useful contribution to a reduction in the rate of disease, injury and death, by encouraging their members and others to live responsibly. The Department of Health is also well placed to stress in its health education material, the role of personal responsibility - to promote good health by living sensibly and responsibly.

3. Expanded Health Education Programme: In view of the adverse effects on health of our life style, and the extent to which we can help ourselves if we have a better understanding of what can be done to promote good health and cope with ill health, the health education programme of the Department of Health should be expanded considerably. Cigarette consumption has doubled (per head) since 1952 and Government collects about \$70 million a year in tobacco tax. Against this background and the known ill effects of cigarette smoking, it is ludicrous for the health education programme to spend only \$6000 a year on anti-smoking literature. The ill effects of excessive smoking and over indulgence in alcohol should be brought much more effectively to public notice. Also in view of the evidence which suggests that over eating and lack of exercise are contributing factors to heart disease, the education programme should focus on the need for sensible eating and reasonable exercise.

4. Organisational Reform: Associated with the acceptance of increased responsibility by people for sensible living, improved health education and more effective preventive work, there is a need to improve the curative or medical care services. The main reforms required are:-

- (a) Greater co-ordination of all health services, including the private ones, through some sort of area health boards or councils, subject to some national oversight.
- (b) Greater use of nurses and paramedical staffs, including chaplains working in teams with doctors.
- (c) Greater development of community medicine, through extension of hospital domiciliary services, health centres and group practices.

Once these reforms are made, the new organisation should be held accountable to Government and the country for how it uses its resources and the effect on the community's health.

Incidentally, the greater use of diagnostic and treatment facilities outside the hospital should not be used as an opportunity to require patients to pay for treatment that formerly was available free in a public hospital. The visit to the general practitioner or health centre would provide the opportunity to assess the need for further diagnosis or treatment. From that point on, the patient should not be expected to bear part of the cost that would be met if the diagnosis or treatment was being carried out in hospital.

5. Hospital Efficiency: There are many things that can and should be done to improve hospital efficiency, but the most important include introducing more effective financial control, measuring the outcome of activities by their effect on the health of the community, introducing certain organisational reforms, removing the conflict of interest for part-time medical consultants and ensuring adequate information.

(a) Financial Control: The system of budgeting in the health services should take more account of the objectives of the health services.

Like most other government agencies the Department of Health and hospital boards are given a financial allocation and are required to operate a system of expenditure control to ensure that, as far as possible, expenditure is within the budgeted amount. The budget should take account of the organisation's objectives and should relate input (money and other resources) to output (the number of patients healed etc.)

A good system of budgetary control should be closely associated with a continuing review of needs and priorities. It should ensure that money is spent only when it is necessary to achieve the objectives of the health programme and not spent merely because financial provision has been made. It is not enough for each section merely to ask for what was allocated the previous year, plus a little more.

(b) Outcome Evaluations: The effect of existing and proposed methods of treatment and activities on the health of the community should be evaluated. A hospital may be very efficient, but this does not necessarily mean that the health of the community will be improved. In particular, the introduction of sophisticated and expensive technology needs careful evaluation. As Dr. H. Mahler, Director-General of the World Health Organisation has stated "the major - and most expensive - part of technology as applied to-day, appears to be more for the satisfaction of the health professionals than the consumers of health care."

(c) Private Medical Insurance: It has been claimed that one way of helping to overcome current health problems is to increase the number of private hospitals and extend the coverage of private medical insurance schemes. However, there are a number of reasons why this approach is unsatisfactory.

Research conducted in N.Z. has shown that most people who take out medical insurance do so because of dissatisfaction with delays in the public hospital service, but that private hospitals hinder the public sector in being as effective and efficient as it should. Moreover, the cover provided is limited and selective. People who cannot afford to pay the premiums are excluded and often the people most in need (psychiatric and geriatric patients, or patients with chronic conditions) cannot obtain insurance, or can do so only at excessive cost.

Overseas research confirms the N.Z. evidence, as well as showing that the planning and provision of services is distorted, that private insurance schemes cannot restrain and often contribute to cost rises, and that resources are wasted because of heavy administrative costs.

(d) Conflict of Interest: There is a need to remove the conflict of interest of part-time medical consultants in hospitals.

It has been claimed that private hospitals supplement and support the public hospital system, but it is often overlooked that the majority of medical consultants in private hospitals also work in public hospitals. Private hospitals are in competition with public hospitals, and part-time medical consultants are in the embarrassing position of working for two competing systems. As R.J. Latimer has put it:-

"If there were no waiting lists, fewer patients would pass by the fully subsidised services of the public hospitals for the partially subsidised services of the private hospitals. So long as consultants are employed in public hospitals on a part-time basis, they are unlikely to pursue policies in their salaried hospital role which would jeopardise that part of their living which they derive from fees in private practice. It seems manifestly unfair to place consultants in the position where efficiency in their salaried role, far from bringing its own reward, results, or is likely to result in lowered income from fewer private patients. Until this conflict of interest is resolved, there can be no assurance that existing public hospital facilities are being fully and effectively used or that the provision of additional facilities would change the waiting list position significantly."

6. Information: There is need for more and better information about hospital and health services to be readily available. Public information about hospital and health services is difficult to obtain and is limited in both quantity and quality. All public and public-supported health agencies should be required to publish regular reports stating their objectives, how their resources are used, and to what effect.

7. A New Definition and Direction: Hospital reform is definitely needed and long overdue, but, in itself, it will not enable new directions and priorities to be set, so that the health of the community is improved.

As T.McKeown said of the British health service (but just as relevant to N.Z.):—

"...perhaps the most serious effect of the traditional approach to health services is that having overestimated the contribution of immunisation and therapy, it has neglected the large classes of patients, particularly the congenital handicapped, the psychiatric and the geriatric who require continuous care, but appear to offer little scope for the predominant preoccupations of diagnosis and treatment."

How do we get away from the medical emphasis of health that is concerned mainly with diagnosis and treatment of illness, to a community emphasis of health which is concerned with the promotion of health in a wider sense and the need for care? Michael Wilson believes we need to look again at what health is. He believes that "health" in the West is restricted to "wellness", which is concerned only with biological death. We fear death and deny the fact that one day we will die. Hence the emphasis on death-delaying acute general hospitals.

The emphasis on wellness is not in keeping with the biblical notions of health. In the Bible a man is in good health and alive when:—

He loves his brethren (1 John 3, 13-15)

He does not sin. (Eph.2, 5. Rom.6,23)

He possesses the Son (1 John 5,12.)

He does not seek to preserve his life. ((Mark 8,35)

To be in good health, to be fully cured is not just a matter of being physically well, but being able to love both God and man.

The World Health Organisation also takes a broad positive view of health which it defines as a "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

What should be the priorities and directions of a Health, as opposed to an Illness Service? We have to ask ourselves what makes up a good healthy community. What are the things that need to be done to enable people to care for themselves and each other? What are the services, structures and supports that should exist for people to be in healthy relationships? It is this area of "primary care" and its relation to professional care about which so little is known, but which is so crucial to achieving a healthy community. These are questions which need to be considered by the community and not left to the health professionals.

(A full list of references is available if required.)

18. OTHER SUBJECTS AWAITING CONSIDERATION

Despite the size of this report and the range of matters covered, there are some questions which the Committee has been unable to deal with during the year - at least not to the stage where they can be reported on in significant depth. They include Parliamentary Privilege (Res.14(b), p.132, 1976 Mins.), also Christian Ethics.

19. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Committee is currently represented on the I.C.C.P.A. by Rev. C.D. Clark (who is its Chairman), Rev. J.C.F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar. The Council continues to consider a wide range of subjects in its deliberations and of those coming within its purview during the year, it is desired to mention the following:

Code of Status in Advertising: In response to papers submitted by the Association of N.Z. Advertisers, the Council recommended some changes with a view to strengthening the Association's Code. The roles of television, radio and newspapers are the subject of continuing work by the Council.

Nuclear Power Generation: Submissions were made by the Council to the Royal Commission.

Cinematograph Films Amendment Bill: One of the Council's main points of submission on this measure related to the Board of Review. It emphasized that in addition to integrity, members appointed to the Board should include persons with a knowledge and experience of young people's needs and the degree to which films are likely to influence their standards.

Role of Parliament in the Law Making Process: The Council has emphasized the importance of public opinion in the law making process - as a safeguard against dictatorial powers. It underlines the need for adequate time to be given for marshalling public opinion and is critical of the extent to which some legislation has been rushed through the House in recent years.

Christian Perspectives on the Use of Medical Means in Prolonging Life: In giving considerable time to this subject, the Council has sought the views of medical and legal views as well as speakers on the theological and moral aspect. A special committee's interim report is receiving further study.

J.C.F. MABON, Chairman
R.E. SULLIVAN, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

2. That it be recommended to the Government that steps be taken to educate the general public regarding the principles of nuclear power generation and common misconceptions on this subject.
3. That the Public Questions Committee study the question of alternative forms of energy, together with the different lifestyles they would imply.
4. That the reports on Immigration, Christian Involvement in Politics and Health Priorities in New Zealand be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for discussion and comment.
5. That the Government be urged to take such action as is considered necessary to ensure that no one who has held office as a Minister of the Crown in New Zealand will be recommended for appointment as Governor-General.
6. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z.I.C.C.P.A. be the Revs. C.D. Clark, J.C.F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar.
7. That the grant to the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1978-79 be \$500.
8. That the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1978 will be nominated to Conference.

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

1. EAST TIMOR

Background:

European expansion was accompanied by the carving out of territories whose boundaries had no relationship to the ethnic links of the local people, no regard for their wishes, and often little relationship to geography. This means that the new states of the so-called 'third world' are conglomerates of diverse and often antagonistic peoples, from whom a nation must be created. This inevitably means on the one hand a very real danger of armed conflict within these artificial boundaries, and on the other, opportunities for ambitious and charismatic leaders who can easily become dictatorial and repressive in their endeavours to bring some sort of order out of the chaos they inherit. Such a country is Indonesia.

At the same time, many colonial powers did little or nothing to prepare the peoples under their care for the tasks of self-government and the provision of essential public services which we in New Zealand take for granted, e.g. health, police, civil administration. This was true of both Dutch New Guinea (Irian Jaya) and Portuguese East Timor. In this situation it is inevitable that resistance to the occupying power will sooner or later take the form of armed revolt. Yet resistance will do little to provide a basis for unity among the subject peoples who have no heritage of unity, and no basis for it except geographical proximity.

A third factor is that the 'great powers' have little regard for small groups of people when their own self-interest is involved. Thus, against all considerations of ethnic relationships and geography, the United States and Australia together with the U.N. handed over West New Guinea to Indonesia, instead of moving to make it part of an emerging Papua New Guinea. At that time the ultimate fate of East Timor was settled. When the Portuguese hold slackened no one would seriously raise a finger to prevent the land falling into the hands of Indonesia.

The Events:

The collapse of the authoritarian rule at home in Portugal meant that the authorities neither had the means nor the will to control East Timor. In that country there were six groups working for control. Gradually they merged into three main groups, known to the outside world by their initial letters, as UDT, Apodeti, and Fretilin. UDT sought independent nationhood within a commonwealth of Portuguese-speaking nations, but soon came to take a more radical stance with Fretilin in seeking complete independence. Fretilin, led originally by an ex-Catholic priest was radical and left wing, but soon emerged as the most powerful of the three

because it had a clear well thought out programme which was rooted in practical, and practicable action. Its aim was complete political sovereignty. APODETI was from the beginning a pro-Indonesian party whose aim was integration in the Indonesian Republic.

On the morning of 11 August 1975, UDT attempted a bloodless coup, under, it is said, the influence of Indonesian generals. Within a month the Portuguese administration had ceased to exist, but UDT itself had faltered and Fretilin was in effective control. UDT now disintegrated and many of its leaders fled or were taken into custody by Fretilin. On 28 November independence was declared. But Indonesian troops were already advancing into the country. On 18 December, pro-Indonesian groups, on the deck of an Indonesian warship, declared the 'provisional' government of East Timor. Thereafter, Indonesia, successfully warding off UNO enquiries, invaded the country in full force and accomplished their second act of 'free choice', West New Guinea having been the first.

The aftermath:

Indonesian armed forces treated East Timor as an enemy country and proceeded to use the full forces at their command not only to gain control, but also to wipe out any opposition or suspected opposition. Mr J.S. Dunn, Director of the Foreign Affairs Group, Legislative Research Service of the Australian Federal Parliament, went to Portugal earlier this year and interviewed a great number of Timorese refugees. From their accounts, checked and cross checked, he has compiled a frightening report of humiliation, violence and torture far beyond what could reasonably be thought of as the exigencies of a military operation. The slaughter went on far beyond the time when the conquest was said to be complete.

He concluded, " ... the Indonesian military seizure of East Timor has been a bloody operation, in which atrocities of a disturbing nature have been committed against the civilian population. Indeed, these accounts of Indonesia's behaviour in East Timor, suggest that the plight of these people might well constitute, relatively speaking, the most serious case of contravention of human rights facing the world at the present time."

It should be noted that the actions against the 'insurgents' in Irian Jaya (West New Guinea) continue 16 years after the final take-over of that country, and there is no doubt that a similar pattern is shaping up in East Timor. The claim of insurgency may well be used as an excuse for repression and denial of basic human rights for a long time to come.

2. PEACE (See 1976 Minutes, p.142, no.8)

PART I - sent to Synods mid-1977 for discussion:

We are glad to report that as a result of a request from the 1976 Non-Aligned Nations Conference at Colombo a special session of the United Nations in May/June of 1978 will deal with disarmament and try to make definite progress towards it. The New Zealand

representative to the United Nations will of course be taking part in it along with representatives from all other member states.

In connection with this, Mr Talboys made a valuable speech on disarmament at the New Zealand United Nations Association's annual conference this year. This speech is to be printed.

Furthermore, the New Zealand Foreign Office has produced a booklet called "Information on Disarmament". This contains the text of many of the resolutions on disarmament passed by the United Nations General Assembly and of some of the statements made by the New Zealand permanent representative to the United Nations. This booklet can be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Information Division), Private Bag, Wellington, or from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 7th Floor, C.M.L. Centre, Queen St., Auckland, simply by writing or telephoning a request. It is provided free of charge and the Ministry has prepared it "with a view to assisting the people of New Zealand to take a more informed interest in the subject".

We feel that the Ministry should be commended for doing this, and we recommend that Circuits and Parishes should try to set up discussion groups on Peace and Disarmament using as material this booklet from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also the excellent booklet "Alternatives to ANZUS" put out by the N.Z. Foundation for Peace Studies, Box 4110, Auckland, and any other relevant material. The Booklet "Alternatives to ANZUS" contains the full text of the ANZUS Treaty.

The Fifth Assembly at Nairobi called upon the World Council of Churches to give high priority to a study of questions related to militarism and the armaments race, and to devise action-oriented programmes. The Central Committee in August 1976 endorsed plans for such studies and also approved proposals from the Programme Unit on Justice and Service that a Consultation on Militarism be held not later than November, 1977, and that a Conference on Disarmament be held in early 1978. This concern has been undertaken by the Programme Unit on Justice and Service with the Churches' Commission on International Affairs carrying special responsibility for co-ordination.

At the end of January a small preparatory meeting of some people with special competence and knowledge was held to assist in delineating the issues around militarism and disarmament and in finding out the linkages and suggesting general directions of the programme. This group consisted of peace researchers, experts on militarism and disarmament, a former Army General, representatives of historic peace Churches, etc. A report was submitted to the Executive Committee on the basis of the discussions at this preparatory meeting.

As the report indicates, militarism and the armaments race have today reached a critical and qualitative new

stage. It may be stated that at no time in human history have national policies and the relations between states been so heavily influenced, if not guided, by military technology and by weapons of war, as in the years since the end of the Second World War. This is a situation which offers a great challenge to the Churches in their commitment to peace and justice.

Interested individuals may obtain a copy of this report, "Programme on Militarism and Armaments Race", by writing to the W.C.C., P.O. Box 66, Geneva, Switzerland.

PART II - additional to the above, and sent only to Conference:

We welcome the February/March 1977 report from the World Council of Churches on Militarism and the Arms Race outlining the effect of these developments on international relationships and internal national policies. We agree with its findings and commend it to the Church for study. The report states -

"The severe shortcomings of nuclear deterrent doctrines are becoming increasingly clear. The recent shift in emphasis to counterforce capabilities of the nuclear forces, first-use doctrine and attempts to produce a first-strike capability, all involve frightening possibilities. The proliferation of nuclear weapons producing capability, adds a major dimension to this. Advances in technology have begun to bridge the gap between non-nuclear and nuclear weapons approximating the latter, and with the production of mini-nuclear weapons. It is significant to note that influential groups have begun to argue about the inevitability of a third world war."

"Today militarism and armaments race have reached such a critical stage that they have veritably become threats to survival of mankind."

In heeding the call of the 1976 Conference for "every Christian to renounce war", this report is timely reading and essential material.

The report stresses the new factors that have evolved with the development of ever more sophisticated weapons and with the spread of nuclear capability. These new factors are also vital in considering N.Z. foreign policy and responsibilities in 1977. This is more than the Christian Pacificism debate of 1939-46. Questions must be answered. Has the 1951 ANZUS Treaty been outmoded by the changing circumstances of the years? Is 1951 thinking adequate for 1977?

As defence forces, small national armies are now obsolete. It is clear that N.Z. cannot be defended against an enemy of the might of the Soviet Union provoked into dropping a nuclear war-head on one of our cities. It would be naive to expect the

U.S.A. to risk nuclear retaliation on its cities if the Soviet Union decided to "take out" Auckland. The ANZUS Treaty is not essential to the security of the United States.

"Security is not military hardware - security is development" wrote Robert McNamara in his plea for "the hungry half of the human race whose mounting frustrations are likely to fester eruptions of violence and extremism."

Military alliances predispose a country to war as is evidenced by engagements and losses by N.Z. since 1900. N.Z. as a Pacific nation "remote from anywhere except Polynesia, Australia and Antarctica and on the main road to nowhere - except perhaps the South Pole" must stay out of involvement in the machinery of the great power war game. A willingness to assist and contribute to the growth and development of the developing countries will do more than arms and alliances to ensure peace. We may well provide the assistance, and political vision and leadership, that could catalyse the development of the area.

Risks will always be present. The Vietnam War proved that our political leaders have not always "known best" or "had the strategic facts" as they claimed. The greatest risk today springs from the nuclear misjudgements of others. Recent events have suggested how easily a man in ultimate control could lose his rational powers or moral accountability. Our own recent discovery of an alleged Soviet menace, and the Prime Minister's comments on the Vietnam and U.S. "unwillingness to use the ultimate weapon", have given N.Z. an unwelcome lurch back into a posture of provocative confrontation.

We consider new foreign policy for N.Z. is overdue and essential, based on positive non-alignment and directed actively to the promotion of peace and friendly relations, trade and development, and massive assistance wherever our expertise in technical assistance, trained personnel, agriculture, forestry, etc., is wanted.

We do not believe that N.Z. is of strategic importance in itself but that the facilities offered through our military alliance is the main, if not the only, reason for unfriendly interest in N.Z. by any other nation.

N.Z.'s strategic importance could grow rapidly if a "race" developed to exploit the mineral resources of Antarctica. This makes it all the more important for our sakes for the Antarctic Treaty to be extended to provide for peaceful development within that area.

We believe that a policy of positive non-alignment would enable us to develop a more creative and out-going style of life as a nation, and engender a spirit of cooperation with our Pacific and Asian neighbours, in place of the confrontation of the ANZUS era. Furthermore we believe this would be a foreign policy

consistent with our Christian faith. This is N.Z.'s only effective defence in 1977.

We accordingly press for withdrawal from the ANZUS Alliance under Article 10 of the Treaty as the essential first step towards this new foreign policy.

N.Z. would then take its place among those other nations like Austria, Switzerland and Sweden who do not share in military alliances but rely mainly on the principles of the U.N. Charter for their protection.

3. OVERSEAS AID

The Committee regrets that for the second year in succession the Government has found itself unable to increase the amount of official overseas aid. In the light of inflation this action represents a decreasing amount of our Gross National Product to developing countries.

Earlier in the year, this Committee, along with other members of the Overseas Development Committee, sought letters from Methodist people urging an increase of Aid from the Government. The aim was to suggest to Government that our official Aid vote, at the moment, ought to be 0.5% of Gross National Product, that is, half a cent in the dollar. We felt that this was both a reasonable level in the light of our countries economic position, and that it also pegged our giving to the rate of inflation. The present \$51 million in Official Aid represents 0.36% of G.N.P.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA

(A) CHURCH INVESTMENTS (1976 Minutes, p.142, no.s 5 & 6)

A meeting of Presbyterian and Methodist representatives took place early in 1977 to review the actions which had taken place over the past few years, and especially the responses of the annual meetings of N.Z.I. and South British Insurance held during 1977.

It was agreed that it was now over to the Companies to respond in terms of the principles that they adhered to, and that time ought to be given to see if this happened.

(B) NAAC, HART and CARE (1976 Minutes, p.142, no.s 7 & 10)

The Methodist Conference of 1977 asked the International Affairs Committee to investigate three bodies known to be active in the fight against racism, and in particular against its most visible form, the South African Apartheid system. These groups are: The National Anti-Apartheid Committee (NAAC), Citizens Association for Racial Equality (CARE) and Halt All Racist Tours (HART). The issue of 'possible financial support' for NAAC was raised, as well as the Methodist Church's continuing support of HART and CARE.

Sample materials representative of the recent activities of these three bodies were sent to Synods in the hope that these

would give Synod members ample indication of the scope of the work undertaken by each group, and how this reflects both their differing emphases and aims, and also the common goals.

For the benefit of Conference we list, in very brief form, the main facts and differing emphases of these three groups.

NAAC (National Anti-Apartheid Committee)

1. Formed in 1973.
2. Primarily an educational body.
3. Headquarters in Wellington.
4. Full-time organiser: Mr David Stott, who is financially supported by regular pledges.
5. Other sources of finance: donations from sponsoring groups, appeals, World Council of Churches.
6. WCC Aid: two grants have been given, via the Programme to Combat Racism (PCR): \$2,200 in 1974 and \$7,800 in 1976. These grants have been used for the preparation and publication of educational materials for use in schools. A key factor leading to this emphasis in NAAC's work was the free circulation to every school and library in N.Z. of sophisticated and glossy books by the South African Consulate. To date, out of 400 secondary schools in N.Z. approximately 200 have received the 3rd Form Kitset, and 100 the Form Five one. Films have also been purchased and made available.
7. An important emphasis in NAAC is to educate New Zealanders on the economic bases of Apartheid and how N.Z. is involved. This embraces such areas as: Rothmans, Insurance Company investments, exports/imports (e.g. South African wines etc.)
8. Sponsoring groups of NAAC include Trade Unions, the NCC, NZUSA, CARE, HART, Catholic Peace Fellowship, YWCA, and the U.N. Association of New Zealand.

HART (Halt All Racist Tours)

1. Formed in 1969.
2. Aims: to oppose and stop any sporting contact with South Africa until that country's sporting policies are based on the Olympic Charter.
3. Organisation is based on six provincial areas, with branches established in many smaller centres. Mr Trevor Richards is the full-time national chairperson.
4. Financial support is by appeals and pledges from within N.Z. A full statement of expenditure will be found in the March/April 1977 issue of 'Amandla'.
5. Education of New Zealanders on conditions in Southern Africa is an important part of HART's work as support and background to its main campaign against racist sport.
6. Education and active opposition to racism within N.Z. is a recent but growing concern.
7. HART support comes from a diverse section of the community, with members from many political parties, Churches, trade unions, professions etc.

CARE (Citizens Association for Racial Equality)

1. Formed in 1964.
2. Aims: (a) To promote research into all aspects of race relations in N.Z. and to help educate public opinion in matters of racial equality.
(b) To oppose racial prejudice in all its forms both in N.Z. and abroad.
(c) To give support to the Defence and Aid Fund for the succour of those convicted by South Africa's apartheid laws.
(d) To persuade the N.Z. Government to take a stronger stand against apartheid at the United Nations.
3. The main centre of CARE activities is Auckland, though a few branches do exist in other main cities.
4. There is no full-time worker, though individuals such as Tom Newnham, Richard Northey, Joris de Bres and Professor Sorrenson (to name a few) have made significant contributions.
5. CARE activities have covered a wide range of issues, mainly within N.Z., covering discrimination against non-Pakeha groups.
6. Individual membership, at \$2.00 per person per annum, will keep individuals informed and give support to its work.

(C) SYNOD RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE

By the 25th August, responses had been received from 9 Synods - Northland Union District Council, Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Wellington, North Canterbury, Otago-Southland.

All were in favour of the spirit of the three resolutions sent forward to the Synods, though amendments in some of the wordings were suggested. The Committee has decided to forward to Conference the resolutions as they were adopted by both the Wellington and Auckland Synods.

A statement received by the Otago-Southland Synod and forwarded on to the Committee stated, *inter alia*, that "there are a number of Christians who do not in any way support any or all these organisations". We recognise that in issues such as the present it is impossible to say things with which all Methodists will agree. The Welfare of the Church Committee is presenting to Conference a report on "Votes on Controversial Issues", and we recognise the validity of the points they make.

Along with the above organisations, both the Government and the Opposition have made their abhorrence of apartheid abundantly clear. One would hope that Methodist people who cannot agree with the above section of the report are nevertheless willing to declare their opposition to apartheid.

5. PALESTINIAN ARABS (1976 Minutes, p.142, no.2)

The Committee has been exploring some ways in which practical action might be possible to assist the Palestinian refugees.

Recent developments in Israel and the occupied territories, more particularly since the election results in May, and the new Government's announced intention of allowing further Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza areas, have tended to make the possibilities of a peaceful solution even more remote. But a political settlement, including provision for a Palestinian homeland, can be the only foundation for a resolution of the plight of the refugees.

There are now over 1.6 million Palestine refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

About half of these are under 20 years of age. They have no land on which they can work as their fathers did, no capital to set up business, and education is their only ready road to a better future.

Over the years UNRWA, with the cooperation and technical guidance of UNESCO, has established a complete education system. There are now six years of elementary education for virtually all refugee children, and three or four years of preparatory education for those who remain in school. \$100 will provide schooling for one year for one refugee child. A variety of other, and more expensive, projects are also available.

The address of UNRWA is Oderngasse 20b, A 1040, VIENNA, or P.O. Box 19304, Jerusalem, via Israel.

The Committee has also been in touch with the Palestinian Aid Society who also fund and carry through a wide number of projects for the Palestinian people. They are, for instance, involved in two projects currently serving refugees from Tal al-Zaatar. Tal al Zaatar, was a refugee camp in Lebanon, that was destroyed last year during the civil war, leaving 2,000 Palestinian families with nowhere to go. The Palestinian Aid Society is presently assisting those living in Damour by supporting an embroidery workshop now employing 38 women, and providing a kindergarten, "Martyrs of Tal al-Zaatar", comprising 100 children most of whom are orphans or half-orphans. Their address is P.O. Box 113-6099 (Makdissi), Beirut, Lebanon.

The Save the Children Fund also has children in these areas available for sponsorship.

6. WORLD HUNGER (1976 Minutes, p.142, no.3)

It had been hoped to produce material for use in discussion groups during Lent 1977. This however did not eventuate. The publication of the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development, "Development is ...", was published during the year, and covers a diversity of topics in this area, particularly as the subject applies to New Zealand. It is hoped that study groups will make use of this production.

The Committee is looking at the possibility of making study notes available which could be used by Study Groups in conjunction with the above.

7. OTHER MATTERS

The Committee is a financial member of Amnesty International, the United Nations Association of New Zealand, the Overseas Development Committee, the Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, and it receives their publications. We also represent the Methodist Church at the CORSO Annual Meeting. We receive literature from the N.Z. Coalition for Trade and Development. We helped sponsor the visit of Dr. Walter Lini of the New Hebrides to Wellington, met with Rev. Sam Kirby of the Programme to Combat Racism, had representatives at the International Convention for Peace Action earlier in the year and at a Churches Consultation on Human Rights, heard first-hand of conditions in North Korea, made representations on behalf of a political prisoner in South Korea subsequently released, made our views on the Ugandan situation known to the Government, and are hoping to give our support to the Week of Prayer for World Peace. We hope also to be represented at the Anti-Apartheid Conference in Wellington in mid-November. We thank the editors of "New Citizen" for the prominence which they continue to give to significant world issues.

Finally as a Committee we express our gratitude to Mr Cyril Burton, a long-serving member who went into semi-retirement during the year, and we pay our tribute to Rev. Stan Olds for his contribution to our work, especially in the area of nuclear and development issues.

E.F.I. HANSON, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. NAAC, HART and CARE:
 - (a) That the Methodist Church apply to become a sponsor of the NAAC and that the Budget Committee be asked to make provision for a donation of \$200 in the 1978-79 financial year.
 - (b) That the 1977 Annual Conference of the Methodist Church commend to all Methodist Church members the work of NAAC and CARE, and urge individual members to be informed about and involved in the activities of these groups at local and national levels.
 - (c) That in view of the importance of the issue of sporting contacts with South Africa, Conference recognises the work of HART as a particular and relevant application of the opposition to apartheid and urges Methodists, according to their convictions, to become informed about and involved in its work at national and local levels.

- (d) That the background papers on NAAC, HART and CARE, and on the National Government statements on Apartheid, be updated, and that the Editor of the "New Citizen" be requested to print them in the paper.
3. That the Report be adopted.
4. That the International Affairs Committee for 1978 will be nominated to Conference.

QUESTION 39—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Church and other Properties?

A. GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1977

See QUESTION 54

B. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

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See QUESTION 43(H)

C. CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS

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1. TITLES

For the year ended 30 June 1977 the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:-

NORTHLAND

Kamo Home - adjoining section.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Trinity, Wanganui - strip adjoining Church.

Gonville - Church and Hall.

2. NEW TRUSTS

New Trusts have been registered as under and Certificates issued:-

NORTHLAND

Raumanga, Whangarei.

AUCKLAND

Auckland District Tongan Trust.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Opunake Cooperating Parish, Okato.

3. TRUSTEES

Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered under and Certificates issued:-

Districts	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland	9	30	16
Auckland	23	70	55
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	7	16	17
Taranaki-Wanganui	19	93	22
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	11	73	34
Wellington	12	30	18
Nelson	3	9	10
North Canterbury	18	37	26
South Canterbury	2	2	3
Otago-Southland	4	7	8
	<u>108</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>209</u>

A.K. WOODLEY, 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

See QUESTION 54

2. PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

See QUESTION 54

3. THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

See QUESTION 54

4. THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

See QUESTION 54

5. THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

See QUESTION 54

6. GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

See QUESTION 54

7. KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

The Trust makes a report to Conference every two years. There is only one property and the rent from this is distributed for purposes allied to Maori education. The Trust considers that it may be unnecessary to report to Conference but that it should report to the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and the Maori Division. Any matters relating to the Trust could be conveyed to Conference by the Maori Division. The Trust, therefore, requests Conference to approve of its request not to submit reports every second year. Financial Statements will continue to be submitted annually.

The property continues to be well farmed and the buildings, pastures and fences are in good order. In February the Wanganui Circuit arranged a Church picnic on the site and for many folk this was their first visit to the property. The opportunity was greatly appreciated.

Discussions are still being carried on with the Maori Division as to the future investments of the Trust. The future of Rangiatea needs to be settled first. As an interim measure the Trust continues with its policy of grants (of \$2,000) to Rangiatea Maori College Trust (of \$1,000) to Maori Division and the balance (of approximately \$2,000) to a Reserve Fund for a Maori Boys' Hostel.

W.F. FORD, Chairman
A.R. WALLIS, Secretary

RESOLUTION

That the report be received.

8. ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

See QUESTION 54

QUESTION 41—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to:

(a) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Annual Report to Conference 1977.

"To-day's Experiment becomes to-morrow's convention - or yesterday's folly." - Robert McAfee Brown.

INTRODUCTION:

Methodism today is passing through a profound period of transition.

It is a transition from denominationalism to ecumenism; from being a bi-cultural church to becoming a multi-cultural church; from being a church with inherited systems of church order to becoming a church where order allows for spontaneous expressions of church life and mission.

The Development Division has sought to support and encourage Circuits/Parishes who are concerned and challenged by the changes and possibilities before them.

1. BREAKING FREE

The Division and its staff have encouraged several significant consultations and experiments to help churches break free from old structure and strategies and shape new ones appropriate for today's needs.

Circuit Strategy: In June, for example, 58 people representing in total the eleven centres of congregational life in the Dunedin Circuit, met for eleven hours and grappled with issues relating to staff; property; finance and outreach. Arising from the consultation were a series of recommendations to the Quarterly Meeting proposing; - the reduction from 4 Ministers to 3, but increased lay participation in the life of the Circuit; - the sale, leasing of surplus buildings to minimise extensive maintenance and provide a source of long term finance; - the establishment of a task group to help the Circuit achieve the spiritual and community objectives it had set for itself over the next ten years.

Other Circuits/Parishes, too, are assessing their strategy in the light of current needs.

Regional Strategy: In the recently established Manukau City Centre, the Auckland Synod and the Development Division have represented Methodist commitment to the establishment of an inter-church centre involving seven denominations; Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army.

At present the churches have a temporary building in Manukau City Centre - "Friendship House". Three of the churches, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian, have agreed to be financially involved in the erection of a permanent centre costing around \$500,000. "Friendship House" operates primarily during the week with the intention of responding to the needs of shoppers and workers in the new city centre.

The one-eighth Methodist share in the cost of the building is being met through Connexional and District sources, as there is no congregational base for this enterprise.

Connexional Strategy: Early in the year, when the Division recognised there would be serious shortage of Ministers available for appointment in 1978, it resolved to suggest alternative strategies to meet the problem.

The Division identified six alternative strategies.

- A. Increase the number of Circuits/Parishes left without appointment - with the option to make what local arrangements possible.
- B. Recruit - select - candidates for self-supporting Ministry - in service theological training for an extended period leading to ordination.
- C. Appoint "Interim" lay pastors who are authorised by Conference to "administer the sacraments".
- D. Rationalization of Circuit boundaries to free existing Minister/s for appointment to more strategic areas.
- E. Commissioning of a "core of leaders" to collectively exercise Ministry within a congregation - community.
- F. Request neighbouring Anglican/Presbyterian Parishes to provide a "Shared Ministry" for the Circuit left without appointment.

Having done this, it carefully analysed the advantages and disadvantages within each alternative.

It then resolved to share its findings with District Synods.

Consequently, each Synod was given the background material and invited to form an overall regional strategy which would lead to the most advantageous deployment of Ministers, recognising:-

- (a) The current shortage of Ministers;
- (b) The six alternatives suggested by the Division;
- (c) That Circuit boundaries be not seen as rigid territorial definitions of Ministry - but a legacy from the past that requires rigorous analysis.

To date one District, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, had held a special evening session at the August Synod led by Barry Jones, and identified the characteristics of marginal circuits/parishes and explored the range of alternatives in terms of Ministry and future strategy. The Finance and Pastoral Committee of the Synod has been formed into a special task group to raise with Circuits alternative strategies before Conference 1977.

2. MAKING DISCIPLES

The Division's Task Group centred in Palmerston North has found the report/evaluation forms it prepared last year, invaluable for helping Circuits/Parishes assess their programmes. From the various reports received, the Task Group has been able to identify some helpful learnings to help local Churches be more effective in their Making Disciples efforts.

In August a Making Disciples action folder was distributed to all Ministers. Included in the contents were; six stories of Making Disciples programmes - a list of learnings arising from these and other programmes held recently - material from the World Methodist Conference concerning "A Call to covenant to make Evangelism central in the life of the Congregation" - programmes and resources currently available to help Making Disciples programmes.

At present the Task Group is investigating the use of the report sheet as a planning tool as well as an aid to evaluation. A pilot programme is being planned to prepare people to act as resource leaders to help Circuits/Parishes plan, promote and evaluate Making Disciples programmes.

3. CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES

1. Pastoral support for Ministers and their families in Co-operative Ventures

The Auckland Joint Regional Committee has raised the matter of providing consistent pastoral care for Ministers in co-operating ventures. At present the Auckland heads of the negotiating churches are meeting regularly to discover effective ways of providing pastoral support.

In Northland, a Pastoral Committee comprising the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Archdeacon, the District Chairman and the President of the Union District Council has been formed to co-ordinate the pastoral support for Ministers in co-operative ventures.

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension is monitoring these two initiatives and when clear guidelines emerge it will circulate these to all Joint Regional Committees.

11. The orientation of Clergy and Congregations
in Co-operative Ventures

A Methodist "orientation kit", prepared and collated initially by the Development Division, has been accepted by the Joint National Committee on Church Extension as a model for the other negotiating churches to follow. At present the J.N.C.C.E. is assembling and editing material prepared by each of the negotiating churches which will provide, in a written form, information to help clergy and congregations in co-operative ventures acknowledge the distinctive traditions and customs of the participating churches.

11i. Financial guidelines for use in Co-operating Parishes

Through the J.N.C.C.E., two consultations have been held in order to provide acceptable procedures that will regularise financial arrangements in co-operating Parishes. In particular the concerns were: proportionate allocations to the work of the Parent Churches - Superannuation payments - rates of remuneration for Ministers - proportions for Grant-in-Aid from the Parent Churches.

Arising from the consultations have come a number of recommendations which the J.N.C.C.E. has incorporated as additions to the Guidelines for Co-operating Parishes.

4. SAMOAN MINISTRY

Over the past year the Board of the Development Division has responded to issues of Samoan Ministry as raised either by Rev. Amituana'i or the Samoan Policy Committee (see 1977 Annual Report of the Samoan Policy Committee, Items 1 and 6).

Throughout the consideration of issues brought before it, the Division has understood its prime role to be supportive of the work of the Samoan Policy Committee. The Board acknowledges this subsidiary role as the Policy Committee, and not the Development Division, is the Conference's standing committee on Samoan affairs.

5. EPWORTH BOOKROOM (Auckland)

(1) Accountancy Services

Until last year these were provided by a firm of Accountants. However, they are now provided by the Overseas/Maori/Development Divisions' Accountant and the proportionate cost of the service charged to the Bookroom. The range of skills, advice and information now available is of tremendous assistance to the Bookroom staff.

(ii) Anglican Investment of Capital

The Bookroom carries stocks of denominational material for the Anglican and Presbyterian churches. Both churches were invited to make an investment of capital into the Bookroom to enable the purchase of additional stock with wider appeal and interest to Church members and the public.

The Presbyterian Church declined the invitation, but the Auckland Anglican Diocese made an interest free loan of \$2,500 available in recognition of the service the Bookroom provides for the Diocese.

(iii) Retirement of Mr. Reg Woodhams

Mr. Woodhams commenced his duties as Manager of the Bookroom on the 1st May 1965. On the 31st December of this year, he retires after 12½ years of sterling service to the Church.

During the time of Mr. Woodhams' managership the task of maintaining and developing a religious bookshop has not been easy. Over recent years both the Anglican and Presbyterian Bookshops have closed down, as have a few inter-denominational Bookshops.

Mr. Woodhams will be remembered for the enthusiasm, drive and humour he brought to the task as Manager. During his term as Manager, he has ensured the success of the Bookroom as an effective outlet for Christian literature.

(iv) New Manager

Mr. Alan Bailey was appointed Manager - designate on the 1st July 1976. He will take over as Manager in the New Year.

The Bookroom Committee is convinced that the high standard of the Bookroom's operations will continue under Mr. Bailey's enthusiastic leadership.

D. B. GORDON, CHAIRMAN.

B.E. JONES, SUPERINTENDENT.

Recommendation

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

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

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The meeting of the Samoan Policy Committee on 7 May 1977 considered the following issues:

1. PART-TIME CIRCUIT APPOINTMENT FOR REV. SIAUALA AMITUANAI

(a) A review of possible options for Rev. Amituanai's ministry during his second 3 year appointment to the New Zealand Conference.

In July 1976 the Development Division discussed with Rev. Amituanai the focus of his ministry in view of the beginning of a second three year term and the growing need for more concentrated ministry among Samoan families, especially in Auckland.

The Board identified three alternatives as to the future focus of Siauala's 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 involvements in one Circuit.

In response to these three options Siauala said he favoured the second one. He gave the following reasons for his choice:

(i) "The decision of the Auckland Synod to create a Cultural and Community Centre for Samoans at St. Johns, Ponsonby can only become a reality if more of my time is given over to this.

(ii) "Like any other minister in the Church, I appreciate the pastoral support my Samoan people give me and my family. I believe this can be particularly helpful when there is a close relationship between the minister and his people as in a local congregation.

(iii) "My concern that Samoans should begin to accept a share of responsibility for my support. It seems to me that the most practicable way of beginning this is through a part-time appointment to a Circuit."

(b) The response of the Tokoroa, Gisborne, Hastings, Petone and Wellington Fellowships.

When the Board received Siauala's comments and the resolution of the Auckland District Fellowship supporting the second option, it agreed to seek the response of the other District Samoans Fellowships to the suggestion that Siauala undertake a part-time Circuit appointment and the Auckland District's endorsement of the second option.

None of the Fellowships consulted were in favour of the suggestion. In general their concerns were the same:

(i) The mandate for Siauala's ministry is that he exercises a ministry to all Samoans under the oversight and care of the

New Zealand Methodist Conference.

(ii) If Siauala should undertake a part-time Circuit appointment, it would mean a reduction in his ministry to centres outside of Auckland.

(c) Conference review and resolutions.

In view of the division of opinion the Board agreed that the matter of Siauala undertaking a part-time Circuit ministry in Auckland should be referred to the Conference's General Purposes Committee.

The Board proposed to the Committee the following two recommendations:

(i) That Siauala undertake a part-time ministry during 1977 in the Auckland Central Circuit with particular reference to the St. John's Ponsonby congregation.

(ii) That the Chairman of the Auckland District arrange for additional assistance to the Central Circuit to ensure that Siauala is able to maintain his Connexional ministry outside of Auckland area.

Siauala himself, was present at the General Purposes Committee when the report and recommendations were received and approved. The Conference Committee "E" also discussed the recommendations and endorsed them. It also made an additional recommendation about finding accredited Samoan laymen to assist Siauala's ministry:

(iii) That the Development Division investigate what ordained and accredited lay Samoan persons are available and suitable to meet the needs for ministry among Samoan families under the authority of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, and report to Church Council 1977.

Conference itself approved the three recommendations c.f. 1976 Minutes of Conference, page 167 & 168.

The Rev. Amituanai reported that in February 1977 he had taken up his Conference appointment as minister in charge of St. John's Church, Ponsonby, within the Auckland Central Circuit. The appointment is in conjunction with the Development Division on the understanding that he would continue to support ministry to the other Samoan speaking congregations with the New Zealand Methodist Church. This means, that from time to time he travels to Tokoroa, Gisborne, Hastings, Petone and Wellington to minister to them and train their leaders. He also acts as Convener of the Samoan Policy Committee and Chairman of the Auckland Samoan District. In addition, he has special responsibilities relating to the building and organising of the District Samoan Centre at Ponsonby.

2. NATIONAL SAMOAN YOUTH CAMP

The Wellington District Samoan Fellowship propose that an annual national Samoan Youth Camp be organised. In the discussion it was outlined that the Camp would have a theme as it is intended to provide opportunity for learning and sharing rather than be a holiday camp.

It was agreed that the proposal for a Youth Camp be referred back to local Samoan Fellowships and if their responses were favourable, the Convener of the Samoan Policy Committee, Rev. Amituanai, be requested to initiate action.

3. EXAMINATIONS AND ACCREDITATION OF SAMOAN LAY PREACHERS

Following the adoption of the principle that the N.Z. Lay Preacher's course material and examination be made available in the Samoan language, discussions were held between the Convener of the Samoan Policy Committee, Rev. Amituanai, and the Education Division. Arising from the discussions, the Education Division requested the Samoan Policy Committee to nominate tutors and examiners for Samoan Lay Preacher candidates. The following nominations were made by the Committee:

Examiners: Mr Lani Tupu, Mr Matamua Samuelu,
Rev. Don Carrington and Rev. Siauala Amituanai
Tutors: Mr Alaivae Aiolupo, Vaiao Eteuati

4. THE USE OF N.Z. METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY BY SAMOAN CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONS

Arising out of the general discussions concerning the relationship with the Samoan Conference, reference was made to the use of Church buildings by Samoan Methodist congregations.

The Committee acknowledged that the New Zealand Conference policy is that property be made available to the Samoan Conference congregations when they request the use of buildings.

However, it was agreed that there was a need to provide guidance for Palagi ministers, for Church Trusts and to establish procedures to regulate communications with the Samoan Conference and the New Zealand Samoan Synod as to how the arrangements for the use of buildings are to be made.

A set of procedures was agreed to by the Committee, and these are set out under resolution 2. below.

5. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL SAMOAN MINISTERS

The Committee reaffirmed its concern that the Conference act quickly in meeting explicit requests for the appointment of additional Samoan Ministers.

6. REVIEW OF MINISTRY AMONG SAMOANS

The Auckland District Samoan Fellowship sought an opinion from the 1976 Policy Committee as to the advisability of a Samoan Division being established 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.

Early in 1977 Siauala Amituanai and Barry Jones met to prepare a report for the Development Division to introduce the possibilities of a Samoan Division. Instead of a written report however, they presented three exploratory models - a semi autonomous Samoan Division, an autonomous Samoan Division and a Pacific Islanders Division. When these were discussed at the March meeting of the Development Division a fourth model - the existing pattern of Samoan ministry was added.

These exploratory models were then circulated by the Convener of the Samoan Policy Committee (Rev. Amituanai) to all District Samoan Fellowships. In addition the April meeting of the Development Division spent a considerable time hearing the reasons given by the Auckland District Samoan Fellowship for their choice of the autonomous model.

The factor that influenced the decision of the Auckland District Samoan Fellowship was identified as followed:

(a) The Spiritual needs of Samoans are not being fully met by the Palagi services. The Palagi do not provide enough services. The Samoans are accustomed to up to two or three services in the Samoan language every Sunday.

(b) There is a lack of communication between Palagi ministers and Samoans who do not speak English well.

(c) A number of people are still coming in from Samoa but are not used to the English language and are having great difficulty in understanding English.

(d) It is alright for young Samoans but not for the older people. Elderly people who come from Samoa ask their children to take them to the Congregational Church where the service is in Samoan.

(e) There is a difference in the system of worship in the actual service. Only in the Samoan services do the people feel complete.

(f) Finance. The Samoan people are now facing a heavy burden of finance. Many send money back to Samoa even though they cannot afford it. They support their local Palagi Church, then the Samoan local Fellowship, then the Samoan District Committee and this is a burden to a lot of people. Samoans care for their parents, giving them money all the time, but giving money to so many causes becomes a burden.

(g) Having a Samoan Division will not divide us, but rather strengthen the Methodist Church. Half of the Samoans in New Zealand belong to the Pacific Island Presbyterian Church. There are many Methodists there. The reason is, that there are Samoan ministers and language services. The proof of this is that before Siauala's appointment the Auckland Samoan District Fellowship was not strong and Samoan Services were not

well attended. The District Fellowship service is now a packed service. Because he has started local services many Samoans are coming under the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

While no clear consensus emerges from the discussion of the Development Division it was recognised that in terms of the requests of the Samoan Policy Committee, the Division had a responsibility to help facilitate discussion of the issue within the various Samoan District Fellowships.

As a guide to District Samoan Fellowships, Siauala Amituanai and Barry Jones drafted out a statement of the possible ways that a Samoan Division might operate, locally, regionally and nationally under the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Methodist Conference.

At 1977 Policy Committee meeting the various District Fellowships indicated their responses to the four exploratory models.

The major points to emerge in the discussion were:

- (a) How would the Palagi feel to go to an all Samoan language service every week? Would they go to sleep?
- (b) We would like to meet the needs of Samoans.
- (c) These ideas have been shown to work more effectively in the Pacific Island Presbyterian Church and the Samoan Methodist Conference congregations.
- (d) Some expressed strong support for the continuation of mixed congregation life.
- (e) Strong plea for autonomy which is interpreted to mean:
 - (i) Under present system Samoan elders do not take part in the decision making of the Church because of language difficulty. We need a new structure so that Samoan leaders may play a full share in the Quarterly Meeting etc.
 - (ii) Family relationships deteriorate under Palagi rules and management.
 - (iii) The quality of fellowship is less and almost "paralysed".
 - (iv) In difficult times of family crises (faalavelave) Samoan Custom has good ways of solving these problems.
 - (v) Relatives and people's families from Samoa usually do not stay with the families who are tied to European congregations. They do not feel at home in the services.
 - (vi) Our work is not yet alive because the English language will not carry the life for all our people.
 - (vii) Some do not want division with the rest of the Church. They argue that there are not enough workers to run a Division. There would be too much duplication, two people doing the same thing. The benefits are not worth the breaches that would result. What happens when

we withdraw our financial support from our Palagi congregations?

Because there was no clear preference for any of the suggested possibilities the matter was referred to local Fellowships for further study with a view to it being discussed at the first of the two Policy Committee Meetings next year.

7. FREQUENCY OF SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

It was resolved that as from 1978 the Samoan Policy Committee meet twice during each year, so that more time can be spent on raising and reflecting on issues relating to the Church's ministry among Samoans.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE FOR 1978

AUCKLAND: Folasa Tupu, Arona Galuvao, Fono Kitiona, Alaivae
Aiolupo, Nagaseu Iosefa, Soolefai Toa, Sione Taao,
Matamua Vili, Matamua Samuelu, Maifala Toomata.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY: Alesana Letoa, Solomonu Usu.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Joe Unasa, Litala Tuimaseve.

WELLINGTON: Salafai Mika, Malo Tiapue, Iosia Taulelei,
Lani Tupu, Faleula Faguloa.

P.A. STEAD, Chairman

S.T. AMITUANAI, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the procedures for handling requests from Samoan Conference congregations for the use of Methodist property be:
 - (i) That the Rev. Amituanai be consulted in person or by letter as soon as the request is received by the local Church.
 - (ii) That the Rev. Amituanai report the request to the Samoan Policy Committee.
 - (iii) That the Samoan Policy Committee through the Convener advise the President of the New Zealand Methodist Conference as to the nature of the Church's response to the request.
- (b) That the use of Methodist property by Samoan Conference congregations be jointly reviewed every three years by the Samoan congregations and the Circuit concerned.



TE TAHA MAORI O TE HAAHI WETERIANA

(b) Methodist Maori Division

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TENA KOUTOU KATOA i nga haringa, i nga pouritanga hoki o te wa me nga marama kua taha. Kia piki te ora tinana me te ora wairua ki tena, ki tena, huri noa.

We welcome again this opportunity to mihi all members from the Cape to the Bluff and overseas, and to remember with gratitude and respect all who have died in the months since we last reported. We remember and record our tribute to Charles E. Roke who endeared himself to our people by his utter loyalty and dedication. He was a man of the Bible and witnessed faithfully to his Lord and Saviour with zeal. We express our arohanui to Mrs Roke and family, and all other members of the Connexional family who have suffered bereavement during the year.

We honour Queen Te Atairangikaahu, and together with her husband, Te Whatumoana, their family and elders of Waikato-Maniapoto, encompass her into our hope and prayers for continuing strength, wisdom and guidance.

LEADERSHIP

Demands upon our existing staff continue to be heavy. We regret the resignation of Taotahi Pihama, but gladly received the offer of Renata Willing to serve us more directly in the Taranaki Rohe. Recognition of the service many of our Honorary Home Missionaries give to the wider community was further reflected in the O.B.E. conferred on Te Uira Tuteao Manihera of Hamilton. During the year we received the offer of Ngaonepu Kahu of Patea to serve as a Honorary Home Missionary, and of two existing Honorary Home Missionaries to serve full-time whenever resources permitted. We rejoice in these offers knowing that some of our present staff are nearing their time of retirement and also, because of a strongly supported recommendation that a full-time ministry be exercised in Wellington. Our Tumuaki was again called to participate in meetings overseas; we value the personal resource directly available to us through his wider church and ecumenical contacts.

FINANCE

In common with circuit and other ministries we find our particular financial dilemma coming to focus in the area of

increasing stipends. As 75-80% of our Division's budget is stipend content there is a direct bearing on the number of field staff able to be appointed. Since responding to the demand for ministries in Otautahi-Te Waipounamu and Pooneke our staff in the field is at a minimum; from 27 ten years ago, we are now operating with 13 and one half-time. To some extent the reduction is the result of a change in emphasis. However, more deliberate efforts to increase the numbers of self-supporting ministers, in particular, Honorary Home Missionaries, in every Rohe has not been able to match present economic and inflationary trends. We recognise financial strains the present situation is imposing on some of our staff members, especially in the area of travelling allowances, where funds do not permit full Conference rates being paid.

Ways and means of involving all members in a greater stewardship commitment beyond their own Region and Circuit is constantly before us. In this connection we acknowledge and express appreciation of the financial assistance received from the wider church through the Connexional Budget and other sources.

PROPERTY SURVEY

To obtain some overall assessment of the need for and value of our properties, a survey was set as one of the Board's objectives for the year. All except the Taranaki Rohe have been surveyed to date and the reports are now under consideration for appropriate action. We are grateful to members of District Property Committees and Chairmen who helped in the exercise.

TE ROOPU WAAHINE

Our women maintain a network of relations with each other within and between Rohe, as well as with members of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, on whose National Executive Sister Barbara Miller and Paringahau Waaka are presently serving. Members of Te Roopu Waahine are also active in numerous local community groups. The annual Huihuinga held at Dargaville in May was an enjoyable time spent together in learning and fellowship.

YOUTH

Our programme for youth throughout each Rohe remains uneven, but helping to provide local and regional stimulus are the annual Youth Conferences. This year's Conference was held over Queen's Birthday weekend at Dargaville, and was again planned and organised by the Youth Council under the leadership of its current President, Patrick Briggs.

MARAE MEETINGS

The venue for most of our Division's meetings continue to be the marae. Not only are they serving to strengthen our

own Divisional sense of belonging, but they are also helping to deepen our knowledge and appreciation of each other's tribal heritage and tradition. This year saw the first ever meeting of the Board in the Wellington District when we met at Maraeroa, Porirua, in July. Out Hui-a-tau will be held at Waahi Pa, Huntly, over Labour Weekend. Worship, fellowship and sharing of concerns will be held within the context of the theme, "Hei Kai Mahi; Kaua Hei Kai Whakarongo Anake".

HOSTELS

Te Rahui Tane/Wahine

Both Hostels have maintained their maximum, or near maximum of boarders and staff has remained constant, with Mr. Harry and Wini Katipa managing the former and Mr. Paddy and Maude Nikora the latter. We appreciate the practical support and interest that Rohe, District, Maori Affairs Department and Technical Institute personnel continue to show in the Hostels. We report again, however, little further progress in the matter of installing heating at Te Rahui Tane owing to costs.

Seamer House

A more satisfying year can be reported with boarders remaining constant at around 24. The unemployment situation proved a problem for several in the early part of the year, but overall, problems have been minimal. Participation and sharing in the weekly tasks by the young women themselves is encouraging; a family atmosphere has prevailed and this year, regular devotional and worship sessions have been maintained with the help of Mrs. Mary Te Whare.

At a cost of over \$2,400 the fire alarm system has been upgraded and major fire-proofing work is contemplated for later in the year, when there will be less inconvenience to the normal running of the Hostel. The Board has made it clear, however, that unless there is assurance of continuing financial support from the Department of Maori Affairs this major work should not proceed.

Seamer House was again the recipient of a \$300 donation from the Auckland Savings Bank. We record our thanks to the A.S.B. which has acknowledged the service offered in this tangible way for a number of years now.

Consultation

In accordance with resolution 2, page 257 of the 1976 Minutes of Conference a consultation on Hostels was held at Te Rahui Tane, Hamilton, on the 16, 17 April. Although insufficient time prevented several issues being explored fully, a comprehensive report containing papers presented at the consultation and a collated summary of the discussion that ensued, has been compiled and distributed. Some of the points emerging from the consultation are as follows:

- * A reaffirming that our Methodist Maori Hostels continue to meet social, cultural, educational and spiritual needs arising among our young people today. Hostels still are an important part of the church's programme of service and outreach.
- * Policies and structures, however, needed to be flexible and sensitive to changing emphases in needs. For instance, today's young Maori's search for identity as well as competence in coping with a predominantly non-Maori world.
- * A Christian presence and 'home away from home', rather than an institution merely providing accommodation and meals, remains the basic philosophy of those managing our Hostels.
- * In realising this underlying objective a great deal depends upon the Matron, or Matron and Master. A genuine sense of vocation and Christian dedication continues to be crucial.
- * Parents generally expected Hostels to help inculcate the kind of social graces, cultural nurture and spiritual awareness not so readily available in home and community.
- * Under present day financial stringencies considerable strain is imposed on Church resources. It is necessary therefore to reflect seriously on whether or not a strategy of 'doing less but doing it better,' should be pursued. Also the extent to which Government financial commitment should be sought.
- * The importance of communication between all parties concerned in Hostels is stressed. In this connection members present at the consultation valued the opportunity to meet personally and share common concerns and experience.

We record our thanks to all who responded to the invitation to attend the consultation and in particular, to Moke Couch and Charlie Fenwick who assumed the responsibility on behalf of the Board to set it up.

The consultation gave special consideration to RANGIATEA and issued a separate report which has been the subject of subsequent thought and discussion.

All this has helped toward clarifying the situation that has prevented us reaching any firm conclusions relating to the income and reserve fund of the KAI IWI TRUST. We remain aware of the advice awaited and are hopeful of being able to respond in a positive way before too long.

RELATIONSHIPS

Staff members with longer experience of relations between our two peoples within the Connexional family note significant changes by drawing attention to a more consistent use of "our"

and "we" rather than "you" and "us" as we address each other. We believe a greater sense of belonging is developing among us, and are encouraged by the deliberate focus Conference 1976 gave to the question of our relationships by allotting specific tasks to the Public Questions Committee and Education Division.

Beyond ourselves we continue extending relationships toward Pacific Islanders, the community at large and the Maori membership of other churches. In the latter connection we relate especially in the NCC Maori Section where this year's studies and discussions have included: A National Maori Church in N.Z. the Constitution of the Maori Section; New Bible Readers in Maori; Racism; Maori and Pacific Island Religious Broadcasts; the Urban Marae; Identifying and relating to Maori Issues today, etc. The printed report of the Liquor Seminar sponsored by the NCC Maori Section and Church and Society Commission became available during the year and copies have been distributed to staff and lay leaders. The report notes, that among factors contributing to excessive drinking among Maori and Pacific Islanders is the established N.Z. pattern of drinking.

PUBLIC MAORI ISSUES

Among the several issues which have arisen Bastion Point has drawn the most publicity and prolonged concern. Significantly it embodies fundamental land grievances having their origin in the Treaty of Waitangi, and were the basis for the 1975 protest march and forming of Te Roopu o te Matekite.

The grievances persist for a variety of reasons, but stem primarily from two very different cultural understandings about land—one being strongly communal and spiritually oriented, the other individualistic and material. The two differences found violent expression in the wars of the 1860s, and to all intent and purposes, were resolved then and reinforced subsequently by numerous pieces of complex land legislation, in favour of the latter understanding and value placed on land.

Acts passed by Parliament in the 1860s opened the way for prospective purchasers and lessees to negotiate with ten or less persons rather than with a whole tribe or sub-tribe in the customary way. Certificates of title as primary evidence of ownership were issued, and those who were initially acting as trustees for the tribe concerned, eventually became owners under later legislation and at liberty to dispose of land at will.

Such early land legislation permitted Maori land to be alienated at an alarming rate, and encouraged considerable malpractice, internal strife and bickering, and the increasing disintegration of the tribal/sub-tribal community fabric.

Many Acts of Parliament have been passed since in an effort to remedy past injustices, but as Maori response to more recent legislation—the Public Works Act; Maori Affairs Amendment Acts 1953, 1967; the Town and Country Planning Act; Counties Amendment Act, etc.—has shown, grievances still remain, largely as a

consequence of legislation and court procedures failing to give due recognition to Maori identity and attitude to land.

Bastion Point

Having issued the Ngati Whatua elders with a certificate of title to the 700 acres granted in 1869 and declared to be "forever inalienable", the Native Land Court in 1898 partitioned the block and made the 13 or so trustees, owners. This illegal action paved the way for the Crown purchases that followed. The Public Works Act further enabled the Crown to take by proclamation in 1950-51 remaining land which the Ngati Whatua residents did not wish to part with. Finally, therefore, they were left in the 1950s with but a third acre comprising the church-building and cemetery.

Since 1975 local efforts to remedy the situation have been intensified. The Government has been approached to return without payment 90 acres together with the state rental houses into which local Ngati Whatua families were relocated in the 1950s. From last December these efforts assumed the form of protest action under Mr. Joe Hawke.

Negotiations have continued, but in the process dissension has grown among the local Ngati Whatua residents with respect to the claim being advanced and the form in which the protest is being expressed. A Kaumatua group has therefore emerged and is pursuing an alternative proposal involving the return of some 13 acres to be administered by a Ngati Whatua Board. They are prepared to forgo justifiable claims against the Crown for this return, and support the Crown's scheme for developing the area in question. It is understood that Government is willing to negotiate on this basis as soon as the protest action group has moved off the Bastion Point site.

In the meantime, the two Ngati Whatua factions are endeavouring to resolve their differences, and it is believed that, while supporting the underlying contention that injustice has been done and some restitution is called for, the Ngati Whatua people immediately concerned should be assured of the necessary freedom and time to work out the precise nature and form of their claim.

Morehu Te Whare

Co-chairmen

Te Marunui Toki

Ruawai D. Rakena Tumuaki

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Ruawai D. Rakena be designated for appointment by Conference 1978 as Tumuaki for a second term of up to six years.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS DIVISION

REPORT OF JOINT INTERIM BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

Several factors have combined to make 1977 a year of transition for the overseas divisions of our two churches. As from last Assembly the Rev. D.M. Riddle withdrew in consequence of his appointment to Greymouth, and the Rev. C.R. Wilson was appointed Chairman in his place. The Rev. R.F. Clement continues as Deputy Chairman. The Executive Secretary, the Rev. D.E. Duncan, retires on 31 January 1978 after ten years as Assistant Secretary and eight years in his present post. During 1977 the Special Sub-Committee appointed by last Assembly and Conference has been enquiring into the theological basis of mission overseas, the scope of the work to which our churches should be addressing themselves, and the administrative structures required. The report of the Special Sub-Committee, and its reception by Assembly and Conference, will be of crucial interest to the Board and will have a marked effect on the future of the overseas work.

The Board has approached its work positively and its members have faced a demanding year of satisfying progress. Initial uncertainties, inevitable in the bringing together of two traditions, are beginning to disappear and the advantages of a united approach are becoming evident.

The Board has appointed the following sub-committees: New Work and Policy, Ecumenical, Finance, Publicity, Interviewing and Staff, and Administration. Most items of business are considered by the appropriate sub-committee which then recommends appropriate action to the full Board. This procedure assures that adequate thought is given and business is handled efficiently.

There are three matters of particular concern the Board would bring to the attention of the churches.

(a) The Continuing Need for Overseas Involvement. The concept of mission overseas has been the object of close scrutiny for some time. In the ongoing debate and with much talk of "moratorium", it is understandable that there should be a popular idea abroad that "the day of overseas mission" is past. Nothing could be further from the truth. Two world conferences in recent years, at Bangkok and Lausanne, have affirmed the urgency of mission across the frontiers of the nations - for the health of churches in every land, including those of the west, for the welfare of the communities the churches exist to serve, and for the extension of God's purpose in establish-

ing freedom, justice and peace for His people. The direction of mission and the activities by which it is carried out have changed and will continue to change. But the rapidity of social, economic and political change in our day gives added urgency to Christ's commission to His Church, and the call to mission is no less ~~compelling~~ than in earlier times.

(b) Financial Stress. With financial pressure on our churches and with the implications of inflation, the Board has not been able to maintain the same level of support of previous years in terms of work accomplished. The number of New Zealanders that we are able to finance in overseas appointments has continued to decrease. While accepting the limits set by the Finance Committees of our churches and recognising the restraints under which they work, we must firmly and emphatically state our concern that the mission of the church is affected, and seriously, by lack of necessary resources.

That we have been able to diversify the forms of our participation in mission overseas is cause for rejoicing, but this is not a substitute to excuse us when, for lack of funds, we have to decline pressing invitations from overseas partners to assist in their work by sending people with urgently needed skills.

(c) Informing the N.Z. Churches of Changing Relationships. The concept of partnership with churches in other lands is an exciting one related to the needs of these lands and utilising all the skills and insights God has given to His people in those lands. It is a concept that has guided our two churches in their work overseas for many years, and it is helping to establish and extend churches so well established in their own native soil that they will endure and grow whatever political or social upheaval may occur. We are concerned that we have not yet been able to solve the problem of communicating this to the home churches. The effectiveness of work undertaken by our overseas staff is second to none, yet many members of the church show little interest but wax enthusiastic about what others missions are doing.

We are involved in fostering relationships between churches and peoples who have been drawn into common endeavours by Christ and made responsible for each other by the outworking of His love. This is a greater, more complex and more demanding task than that of servicing our overseas staff members. The latter is important, but it is only a small part of the total task. Our churches have yet to grasp the full significance of the work being undertaken on their behalf.

OVERSEAS VISITORS. During the year our churches were enriched by a visit from the Moderator of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, the Rev. Leslie Boseto and Mrs. Boseto. They travelled widely through the country and made their own unique contribution whether in church services, family weekends, A.P.W. Conferences or personal contacts.

A delegation representing the Council of Churches in Indonesia, the Rev. J.H. Wirakotan, Mrs. M.A. Dharma and Mr. D. Maakh, likewise stimulated wider interest in their church and people and challenged us by their faith and sincerity. Although largely funded by the Joint Board, the Indonesian itinerary was arranged through the National Council of Churches in New Zealand. Valuable as the visit was, we have expressed some disappointment that even better use was not made of the opportunity.

The Rev. Wala Guria and his wife, Maki, came from the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to serve for three months in St. Paul's, Invercargill. This was arranged under the Overseas Experience Scheme to widen the experience and strengthen the ministry of pastors of such churches as those of Papua New Guinea and the New Hebrides. We are grateful to St. Paul's people for their willingness to participate in the scheme and glad that they received so much benefit from their visitors.

OVERSEAS CONFERENCES. In February the Rev. Graham Horwell attended the final meetings of the Australian Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Mission Boards. When these three churches united in June, their overseas mission activity was brought together under the Commission for World Mission (C.F.W.M.) which has a similar relationship to the Uniting Church of Australia as the Joint Interim Board for Mission Overseas has with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand.

The Rev. Geoff Tucker represented the Methodist Church of New Zealand at the Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia, held in June at Penang, Malaysia.

The Chair, the Rev. Challis Wilson, represented the Joint Interim Board at a conference called by the Council of Churches in Indonesia (D.G.I). Its purpose was to draw together representatives of the member churches of the D.G.I. and of their overseas partners to consider the very wide question of the exchange of personnel both from within and from outside Indonesia. From this consultation came the decision that, in the first phase, planning involves new personnel for evangelism,

lay training, theological education, etc, for which 36 Indonesian and 16 overseas church personnel are being sought for 1977-78. Mr. Wilson also took the opportunity to visit leaders of churches in Indonesia and Singapore with which we have relationships, and staff members Dr. and Mrs. I.J. Cairns, the Rev. R.M. Paterson, the Rev. and Mrs. S.H. Rae and Dr. & Mrs. J.A. Veitch.

Mr. Horwell attended the inauguration of the new Council for World Mission (C.W.M.) in London on 18 July. After three busy weeks in the United Kingdom, he spent a month in India, visiting the Church of North India, its projects and institutions in which we have particular interest, and members of our staff there, Miss M.O. Bear, Dr. B.O. Howie, Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Kibblewhite, the Rev. C.H. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. B.M. Laugesen and the Rev. D.M. Riddell.

These visits were the subjects of special reports to the Joint Interim Board, and proved of considerable value.

THE NEW COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION. The Council for World Mission (C.W.M) came into existence a few years ago to continue the work of the former Congregational Council for World Mission. The change was necessary because in some countries the Congregational Church had entered into union with other churches.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, through the Committee on Mission Overseas, was involved in C.W.M. because most Congregational Churches in New Zealand had merged with the Presbyterian Church. This entitles the Joint Interim Board to appoint one member of the Council and Mr. Horwell was appointed.

In the last two years C.W.M. has undergone extensive restructuring in order to allow greater participation from third world churches. The inauguration of the new Council for World Mission was held in London on 18 July. Membership now includes representatives of all partner churches, numbering 22. In the new form of the Council, all policy decisions are made jointly by the representatives of the churches of Asia, the Pacific, Africa, Caribbean and Britain. Mr. Horwell has been appointed to the Executive which meets twice yearly in different parts of the world.

COST OF LIVING SURVEY. Guided by Mr. Ray Taylor of the Ministry Committee's Stipends sub-committee, a comprehensive survey has been carried out to relate purchasing power of salaries received in the country of service to purchasing

power in New Zealand. This has been a major and very time-consuming exercise involving each overseas staff member in pricing a comprehensive "basket of goods" and two secretaries doing likewise in New Zealand. The Board is now confident that salaries are being adjusted where required to ensure that overseas staff are not at a financial disadvantage as compared with ministers in New Zealand. Our very warm thanks have been extended to Mr. Taylor.

PUBLICITY. A sub-committee of the Joint Interim Board has spent some time looking at effective publicity that will help the New Zealand Church appreciate the relationships we have with overseas churches. At present "Beyond our Shores" goes out each month and regular articles appear in "New Citizen", "The Outlook", "News and Views" and "Harvest Field". Films, tapes, slides, photographs, etc. are available from the Auckland office.

"Mahi Tahi", the missionary magazine for children has had difficulties with rising costs and so ceased publication at the end of June. However, because there are many people who would like to see a missionary magazine for children continue, the Association of Presbyterian Women, the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Joint Interim Board are investigating the effectiveness of "Mahi Tahi" and how this should be done. When proposals have been formulated, it is intended to consult with the Councils of our two churches.

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE. The Overseas Volunteer Service sub-committee has continued to fulfil its task, processing applications, keeping in touch with volunteers and with the needs in the various areas. During this year two volunteers have returned to New Zealand at the completion of their service - Gaye Nicholls from Silimaauri Health Centre, and Raewyn Rapley who was tutor to the Calvert and Whimp children in the New Hebrides. Volunteers at present overseas - Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Coss from Palmerston North are in India where Mr. Coss is supervising building at St. Thomas' School, and Mrs. Coss assisting with office work; and Miss Janet Maydon who has taken over teaching the Calvert and Whimp children in the New Hebrides. The sub-committee is always keen to hear from anyone interested in giving voluntary service overseas.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Theological Training. A significant event for the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides was the inauguration of the new theological course centred at Aulua, Malekula. The Rev. Neal J. Whimp is the Principal and only resident staff member. A

former mission house and auxiliary buildings are being used and some additional accommodation is being provided from building materials salvaged from the dismantling of the old Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila. Twelve students began the course in April and they will spend an equal amount of time at Aulua doing study and in parishes with senior ministers.

Political Situation. There have been further developments in the political future of the New Hebrides. The Representative Assembly elected in November 1975 was unable to function satisfactorily because of the action by the Condominium authorities, and was finally boycotted by the New Hebrideans. Talks were held in July in Paris but the Vanuaku Party (National) did not attend as it was felt that any talks on the future of the New Hebrides should now be held in the New Hebrides. At the Paris meeting, it was decided to move towards Independence in 1980.

New Hebrides Work Party. 130 people, the largest group yet to go to the New Hebrides under the auspices of the New Hebrides Association, spent approximately three weeks there in June / July of this year. A great variety of work was undertaken by the men and women of the party.

INDIA.

Ludhiana Appeal. This was established by the Ludhiana N.Z. Fellowship and efforts within the churches are in support of the Fellowship's endeavours. The action taken by the Presbyterian Assembly last year in authorising a major undertaking within the Church has proved crucial to the success of the Appeal. Early in the year the Government was of a mind to terminate its offer at the end of the financial year, 31 March 1977. The Government was concerned that so little had been received and that there appeared to be no likelihood that the balance required would be raised within a reasonable time. On being informed that the Presbyterian Church had mounted a major appeal to climax in April, the Minister of Foreign Affairs agreed to extend the offer until 31 December 1977.

Two factors have added to the amount required to be raised in order to qualify for the \$500,000 of Government support, a condition of which is that the total balance required for the building be available. When the Appeal was launched, total cost in New Zealand currency was \$1,076,000. Later the dollar was devalued and now \$1,115,000 is required to provide the same number of rupees. Originally we anticipated a substantial contribution towards the project from the Indian Government. With the change of Government, it became uncertain that verbal

promises, of up to the equivalent of NZ\$304,000, made on behalf of the former government, would now be forthcoming. As this report is being prepared, word has reached us that the present Government in India is showing renewed interest in contributing. The latest figures to hand are:

Total contributed in New Zealand	\$
Additional held by C.M.C. in India	\$
Still required from all sources	\$

Much is owed to the enthusiasm, skill and dedication of a few people in Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland who worked tirelessly to promote the Appeal and who spoke on countless occasions that the story of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Block may be known. Those responsible for the Appeal are warmly appreciative of the enthusiastic work undertaken by so many in the A.P.W. and in the congregations. The church has made a splendid response to a challenge that at first seemed daunting and we can rejoice together in a task well done.

INDONESIA.

A church has requested the assistance of a teacher to upgrade the standard of English language taught in the schools. The possibility opens up opportunities of extending instruction among Government officials and in Government as well as church schools. The position gives opportunity to share fully in the life of the church. Funds are available and a newly-retired headmaster with wide experience in the Pacific is ready to go. The one difficulty is housing. The Board is not in a position to provide funds and the church itself does not have a house available and is seeking funds elsewhere.

Another Indonesian church has given us a firm request to send a minister. It was supported by the D.G.I delegation to New Zealand. Arising from the Convener's visit to Indonesia, the Board has expressed some hesitation as to the way in which the programme would operate. Further information has been sought from the church there.

Yet another church has been involved in a highly significant rural development programme and has invited us to share in its extension into an area where the Rev. S.H. Rae is now working. As this new phase involves cattle-raising and associated grassland development, it is felt that New Zealand expertise could be drawn upon. The suggestion is (a) that a person selected by the church be sent to New Zealand for about a year to gain experience, especially in cattle-raising, pasture management, herd improvement and intensive grassland

development; and (b) that a New Zealander be appointed as consultant to work in the area in Indonesia for two or three years to guide the project and to work with the Indonesian who by then would have returned from New Zealand. This invitation is being considered by the Board.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

There was some discussion about our relationship with the United Church when the Moderator, the Rev. Leslie Boseto, visited New Zealand in March of this year. A full consultation with all its co-operating churches has been called by the United Church for May 1978. The Board will welcome this opportunity to consult with the United Church as the last occasion we did so was in 1974. It was intended that consultations would be held every two years but for various reasons none took place in 1976. When relationships change so rapidly, frequent consultation is important and the best way to avoid misunderstanding.

There are still numerous requests from the United Church for staff, especially for secondary school teachers and administrative staff. Some expatriate appointments have been financed totally by the United Church. An example of this was the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. D. Harding in September, when Mr. Harding took up the position of Manager of Span Enterprises for the United Church.

POLYNESIA.

The annual meeting of the Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific was held in Western Samoa and the Rev. E.D. Grounds, Chairman of the Auckland District, represented the Board and the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The visit enabled him to meet with Pacific leaders and to experience something of the cultural background of many New Zealand Methodists.

The President of the Methodist Church in Tonga, Dr. S. Havea, was appointed Principal of the Pacific Theological College in Suva, replacing the Rev. A. Quigley who returned to New Zealand. The Rev. Dr. V. Mo'ungaloa was elected as the new President of the Methodist Church in Tonga, and he recently spent two weeks in New Zealand, consulting with various church leaders.

The church is aware of the drowning tragedy in Tonga in which Mr. Bob Springett and his youngest daughter, Anna, were drowned. With the approval of the President, an appeal was

opened and more than \$3,000 has been contributed. Mrs. Springett and her two daughters have decided to stay working in Tonga and the Board has undertaken to support them financially.

When the large earthquake hit Tonga, many people responded with gifts of money. The damage to church property was extensive, especially at Hango Agricultural College on the island of 'Eua.

FOR THE RECORD.

Obituary. The Board has paid tribute to Dr. A.L. Sutherland who served in India from 1924-1951 and died on 1 October 1976; Mr. G.T. Gray who was in India from 1930-1944, a committee member from 1962-1969 and who died on 29 January 1977; Mr. R Springett who served in Tonga from 1972 until he and his youngest daughter were drowned on 14 May 1977; and Mrs. F.M. McDowall, widow of a former Convener, who died on 2 October 1976. Messages of sympathy and thanksgiving have been sent to members of the bereaved families.

Board Members. The following completed their service on the Board at last Assembly and Conference: the Rev. D.M. Riddle, B.E. Jones, A.K. Woodley, C.J. Keightley, Mesdames J.H. Skeates and I. Cornwell.

The following new members were appointed at last Conference and Assembly: Rev. D. Bruce, I.A. Galloway, W.G. Griffiths, R.L.D. Wiig, Mrs. A. Ripley and Mr. I.F. Faulkner.

Staff Movements. These members of overseas staff have completed their service during the year:

Miss Pat Hewitt, after 12 years in charge of Vaemali Hospital in the New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Webb, after 4 years in the New Hebrides.

Miss Jean Hanning, after 30 years in India.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Bruce, after 8 years in Papua New Guinea.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Leadley, after 6 years in Papua New Guinea.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Turner, after 4½ years in Papua New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Munro, after 2 years in Tonga.

They have been thanked for their services. Special tribute is paid to Miss Hanning who served from 1946 until retirement in May this year. She gave 30 dedicated years of her life in the service of her Lord and of the people of India.

The following appointments, supported by the Board, have been made:

Rev. Dorothy Harvey, to the staff of Gaulim Teachers' College, Papua New Guinea.
Miss Kathleen L. Gillanders, Sister in charge of Vaemali Hospital, New Hebrides.
Rev. and Mrs. Allan K. Davidson, to the staff of Rarongo Theological College, Papua New Guinea
Miss Roslyn Blacklock, Physiotherapist to the staff of Christian Medical College and Brown Memorial Hospital, Ludhiana, India.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Harding, Business Manager to Span Enterprises, United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Overseas Workers. New members granted "Overseas Worker" status are: Miss Elaine Paton, working with the International Christian Fellowship, Pune, India; Miss Dorothy Price, with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Papua New Guinea; and Miss Barbara Good, with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in North Thailand.

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W.G. TUCKER)	

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

At present a sub-committee of the Joint Interim Board, it deals with Methodist ecumenical relationships overseas, in particular, the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia and therefore reports directly to Conference as well as to the Board. (The Presbyterian Church has a separate Ecumenical Affairs Committee which reports direct to Assembly.

C.C.A. 6th Assembly.

Regional and world representative Assemblies and meetings provide important perspectives and initiatives for church programmes and action at the national and local levels. Consequently, as it is only possible to report briefly on the issues and discussions arising at such major meetings, it is the hope of the committee that Ministers and congregations will in time avail themselves of the fuller reports that follow.

The Methodist Church was represented at the 6th Assembly by the Rev. Geoff Tucker, but other Methodists among the 23 New Zealanders present included the Rev. Peter Glensor, David Arrowsmith, Susan Eglinton and Jerry Rautangata. The Assembly theme was "Jesus Christ in Asian Suffering and Hope". It was in the context of this theme that the Assembly set guidelines for the programme units and committees, which finally determine the concrete programmes to be initiated by the full-time staff. Message and Communication; Life and Action; Justice and Service constitute the programme units of the C.C.A.

Because of what is seen as a deterioration in human rights in many Asian countries, the most significant new direction taken by the 6th Assembly was in this specific area of human rights and international affairs. The rights of women and the involvement of youth, however, emerged strongly within Assembly discussions.

The elections of 4 Presidents and various programme committees for the next quadrenium occupied the Assembly for a considerable time. This year one of the elected Presidents, Archbishop Keith Raynor, comes from Adelaide. Mrs. Jan Cormack from Christchurch is on the Executive, and other New Zealanders have been appointed to serve on the various programme committees.

A report giving further information about the Assembly has been distributed to Board members, Chairmen of Districts and appropriate Conference Committees. A two page supplement

appeared in the "New Citizen".

As far as the C.C.A itself is concerned overall, a subscription to "C.C.A. News" (a monthly newsletter) will keep Ministers and congregations informed of ongoing activities and development.

World Council of Churches.

Not only because of the insights and stimulus that can be gained, but also in order to keep abreast of issues and concerns affecting fellow Christians around the world, the committee strongly recommends that Ministers and congregations who have not already done so, should take out the comprehensive subscription for W.C.C. publications. These comprise: the regular Ecumenical Press Service; One World; W.C.C. Document Exchange; Ecumenical Review; International Review of Mission and Risk. Study resources on a variety of topics and the report of Conferences, Consultations and committees flow from the Geneva Headquarters regularly. Although now an event of the past, the Nairobi Assembly published report Breaking Barriers, is an invaluable resource book for continuing study of the issues that were not only paramount at the time of the Assembly, but are likely to remain so for some years to come.

We draw attention to these ways of being informed because we believe it is important that members should be aware of the full range and "wholeness" of W.C.C. activities. Due largely to the mass media, the W.C.C. is almost solely known in relation to the support it has given to liberation movements since 1970.

Although questions continue to be raised about this one particular area of W.C.C. concern, the committee fully endorses the position represented by the Programme to Combat Racism and commends it to the church for continuing support.

We are fortunate in having a direct personal link with the Programme to Combat Racism in Rua Rakena who, as a member of the Commission, attended its first full meeting in London during April and just prior to that, was invited by C.C.A to participate in a three day meeting on Minorities Issues and Race in Hong Kong.

In May we received a visit from the P.C.R. Secretary-research consultant, the Rev. Alexander Kirby. He was able to meet and talk with a large section of those involved in anti-apartheid and race relation issues in New Zealand, including the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Maori

Affairs. A newly appointed member to the P.C.R. staff, Alexander Kirby has so far helped prepare and publish two books for the P.C.R. - South Africa's Bantustans, and The W.C.C. and Bank Loans to Apartheid. Although produced immediately prior to the Nairobi Assembly, and recommended to the member churches for study and comment, the committee believes that Racism in Theology : Theology against Racism has yet to receive the attention it merits.

The Central Committee met in Geneva from 28 July to 6 August. Mrs. Joan Anderson attended and also Mr. R.H. French who represented the N.C.C. in New Zealand. The exploring and discussion of major issues and business sessions were held within the theme context, "The Confessing Community." Some emphases arising out of the meeting included:

- * Focus on the increasing application of physical and mental torture in many countries, and the need to draw peoples attention to the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- * An urging for discussions on unity to move beyond theological dialogue to deeper expressions of unity. Collated responses to the statements on baptism, eucharist and ministry had shown much agreement respecting the first two, but not as much on ministry. A revised text is to be prepared in consultation with member churches.
- * Continuing study and discussion of the "New International Economic Order".
- * Establishing greater solidarity with the oppressed in Southern Africa.
- * Renewing support of the programme on militarism and the Arms Race.
- * Further study and discussion relating to the programme, "The search for a just participatory and sustainable society."
- * Focus on children's education; rural youth work and the concerns of women.

The Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society has now become an independent world bank supported by 92 church organizations as shareholders. The bank advances low interest loans to "third world" projects.

New member and associate member churches received at the meeting increase the membership of the W.C.C. to 293.

Pacific Council of Churches.

We have minimal contact with the P.C.C. as we are not members of this regional body. We keep in touch, however, by receiving regular issues of the "P.C.C. News". The new General Secretary is Mrs. Lorini Tevi, who came into office following the death of the Rev. Posenai. A New Zealander, the Rev. Bruce Deverell, serves on the P.C.C. Secretariat. Under its auspices a major conference on development was held during August at Honiara. The committee hopes to receive a report of the conference in due course.

Study and Travel Overseas.

The suggestion has been made to District Chairmen that all negotiations for study and travel overseas might be co-ordinated through one body such as the Overseas Ecumenical Committee. The committee could perhaps help those concerned make the best use of overseas travel and suggest possible study programmes and learning experiences. Furthermore, the committee could collate the necessary information relating to available financial sources. The response to the proposal has been favourable and as a result an appropriate recommendation will be made to Conference.

The convener of our committee, Mrs. Vera Dowie, maintains her involvement in the World Federation of Methodist Women and in September attended its Executive meeting in Geneva. A South Pacific Seminar for women is planned for Tonga in 1978. Another member of the committee, the Rev. John Roberts, is attending the graduate school at Bossey. Later he will also spend time at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield. These personal contacts with church representatives overseas are of tremendous value to the work of the committee.

VERA DOWIE - CONVENER

QUESTION 41— (f) Church Union?

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

See QUESTION 54

QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

The following are some of the more important matters dealt with by the Methodist Social Service Association Executive during the year.

J.H. LYON ESTATE

\$9,285 was received from the Estate of John Holt Lyon, Taranaki. In terms of the Will this was disbursed to Auckland Central Mission for Child Care, Masterton Children's Home and the South Island Children's Home.

J.D. MCGRUER ESTATE

The South British Guardian Trust Co. Ltd. advised that the M.S.S.A. had been designated to receive \$4,500 for Child Care work and \$5,000 for Aged Care work. Of the amount for Child Care, \$2,500 was allocated to the South Island Children's Home, \$1,000 to Masterton and \$1,000 to Auckland.

Mr Cliff Flyger resigned as Treasurer and Mr Mal. E. Lloyd was appointed to this position.

SOCIAL WORK TRAINEES

Miss Mary Caygill made application for sponsorship for the Social Work Course at Victoria University, Wellington. Her application was approved and it was agreed that she be granted financial support from the Everil Orr Social Workers' Training Fund.

Mr Murray Cree applied for sponsorship by the M.S.S.A. to take the Canterbury University Social Work Course. This was approved. As he wishes to be employed by the Christchurch Central Mission when he completes his course the Mission has agreed to contribute toward the costs.

NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK STAFF

The Social Services of the Church have experienced difficulty in securing professionally qualified staff for Social Worker appointments. We therefore draw the attention of Conference to the opportunities of service that are open to young people with the necessary gifts. Those selected may take courses in the Universities at Auckland, Massey, Wellington and Canterbury. In this connection we emphasize the need for financial support for the Social Workers' Training Fund which meets living and training costs for students who are sponsored by the Association.

AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND MISSIONS CONFERENCE

In consultation with the Australian Missions it has been decided that the next Joint Conference will be held at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, in August 1978.

ANNUAL MEETING OF N.Z.M.S.S.A.

The President, Rev. P.A. Stead, presided over the Annual Meeting which was held at the Auckland Central Mission on 19 August. Thirty representatives attended from all branches of our Social Services. The meeting was planned to handle the routine business and to examine in depth some aspects of our Social Service work.

Mr Keith Hayes, Assistant Director of Anglican-Methodist Social Services, Auckland, presented a paper on "New Insights in Child Care". He had just returned from Great Britain where he had been studying Child Care sponsored by a Nuffield Scholarship. We could learn much from the British methods of foster care and he contended that "no other form of care can offer children more positive care more adequately." In Britain great care is taken in the selection of Foster Parents - it takes from 4-12 months for people to be approved as foster parents. After that they must attend a Group of potential fosterers where every aspect of foster parenting is discussed. When the foster parents feel they can cope with taking a child, in the light of group discussions, they decide this in consultation with Social Workers who have worked with them in the group.

The Conference set up Groups to consider Foster Care, Residential Care and Preventative Social Work. The following were some of the main findings of the Groups:-

1. There is tremendous potential in the Church for fostering and ways need to be found to encourage and train likely foster parents.
2. The Church family should be an accepting, encouraging and supportive group especially to families under stress.
3. The Church should be more aware of the responsibilities it is placing on staff in Residential Homes. More emphasis needs to be given to training staff in Child Care skills. We should be aware of our small staff ratios when compared with some State and Voluntary Institutions.
4. It was considered that we must proceed with preventative work with children and families regardless of the cost.

LEVIES

Levies for each M.S.S.A. area were approved as follows:- Auckland \$490, Wellington \$350, Christchurch \$350, Dunedin \$280. A levy of \$600 was approved for the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services.

COMMUNITY WORK - AN ALTERNATIVE

Mr Michael Wetterstrom, Director of Anglican-Methodist Social Services, Auckland, and Miss Pam Bell presented a videotape on housing development and the community work instituted by the Auckland Methodist Social Service. There is a growing conviction that preventative work at grass roots level must receive more attention from some of our Social Services.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

After discussion on the matter of establishing a Standing Committee on Social Services it was agreed "That the Board of Administration be requested to take some initiative with the New Zealand Methodist Social Service Association Executive to discuss the question of Social Work policies".

DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

A report relating to the proposal to unite the Dunedin Methodist Circuit and the Dunedin Central Mission was considered and it was resolved to support the principle of the amalgamation.

CIRCUIT INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICES

This matter was referred by the 1976 Conference to the Methodist Social Service Association. An interim report was presented to the Annual Meeting. The Committee was asked to continue its work and present an interim report for the 1977 Conference and to report to Synods next year.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORTS

Reports were received from all Central Missions, Children's Homes and all related Social Service Centres.

CONGRATULATIONS

The M.S.S.A. congratulated the Auckland Central Mission on the completion of its new Social Service building "Open Circle". Members attended the official opening following the Conference.

A report of the establishment of Methodist Social Service work in Wanganui was received and the M.S.S.A. agreed to send greetings and to assure them of the support and backing of the Association.

SOCIAL WORK COURSES

A detailed description of the various Social Work training courses at New Zealand Universities has been prepared and is available on request to the Convener.

PETER A. STEAD, President
WILF. E. FALKINGHAM, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be adopted.
2. That the Rev. Wilf. Falkingham be reappointed as official representative and Convener of the New Zealand Social Service Association.
3. That Mr M.E. Lloyd be appointed Treasurer.
4. That the Board of Administration and the Methodist Social Service Association Executive confer regarding future Social Service policies and strategy.
5. That the M.S.S.A. Committee studying Circuit Involvement in Social Services be requested to continue its work and bring a report to Synod 1978.

QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

AGED CARE:

Much of the work of the Mission continues to be in aged care. Over the past few years there has been an increasing tendency for the Health Department to feel that residential care should be reserved for the frail aged, with encouragement being given to older fit people to live, either in the community, or in sheltered housing such as supervised flats.

By and large this policy is good, provided the emphasis is not weighted so heavily on the physical needs of a person that we forget his or her social and emotional needs which may make residential care desirable.

In the Auckland M.S.S.A. area the Central Mission is responsible for the Everil Orr Home and Hospital in Mt. Albert, Auckland; Wesley Hospital in Mt. Eden; Aldersgate Flats adjacent to Wesley Hospital, which were opened this year, for 32 people; Kamo Home in Whangarei; Franklin Home in Pukekohe, while a separate Trust runs the Tamahere Home in Hamilton.

These Homes care for 269 people in residential beds, 64 in flats and 72 hospital patients.

Extensions will shortly be completed at Wesley Hospital for 30 more hospital patients and 8 more residential beds. It is hoped that after many frustrations we shall be able to call tenders before long for O Rongo Home, a 45 bed Home at Campbells Bay, Auckland.

A new departure has been co-operation with a builder of a block of 39 flats in Otahuhu where the Mission has agreed to administer Oak Grove Village, giving the people security and ensuring them of ongoing care. The Mission is not involved in any way with capital expenditure. This may well be a prototype for some of our future aged care work.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

In recent years our social work has been greatly expanded with the establishment of Anglican Methodist Social Services and our increasing involvement in Lifeline and Liston Hostel. This has been extended further recently with the establishment of two homes for the care of lone women and the setting up of Friday Forum where a platform is provided outside the Mission to speak on relevant community and social issues. Our Committee has also made available finance to many voluntary Social Workers to enable them to work at the grass roots amongst the most needy people in our society.

CHILD CARE:

Although Wesleydale Home has been leased to the Social Welfare Department for other purposes, residential care is still being provided most effectively with two family homes. One at Sunnynook on the North Shore where nine children are cared for by house parents, and at Manurewa where house parents care for nine children. Tenders have been called for a new family home at Titirangi and as a new departure the Social Welfare Department and the Housing Corporation have made available for us a large new State house at Takanini which we will rent as a family home.

A number of children are being cared for in foster homes but perhaps most important of all two child care social workers and the Assistant Director of Anglican Methodist Social Services are doing preventive work to keep the family unit together, amongst a number of families whose children would formerly have come into care. The measure of our success in child care is not the number of children in our homes but the number we are able to keep out of our homes and in their own home.

JOINT PROJECTS:

Anglican Methodist Social Services - which was established several years ago continues to provide the social workers for the child care work of the Central Mission as well as doing valuable community work in the city and suburbs on behalf of both the Auckland City Mission (Anglican) and the Methodist Central Mission.

Lifeline and Inter-Church Counselling Service - Need for this service becomes even more apparent as they enter their second decade and the volume and scope of this work continues to increase. There are some 300 voluntary workers and last year they recorded 10,288 lifeline telephone calls and over two thousand hours of face to face counselling.

James Liston Hostel - continues to provide a haven and shelter for homeless and lonely men. It is controlled by a Trust of laymen from Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches and men from combined Lions' clubs with the social service directors of the four churches as advisers. With the exception of the resident manager, the remainder of the staff are volunteers from the churches and Lions' clubs.

THE OPEN CIRCLE:

On the 20th August 1977 His Excellency, the Governor General, Sir Denis Blundell opened, and the President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the Rev. Peter Stead dedicated the Open Circle, which is a social service

building built on the site of the original Methodist Church which was erected by the Primitive Methodist Connexion in 1851.

The name derives from the large circular lounge with its welcoming open door to the community. On the ground floor, opening off the lounge are meeting rooms, a games room, and a coffee bar to seat 40 people. The ground floor will be used for the Christian Education work and various activities of the Central Mission, while the lounge and coffee bar will provide a place of rest and refreshment in the inner city.

The lounge is open seven days a week and for much of the time a befriender is on duty from the Inter-Church Counselling Centre. The first floor of the building is occupied by Lifeline, Inter-Church Counselling Centre, Anglican Methodist Social Services, the New Citizen Newspaper and the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development. The offices of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission are still in their former location in Queen Street. The cost of the Open Circle was approximately \$400,000 and of this a grant of \$235,000 as a result of the sale of Winstone Lodge was made towards its erection.

IN THE MIDST OF THE CITY:

The Mission congregation continues to provide a strong witness in the heart of the city with an evidently closer relationship developing over recent years between Samoan and Palagi members of the congregation and a greater appreciation of each others culture.

The church attracts many folk who wish to come in for a time of quiet or a talk with the Assistant Superintendent whose office is now located immediately inside the front door so that he may be readily available.

FINANCE:

For the year ended 31 March 1977 the Mission made an operating loss on its Homes and Hospitals for the aged and the child care division of \$81,971. After the reduction of depreciation which is an on cash charge of \$63,916 the cash deficit was \$18,055. To this is added grants which the Mission made for social work of \$77,836, the greater part of this being our share of the operations of Anglican Methodist Social Services. This means the net cash operating cost of care programmes for the year was \$95,891. The total operating expenses, however, for the Mission for the year were \$1,333,005.

CONCLUSION:

An enterprise the size of the Mission could not hope to make an efficient and effective contribution to the

community were it not for the dedicated and faithful service of the members of the Board of Management, staff in all departments, and many volunteers and helpers. The words "People matter most" may sound like a cliché but nevertheless we believe it is true and seek to keep it ever before us. They matter most because they and we are children of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we serve.

D.B.Gordon, Superintendent.
M.L. Dine, Assistant Superintendent.
I.R. Souster, Secretary.
H.T. Garlick, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. D. Bruce Gordon be appointed 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 1978 be The Revs, D.B. Gordon (Chairman), M.L. Dine, E.D. Grounds, B.E. Jones, J.H. Vickery, Misses J.V. Fowler, R.K. McConnell, Messrs. I.R. Souster (Secretary), H.T. Garlick (Treasurer). W.F. Christian, H.L. Clark, M.C. Copeland C.W. Firth, N.W. Firth, G.M. Lawry, K.H. Lawry, K.J. Long, D.R. Norman, G.H. Peak, F.M. Souster, A.H. Winstone.

REPORT OF CENTRAL DISTRICTS AREA M.S.S.A.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

In the twelve months to June 1977, several principal staff changes have taken place resulting in a re-allocation of responsibilities. The resignation of the Secretary of the Board, Mr Cliff Flyger, after five years of valued service, occurred in February 1977, and in May the Rev. Bruce Mackie was appointed to the position of Director. Mr Bill Squire, the Trust Board Accountant, resigned in February 1977. A temporary, part-time accountant, Miss Barbara Birkbeck, was appointed in March 1977. Steps are now being taken to secure a permanent Accountant.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY - Wesleyhaven continues to absorb the attention of the Board. Major expenditure on the 52 bed Strand Home during the year included recarpeting, the installation of a sprinkler system and extensions to the dining room. The age of applicants to this home is increasing with consequent pressure to provide intermediary nursing care. Two years experience with Wesley Hospital has revealed a number of flaws in design and equipment and these are being remedied wherever possible. The District Geriatric Assessment Programme in use throughout the Wellington Hospital Board area, is currently being evaluated by the Minister of Health as a uniform assessment model. The Wesleyhaven Hospital Management Committee is examining admission criteria, in order more effectively to achieve the purpose of the Board. Evaluation involves Board members and hospital staff. Bed occupancy for the March 1977 year was 98.5% made up of long-stay patients with both light and heavy nursing requirements. Co-operation with the Jewish Care of the Aged Society continues and changes in the Jewish Community necessitate even closer liaison.

EPWORTH HOUSE - discontinued its role as a hostel for girls in Wellington in December 1976 and commenced in January 1977 as a hostel for male Maori youth undertaking the pre-employment course at Polytech in Wellington. In July the hostel was closed and will re-open with an increased staffing ratio, closer liaison with the Maori Affairs Department, the Maori community, and families of residents. Expectations of the pre-employed programme place particular demands on hostel staff and administration.

GOODWILL STORES at Willis Street and Taita provide general income for use in community development and relief. As human need presents itself in changing forms it necessitates

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a financial income that is flexible in its response.

GENERALLY the Trust Board is consolidating its service programme, examining its purpose, and exploring directions for the future. Throughout the year the Board has been supported by individual Trusts, Service groups and congregations, which have enabled it to survive and for which we express our thanks.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1978 be as printed.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

A DIVISION OF THE PALMERSTON NORTH METHODIST PARISH

The Centre has been involved with an increasing number of people needing assistance.

Counselling Services

This area of the work has been the main focus in social work outreach. Marriage and Family difficulties requiring extended therapy and management skills have kept staff busy. Referrals come from lawyers, general practitioners, social service agencies and ex clients of the Centre.

Home Support Service

Requests continue to come in for this service, far outnumbering those that we can satisfy. This is a very interesting and important work where a social worker lives in with a family in crisis. We have some indirect assistance from the Social Welfare Department, and it is hoped the service can be extended in the future.

Highbury House

Continues to be an "Opportunity Shop" that is both a place of caring for others and purchasing goods at very reasonable prices, totally on a voluntary basis, and therefore brings in a large amount of finance for the work of the Centre.

West Street Probation Hostel

We farewelled Mr and Mrs Haar with regret, and thanked them for the two years of devoted service. The Probation Service continues to support this service and we have been pleased to appoint Mr and Mrs G. Humphries, as the new House Parents.

Parish Links

The staff are now in a new open-plan office with the Parish staff, and this is helping to facilitate team ministry in the Parish. It has also improved the counselling facilities for clients, and Parish Council and Management Committee are seeking new ways of involvement, understanding and support with each other.

Director

In July of this year we said a sad farewell to Rev. Roy Bowden, the Director of the Centre for the past 4½ years. During that time we have seen the Centre become recognised by more of the professional agencies in the city, and we thank Roy for the part he took in that period of our development, also for his

insight, love and concern he showed to both the life of the Centre and the clients of the Centre. The Centre is seeking to appoint a new Director.

Thanks

The Management Committee, volunteers, financial supporters, Community Trust and church members, are thanked for their continued efforts to make the Centre an important service in the Manawatu.

- KEN M. FAY
Chairman

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1977/78:

Director:	Mrs J. James
Social Worker:	Miss B. Zurcher, R.N. R.M.
Home Support Worker:	Mr & Mrs G. Humphries
West St. Hostel Parents:	Mr K.M. Fay
Chairman:	Mr M.O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.
Treasurer:	Mrs V.M. Osborne
Secretary:	Mr J. Andrew
Parish representatives:	Mr N. Bird
	Mr M. Hancock
Highbury House liaison:	Mr D. Petersen
Congregational Church rep:	Mrs R. Gordon
Pahiatua Union rep:	Mr G. Olsen
Synod Lay rep:	Mr B. Passey
Synod Ministerial rep:	Rev E. Trask
Corresponding -	Mr C.B. Radcliffe

plus representatives from the Anglican Children's Trust, and
Presbyterian Social Services.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1977

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

GREEN GABLES - the combined Presbyterian-Methodist Home and Hospital at Nelson was officially opened on 30 April 1977. WESLEY HOUSE, PICTON has faced a year of upheaval and the end is only now in sight. The reason, major reconstruction and new building has been in progress for most of the year. The kitchen has been completely remodelled and extended; fire sprinklers have been installed; and a new eighteen bed wing has been erected.

REHUA DINING HALL - The Rehua Old Boys have commenced work on a dining hall, kitchen and ablution block to complement the Meeting House.

The Board has applied to the Maori Land Court to have the land on which the Meeting House and Dining Hall is erected gazetted as a Maori Reservation. It has requested that the Trustees of the Reservation comprise representatives of the Maori Division, Ngaitahu Elders, Rehua Old Boys and the Central Mission Board of Management.

CIRCUIT INVOLVEMENT - We have pursued a policy of encouraging Circuits to become involved in Social Welfare services in their own communities.

Discussions have been held with the Kaiapoi Circuit, South-East Christchurch Union Parish and the Riccarton Circuit to discuss ways and means whereby the Mission may provide help to enable lay people to become more involved in a caring ministry in the community.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The total income for Social Service activities was \$105,866. The expenditure amounted to \$93,556. While income exceeded expenditure by \$12,310, with escalating costs this surplus will be quickly eroded unless there is a corresponding increase in donations, grants and income earned from Goodwill Stores.

DONATIONS - We have been very grateful for the continued support for our work which comes from Bequests which totalled \$66,874.58 this year, and from Charitable Trusts such as:

Hyman Marks Trust	\$540	Philip Brown Trust	\$700
Robert Clark Trust	450	J. Armour	400
McKenzie Trust	800	Dudding Trust	500
Francis Trust	200	Unity 72 MUIOOF	400
Canterbury Savings Bank	600	South British	
Crothall Charitable		Guardian Trust	1,258
Trust	400	Sir John Hall	
		Charitable Trust	700

Also, donations have come from Councils and others, given specifically for Life Line.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The Board of Administration of the Connexion and the Mission Board have co-operated to take over Dunford's Offset Printing Department. Both Boards will share the costs on a 50-50 basis. The machinery has been purchased and the premises leased.

CREATIVE LEISURE CENTRE

This Centre which operates in Aldersgate is now in its second year of operation. It provides a comprehensive programme of Craft and Human Relationship courses. 346 people enrolled for 32 Craft courses and 115 took part in four to six week Human Relationship courses. Try Your Hand Workshops are held every Tuesday and holiday programmes cater for large numbers of children and parents. Mrs Noeline Bull, the full-time Director, is ably assisted by voluntary and paid tutors. The Board is aware that some relief must be provided for the Director by way of employment of a staff member to assist her.

LIFE LINE

Life Line has now been serving the community for thirteen years. Since it opened as the first telephone based Crisis Intervention Centre and Counselling Service in New Zealand in July 1964, 43,076 calls have been handled. This year 6,274 calls were received - an increase of 648 on the previous year.

INTER-CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE WORK

THE COMBINED CHURCHES SOCIAL SERVICE TRUST is supporting a local Committee at Akaroa to establish Home Units and a Residential Home on property made available by the Catholic Church.

The combined Social Work staff of the Churches did a research project in the Ellesmere District to determine the extent of the need for accommodation for the aged in that area.

The Trust has also agreed to underwrite the sum of \$5,000 for the appointment of a Community Worker to do RESEARCH IN THE HORNBY AREA to ascertain the community's needs with a view to determining the most appropriate Social Work model for the District.

THE MEDICO-SOCIAL WORKERS STAFF OF THE COMBINED CHURCHES have submitted proposals for joint action in their work. It is envisaged that lay people in suburban areas will be trained in some of the basic skills of caring for the elderly so as to provide a back-up domiciliary service.

FUTURE POLICY

The Board of Management is currently involved in a study of its past and present role and is working to fashion a policy for the work of the Mission for perhaps the next decade.

RESIDENTIAL CLUB

The original plan for this new concept in Aged Care has had to be abandoned because of rising costs. A new plan is now before the Government to provide fifty flatettes with communal

facilities. The estimated cost of this is only \$100,000 above subsidy compared with \$400,000 for the original scheme.

SOUTH HAVEN

This family unit for the handicapped has proved its value for young adult people who need a supportive family-like atmosphere. It accommodates six residents who are able to go out to do some work in the community.

REHUA MAORI HOSTEL

1977 is a significant year for the Hostel as it marks its 25th Anniversary. It is appropriate that in this anniversary year the Old Boys have made a start on the erection of a Dining and Social Hall to complement the Meeting House. We express our thanks to the painting apprentices who, under the direction of the Technical College tutors, have redecorated Aldersgate and the Sunday School Hall as a practical exercise in their trade training.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

The Children's Home Board has resolved to continue discussions with the Mission regarding amalgamation. The Mission Board believes that the family and child care work of the Church will be strengthened by amalgamation and we look forward to this being achieved by the goodwill and cooperation of both Boards.

CHURCH - MISSION

Now that the Durham Street Church is part of the Mission the Social Service work has benefited by the support of members and officials who have become involved in the administration and practical service of the Mission. The Church has benefited by this wider involvement and by the services of a larger ministerial and lay staff. We record with appreciation the significant preaching ministry of Rev. Ivor Bailey of the British Methodist Conference over the past four years. We also acknowledge the ministry of the Rev. Geo. Cramond, who as minister for membership, has exercised a valuable pastoral ministry this year.

One of the problems we face is that of working from two sites. As our work develops we must resolve this problem and turn it into an opportunity to concentrate our ministry and service from one site and develop an investment to support the work on the other.

WILF. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent
IAN D. BLAIR, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for 1978 will be:-
Revs. W.E. Falkingham (Chairman), I. Bailey, O.L. Christian,
I.L. Clarke, A.W. Tahere, Dr. I.D. Blair (Secretary), Mr M.E.
Lloyd (Treasurer), Mesdames C. Ford, S. Mangels, C.A. McNaughton,
N.M. Warriner, O. Worboys, Dr. D. Lewis, Messrs N.P. Alcorn,
J.R. Bain, S. Batty, A.A. Dingwall, R. Flesher, N.G. Hillary,
W.G. Jenkins, W.D. Mottram, F.B. Patchett, R.K. Price, C.B.
Radcliffe, J.E. Rothera, A.G. Worboys

REPORT OF



DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION - 1977

The broad administrative task of today's Mission exists only in terms of people's needs, so our symbol is 'Compassion'.

Consolidation: The last financial year saw a tiny overall surplus on all operations. We provided adequately for depreciation and caught up on some deferred maintenance.

Rising costs and fixed term income rentals now mean that our \$420,000 debt will take a long time to pay off but is now a much smaller proportion of our assets.

Advance: We now have our own staff for building and maintenance work. Using the T. W. Newbold Fund they erected a new building for the oldest Child Day Care Centre in New Zealand. A major amenities block is being planned for Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp.

The Contractor for Wesley Court Flats is behind schedule but we expect that the Investor-residents will move in before long. Substantial Housing Corporation Assistance is being made available to purchasers.



We provided the administrative base for 100 community discussion groups with very significant outcomes for the Review of the City and Regional District Schemes in 1977.

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Thanks: We could not function without over 100 voluntary workers, especially in The Friendship Centre, Kawarau Falls, the Office, and of course, Goodwill Services. Their contribution is as valuable as the several thousand dollars of general donations for which we are always grateful.

We enjoy helpful contacts with Glenwood Home in Timaru and other informal enter-

prises in various parts of our Area. Relationships with Dunedin Circuit are developing towards some form of united witness in Dunedin.



As always, we are thankful to God for opportunities of service and resources to match the need.

D.S. Mullan
D.S. Mullan, Superintendent.

F.W. Wilson
F.W. Wilson, Secretary

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

for year ended 30 June 1977.

At present we are caring for 20 children, after 3 admissions and 7 departures during the year. Our aim to rehabilitate families continues, and for the first time ever, all the families involved were able to care for their own children during the May holidays.

In December, we lost the services of our Manager and Matron, Mr and Mrs John Dubbeldam, and in June, Assistant Matron Miss Jean Shenton also resigned. We wish to record our appreciation of their very great contributions to Homeleigh. Mr and Mrs George Crawford are acting as relieving Manager and Matron, while the other staff are sharing the Assistant Matron's responsibilities most capably. We have also had Miss Jenny Dawson with us, under the Order of St. Stephen. We are greatly indebted to all these people, whose loyalty and co-operation has contributed greatly to the happiness and well being of the children. A permanent appointment of Manager and Matron has been made, and Mr and Mrs Bert Jackways take up their position during the August holidays.

There have been Management Committee changes too, resignations from Mr John Thompson and Mrs Dorothy Bebarfald.

A new activity for the Committee this year involved us in helping other Masterton Children's homes to host a seminar. This brought together people with common ideals from a wide area, and helped us to get to know better our local counterparts.

During this year an outside staircase was added to the building to meet Fire Regulation requirements. This had the desirable effect of adding a porch and separate entrance to the staff flat. A subsidy was received, and we await subsidy approval for further smaller alterations to comply with Fire Safety Regulations.

Many people have contributed in various ways to the life of Homeleigh, especially those who welcome children into their own homes for weekends and school holidays. We gratefully acknowledge the many small donations of cash and kind which we have received during the past year. The interest and concern of so many people from throughout the southern part of the North Island continues to encourage us.

The cost of the care we provide continues to cause great concern, and is under constant review. Each child costs about \$51 per week. In 1976 our deficit totalled nearly \$11000 or about \$9 per week per child. As a result of our efforts the gap has been narrowed but with inflation continuing unabated major fund raising and public support is essential.

We record appreciation of the following major grants and bequests:

Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	\$3000
Est. J.H. Lyon	3096
J.R. McKenzie Trust	800
Masterton Lions Club	200
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	200
South British Guardian Trust	1000
Est. H.C.P. Broughton	1100

D.A. PRATT, Chairman
B.D. SMITH, Secretary

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

OUR FAMILY?

Our Homes continue to be filled to capacity. The latest numbers of children in care are:-

Harewood Road Home (divided into 5 family units)	52
Barrington Street Unit Family Home	8
Foster Homes	<u>30</u>
	90
Day Care Centre	Up to <u>18</u>
	<u>108</u>

The children, often rejected and confused, come into our care from many sources, but the greatest proportion (almost three-quarters) are State Wards placed with us, children from broken homes, or management problems.

PREVENTIVE WORK?

Twenty-one families are currently being contacted regularly (63 children). Material support, counselling, help with management of children, and budgetting.

Sixteen additional families are contacted regularly, but are not at the moment in need of regular support.

Girls and boys who were formerly in our care are welcomed either on a social basis or to receive help and counselling.

Eight parent and child placements were made within the Home, using our caravan or guest room, while the families were homeless.

Four teenagers were given shelter in the same capacity until accommodation and work was found.

Ten children were placed in holiday homes (these children live at home with their own parents).

Eighteen children attended camps.

A family camp was arranged by members of a local Church for families in crises.

WHERE?

In spite of the inadequacies of some of our buildings, reports on official departmental inspections often make comments such as "bright and cheerful conditions", "the tone and standard are above average" and "staff and children appear to form excellent relationships".

Some fine foster parents assist, but more of such homes are always needed, especially in holiday periods.

The temporary Day-Care Centre is limited to a maximum roll of 18 children. We expect this year to commence building a new Centre, together with a Recreation Room for the older children. The new Centre will allow for a day care roll of over 30, but will require extra permanent staff in addition to the voluntary helpers.

Expert advice has guided the Board in the area of land to be reserved for the Home's use. The remainder of the property at Harewood Road is regarded as a revenue-producing asset, and the Board is negotiating for the lease or sale of the surplus land, to assist finances.

MIRACLES?

A follow-up on children who have passed through the Home revealed some very encouraging stories. Of one boy it was noted:

"...he had been placed in a series of foster homes... when he came to us his attitudes to other children were muddled and he wasn't prepared to make relationships with adults. But he has changed. It's not possible to know exactly how or why. There has been consistency of caring, patience and firmness, times of talking, and tears too; but no doubt it was love without rejection that helped make him risk trusting adults again. It's hard work taking what a disturbed, growing boy hands out, but it was worth it. He'll be happy with his new foster parents. He's known them for a while now and there's a real bond between them..."

WHO CARES?

We are extremely fortunate in the loyal, devoted care the staff bring to their duties. And the work of our Social Worker is of a very high quality (and quantity!).

Counselling work currently includes:-

- (a) families whose children are not admitted into care
(8 families, involving 13 children)
- (b) families whose children have been in our care
(29 families, involving 62 children)

However, there are also times when the services of professional agencies are used. Where necessary, children or parents or whole families have been referred to and helped by Child Health Clinic, Psychological Services, a Psychiatrist from the Department of Social Welfare, Ministers, Life Line Counsellors, Marriage Guidance Counsellors, Psychiatric Services at Sunnyside and Princess Margaret Hospitals and Private Psychiatrists - and Orthodontists.

ADMINISTRATION?

Allied to the land-use question is the matter of closer association with the Christchurch Central Mission. As a constituent part of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. the Children's Home already cooperates with and seeks to coordinate its work with the Mission. Discussions are continuing on possible advantages of a more formal amalgamation.

We record with regret the resignation of several Board members during the year - in particular the Rev. W.R. Laws and Mr H. de R. Flesher, both of whom during long years of service have given the Home invaluable help through their personal interest in the work and their wise and skilled advice.

WHO PAYS?

Frankly, the Government, through capitation subsidies and Family Benefits, provides 70% of our income. (Only one-fifth of all child care work is now carried out by voluntary services; the rest is handled by Government agencies.) Another 16% comes from parents' payments. The combined denominations' House-to-House Appeal produces 7%. The Board is very grateful to a number of Methodist Churches for their constant interest and generous practical support. Direct giving from Churches, in cash and kind, amounts to about \$4,000 - or 4% of our total income. (We do not at present receive any help from the Connexional Budget.)

It appears to cost \$27 per week to maintain each child in care. But this figure has been challenged as unrealistically low through not making an adequate assessment of such hidden costs as voluntary work, and unpaid overtime worked by our all-too-few staff. If hidden items were added in, our "cost per child" might be nearly doubled and come up closer to the national average cost.

HOW LONG CAN WE CONTINUE?

Last year, in spite of close control on expenditure, the Board ran at a loss of \$22,033 and once again this could only be met by transferring capital funds which were being reserved for development work. This is a process that can't go on indefinitely. The Board is being forced to ask how many years the work can be carried on at the present rate of run-down. The answer is dismayingly few!

The Board plans to visit Circuits to encourage interest in the work of caring for these needy children, and seeking financial support. Perhaps Circuits would include this as one item on their local budgets! Members of the staff would be glad to visit congregations to talk about their work, and its trials and triumphs.

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board for 1978 be:- Revs. W.A. Chambers (Chairman), W.E. Falkingham, C.J. Keightley, R.W. Widdup, Sister Rona Collins, Mesdames I.F. Read, A. Stackhouse, B. Surtees, Messrs N.P. Alcorn, A.J. Fraser, C.R. Hasseldine, L.G. Reed, G.H. Thornton, D.G. Watson, E.M.H. Watts.

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

- (a) The Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

A. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

At the inaugural meeting of the Board on 19 February 1977, Mr Geoff. Hill was unanimously elected Chairman. Five meetings have been held.

Early in the year it was clear that before the Board could carry out the intentions of Conference that it succeed the various existing Boards within the Connexional Office, Conference would need to pass additional enabling resolutions. As an interim measure for 1977, on the recommendation of the Board, the President invited members of the existing Boards to resign. This enabled the President to appoint members of the Board of Administration to membership of the existing Boards. The Board of Administration received from the members of these Boards valuable information and guidance and expresses appreciation to the Chairmen and members for the services they have given the Church.

As several existing Boards are Incorporated under The Charitable Trusts Act it is necessary that the Board of Administration be Incorporated under the same Act. The Constitution also must be approved. Resolutions are appended. All Synods supported these moves.

Whilst the Board gives consideration to the way in which it can fulfil its responsibilities for matters carried out by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, it has asked existing members to continue to serve. The Board has given to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee full powers to act on its behalf.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference hereby authorises the President, on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser, to approve the Constitution of the Board of Administration.
3. That the Board of Administration be Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 at Christchurch.

B. PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN EN BLOC

The Board of Administration has consulted with Synods with a view to developing the existing en bloc procedures in use at Conference (often on the last day), on an experimental basis, at this Conference. It considers that these procedures could enable a wiser stewardship of time in that the Conference could give more time to discussing major concerns and strategy for mission.

The rights of the ministry and laity in Conference are fully recognised. The positive response of the Synods to the general direction of the proposals gives the Board confidence in suggesting to Conference that they be used on an experimental basis this year, the Standing Orders of Conference being interpreted accordingly for 1977. The Conference programme is arranged on the assumption that after incorporating suggestions from Synods these proposals will be acceptable to Conference 1977.

AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR EN BLOC PROCEDURES AT CONFERENCE 1977

1. Committees of Detail of Conference will be asked to advise Conference as to those reports/resolutions that can be presented to Conference en bloc. On the recommendation of the Committees of Detail they will be put to Conference en bloc. Reports/resolutions to be taken en bloc will be clearly marked on the papers distributed to the Conference.

2. In order to safeguard the rights of members of Conference to speak on any report/resolution, members desiring Conference to take it out of the 'en bloc' resolution can seek to do so either by:-

- (a) moving that a resolution or a report be debated separately, in which case the mover shall have one minute to state why it should be so debated,
- or (b) prior written notice by at least ten members of Conference that they desire the report/resolution to be debated separately.

The Convener of the Committee of Detail shall then have one minute to reply as to why the Committee recommended that the report/resolution be taken 'en bloc' and Conference shall, without further debate, then vote on the question whether the report/resolution be taken 'en bloc'.

RESOLUTION

1. (a) That the en bloc procedures as set out in the report be used by this Conference and the Standing Orders interpreted accordingly.
- (b) That in the light of experience the en bloc procedures be revised by the Welfare of the Church Committee, to report to Synods and Conference 1978.

C. EQUALISATION FUND

The Board of Administration asked the Welfare of the Church Committee to act on its behalf and investigate the question of the Conference Equalisation Fund and the related aspects of Circuit payments to Conference representatives. The Committee reports, as an interim statement:

"We appreciate that at this stage, in view of the Church's financial position, it would not be appropriate to make further funds available for this purpose. On the other

hand we do not believe any decision should yet be taken to reduce or abolish the Equalisation Fund, before a much wider range of questions is faced. There is an argument that Circuits ought to accept responsibility for the expenses of their own representatives. But this is not entirely compelling. Many Circuits are in fact unable to accept the burden, and the result is that we find not the most suitable Conference members but those able to finance themselves. From this point of view it seems likely that, if the Equalisation Fund were increased to provide a substantial proportion of travelling costs for all members, Circuits could take steps to ensure more effective representation."

The Board has asked the Welfare of the Church Committee to study a wide range of questions that are raised by consideration of the Equalisation Fund. These questions include the purpose, compositions and appropriate frequency of Conference. These matters would be reflected in the Board's future reports on the Equalisation Fund.

RESOLUTION

1. (a) That the report on the Equalisation Fund be received as an interim report.
(b) That Conference encourages the Board of Administration in presenting a further report which reflects consideration of the purpose, composition and appropriate frequency of Conference.

D. CENTRALISATION OF BANKING

Centralisation of bank accounts proved a challenging task, which took longer than expected. Cooperation was good, but not all current accounts have come into the scheme yet. Nevertheless the results to date (end of August) are gratifying.

It is expected that when the changeover is completed, total credits of over 700 accounts will be in the scheme.

The Church's Special Overdraft Account was opened under authority of last year's Conference. In its use this Board will be guided by the Investment Board. The facility has already been used for short-term finance made available for some Church projects. The availability is proving to be very beneficial in helping the Church in vital areas.

E. CONTINGENT FUND

Conference asked the Board to review the name of the Contingent Fund (1976 Minutes of Conference, pp208-9). Several suggestions were made and the Board chose the name "Connexional Expenses Fund" as more appropriately indicating the function of the Fund.

RESOLUTION

1. That the name be changed from Contingent Fund to Connexional Expenses Fund.

F. MR. H. DE R. FLESHER

The Board wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the services of Mr Hubert de Rie Flesher as President's Legal Adviser over a period of 30 years.

Like his father before him, Mr Flesher's knowledge of Methodist law and usage was encyclopedic. He was always accessible to Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Conference in need of legal help and friendship. His preparation of Presidential rulings was thorough and his presentation of issues balanced. His guidance on points of order in meetings of all levels has been invaluable. His gracious outlook and positive and constructive leadership has left an abiding influence on the whole Church.

The connexion is particularly indebted to him for the painstaking manner in which he prepared the 1969 edition of the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the care with which he has ensured that year by year the most recent amendments have been printed in appendices to the Minutes of Conference. He has been a conscientious Convener of the Law Revision Committee. Mr Flesher has also advised the Connexional Office and the various Boards, in the day by day work of the Office. He has advised successive General Secretaries, General Treasurers/Accountants and the Finance Manager, each of whom has appreciated his knowledge, wisdom and friendship. He has served with generosity of time and the Board expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation.

The New Zealand Methodist Conference is unique in its annual appointment of a President's Legal Adviser and no one has done more to justify the continuance of this important office than Mr H. de Rie Flesher.

RESOLUTION

1. That Conference in terms of the Board's report expresses its appreciation to Mr H. de Rie Flesher for his 30 years devoted service as the President's Legal Adviser.

G. THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER

Conference 1976, (page 207, Res.11), asked the Board to bring a nomination as President's Legal Adviser as a successor to Mr H. de R. Flesher to Conference 1977. The Board, after consultation with members of Church Council and District Chairmen, submitted to Synods its nomination of Mr Geoffrey H. Peak, LLB. Synods gave unanimous support.

Mr Geoffrey H. Peak is a partner in the Law firm, Peak, Longland & Co. of Auckland. He has a deep commitment to the Church and the faith of the Church. He is a member of the Mt. Albert Church, a Trustee and a former Circuit Steward, and currently Chairman of the Investment Board and the Methodist Trust Association Board. He is a member of the Auckland Synod, Auckland Central Mission Board and a member of the Board of Administration. Mr Peak has served on several Conference Committees and is a member of J.C.C.U. He knows Methodism well and has a deep sensitivity to our Church's ecumenical relationships. The Board considers that the Church will have confidence in Geoffrey Peak and that he will serve the Church as the President's Legal Adviser with distinction. His family have a long association with the Methodist Church. His father, Mr Leicester Peak, continues to serve the Church and his grandfather was a former Legal Adviser to the President.

RESOLUTION

1. That Mr Geoffrey H. Peak, LLB, be appointed the President's Legal Adviser.

H. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

The Board is inviting three Synods to use new procedures of consultation and decision making which it is hoped will involve Trusts, Synods and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee in a strengthened partnership. It is expected that this will:-

1. facilitate an understanding of mission questions,
2. clarify and set the strategy for the local Church more clearly within a Synodal and Connexional strategy,
3. assist the local Church in the wise use of resources.

The Board hopes to report to Synods and Conference 1978 on the experimental use of new procedures and decision making on property matters.

I. A COORDINATED LOAN POLICY

In the past many local Churches/Trusts have been helped by the Church Building and Loan Fund with loans at low interest rates to enable them to complete projects that high debt servicing would have prevented. In this they were also helped by low interest loans from the Fire Insurance Fund.

Inflation has seriously eroded the capability of these Funds to give adequate assistance. Not only the actual purchasing power of the capital of these Funds has diminished but requirements for loan monies have substantially increased as building costs have risen even faster than inflation.

As was stated in last year's report to Conference a solution has to be found to strengthen the Church Building and Loan Fund so that this most useful Fund may continue to serve the Church.

It also seems advisable to develop a coordinated loan policy for the acquisition of Church plant. This policy should be under constant review to make and keep it effective.

To find the most economic and effective ways of providing the Church with financial backing to fulfil its mission, it is proposed to coordinate the following:

1. (a) THE EXISTING SOURCES OF FUNDS

In addition to the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Fire Insurance Fund, the Investment Funds Board of the Development Division has been active in supplying special assistance towards the acquisition of Church plant. In many cases the sale of existing property provided a portion of the funds required for a Church project. Occasionally a grant from the Development Fund would be made available. Other future sources of funds are loan monies made available by the Methodist Provident Society, short-term loans from the Special Account established by the Administration Division as a result of the centralisation of bank accounts, and also short-term funds from the Methodist Trust Association, finally, deposits of Church plant sales proceeds, as mentioned hereunder.

Clearly these sources should direct the funds available for the acquisition of Church plant towards the Church Building and Loan Fund which would be the only Agency entrusted with the task to make loans available for building purposes. The available finance can then be directed where it serves the Church best.

(b) THE INTEREST POLICIES

A variety of interest rates has been charged in the past: each of the sources mentioned above sets its own interest rate. Interest charged to the Church Building and Loan Fund by these sources may still vary but the C.B. & L. Fund will establish a composite rate for its lending, a rate which will be kept as low as possible. This will reflect the intention of the Fund to serve the mission of the Church.

(c) EFFORTS TO RAISE OUTSIDE LOAN MONEY

At times Trusts may wish to raise interest free or low interest loans from local Church members especially to promote a local project. Such loans have in the past been administered by local Trusts or by the Investment Funds Board in Auckland. To sustain the effort to coordinate all lending for the acquisition of Church plant in one Church Agency, the C.B. & L. Fund, it seems advisable that any such scheme is handled through the proposed Provident Society which then will lend these funds, made available by Church members, to the C.B. & L. Fund for on-lending to the Trusts concerned, at the special rates of interest or free of charge as the case may be. In due course the borrowing by the C.B. & L. Fund by way of debentures is also a possibility.

(d) THE LOAN POLICY OF THE CHURCHES INVOLVED IN JOINT VENTURES

Joint ventures with other Churches have resulted in loans from these other Churches for such ventures often at interest rates well in excess of those charged by the C.B. & L. Fund and the Fire Insurance Fund. As a result, frequently loans have been sought from our sources beyond the amounts we could be expected to make available. In discussions with other Churches we have arranged for a coordination of interest rates, grants and loans. In the future where other denominations are involved in the financing of new ventures with us, equal interest rates will be charged and grants and loans will be made in agreed proportions.

(e) THE PRIORITIES OF PURPOSES FOR WHICH LOAN MONIES ARE SOUGHT

As the available funds have to be used where and when they serve the Church best, it is more than ever necessary that the Church's strategy is recognised as a determining factor in lending decisions. Priorities have to be set by the Synods and by the C.B. & L. Fund Committee in consultation with the District Property Advisory Committees.

2. The provisions of the Transport Trust Board (Inc.) are not wide enough to enable it to lend to Ministers and Church Lay Workers for furniture and other aids, nor any other needs, especially in and towards retirement. Moreover the accumulated funds of the Transport Trust Board total only \$16,000. It is therefore proposed that it be replaced by a Ministers' and Lay Workers' Loan Fund with wider scope, and that its loan functions be administered under the Board of Administration. Sources of funds for the new Fund would be the funds now employed by the Transport Trust Board, the proposed Methodist Provident Society, the Methodist Trust Association and, for short-term finance, the Special Account.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Board of Administration pursue the policy of co-ordinating the loan functions for Church projects, arrange for such lending for the acquisition of Church plant to be done by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and that the following rates will apply:
 - (a) Administration charges only, as decided by Conference 1976 for lending funds from the Capital of the C.B. & L. Fund.
 - (b) A composite rate for lending funds from all other sources.
2. (a) That the loan functions of the Transport Trust Board (Inc.) be carried out by the Board of Administration.

(b) That a Ministers' and Lay Workers' Loan Fund, administered by the Board of Administration, be authorised.

J. THE METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

During recent years various suggestions have been made as to the ways in which members of the Church could assist the work of the Church through the pooling of finance. Within its coordinated loan policy the Board of Administration proposes the establishment of the Methodist Provident Society for the benefit of the Church and its members. Funds contributed by members to the Provident Society would be used in a variety of ways to promote the work of the Church.

Contributions to the Society will be used in part for on-lending to the Church Building and Loan Fund and/or to the Ministers' and Lay Workers' Loan Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for the other part for investment in the Short-term Fund and/or the Long-term Fund of the Methodist Trust Association and/or other investments as decided by the Board.

Members can contribute on the basis that their contributions are repaid at call or they may stipulate that these are contributed for an agreed period. To facilitate on-lending to the Church Building and Loan Fund for building purposes, especially in the case of support for local Church projects, long-term contributions will be sought.

It is up to the members to choose either not to participate in the distribution of profits, in which case such profits are applied as directed by the members or otherwise as decided by the Conference, or to participate in the profit to such extent as will constitute an amount not more than 6% p.a. on their contributions or such higher amount as the Board of the Provident Society from time to time may decide. All other profits of the Society will be used for the purposes of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, as decided by Conference.

The Board of the Provident Society will consist of the members of the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand appointed by Conference, and three members chosen by and of the members. The Chairman of the Board of Administration will be the Chairman of the Board of the Provident Society.

RESOLUTION

1. (a) That the Methodist Provident Society Limited be established.
- (b) That Conference hereby authorises the President, on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser, to approve the Constitution of the Methodist Provident Society Limited.
- (c) That the Methodist Church of New Zealand guarantees the repayment of any deposit with the Methodist Provident Society Limited.

K. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by 31 May 1978, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (*).

NORTHLAND

Rawene, Hokianga: 32 perches and dwelling, \$26,000.
Paparoa: 1 section and parsonage.*
Kerikeri: Hall, \$14,000.
Mangungu Mission House: 10 acres (gifted to Historic Places Trust Board).

AUCKLAND

Weymouth: 2 roods and shed, \$35,000; Wiri: 1.5 acres, \$120,000; Homai: 1044.6 sq. metres and Church hall, \$45,000.
Wesley Training College: Waikowhai Park Estate; Lots 265, 266, 275, 237.
Swanson: 809 sq. metres and Church and hall, \$18,000.
Kingsland: 1 rood, 2.2 perches and dwelling, \$30,000.
Auckland District Tongan Committee: 30.7 perches and dwelling, \$30,000.
Glen Innes: 2 roods, 9.8 perches and Church and hall.*
Panmure: 867 sq. metres and parsonage.*
Waiheke Island: 1214 sq. metres.*

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Woodville: 923 sq. metres and dwelling, \$26,000.
Wairoa: 37 perches and dwelling, \$16,000.
Ormondville: 2 roods, 17.9 perches, \$200.

WELLINGTON

Wairarapa Campsite: removal of buildings.

NELSON

Stoke: 809 sq. metres and dwelling, \$34,000.
Runanga: 33 perches, \$1,200.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Linwood: 766 sq. metres and dwelling, \$20,000.
Sydenham: 10 foot strip of land for street widening, (Christchurch City Council), \$9,650.
Sydenham: 1 rood, 16.75 perches and Church and hall, \$64,500, (Less 10 ft. strip).
Kaiapoi: 685 sq. metres, \$8,000.
Lincoln Road: 2,023 sq. metres and Church, \$28,000.
General Secretary's Residence: (17 Merivale Lane), 38.4 perches and dwelling, \$36,500.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Dunedin Central Mission: 32.26 perches and dwelling (McTaggart St., Macandrew Bay), \$13,000.

PURCHASES

The following purchases have been approved:

AUCKLAND

Auckland Central Mission: 354 sq. metres and dwelling (Puka St.), \$25,000; 2 roods, 5.4 perches and buildings (McLean St., Mt. Albert).*

Auckland District Tongan Trust: 30.7 perches and dwelling, \$30,000; 12 perches and dwelling, \$26,500.

Henderson: 1 rood, 15.10 perches and dwelling, \$28,000.

Ranui Ecumenical Ministry: house (Pook's Rd.), \$32,500.

NORTH CANTERBURY

General Secretary's Residence: 653 sq. metres and dwelling (32 Ambleside Drive), \$53,500.

Beckenham: 647 sq. metres and shops, \$26,000.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

St. David's, Allenton: 756 sq. metres, \$12,500.

Ashburton: 139 Cameron Street (corner section) \$20,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

St. Peter's, Invercargill: 2,681 sq. metres and dwelling, \$20,000.

Dunedin Central Mission: (Kawarau Falls, Queenstown) dwelling.*

BUILDINGS

Erections (E), Additions and Alterations (A), Final Costs not known(*) .

NORTHLAND

Hikurangi: Alterations to parsonage (A).

AUCKLAND

Auckland Central Mission: Social Services building (E)*, Home for the Ageing, Campbell's Bay (A)*.

Kaukapakapa: vestry (A)*.

Glen Eden: (Stage 3) \$7,000 (A).

Otara: extensions (A)*.

Manurewa: additions (A)*.

Wiri: Inter-Church Centre (E)*.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Cambridge: Church Centre, \$166,000.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Castlecliff, Wanganui: alterations (A)*.

Trinity, Wanganui: extensions to Church (A)*.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Mangapapa: alterations to Church (A), \$4,500.

WELLINGTON

Tawa: toilet accommodation etc. (A)*.

Elsdon Campsite: buildings (E, A)*.

NELSON

Christchurch Central Mission: Wesley House, Picton (A), \$29,546.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Wainoni, Christchurch: parsonage (E), \$49,331, (plus land, \$12,000).

Brookside (Leeston): hall (A), \$1,200.

St. Albans, Christchurch: garage (E)*.

Christchurch Central Mission: Rehua Meeting House, extensions (A)*.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street, Timaru: parsonage (E)*.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Dunedin Central Mission: Wesley Court, Spencer St. (E), \$200,000; Wesley Day Care Centre (E)*.

Ohai: store and toilet block (A), \$3,122.

LOANS

At 31 May 1977, there were 183 loans current (180 last year).

Northland	10	Wellington	23
Auckland	54	Nelson	7
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	18	North Canterbury	30
Taranaki-Wanganui	3	South Canterbury	9
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	15	Otago-Southland	14

NEW LOANS

Eighteen new loans totalling \$75,650 were advanced during the year as follows:

NORTHLAND

Raumanga, Whangarei: \$5,000

Redhill Camp: \$1,000

AUCKLAND

Auckland District Tongan Trust: \$5,000

Onehunga Parsonage: \$5,000

Papatoetoe Parsonage: \$5,000

Balmoral-Roskill Parsonage (Dominion Road) \$5,000

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Otumoetai Church Centre: \$10,000 (2 loans)

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Trinity, Palmerston North (re-financing) \$3,650; Church and parsonage, \$3,000

WELLINGTON

Johnsonville Centre: \$5,000

Elsdon Youth Camp, Porirua: \$5,000

NORTH CANTERBURY

St. Albans, Christchurch: Garage, \$1,000

Wainoni Parsonage: \$5,000

Clarence Road, Riccarton: Church and hall, \$5,000

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street, Timaru, Parsonage: \$5,000

Ashburton Parsonage: \$5,000

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Wesley Church, Dunedin: \$5,000

DEVELOPMENT FUND

During the year the following grants were made:

Raumanga, Whangarei \$2,000; Ranui \$4,000; Wiri Church Centre \$4,000; Parklands, Christchurch \$4,000.

For special training projects the sum of \$700 was made available by way of grants.

At 31 May 1977 the balance in the Development Fund stood at \$16,739.90 with a further \$8,187.50 in the Special Training Fund.

USE OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF REDUNDANT PROPERTIES AND SPECIAL FUND FOR SECTOR MINISTRIES ETC.

During the year the sum of \$25,449 was transferred to the Development Division to assist with grants to Ecumenical and Hospital Chaplaincies and grants of \$700 were made to the Education Division and \$731 to the Auckland District Synod respectively.

At 30 June 1977 the balance in the Fund was \$4,270.33.

SITES FUND

During the year a grant of \$1,000 was made to the Henderson Trust. At 31 May 1977 the balance in the Fund stood at \$7,858.04.

LEGACIES

During the year the following legacy was received:

A.M. Hayman \$2,000

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND

The Board has given considerable thought to improvements to the Supernumerary Fund with special regard to:

- i. The implications of the National Superannuation Scheme.
- ii. Improving the pension and commutation payable so that a Minister retiring after 30 years contribution and attained age of 60 years could receive, in 1977 terms, \$20,000.

- iii. The older age of members joining the Fund.
- iv. The expectations of ministers superannuating at age 60 instead of age 65.
- v. Legitimately reducing the amount of taxation payable by ministers.
- vi. Enabling members to remain in full connexion but not contribute to the Fund.
- vii. Withdrawal provisions from the Fund.

1. SOME IMPLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION SCHEME AND A CHANGED BASIS

Serious consideration was given to alternatives to a superannuation scheme. It is the view of the Board that as the majority of ministers are dependent upon the commutation of their pension for their retirement home, the Church could not place ministers in a position where they must rely entirely upon a State pension. Alternative home acquirement schemes lack many of the advantages of a pension scheme including generous commutation provisions (up to 75%).

Recognising:

- (a) the older age of those entering membership of the Fund
- (b) the expectation of earlier retirement with consequent loss of contributions and usually longer years as a beneficiary of the Fund
- (c) the need for increased pensions
- (d) the avoidance of what is interpreted as a penalty under existing pensions for less than 40 years service

the Board proposes that benefits be on the basis of years of contribution and attained age. This will allow for flexibility in contribution to the Fund e.g. while on an overseas exchange or engaged in secular employment. This flexibility will also enable a minister to decide the year of his retirement after considering various personal factors. (All Synods supported this proposed change.) The Actuary is in agreement with the proposal. It is intended to periodically distribute tables which will indicate at a glance the benefit that ministers might expect to receive on retirement. This will allow ministers to plan their personal responsibility for retirement.

Of greater significance is the proposed change from retirement at 65 years of age or 40 years service, to retirement not sooner than the end of the Connexional Year in which a minister attains 55 years of age but not later than the end of the Connexional Year in which the minister attains 65 years of age. This proposal is in response to the request of Conference 1976 for a report on implications of the retirement age being reduced from 65 to 60 years or from 40 to 35 years of service. The flexible provisions will allow a minister in making "the retirement decision" to take into account non-financial factors

as well as the financial ones. It is the Board's hope that the freedom to choose retirement age will both meet some of the personal needs of ministers who in the later years of ministry may feel tied to "work out their time" and enable ministers who would have been compulsorily retired at say 60 years, to continue to serve the Church if they wish to do so.

2. INCREASED BENEFITS

Ministers can expect to receive benefits in a mutual Fund only in accordance with contributions. Because of the prospect of reduced years of contribution and additional years of benefit, it is proposed to increase contributions and subsidy from 7½% to 10% as from 1 February 1978. The Board is aware that whilst the earning rate of the Fund is satisfactory, there is room for improvement and it has advised the M.T.A. of its willingness to invest through the Association.

The aim of 75% commutation of pension producing \$20,000 (1977 terms) can only be reached when the increased contributions become effective and an improved earning rate is achieved. Actuarial reviews are made every 3 years.

3. HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

For years ministers used their proceeds from this Fund for the purchase of furniture on retirement.

It is proposed that ministers no longer be required to contribute to this Fund or that subsidy be paid by the Church. The increased contributions to the Supernumerary Fund will enable ministers to benefit from current taxation provisions that were not authorised for contribution to the Home Acquisition Fund.

The Board has asked the M.T.A. to provide for ministers to make voluntary investment in the Association, and this has been agreed to in principle. Study will continue as to the way in which this can be most advantageously achieved. It is possible that a redesigned and re-named Home Acquisition Fund may be the way of achieving voluntary investment by ministers in growth securities. Synods gave general support to these proposals; resolutions that take into account views expressed by Synods concerning withdrawal for a retirement home or its alternative are appended.

4. TIED HOUSING

In its 1977 Budget, Government announced that on 1 October 1977 the Housing Corporation would issue details on a scheme to assist those in tied housing. The Board awaits with interest details of the scheme as it is aware that this could be of assistance to ministers in the provision of a retirement home.

5. MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION NOT CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND

Current provisions provide that ministers in full connexion shall contribute to the Fund. For ministers with permission to engage in secular employment this is often an impossible require-

ment which has resulted in resignation from the ministry. Recognising the movement between various appointments, the need for flexibility and the desire of the Church that no minister should be forced to resign on account of maintaining relationship with the Fund, the decision as to whether a minister may be given permission not to contribute to the Fund shall be made by the General Purposes Committee of Conference.

6. DIRECT SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND FROM THE BUDGET

Synods were invited to advise the Board as to whether any change was desired in the payment of the direct subsidy to the Fund. The majority of Synods favour contribution from the Budget and therefore no change is proposed at this time.

7. CONTRIBUTION FROM UNION AND COOPERATING PARISHES

Consultation with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches has resulted in agreement that Retirement Fund contributions of ministers in Cooperating Parishes will be paid by the Parish direct to the denominational Fund of the minister(s) appointed to the Parish.

Further consultation with the Presbyterian Church carried this principle into the Presbyterian/Methodist Union and Cooperating Parishes. It was effective from 1 July 1977.

8. WITHDRAWAL PROVISIONS FROM THE FUND

Withdrawal provisions in commercial Pension Funds vary between wide ranging discretionary provisions and fixed inflexible provisions.

The Board recognises the need for a balance between the rights of the members withdrawing from the Fund and remaining members. The Fund, as a mutual Fund, must make provision for the 'risk' that it carries for the premature death of members. Allowance must be made for the costs involved in initial membership and administration. Payments to a member withdrawing must allow for these factors. The initial proposal of the Board to Synods was:

"That Clause 56, page 116, of the Law Book be amended to provide that, on a minister resigning the Board shall decide whether or not the minister receives cash contributions made by the minister personally to the Fund or whether he shall be required to leave such contributions in the Fund to provide for a pension for him on reaching age 60 or for his widow if he dies before attaining that age. The Board shall also decide what amount (if any) of the Church's contribution shall be paid out to the minister so resigning."

Several Synods raised the question of the rights of the member withdrawing and urged that these rights should be clearly stated and not at the Board's discretion. As the Board desires

to continue to exercise a pastoral responsibility for all members of the Fund, it is therefore proposed:

(a) That a minister resigning from the ministry shall basically be entitled to a refund of personal contributions to the Supernumerary Fund.

(b) The Board may, after consultation with the member resigning, invite or urge such minister to remain a member of the Fund while ceasing to contribute. At such member's chosen retirement age the pension will be based on years of personal contribution, and a widow's benefit will also be based on years of contribution.

(c) If however the minister chooses to withdraw from the Fund the following provisions will apply:

(i) A minister withdrawing within 5 years of joining the Fund shall be refunded personal contributions only.

(ii) After 5 years of contributory membership, a minister shall receive personal contributions with compound interest, plus 2½% of the Church's subsidy for each year of contribution.

For Example:-

Say, that 10 years personal contributions total	\$2,500
the Church's contributions would also total	2,500
the member would receive	
10 x 2½% = 25% of the Church's contributions	625
personal contributions of	2,500
and compound interest on the personal contributions	723
A TOTAL OF	<u>\$3,848</u>

9. SPECIAL \$150,000 APPEAL

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AS AT 30 JUNE 1977

District	Amount Received	District Allocation
Northland	800.50	2,380
Auckland	20,324.40	21,200
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	6,138.46	13,980
Taranaki-Wanganui	4,306.85	10,560
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	5,952.50	9,384
Wellington	5,070.65	12,100
Nelson	2,484.25	5,140
North Canterbury	13,601.11	16,780
South Canterbury	3,465.32	4,300
Otago-Southland	959.24	6,140
	<u>\$63,103.28</u>	<u>\$101,964</u>

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) That as from 1 February 1978 Supernumerary Fund benefits be on the basis of years of contribution and attained age.

(b) That at the discretion of the Board the benefit payable to the widow of a minister who dies in full Connexion may be based on 35 years contribution and attained age of 60 years.

2. That as from 1 February 1978, the contributions by members and the equal subsidies from the Church be increased from 7½% of stipend to 10% of stipend.
3. (a) That as from 1 February 1978 subsidies from the Church to the Home Acquirement Fund be suspended and that ministers be no longer required to contribute to the Home Acquirement Fund.
(b) That as from 1 February 1978 the Home Acquirement Fund will be invested by the Supernumerary Fund Board and each minister's credit increased on an annual basis according to the result of such investment.
(c) That withdrawal of funds currently deposited with the Home Acquirement Fund shall be permitted for the purchase of a residential property only.
4. That as from 1 February 1978 ministers will be free to contribute to a new Home Savings Fund such amounts as they choose.
5. That Clause 56, page 116 of the Law Book be amended to include:
 - (a) That a minister resigning from the ministry shall basically be entitled to a refund of personal contributions to the Supernumerary Fund.
 - (b) The Board may, after consultation with the member resigning, invite or urge such minister to remain a member of the Fund while ceasing to contribute. At such member's chosen retirement age the pension will be based on years of personal contribution.
 - (c) If however the minister chooses to withdraw from the Fund the following provisions will apply:
 - (i) A minister withdrawing within 5 years of joining the Fund shall be refunded personal contributions only.
 - (ii) After 5 years of contributory membership a minister shall receive personal contributions with interest thereon, plus 2½% of the Church's subsidy for each year of contribution.
6. That the last sentence of the Law Book, page 112, Sub-section 28, be repealed and substitute therefore the following...

That a minister may elect to superannuate not sooner than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 55 years of age but not later than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 65 years of age.

7. That Section 512, Sub-section 9 (Law Book, page 109) be amended by adding the following Sub-section (g):

Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, on the official short-term money market and with such registered Trustee Companies, Building Societies, Local Authorities and other Bodies and Companies as from time to time may be approved by Conference for the investment of funds.

M. FIRE INSURANCE FUND

The Board sets itself the following objectives:

1. Proper risk management.
2. Good service to Trusts and other insured in
 - (a) reviewing insurance covers
 - (b) processing claims.
3. Adequate financial loss protection at lowest possible cost compatible with ability to pay.

The Board is aware of the need to improve all three aspects. A Consultant has been engaged to advise the Board. His report indicated widespread underinsurance on churches, halls, and parsonages, and inadequate and incomplete cover on some commercial and quasi commercial properties. The underinsurance is of such proportion as to be alarming and seems to indicate an attitude that if a Trust suffers a major loss then the Connexion would come to the assistance of the Trust in a rebuilding programme. Connexional resources are limited and in fact would be exhausted by one medium loss, let alone a major one. The cost of insurance to Trusts is increasing with the effects of inflation. If insurance cover was adequate there would also be a corresponding increase in premiums of a very substantial nature. The Board considers that the financial position income-wise of the Church as a whole is such that on the basis of individual Trust policies the Church cannot afford adequate insurance cover. At the same time the Church cannot afford inadequate insurance cover. We are clearly in a dilemma.

Illustration:-

	Sums Insured	Probable Replacement Value
Church building	\$38,300	\$116,600
Contents	7,160	10,500
Organ	5,900	7,600
Church hall building	14,000	25,000
Church hall contents	1,850	4,000
Parsonage	7,500	20,500
	<u>\$74,710</u>	<u>184,200</u>

It therefore proposes that Conference should authorise the Board

to arrange all insurances for Methodist property. This would enable insurances to be arranged on the following basis:

1. Full replacement insurance where appropriate on commercial and quasi commercial properties with individual Trusts being responsible for premiums.
2. Insurance on low value and uneconomic Church buildings, and buildings that for strategy and mission reasons would not need to be replaced, would be insured or not insured as appropriate.
3. Insurances on high value buildings that would be for strategy reasons replaced, would be insured on the basis of replacement as strategy required.

On expert advice the Board is convinced that it can best negotiate such insurance arrangements when it can negotiate adequate insurance for all Methodist property. The Board is aware that in particular cases of necessity other insurance arrangements would have to be made.

It is recognised that this may be considered a radical step but it considers that this is the way forward out of a dilemma situation. Such a move calls for an assurance from the Board that no Trust will be comparatively disadvantaged in any new arrangement than on existing arrangements. This assurance is given by the Board. The strategy decision as related to these insurance proposals would be made by the Board in full consultation with each Synod and Trust.

The Board asks Conference to give general approval to these proposals, thus enabling the Board to negotiate an insurance arrangement for report to Synods and Conference 1978.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fire Insurance Fund Board is desirous of being able to widen its powers of investment so that it may comply with the request of Conference and the Board of Administration to deposit funds and/or invest them through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Board therefore submits the following recommendation:-

That Section 518, 3A (Law Book, page 125) be amended by adding the following Sub-section (h):-

- (h) Deposit with and/or invest through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference authorises the Board of Administration to investigate insuring adequately all Methodist property where possible and report to Synods and Conference 1978.
2. That Section 518, 3A (Law Book, page 125) be amended by adding the following Sub-section (h):-
 - (h) Deposit with and/or invest through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

N. THE METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD

INVESTMENT POLICY

In 1969 Conference widened the powers of investment of the Board. Included in these is a power to place funds on deposit with such further and other Bodies Corporate as the Conference may from time to time by resolution authorise (Section 517, Sub-section 7 (g)).

The Board is desirous of complying with the request of Conference that it deposit funds and/or invest them through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Board could request Conference to give it authority to make such deposits and investments. However, rather than each individual case being dealt with as it arises the Board would prefer that its Constitution be amended to give it wider powers and thus enable it to meet the request of Conference.

The Board therefore submits the following recommendation and that Section 517, Sub-section 7 be amended by the addition of the following Sub-section (h):-

- (h) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

RESOLUTION

1. That Section 517, Sub-section 7 be amended by the addition of the following Sub-section (h):-

- (h) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

O. RESOLUTIONS FOR NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES NEEDED TO BRING VARIOUS FUNDS, BOARDS ETC. UNDER THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

1. MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

(See Law Book, page 118, Section 513)

It is hereby resolved that Section 513 be amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 & 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

- 3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.
- 4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

2. DEACONESS RETIRING FUND

(See Law Book, page 119, Section 514)

It is hereby resolved that Section 514 be amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 and 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

3. HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND

(See Law Book, page 121, Section 515)

It is hereby resolved that Section 515 be amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 and 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

4. LAYWORKERS' RETIRING FUND

(See Law Book, page 122, Section 516)

It is hereby resolved that Section 516 be amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 and 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

5. MINISTERS' RETIREMENT HOME FUND

(See Law Book, page 118, Section 513A)

It is hereby resolved that Section 513A be amended by repealing Sub-sections 4 and 5 and substituting therefor the following:-

4. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

5. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

6. REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

(See Law Book, page 104, Section 509)

It is hereby resolved that Section 509, Sub-section 3 be amended by deleting the words "of Management of the Connexional Office" and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

7. CONTINGENT FUND

(See Law Book, page 106, Section 511)

It is hereby resolved that Section 511 Sub-section 2 be amended by deleting the words "of Management of the Connexional Office" and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

8. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

(See Law Book, page 126, Section 519)

It is hereby resolved that Section 519 be amended by repealing Sub-section 3 and substituting the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

It is further resolved that Sub-sections 4 to 7, 11 to 15, 17 and 20 be amended by deleting the words "the Committee" or "the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee" wherever the same appears and substituting therefor the words "the Board".

9. CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

(See Law Book, page 124, Section 518)

It is hereby resolved that Section 518 be amended by repealing Sub-section 3 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

10. THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND

(See Law Book, page 107, Section 512)

It is hereby resolved that the Board of Management of the Supernumerary Fund request the Conference to amend Section 512 by repealing Sub-sections 3 to 6 inclusive and substituting the following therefor:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

11. METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (See 1950 Minutes of Conference, page 150)

It is hereby resolved that Clause 3 to 6 of the Board's Constitution be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:-

3. That members of the Board of Administration shall be ex officio the members of and its Chairman shall be Chairman of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Trust Board.

12. THE METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD

(See Law Book, page 123, Section 157)

It is hereby resolved that Section 517 be amended by repealing Sub-section 2 and substituting therefor the following:-

2. The members of the Board of Administration shall be ex officio the members of and its Chairman shall be Chairman of the General Purposes Trust Board.

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GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:

- 43 (a) A. Board of Administration
- 39 (b) B. Church Building and Loan Fund
- 43 (c) C. Supernumerary and Allied Funds
- 43 (d) D. Fire Insurance Fund
- 43 (c) E. General Purposes Trust Board
- 43 (b) F. Transport Trust Board
- 43 (e) G. Contingent Fund
- 43 (g) H. Removal Expenses Fund

2. That the Board of Administration for 1978 be:-

The General Secretary, the Finance Manager, the North Canterbury District Chairman, Revs. D.G. Laws, D.S. Mullan, S.C. Grant, Messrs G.E. Hill, H.T. Francis, E.G. Heggie, D. Hogan, K.C. James, A.A. Dingwall, D.A. White, C.B. Radcliffe, G.H. Peak, R.G. Pearce.

A. **METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD**
REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1977

The initiatives taken last year and laid down in 1976 Conference resolutions to establish the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and organise the Centralisation of Bank Accounts came to fruition in 1977.

The New Zealand Methodist Trust Association was incorporated and started operating. A separate report deals with this important development in the life of the Church.

The Centralisation of Bank Accounts was undertaken by the Board of Administration. This Board also controls the Church's Special Overdraft Account opened under authority of last year's Conference, but is guided in its use by the Investment Board.

During the year the Board held five meetings, in which attention was given to a wide range of subjects. In addition to those mentioned above, these included investment ratios, investment criteria, real estate development, share investment, the proposed Provident Society, advice to Trusts on a variety of investment matters.

For consultation between meetings the Board appointed an Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, two members, plus the Secretary and the Executive Officer.

Due to pressure of work Mr L.V. Riesterer relinquished the position of Secretary. Rev. A.K. Woodley, by invitation of the Board, accepted to fill the position. The Investment Board records its appreciation for the services of Mr Lloyd V. Riesterer in promoting the Investment Board to its subsequent setting up by the Conference and in the initial years of the Board's work as its Secretary. The Board has invited him to accept nomination to Conference as a member of the Board for 1978.

Membership of the Investment Board and the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association is identical. The functions of these Boards however are different. The Investment Board is an Advisory Body to Methodist Boards and Trusts, a continuing role, which the Church is in need of. The Board recommends to the Church that full use be made of the facilities now available through the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, the new banking procedures, and especially the services of the Board itself.

G.H. PEAK, Chairman
A.K. WOODLEY, Secretary
D.J. JANUS, Executive Officer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Investment Board for 1977 be as printed herein.

B. NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

After the 1976 Conference approved the establishment of a New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, the Investment Board in consultation with the President's Legal Adviser and the Board of Administration, finalised the Constitution of the N.Z.M.T.A.

On the recommendation of the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the President, the Rev. P.A. Stead, by decision of 6 May 1977, formally approved the Constitution. On the basis of this Constitution the Investment Board subsequently applied for incorporation under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The N.Z.M.T.A. was officially incorporated on 23 August 1977.

Funds amounting to \$600,000 in short-term investments have accumulated in recent months for re-investment in and through the M.T.A. on maturity.

In the first month of operation investment by Trusts direct into the M.T.A. totalled \$100,020. Since then investment in smaller and bigger amounts are gradually building up and it is confidently expected that before long the \$1 million mark will be reached.

At this stage investments are all short-term either as term deposit with the Trading Banks, in Transferable Certificates of Deposits or secured against Government Stock.

In due course the Board will arrange investment of long-term funds in suitable growth assets.

By pooling of funds and the use of favourable market trends the M.T.A. has been able to obtain gratifying results, better results than individual Trusts can hope to achieve.

Last year the Conference by resolution encouraged and authorised Trustees to transfer funds and investments to the N.Z.M.T.A. and requested Trusts, Incorporated Bodies and Societies, not under the Methodist Model Deed 1887 to amend their Constitution to enable them to do so.

Those Trusts who to date have participated will need no convincing that they made the right move.

A brochure "What are you doing with the Church's money?" has been produced and will be widely circulated, so that all Trustees become acquainted with the objects of the M.T.A.

For a number of years the establishment of the Methodist Trust Association has been advocated.

Now the Association is operating, the Board voices the expectation that its services are fully utilised.

It repeats from last year's report:

"The participation of all Methodist Trusts within the Connexion will result in a pooling of resources which will materially contribute to optimum support from these sources for the Mission of the Church and will help safeguard their ability to continue to do so in the future."

That is what it is all about.

G.H. PEAK, Chairman
A.K. WOODLEY, Secretary
D.J. JANUS, Executive Officer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the members of the Board be the members of the Investment Board.

QUESTION 44—

- (a) REPORT ON THE 1976-77
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

See QUESTION 54

QUESTION 44—

- (b) REPORT ON THE 1977-78
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

See QUESTION 54

QUESTION 45 - What is the Report of Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1977

STAFF:

With the arrival of the new Warden, Dr. Pelly, and the reappointment for a further five years of the Principal, Dr. Lewis, a strong and wise leadership is being given to theological education at St. John's College.

In his report, the Principal has drawn attention to the retirement of the Rev. John Silvester and the Council wishes to be associated with the appreciation expressed. In addition, we wish to stress Mr. Silvester's faithfulness and helpfulness in sharing in the work of the Council.

Arrangements are in hand for the appointment of a successor to Mr. Silvester as Tutor in Theology and, at the time of writing, the position has been advertised and five applications received. These have been processed and discussions are in progress between a sub-committee of the Council and the St. John's Staffing Committee. It is hoped that an appointment can be finalised before Conference. The College has also recently advertised the position of Tutor in Biblical Studies and a number of applicants are being considered. This appointment is a joint responsibility of the Methodist and Anglican Churches and is open to any lay or ordained member of a member church of the N.C.C.

FIELD WORKER IN CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY:

During the year, the Council has accepted further responsibility for the College part of Mr. Rowe's stipend in terms of the decision of Conference 1976 (Res.6,p.245).

RANSTON LECTURESHIP:

In terms of the resolution of Conference 1976, the Rev. Dr. J. J. Lewis becomes the first occupant of this lectureship from February 1978.

PROPERTY:

Formalities concerning the lease of the Trinity College buildings until December 1978, by the Education Department, have been completed. There is a right of renewal for a further three years. Following arbitration, the amount of rental was established at \$ 59,000 per annum.

PERSONNEL:

A special report concerning the personnel of the Council

will be brought direct to Conference.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.
T. L. BENNETT, Secretary.

ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT 1977

The Council report would not be complete without reference to the impending retirement of its Chairman, the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch.

Mr. Petch was appointed to the Council by the 1971 Conference and became chairman in 1973. He has held office at a time when the work of Trinity College and that of the College of St. John the Evangelist have been brought together and his wide experience and ecumenical sympathies have proved invaluable. Mr. Petch has given wise leadership to the Council and has demonstrated pastoral concern for staff and students. The Council is grateful for the work of Mr. Petch and for the privilege of working under his leadership.

T. L. BENNETT, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference expresses its sincere thanks to the Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A. for his service to the church as a member of the Council since 1971 and as Chairman since 1973.
3. That Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the work of the Rev. John Silvester, M.A. over a period of fourteen years as Tutor in Systematic Theology at Trinity and St. John's Colleges.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1977

Twenty Methodist students have been in residence, including two preparing for the Diaconate. Mr. T. W. Wall has spent his final year in advanced studies at the McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Mrs Wall has been accepted as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Wall has been given approval to attend a Peace Conference in Chicago. Mr. David Arrowsmith attended the May vacation C. C. A. Youth Conference in Mission in Hong Kong as well as the Penang Conference. These opportunities enrich preparation for ministry. Mr. A. D. Stroobant has been an effective

Student Vice-President. Over all it has been a year of further ecumenical exploration and of consolidation. Life can never be dull at St. John's College.

STAFF MATTERS:

The new Warden, Dr. R. B. Pelly, Mrs Pelly and family have quickly settled into New Zealand life and a firm leadership has been established.

The Reverend B. K. Rowe has begun his doctoral course and spent the first period of six weeks at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo.

Special greetings have been sent a former Principal, Dr. D. O. Williams, on his award of the O.B.E. and to Mrs. W. F. Winstone on her award of the C.M.G.

The Reverend John Silvester retires at the end of 1977 after 14 year's service as Tutor at Trinity and St. John's Colleges in Systematic Theology. Bringing to his work capacity of mind and integrity of spirit, Mr. Silvester has made a significant contribution to theological studies in the Colleges. Always thoroughly prepared for his class work, Mr. Silvester has constantly made himself available for the help and guidance of his students. Even in his final year, he has prepared and offered new courses and those who work with him have often expressed deep appreciation for the content of the material they receive. He has seen Systematic Theology as an integrating discipline and has sought to penetrate more deeply than the passing theological fashion. He lectured with acceptance at Knox Theological Hall. He has given fine service on the Connexional Faith and Order Committee and as a representative on the National Council of Churches - Roman Catholic Joint Working Committee. As a harrier of many years, he carries the distinction of being the fittest member of the College. Mrs. Silvester has contributed her full support. As secretary for the Commission on Church and Society and for the Continuing Education Department, she has kept in close touch with forward movements in the Church and within the College she has given hospitality and assistance to the student community. Staff and students wish them well in their retirement.

SELWYN LECTURES:

A most stimulating series on the Psalms was given this year by Dr. Harvey Guthrie from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

VISIT TO PARIHAKA:

Some 40 Staff and Students visited the historic Marae of Parihaka, a deeply moving experience which has left its mark on the College.

LIBRARY:

The Methodist books are housed in special collections in the Atkin Room. Others has been incorporated into the main Library, while the catalogues are being integrated.

LAY STUDIES:

Discussions initiated by the Presbyterian Church are continuing on the possible establishment in Auckland of an Institute of Lay Studies.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

Intensive investigation and discussion have taken place on the subject of the future development of St. John's College with the accent upon training for Ministry in a changing, multi-cultural society. Attention is being directed to the meaning and implications of an "extended college."

COLLOQUIUM:

Four Consultations are being held simultaneously at the Auckland University and St. John's College in August, the University Religious Studies Colloquium, the meeting of the Federation of Religious Studies Departments, A.N.Z.A.T.S. and A.N.S.T.S. Among subjects discussed will be a College of Divinity for Auckland.

VISIT TO HONIARA:

The Principal has been invited to give lectures at Patterson Theological Centre, Honiara, and at Torgil Centre, New Hebrides, for a five week period, August - September.

Deep appreciation is expressed to Colleagues, Methodist and Anglican, and to the College Council, especially to the Chairman, Reverend A. K. Petch, for continued support and guidance to the College.

J. J. LEWIS, Principal.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of Conference in regard to: (a) The Order of Deaconesses?

DEACONESS BOARD & WARDEN'S REPORT 1977

Trainees: This year there have been two trainees at St. John's College - Mrs. Bouchier and Miss Heather Smith. Mrs. Bouchier had already undertaken two years at St. John's as a private student and this her third and final year as an official candidate for the Deaconess Order has been spent mainly on counselling skills and pastoral care. It is recommended that she become a Deaconess Probationer in 1978. Miss Heather Smith has been undertaking a first year trainee's course. Both students attended a meeting of the Deaconess Board to meet Board members and are coping adequately with their studies.

Probationers: Miss Diana Tana remained on probation this year and has been co-worker and under the supervision of Rev. Murray McCaskie.

Deaconesses: Sister Pamela Beaumont has this year not been employed as a Deaconess owing to poor health but has been continuing her work on the translation of the Hymn Book. The Warden is planning to visit all Deaconesses in their particular appointments during the year.

Convocation: This year Convocation was held at Te Rahui Tane Hostel, Hamilton. Rev. Graham Brazendale led the Bible studies and other speakers included: The President of Conference, Rev. P.A. Stead, the National President of the M.W.F., Mrs. Joyce Dey, Mrs. Ferguson from the Titoki Healing Centre. An enjoyable work time was spent with Mrs. Pari Waaka in the art of making flax baskets. The role of the Warden was discussed and the answer arrived at as follows:

- (a) To represent the Order on the courts of the Church.
- (b) To get to know Deaconesses in their appointments.
- (c) To discover possibilities of available appointments.
- (d) To keep Deaconesses informed of developing areas of thinking at the level of Church committees.

In regard to the question as to whether the Deaconess Order was still valuable, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"The Deaconess Order continues to fulfil a valuable function as it offers its members a discipline, spiritual help and support which contributes to their effectiveness as servants of the Church. We believe that the possibility of the Order being widened to include people serving in either the Diaconate or the Presbyterate should be explored. While we accept that the Church

sees the Deaconess Order as functioning within the Diaconate, most members of the Order, by the nature of their appointments perform functions that appear to be closer to the function of the Presbyterate than the Diaconate as understood by the Church. Our experience would suggest that people in certain situations would find membership in such an Order providing a sense of identity and community and would be a source of mutual strength."

Notes:

1. 'People in certain situations' could include Chaplains, people in community ministry, single people etc.
2. The possibility of a change of name for the Order could need to be considered.

Consideration was also given to questions involving parity of stipends, membership to Church Conference as of right and consideration of the Deaconess Report at Conference by the Committee on Ministry rather than the Committee dealing with Institutions.

J.H. OSBORNE, Chairman.
G. BRAZENDALE, Warden.
H.L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting College, Schools and Hostels?

(A) WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA

REPORT OF THE TRUST BOARD 1977

It is most pleasing to report that between this Trust Board and the separately constituted Board of Governors, which is responsible for the academic administration of the School following its integration into the State education system under the terms of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975, there exists an excellent relationship of co-operation and common purpose for the continuation of the established objectives of Wesley College. The fine general atmosphere and spirit of the School continues as in the past.

THANKS

Sincere appreciation is recorded of the continuing support received from many quarters but in particular from the Auckland Savings Bank, the Edith Winstone-Blackwell Foundation Trust Board, the Estate of Percy Rushton, Mrs. C.C. Fallows, Fletcher Holdings Ltd and from the separately endowed Scholarship Funds which give widespread assistance to pupils furthering their education. Unfortunately arrangements for the first award of the Gisborne Circuit Fijian Scholarship could not be completed for the 1977 year.

INTEGRATION

To mark the new era for Wesley College a special service was held in the Chapel and that opportunity was taken to install the Pulpit Fall displaying the embroidered Church Crest. Since that time, as reported above, the separate administrations have combined to promote the highest standards of education and at the same time preserve the Special Character of the School. Although not taking any direct part in the school administration it should be stressed that the Trust Board holds strong representation on the Board of Governors while its first Chairman is Mr. H.M. Denton, also Chairman of the Trust Board. The Trust Board retains the sole ownership of the entire property and will remain responsible for all the capital requirements for buildings and supporting amenities for the school. The first requirement, over a period of three years, is to upgrade the buildings to meet the latest stringent fire precaution regulations and to complete certain other works in addition to which it was agreed to provide a new Technical Block and a sealed road to the school complex. The final costs for all these works have yet to be established but they have been estimated to total in the region of \$300,000. To recover such payments and the finance charges incurred, the Minister of Education fixed the annual attendance dues payable for each pupil at \$180. Any further capital improvements required in the future will also be the responsibility of the Trust Board but it is expected that the attendance dues will be able to be continued to amortise those payments.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

The opportunity was taken to purchase back a further leased property in Carlton Gore Road adjoining our existing flats property thus giving a total of 7 flats for rent in that area with the consequent decided improvement in the annual return obtained. The Mt. Roskill subdivision of George Laurenson Lane and William Donnelly Terrace, after many frustrating delays, was able to be first marketed in May 1977, two years later than originally estimated, with moderate results to date, 6 of the 22 sections being sold.

FARM

Grafton Downs, the separately administered Town Milk Supply Farm under the continued able management of Mr. O.F. Reeve, was able to increase production further and the daily quota for the past year was 1518 litres. A tree planting programme has been commenced for the total Paerata property and the first plantings have been made. For this programme the Cornwall Park Trust Board generously donated 40 trees.

FINANCIAL

The concerted efforts to rearrange the invested funds enabled an improved income position to be disclosed and again no depreciation was required to be provided in respect of the Paerata Buildings because the independent valuation showed their worth ahead of the book value resulting in a further credit to the Capital Account.

CHAPLAINCY

The continued dedication to his task of the Rev. W.A. Chessum is acknowledged with gratitude by the Board and, with his concurrence, we submit our request that he be designated for reappointment as Chaplain to Wesley College for a further three year term as from 1 February 1979.

OBITUARY

It is with regret we report the death of Mr. R.C. Clark, former Principal of the College 1924-1941 and Principal of the Preparatory School 1941-1947, in his 85th year. Several donations were received from sympathisers and it was decided to establish a separate fund which, supplemented by the Board, would allow the purchase of memorial volumes to be placed in a separate section, marked by a commemorative plaque, in the College Library as a tribute to the services given by Mr. Clark.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Extract from the Principal's Report to the Board:
"1977 has marked the start of a new era for Wesley College as the first Private School to integrate under the Conditional Integration Act. The decision has been very worthwhile. The special character of the school has not changed, religious teaching and observances have continued as before, the financial burden faced by many parents has been eased, the staff's future is more

assured, and there is a general feeling of new found confidence and well being.

"The new Board of Governors which controls the Day School have taken a vital interest in the College, while the Trust Board have continued their dedicated approach to student beneficiary work, hostel management, capital finance and the chaplaincy. There has been first class co-operation between the two Boards and the support from the Education Department has been outstanding.

"The College lost two dedicated servants at the end of 1976. Mr. J.L. Browning retired after 22 years at the school, first as Farm Manager and then Head of Agriculture and Careers Master, while Mr. J.A. Allan retired after 16 years as Bursar. Both men believed in high moral standards, discipline and loyalty, and their influence will continue for many years to come.

"The roll has increased to a record maximum of 275 boys (220 boarders and 55 day boys). It is encouraging to note that the non-European roll has risen to 112 (40%) including 86 Maori boys. Enrolments for 1978 are heavy.

"Among examination results in 1976 were:

2 "A" passes and 1 "B" pass for University Bursaries

"Paralleling the growing strength of the Polynesian Club has been an improvement in Maori language and studies with success in Maori speech contests and one boy, Ngatai Riini, topped New Zealand in the Fourth Form Ngarimu Essay Contest. In 1976 the College debating team reached the fourth round of the North Island school's competition and our Y.F.C. group have not been defeated in 1977. The Wesleyan tradition in music is being well maintained. Our boys are still the mainstay of the Manukau Music Festival choir.

"The spirit of helping those less fortunate than ourselves continues in the College. In the last year over 20 projects have been supported by the boys and there never is a shortage of volunteers for collections and working bees.

"I wish to comment on the vital contribution the Rev. W.A. Chessum is making to the life of the College. The faith and life course all students follow is very strong; the number of boys taking communion has increased, while bible class and pre-communion are well attended. The strength of music is a direct result of Mr. Chessum's efforts. I am extremely pleased that he has agreed to nomination for a further period at Wesley.

"We all felt very humble and grateful for the response to our Gala Day. The support from Board members, parents, Old Boys, local businessmen and friends of the College was outstanding. The satisfaction came from the involvement of adults and students in a day of enjoyment and a job well done, while the amenities fund benefitted by \$6,500."

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Departmental heads and all staff continue to give generously of their respective talents under the direction and progressive control of the Principal, Mr. J.B. McDougall, whose qualities are highly regarded by the Board. We see no reason why Wesley

College should not continue to provide an excellent education based on Christian principles for those who seek the same and we trust that greater opportunity will be available to assist the advancement of the Polynesian or other needy cases which are our particular charge.

H.M.Denton, Chairman

G.C.B. Minogue, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference now designate Rev. W.A. Chessum for reappointment by Conference 1978 for a period of three years from 1 February 1979 as Chaplain of Wesley College.
3. That the membership of the Wesley College Trust Board for 1978 be as follows:

Mr. H. M. Denton, Revs. R. F. Clement, E. W. Hames, G.I. Laurenson, A. K. Petch and R. D. Rakena, Messrs. E. J. Beavis, J. Beever, B.K. Caughey, J. S. Caughey, W. F. Christian, C. W. Firth, T. L. Hames, J. W. Hull, C. A. Mansell, C. N. Nicholls, J. Peters, T. G. M. Spooner and A. M. Winstone.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

From all points of view, the year has not been an easy one. There has been a constant need to evaluate past experience and seek the guidance of the church for the future, brought about by a request from the Maori Affairs Department through the Taranaki Polytechnic for the use of Rangiatea for Maori Boys in Trade Training.

The Board's inability to utilize the buildings to their maximum bed occupancy has become an embarrassment to our Maori people and the church community. This situation the Board believes has come about because:-

1. There is a lack of awareness in Maori Circuits generally of the Rangiatea Hostel - hence a real lack of good students coming forward.
2. Better educational opportunities throughout Taranaki and elsewhere has meant that Taranaki applicants and their families interest in the Hostel has dried up and only girls from further afield now apply. Generally speaking parents prefer Schools with Hostel accommodation nearer to home.
3. As a Board we believe that costs have risen alarmingly and that our people find it increasingly difficult to meet the added costs even with the assistance of M.E.F. and Kurahuna grants.

The Board is also concerned at the lack of adequate staff from Taranaki for a Hostel of this kind. Food, Wage Bills, and Maintenance requirements of a building now nearly 20 years old, are a heavy drain on our resources. All Trusts who now contribute have been most generous but resources are not limitless and this must be faced.

The Board has continued discussions throughout the year on the Hostel's future. Delay in this matter does concern the Board. Responsible answers must be found in 1978 with resolutions to Conference. The Maori Division is to be thanked for setting up the Consultation on Hostels as requested by the Board. Very useful dialogue resulted and better understanding realised. However the Board wishes the Church to recognise that Rangiatea presents different problems as it is the only Hostel for Secondary school age children. The Board's two most real concerns are:-

1. We feel it is not in the best interest for social development of our girls to be divided between two large schools or in fact to be in such a large school so close to the Hostel. (Spotswood 1500, Girls High 800).

2. Our concern that the large institutional Hostel of the Rangiatea style cannot provide the easy, homely, warm, Christian atmosphere, necessary for our Maori Students in todays world. Our view would coincide with that of one section of the consultation report;

"We don't need big institutions to love people with when the church is most institutional it is at its least loving."

REV. G. T. GILBERT, Chairman.

RANGIATEA MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL

MATRON'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 1977

To the Chairman and Members of the Board:

I have the honour to report as follows:

THE HOSTEL AWARD LIST FOR 1976

Head Prefect - Rose Allum Cup: Beryl Harriott

Heni Rawiri - Prefects' Cup: Peggy Tahi

Music Cup: Peep Potae

Ngatai Shield: Tokomaru Dormitory

Evelyn Marriott Award: Ngaire Dewes

Prize - Highest Marks - Household duties: Ngaire Dewes

ACADEMIC 1976

Last year two senior girls obtained School Certificate, and will be attempting University Entrance this year. A further two senior girls obtained one pass each in School Certificate.

Last year one of our Methodist girls from Hamilton came first equal in the Koromiko Speech Competition. The Annual Exit Service was held at the Hostel on the 7th December 1976 - Speaker - Sister Betty Yearbury.

At present we have 19 girls attending Spotswood College and thirteen at the New Plymouth Girls' High.

PREFECTS 1977

Head Prefect

Prefects

Ngaire Dewes

Dianne Lewis

Esme George

Nan Nohinohi

Hineawe Mihaere

Kathleen Keepa

I'm very grateful to the Prefects chosen for the year. Their mature attitude and their consistent good leadership has been of encouragement to us all at Rangiatea.

OF OUR PRESENT 32 GIRLS:-

16 girls - full fees paid by the Maori Education Foundation.

3 girls - fees paid in part by the Foundation with the balance paid by parents.

3 girls - fees paid in part by a Kurakura Grant with the balance of fees paid by parents.

2 girls - fees paid by the Social Welfare Department.

8 girls - fees paid by parents.

Several girls attend Bible Studies at Zalmona on Monday evenings, and on Sundays, girls regularly attend church services at the Moturoa Chapel. Each 4th Sunday of the month, the Maori members of the local circuit join with the girls at the Hostel for a service.

Our 3 Rangiatea Netball teams continue to participate in Saturday netball at Waiwakaiho Courts. These games are very popular with our girls, hence their many successes.

Many girls represent their school in netball, indoor netball, badminton etc.

Many girls have obtained Certificates of Merit for achievements in various school sporting activities.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Board and also the Rangiatea Staff, for their co-operation, interest, and guidance.

(Mrs) JANE CURTIS, Matron.

(A)

BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

Report for 1977

There have been changes and difficulties in the past year but each issue has come out on time, due to the devoted work of our staff.

I. STAFFING

Mr John Deverell became Editorial Assistant in February and has served the paper splendidly, especially during the period between Editors.

Rev. John Bluck left in March to become Editor of "One World" for the World Council of Churches in Geneva. He had made a quite distinctive contribution to the life of the paper and the wider media and this was widely recognised on his leaving New Zealand.

Wide enquiries were made in New Zealand and overseas for a successor. On the nomination of the Board and after consultation and approval by representative leaders throughout the connexion, the President appointed Rev. Ewing Stevens, M.B.E., B.A., of Dunedin as Editor. Mr Stevens has brought a wide and varied experience to his new task and has already shown competence and initiative in the direction of the paper.

Mr Stevens was unable to take up the editorship until late May. The Chairman of the Board acted as Editor in the interim.

Mrs Elsie Blythe continues to serve as Office Assistant. Her work includes dealing with advertising, distribution and Partners-in-Print.

II. 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The tenth anniversary of the Connexional paper in its present format was worthily celebrated at a dinner during Conference which was crowded to capacity. It was organised by Rev. Harold Darvill and a local committee and three well known speakers spoke on "the new citizen".

III. PRODUCTION

Apart from staff changes this has been a difficult year owing to technical difficulties which resulted in typescript often being delivered very late leaving little time before printing deadlines for adequate proof reading, lay-out and correction. This meant misprints beyond the control of the staff. This matter has now been rectified and the entire product-

ion of typescript, lay-out and printing will be at Suburban Newspapers in Mt Roskill. Costs are inevitably rising.

The paper has now moved to new offices in the Central Methodist Mission Social Services building in Airedale Street. Though more crowded, the offices are a good place to work and we continue our association with other Christian agencies.

IV. FINANCE

In spite of rising costs the paper ended the year with a deficit of only \$1,435.30.

The Board is still very much aware of having to live hand to mouth since the paper has no capital funds and is grateful to the Finance Manager and General Secretary who have indicated they hope to show ways in which the connexion can provide greater financial security in the future.

The Board is continually grateful for the generosity of Partners-in-Print and subscribers. It is considering ways of expanding both advertising revenue and subscriptions and is exploring ways of wider distribution of the paper to the public, possibly in partnership with other church papers.

V. ECUMENICAL

The paper seems to give due space to Methodist and wider concerns. The Board welcomes increasing interest in the paper by other negotiating churches. Official consultations with regard to possible future collaboration with the Presbyterian Church have been commenced but are at a preliminary stage. Circulation is steadily increasing in co-operating parishes and churches of sister denominations. The Editor has initiated regular consultation with representatives of other churches in the production of each issue.

VI. BOARD

The Board was sorry to lose the valued contributions of Mrs Kathleen Davies and Mr Rosser Thornley during the year. Mrs Marjorie Blakeley, Rev. Alan Quigley and Rev. Dr John Salmon have kindly consented to join the Board.

Mr D.R. Grounds has relinquished the secretaryship and a replacement is being sought, but continues as treasurer.

J.B. DAWSON,
Chairman of the Board

D.R. GROUNDS,
Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the whole Church to Rev. John Bluck for his work as Editor of the "New Citizen" and congratulates him on his appointment as Editor of "One World" for the World Council of Churches.
3. That the Board for 1978 be Mr E.H. Laurensen (Chairman), Revs B.E. Jones, J.B. Dawson, B.K. Rowe, Dr G. Armstrong, Dr J.B. Salmon, Revs M. Te Whare, A. Quigley, Mesdames J. Moore, M. Blakeley, Messrs D. Lange, M.P., P. Hames, R. Connard, J. Leigh, D.R. Grounds (Treasurer).

(C) METHODIST RADIO AND T.V. COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL: (1976 Minutes p 262 res. 3)

A. The central idea in our proposal to Conference 1976 was to link in a functional way those parts of our Church which have specific responsibility for communicating the Gospel. Communication is basically conveying the thoughts in one person's mind to another. Words written or spoken, need to communicate one person's experience of faith to another so that person can share the experience.

Communication is part of the mission of the Church: The gospel must be shared with all. Our Methodist Church is concerned with communication in many areas. Some are:-

1. The Theological College communicating to ministry.
2. The Education Division communicating to the church.
3. The New Citizen communicating to the wider church.
4. Radio and Television communicating to the wider world.

Early in our discussion it became clear that bi-lateral approach to Education Division would be better than the multi-lateral approach suggested in our proposal to Conference 1976.

Several factors influenced this change:

1. The change of staff on New Citizen and the Education Division.
2. The recent restructuring of Radio and T.V. Corporations back into one.
3. The realisation that Methodist Radio and T.V. work still needs to be based in Wellington.

B. Fundamental to our proposal is the belief that it would be better use of Church resources to build Radio and T.V. full-time work onto an existing staff structure than to attempt to set up a new structure.

1. A close analysis of our achievement in Radio and Television field compared with churches which have full-time staff and/or communication departments shows that we do not miss much opportunity to offer what resources we have. A full-scale department may therefore be more than is needed.

2. We need a person rather than a Committee to liaise between church and broadcast structures and to be aware of needs of the media and potential people to fulfill them.

Specifically that person needs to do three things.

- (a) Tap resources in Methodist Churches throughout the country.
- (b) Liaise with Broadcasting Corporation, private radio

(where necessary) ecumenical committees (e.g. Churches Committee on Broadcasting.)

- (c) Suggest potential broadcasters, arrange Church service Broadcast roster, and general administration and secretarial work.

These functions are at present being carried out by several members of Radio and Television Committee, with secretarial work done by Education Division staff on a charge-out basis.

This person would almost certainly be employed only part-time on Radio and T.V. duties, and these could well be combined with other needs within the Education Division to justify an additional staff appointment.

It is possible that (a) could be carried out by a member of Education Division staff other than the one designated Radio and Television specialist as there is good consultation within the office to communicate knowledge of resources.

3. The change in corporation structure, with the formation of religious units, has reduced the work of the committee to that of being largely a policy committee for the church on matters relating to Broadcasting (religious and general).

The role of the committee in reviewing and deciding policy matters would be transferred to the Board, though we see a practical working out of this in that an ad hoc committee be appointed from time to time. The present Radio and T.V. committee members could well form the basis of that ad hoc committee.

C. The advantages of this scheme would be:-

1. A more permanent link between the Methodist Church and the Broadcasting Corporation.
2. It focusses on the 'Communicating the Gospel' aspect of religious broadcasting.
3. It provides better access to people in the Church around the country through Planning and Training section staff visitations.
4. It would make the local churches more aware of Radio and T.V. work.
5. It would enable the Methodist Church to make a worthy and responsible contribution to Religious Broadcasting.
6. It would take advantage of office facilities already existing in Education Division.

We therefore see Radio and Television work being readily incorporated within Education Division, to provide the church with the best method of promoting the Church's contribution to Radio and T.V., without establishing a separate communication structure.

WIDER ASPECTS OF COMMUNICATION: On one occasion the committee

acted as watch-dog, expressing concern about the ethics of a programme outside the specifically religious slot. Another church communications department has done the same in regard to newspaper articles. This suggests the need for some body within the church to monitor general media output.

We also wish to highlight the need for the Church to be specific in its proclamation of the Gospel, to define its target audience and use the most appropriate media.

REQUEST FOR GRANT OF \$2000 FROM CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:

(1976 Minutes p 89 res. 5)

As the proposed committee has not been called together no action has been taken.

RADIO NEW ZEALAND RELIGIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Rev Fred Waine has completed his term as Methodist representative on this advisory committee. We wish to record our appreciation of the contribution Fred has made to this work. Our nominations for replacement have been made to Radio New Zealand.

R.S. Andrews (Chairman)
I.H. Robertson (Convenor)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Conference approve in principle the proposal for the Education Division to undertake Radio and T.V. work on behalf of the Methodist Church.
2. That Conference ask the Board of the Education Division, in consultation with the Radio and T.V. Committee, to seek a suitable person to be employed part-time as Radio and T.V. Director.
3. That the Radio and T.V. Committee become a sub-committee of the Board of the Education Division, responsible through the Board to Conference for policy matters concerning Broadcasting.
4. That \$200 be granted from Contingent Fund for Radio and T.V. work.
5. That the Radio and T.V. Committee for 1978 be: Rev's I.H. Robertson (Convenor), R.S. Andrews, K.J. Taylor, J.C.F. Mabon, K.C. Griffith, M.W. Greer, Mrs E.J. Little, Mrs B. McNicol, Mrs J. Taylor, Messrs A. Alcorn, B. Jamieson.

Corresponding members: Rev's W.A. Chambers, W.C. Dawson, W.F. Ford, J.A. Penman, F.E. Waine, G.V. Thomas, Mr B. Crichton.

QUESTION 49—What is the Report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

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The Committee has had a light year and has dealt with the matters referred to it as follows:

1. W.C.C. document 'One Baptism, One Eucharist and a Mutually Recognised Ministry'.

All member churches of the W.C.C. had been asked to respond to this statement. This request was forwarded to the F & O committee which has compiled a response.

Note: Copies of this response are obtainable from the Convenor.

2. Assurances required of Candidates for Ordination. (Ref. 1976 Minutes, p.58, Res.6)

Paragraph 91, p.13 of the Law Book at present reads:

"A Probationer thus recommended is required to be present at the Conference and shall be examined before the Examination Committee as to his personal Christian experience, his belief in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and his knowledge and acceptance of its discipline. He shall pledge himself to observe and enforce the discipline of the Church, and shall promise that if his views on doctrine or discipline change, he will quietly retire from the Ministry."

The Committee recommends this paragraph be amended to read:

"A Probationer thus recommended is required to be present at the Conference and shall appear before the Committee on Ministry for interview. Questions will be asked in the interview as to the candidate's Christian experience; his commitment to the teaching of the Methodist Church; and his knowledge and acceptance of its discipline. He shall pledge himself to observe and maintain the discipline of the Church, and shall promise that should he, after taking full opportunity to test his views with the appropriate offices of the

Church, find himself unable in good faith and conscience to exercise these functions of ministry, he will take appropriate steps to withdraw from active ministry."

The Committee is of the opinion that this revision is in line both with current procedures and expectations with respect to Ordination.

Synod Responses:

Northland - no comment.

Auckland - recommend "offices" be amended to read "representatives".

Waikato - Bay of Plenty - received & adopted.

Taranaki-Wanganui - received & adopted.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu - adopted but suggest "active" be changed to "ordained"

Wellington - agreed in principle but request rewriting to obviate sexist use of the masculine pronoun.

Nelson - no response.

North Canterbury - as with Wellington.

South Canterbury - received & adopted, though with negative comment re use of masculine pronoun.

Otago-Southland - Came up with own alternative that obviated sexist language and dropped the 'promise to withdraw' clause.

3. The Principle of Parity of Stipends.

(Ref. 1976 Minutes, p.289, Res. 3.)

The Committee drew up the following statement:

"We can see no theological barrier to the principle of parity of stipend-minima for Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses. Further, while the task of ministry may be exercised in a variety of ways, there is always only one ministry. Though differing gifts may give rise to various orders of ministry, these are always used in the service of the 'one holy, catholic and apostolic Church', thereby contributing to the oneness of ministry. No one gift or order of Ministry is more important than another. So, from a theological point of view, parity of stipend-minima is appropriate.

Insofar as the stipend-minimum is determined without regard to status, order or gift,

it is a remuneration decided primarily on the basis of what it costs to live. This is consistent with a recognition of the shared oneness of ministry. In addition to the stipend-minima the payment of secondary adjustments, through such allowances as those paid for travel and other specific needs as determined from time to time by the Conference, may be made.

As a general principle, parity of stipend-minima is to be affirmed. While this may involve hardship for some Circuits or Divisions of the Church, there is a responsibility on the Church as a whole to facilitate the implementation of this principle."

Note: Resolution 3, p.289 of the 1976 Minutes referred this matter to Faith & Order in consultation with several other committees and Boards with a view to reporting to Church Council. The above statement is the result of such consultation but it was not completed as such until after Church Council.

Synod Responses:

Northland - no comment.

Auckland - adopted with amendments to the last paragraph, viz: 'general principle' to read 'general theological principle' and the last sentence deleted.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty - received & adopted.

Taranaki-Wanganui - received & adopted.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu - no recommendation.

Wellington - referred back with no recommendation.

Nelson - no response.

North Canterbury - approved in principle.

South Canterbury - received & adopted.

Otago-Southland - received & adopted.

4. Use of fermented wine at Services of Holy Communion. (Ref. 1976 Minutes, p.249, Res. 3)

The Committee responded positively to the 'need for education' which came through in this resolution. Accordingly, the Faith & Order committee researched and prepared a paper entitled "Communion Wine" as a basis for further discussion on this matter.

Copies of this document are available from the Convenor.

5. In addition to the foregoing, the Faith & Order Committee finalised preparations for the printing of the "Order of Service for Christian Marriage" and the "Order of Service for Healing and Wholeness" in accordance with the 1976 Minutes of Conference p.280, Resolutions 4,5,6 & 7.

Business for the ensuing year:

With respect to the F & O agenda for 1978, the Auckland Synod made the two following additional recommendations.

- (i) "That the Faith and Order Committee examine the whole of Section IV of the Law Book (i.e. paragraphs 90 - 96, pages 12 and 13) and report to Synods and Conference 1978."
- (ii) That the Faith and Order Committee be requested to prepare a statement of guidelines indicating what the term 'the discipline of the Church' refers to in such sections of the Law Book as para. 91, p. 13, with reference to the significance of the Law Book, Resolutions of Conference, Presidential Rulings, and the Liturgy of the Church."

From within the Faith and Order Committee itself, the following items were recommended for inclusion on the 1978 agenda.

- (a) The issue of the quest for "Religious Experience" currently manifesting itself in our Church life and in the church at large.
- (b) The question of the Church's voice in politics.
- (c) Revision of the Funeral Service Order.
- (d) The question of an ecumenically oriented lectionary.
- (e) The place of children in the Communion Service.
- (f) A re-examination of the Alternative Order of Holy Communion.

G. DOUGLAS PRATT, Convenor.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Faith and Order Committee examine the whole of Section IV of the Law Book (i.e. paragraphs 90 - 96, pages 12 and 13) and report to Synods and Conference 1978.
3. That the statement on parity of stipends be referred to Church Council.
4. That the paper entitled "Communion Wine" be made available as a study document for the Church, with particular reference to those circuits and congregations for whom the use of fermented wine in the service of Holy Communion is currently an issue.
5. That the Faith and Order Committee be requested to prepare a statement of guidelines indicating what the term 'the discipline of the Church' refers to in such sections of the Law Book as para. 91, p. 13, with reference to the significance of the Law Book, Resolutions of Conference, Presidential Rulings, and the Liturgy of the Church.
6. That the Faith and Order Committee address itself to the following issues and tasks and report to Synods and Conference 1978:
 - (a) The quest for "Religious Experience" as currently manifesting itself in our Church life and in the church at large.
 - (b) The Church's voice in politics.
 - (c) The revision of the 1967 "Order of Service for a Funeral".
 - (d) An 'ecumenically oriented' lectionary.
 - (e) The place of children in the Communion Service.
 - (f) The re-examination of the Alternative Order of Holy Communion.
7. That the Committee for 1978 be as printed.

QUESTION 50 - What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Chaplaincy matters?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1977

Meetings of the committee in Wellington have coincided with meetings of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, of which body the Rev. R.F.Clement continues as its chairman.

The appointment of the REV. JOHN I. MANIHERA to Regular Force Army chaplaincy was approved by the 1976 Conference, and he was duly inducted at a service in St. James' Chapel, Waiouru. The Methodist Church was represented by the Senior Chaplain, and the chairman of the Committee, Group-Cpt. R. Thorpe. The Rev. J.S. Olds also took part. A feature was the participation of Maori people, including the Rev. Dave Manihera, John's father. Chaplain Manihera has begun well, and satisfactory reports of his ministry at Waiouru have been received.

Chaplain BARRY W. NEAL returned from his tour of duty in Singapore, and has served this year in Linton Camp. He returns to Circuit work in 1978 after excellent service as R.F. Army chaplain. The Methodist committee has been responsible for nominating a Methodist chaplain to replace him.

After outstanding service as Army chaplain, both Regular Force and Territorial, Chaplain MERVYN L. DINE reached retiring age for a T.F. chaplain. There were strong representations from his unit, 3rd Auckland Regiment, to retain him as chaplain, but other authorities did not agree. He has been invited to serve as chaplain to the RNZVR in Auckland, the first Methodist to serve in naval chaplaincy in recent times.

The committee was delighted to learn of the award in the Queen's Birthday Honours of the O.B.E. (Military Division) to its chairman, Group-Captain REGINALD THORPE, who is a Methodist layman in Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish.

The death of the REV. J. STANLEY OLDS, a greatly-valued member of the committee, was noted with regret. Also, the death by accident of MR. PHILIP SHAW brought sorrow to his family and to the committee; a son of the Rev. Harry and Mrs. Shaw, he shared their long involvement in Army chaplaincy.

After ten years' absence with the Australasian Inland Mission and R.A.A.F. chaplaincy, the REV. FRANK GLEN has returned to New Zealand, and the committee welcomes him.

Chaplaincy to people in the Armed Services is an important and sensitive ecumenical ministry. Ministers interested in possible chaplaincy (initially in the Territorial Force) are invited to inform the Senior Chaplain of their interest.

REGINALD THORPE, Chairman
HARRY F. HART, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the greetings of the Conference be extended to Group-Captain R. Thorpe, O.B.E., on his recent award.
3. That the chaplains for 1978 be:
 - (a) Full-time: The Rev. J.I. Manihera (Army) at Waiouru.
 - (b) Part-time: The Revs. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), Mervyn L. Dine, S.C. Grant, J.S. Hosking, Ian C. Norwell, Keith J. Taylor and Napi Waaka.
4. That the Methodist representatives on Advisory Committees be:
NORTHERN: The Rev. R.F. Clement
CENTRAL: The Rev. J.S. Hosking
SOUTHERN: The Rev. S.C. Grant
5. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1978 be:-
Group-Captain R. Thorpe (Chairman), Mr H.F. Hart (Secretary), Revs. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), R.J. Hamlin, J.S. Hosking, J.I. Manihera, B.W. Neal, H.I. Shaw, K.J. Taylor, Messrs V.H. Cresswell, J.B. McKinney, D.J. Sellens and T. Quayle.

QUESTION 51—(a) - See page 266

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.

During the year ended 30 June 1977 Church records of various kinds have been received from the following Circuits/Trusts and receipts issued for affixing in Circuit Schedule books:

AUCKLAND

Balmoral-Mt. Roskill, National Women's Guild Fellowship.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Hawera.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Dannevirke, Trinity-Palmerston North.

NELSON

Lower Moutere.

NORTH CANTERBURY

East Belt, Rangiora, Sydenham.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Caversham.

(a) WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

Proceedings:

The cost of printing has tended to restrict the amount of material we have been able to publish. All the following have now been circulated:

Vol. 29 : Nos. 1-4: "Misikaram" by G. G. Carter.

Vol. 29 : No. 5: "Waterview 1875-1975, the Story of a little Church" by G. I. Laurenson.

Vol. 30 : Nos. 1-4: "The Winds of Change" by W. A. Chambers

"The Winds of Change" deals with the story of North and South Canterbury Methodism, 1950-1975. It is important to record recent, as well as early history, and Mr Chambers has served the Church well in making an able assessment of the main trends in the period under review.

Reprints:

During the year, facsimile reprints of two important booklets by the late Rev. Dr C. H. Laws were issued:

"Toil and Adversity at Whangaroa" and

"First Years at Hokianga".

They have been placed on sale at the newly restored Mangungu Mission House at \$1 each.

Mangungu Mission House.

The historic Mission House, built originally by the Rev. John Hobbs in 1839, and returned to Mangungu in 1972 after many years of "exile" in Onehunga, was re-opened after thorough restoration by the Historic Places Trust on April 30th this year. Our warmest thanks are due to Miss Jean Irvine and the Rev. Richard Hendry, whose joint efforts provided much of the initial inspiration for this important project. The Mission House has been opened as a Museum housing Methodist exhibits, and it will undoubtedly become an important place of pilgrimage for people interested in the early history of this country.

World Methodist Historical Society.

Mrs Elizabeth Bloomfield (daughter of the Rev. & Mrs S. G. Andrews), who resides in Canada, represented N. Z. Methodism at the 1977 Regional Conference of the W.M.H.S. at Victoria College, University of Toronto, in June this year. She was able to give the Conference a very worthwhile report of doings in New Zealand, especially in a photographic display featuring the Mangungu Mission House.

Future Regional Conferences already planned include one at Manchester, England in 1978 and one for the South Pacific area

in Australia in 1980. Our Society has secured a supply of W.M.H.S. publications for re-sale here. A request has been received asking for two official representatives to be appointed to the World body, and a resolution is appended.

Future Publications.

During the next few years, our publication programme may be somewhat restricted by available funds, but there is no lack of material offering. In the pipe-line are: "The Trinity College Story" by J. J. Lewis, "James Watkin" by F. R. Belmer, and a major work by Wesley Chambers on "Samuel Ironside".

Wesley's Chapel, London.

The minister of Wesley's Chapel, the Rev. Allen Birtwhistle, has recently written to say that the Property Department of the British Conference has agreed to underwrite the remaining work for the preservation of the Chapel, provided the world-wide appeal for fund continues to be actively prosecuted. The Society will gladly forward any donations from N. Z. Methodists for this purpose. The Chapel is due to be re-opened on November 1st, 1978.

1977 Annual Meeting and Lecture.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Knox Church, Christchurch, on Saturday, 5th November, at 4 p.m. Following tea, the Rev. W. R. Laws will lecture on "Historical Records in the Archives at the Connexional Office".

G. I. LAURENSEN	President.
L. R. M. GILMORE	Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Revs. W. A. Chambers and L. R. M. Gilmore be appointed official N. Z. representatives on the Council of the World Methodist Historical Society.
3. That the N. Z. Historic Places Trust be warmly congratulated on their successful restoration of the Mangungu Mission House.
4. That the Society, in consultation with the President, arrange for the accreditation of (say) two N. Z. Methodists visiting Britain, at the Manchester Conference of the World Methodist Historical Society, during 1978.
5. That the Administration Division be requested to investigate the possibility of some finance being provided towards the cost of the South Pacific Conference of the W.M.H.S. in 1980.

QUESTION 52—(a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the laws of the Church including the ruling of the President during the years?

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1977

QUESTION 51—(a)

COAT OF ARMS FOR NEW ZEALAND METHODISM

1976 MINUTES OF CONFERENCE, p.283, Res.3

The Committee set up to implement this resolution believes that it is interpreting the mind of Conference correctly by regarding the term 'Coat of Arms' as an emblem for contemporary New Zealand Methodism suitable for letter-head, pulpit frontal, lapel badge etc. To further this task the Committee advertised in New Citizen requesting information about what Circuits are already doing, and asking for comments from interested people. An explanatory letter was also sent to Chairmen of Districts with the request that an invitation to make submissions be sent to people within their District known to have ideas and skill relevant to this task. In addition the Committee has made personal contacts to ensure as wide a pooling of ideas as possible.

In the light of these submissions the Committee is of the opinion that in an ecumenical age and at a time when a number of Methodist people are involved in Union and Cooperating Parishes, the basic elements of an emblem need to be universal rather than specifically denominational, with a New Zealand emphasis incorporated. The basic elements selected were the Cross, the Flame and the Southern Cross. These basic elements were submitted to a number of people with the request that they submit designs in contemporary style.

Several suitable submissions have been received from different parts of New Zealand, and after refining the format of one of the submissions it is presented to Conference for experimental use. The colours suggested are:



Stars - black
Cross - white with black line outline
Flames - red or orange

W.A. CHAMBERS, Convener

RESOLUTION

That the report be received and the emblem made available for experimental use.

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 1977

Matters to be considered:

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE AND YEAR BOOK

(1976 Minutes, p.210, Res.3)

For the last two years the Board of Management has been considering the replacement of the present Minutes with say a Conference Agenda and a Year Book.

Last Conference authorised the Administration Board to introduce the printing of an Annual Conference Agenda and a Year Book embodying reports resolutions recommendations and general information.

This Committee has been requested to bring to the 1977 Conference any changes required to the Law Book arising from the adoption of these procedures.

There are no specific provisions in the Law Book relating to the preparation of Minutes of Conference.

However, it is the duty of the Secretary of the Conference (as it is with any other Secretary) to see that the proceedings of Conference are properly recorded and of course made available to those involved.

A record of the resolutions of Conference will have to be kept and printed.

Further, the Methodist Church Property Trust Act 1887 provides that a printed copy of the Minutes shall be taken and received in all legal proceedings and on all occasions whatsoever as prima facie evidence of all resolutions and decisions of the Conference without any further proof whatsoever.

It is not necessary for the record of such resolutions and decisions to be printed in the same form as has been done in the past.

The General Secretary has advised that records of the Conference proceedings will still be kept and made available in a printed form. That being the case the Committee is of the opinion that no further action is necessary.

WELFARE OF CHURCH POWERS OF CONFERENCE

Resolution 2 (1976 Minutes, p.89) interprets Section 370 sub-section 11 as set out in the resolution and refers the section to the Law Revision Committee for re-drafting.

The Committee has considered this carefully. Last Conference considered a report of a Special Committee which included a section on Legal Procedures and Law Revision. This section pointed out that Conference on occasions had not passed

enabling legislation at the time when decisions were made, in themselves necessitating a change of law. The Committee suggested the setting up of a new legal Committee which could watch the decisions of Conference more closely.

Subsequently Conference (1976 Minutes, p.214, Res.7) referred the section on Legal Procedures and Law Revision to a special committee for consideration and report to Church Council 1977. This was done.

Recommendations concerning this were passed at the Church Council and are to be submitted to this Conference.

Recommendation (4) of the report of the Church Council provides for the establishment of a Standing Committee of Conference to be known as the Legal Committee to operate only while Conference is meeting.

It is submitted that matters affected by Section 370 sub-section 11 could be properly considered by the Committee. The Committee could then advise Conference whether any resolution affecting the rights of ministry and laity is affected by the provisions of the said Section.

If the Committee is set up and resolutions relating to the rights of ministry and laity are placed under its purview then it does not appear that any alteration of the law is necessary.

H. DE R. FLESHER, Convener

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received.

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 1977

STIPEND MINIMA

The traditional concept of a stipend is such "that it would provide the support necessary to allow men and women to devote their whole time and talents to the service of God through the medium of His Church, and that the income thus provided would enable them to perform these duties without undue concern for their economic stability."

Thus the concept of a basic stipend is the amount of money which a minister with average family responsibilities requires in order to live at the level of an average New Zealand way of life.

The Church as a whole appears to realise the need for a system of remuneration which is realistically related to living costs; it has no wish to put its ministers in the place of second class citizens. It is recognised that very many of our ministers made considerable financial sacrifice in accepting the call to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments and that this attitude and approach is to the enrichment of themselves and the Church, but should not mean that their wives and families should suffer continuing financial handicaps beyond that of families in general.

Since 1 January 1975 there has been parity with the Presbyterian basic stipend in accordance with a Conference decision.

In 1975 it was decided that there should be one annual adjustment of stipends from 1 July and that there be joint consultation with the Presbyterian Church on stipends. The Methodist Stipends Committee has been represented at the committee meetings making the decisions on stipend adjustments in 1976 and 1977.

The formula for fixing stipends is:

- (a) Average annual male gross earnings measured by the Labour Department's half yearly survey as at 15 April each year.
- (b) Plus a margin of 10% to relate ministers' incomes to the rest of the community.
- (c) Minus the rental value of a free house indexed-linked to the Consumers Price Index rent subgroup.

(As the stipend adjustment has to be decided before the release of the April half yearly survey a measure of estimation has to be made and any shortfall is caught up in the subsequent annual adjustment. Overall the formula works accurately).

It has been assessed on a mathematical basis that a margin of 10 percent is a suitable addition to the average male income to fix an appropriate level of income for ministers in relation to the rest of the community.

The 10 percent margin has been queried by some (including those who would commit ministers and their families to a simpler life style than the average) but it should be looked at with the following considerations, among others, in mind:

- (a) Ministers start to learn relatively late after training.
- (b) The upward adjustment of their stipends runs a year behind other wage and salary adjustments; with inflation continuing at 10 percent or more a year, to pay ministers a lower margin would be treating them with less than justice.
- (c) Any adjustment of the margin would upset Union Church relativities.
- (d) Ministers are in a difficult situation in making provision for a house on retirement. They are left with the problem of obtaining a house without having had the benefit of the equity normally gained by paying off a house during the productive earning years of their life.

The Stipends Committee re-affirms the use of the formula including the 10% margin.

The Presbyterian Stipends Committee on 10 March 1977 set the stipend of a Minister in charge at £6990 from 1 July 1977 on the basis of the calculations. The Convener of the Methodist Stipends Committee attended this meeting and shared in the discussion leading to this decision.

The Stipends Committee on 23 March 1977 carefully examined the data on wage movements which basically derived from the June 1976 cost of living adjustment of 7%, increases of 3%+ in awards and agreements under exceptional circumstances clause approved by Industrial Commission, General wage Order of 6% in March 1977, and an underestimate of 0.9% in fixing the previous year's minimum. The application of the approved formula including rental adjustment resulted in an increase of 17.7%.

The Stipends Committee unanimously agreed to report to Church Council recommending an increase of 17.7% in Ministers' minimum stipends (from \$5940 to \$6990) from 1 July 1977, along with the same proportionate increase for home missionaries (to \$6363) and deaconesses (to \$5789).

Church Council on 16 May 1977 discussed the decision of the Stipends Committee, along with a paper by the Associate Director, Stewardship, on the implications of stipend increases on the Connexional Budget, and accepted the recommendations that the minimum stipend for ministers be \$6990 from 1 July 1977. On this basis, a direction was sent out to circuits in June.

RELATIVITY OF STIPENDS OF DEACONESSSES

The matter of stipends for deaconesses stands referred from Conference. Correspondence was received from the Faith and Order Committee, the Deaconess Committee, and the Committee on Ministry on the theological basis.

It was agreed that non-theological factors need to be taken into account and that this was an involved question requiring a good deal of investigation which we cannot hope to complete until Church Council 1978. A related factor is recognised to be the review of superannuation provisions for deaconesses.

HOUSE ALLOWANCES FOR HOUSES OWNED BY MINISTERS

Conference asked the Committee to review certain individual aspects of the house allowance. The Committee decided to re-affirm the policy adopted by the Church Conference in 1975 on the basis of the report of the Stipends Committee.

J.A. PENMAN, Chairman
J.B. MCKINNEY, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That as from 1 July 1977 the minimum stipend rates be:
Ordained and Probationer Ministers \$6,990
All Home Missionaries (including Probationers) \$6,363
All Deaconesses (including Probationers) \$5,789.
3. That the principle of parity for all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses continue to be the subject of study for report to Conference 1978.
4. That the subject of allowances be further investigated for report to Conference 1978.
5. That the advisability of a questionnaire be further considered.
6. That Conference authorise the operation of an improved budgeting procedure in view of stipend-related content of the Connexional Budget.
7. That the Central Committee on Stipends for 1978 be as printed.

QUESTION 54.

A. THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Chairmen of Districts are reminded that the Trust is empowered to consider applications from Methodists in good standing in the Church who may be in necessitous circumstances. Application forms are obtainable from the Secretary. Grants are not made to Ministers in the active work.

During the year, the Rev. E.E. Sage retired from the position of Secretary-Treasurer after a term of seventeen years in office. He has been a sensitive, understanding and efficient servant of the Church. He remains a member of the Trust where his experience will be valuable.

The Capital Account of the Trust stands at \$23,620, and the Revenue Account at \$7,371.19. Income from all sources totalled \$2,529.46, and grants made during the year totalled \$919.

The Board Members are as follows: Mr. L.W. Peak (Chairman), Rev's. E.W. Hames, E.E. Sage, A.K. Petch, A.R. Penn, G.H. Thompson, G.I. Laurenson, Messrs. J. Stuart Caghey, G.H. Lindsey, C.W. Firth, and H.M. Denton, Rev. G.I. Laurenson (Secretary).

Signed on behalf of the Board:

L.W. Peak, CHAIRMAN

G.I. Laurenson SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted, together with statement of Receipts and Payments and the Balance Sheet.

B. THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

The Board's income has increased during the year as a result of the revision of investments carried out over the last two or three years. This revision is continuing and most investments will mature and be ready for long term investment in mid 1978.

Support to the Masterton Children's Home has once again been able to be increased as their costs escalate. The Masterton Committee's report and recommendations were endorsed. The Board has continued its grant to the Rangiatea Maori College Trust and members have maintained close contact.

RESOLUTION

That the report and accounts be received and adopted.

C. TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Treasurers Report for Year Ended 30th June 1977

This year has proved a difficult one to administer as funds have been required for several major projects.

The Arbitration over rental was settled at \$59,000. A surplus of cash, following the repayment of a mortgage at the end

of November 1976, meant that we were caught with just over \$50,000 invested in Commercial Bills Ltd at the time of their liquidation.

The Council made immediate enquiries as to the effect on the cash flow and happily we have managed to get through the year without outside assistance.

The influx of students for training has meant that their costs for fees and accommodation has risen to over \$36,000 and this has again been provided from the rental income. We are grateful for the Probert Trust grant of \$25,000 to pay for staff costs and the Methodist contribution to continuing Ministry Education.

The Council has given tangible support to Rev. B.K. Rowe for post graduate overseas study. We have refurnished Ranston House extensively to house the editor of the New Citizen, Rev. E.C. Stevens.

Planning for future needs has been foremost in our work this year and much time has been given to the best way in which our resources can be used. Our thanks again are due to College Staff and students.

LLOYD V. RIESTERER Treasurer

RESOLUTION

That this report be received.

D. THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report for the year ended June 30 1977.

The net surplus for the year was \$59,586 compared with \$54,519 for the previous year.

The appropriation to the Trinity Theological College for the year was \$25,000 - an increase of \$3,050 on the previous year. \$10,000 was again transferred to the Building Fund.

During the year the condition of the buildings has again been forcibly drawn to our attention by the Auckland City Council and they have made requisitions upon the Trust to carry out certain work, the principal of which is the removal of the existing verandahs on Great North Road, to be replaced with modern suspended verandahs. None of this work has been undertaken in view of - (1) the large cost, and (2) the fact that the first real proposition for the property was received by the Trustees last year. This involves a transfer of the property for a small area, two blocks away, but with more modern and substantial buildings and with a Lease-back arrangement. The difference in value would be a payment in cash to the Probert Trust. Apart from the worry of decadence of the existing property, the main attraction to us is that our income would double.

The Trustees have recommended that the transaction should proceed. The consent of the Investment Board has not yet been received, as research in depth is being made into the relative future of the respective properties.

During the year Mr. A.L. Caughey retired from the Board after having served, as a valuable member, since May 1961.

The Members of the Board are:- Mr. W.F. Christian (Chairman), Rev's. E.D. Grounds, E.W. Hames, Dr. J.J. Lewis, Messrs M.N. Furness, T.L. Hames, L.V. Riesterer, F.M. Souster, W.F. Winstone.

W.F. CHRISTIAN, Chairman

F.M. IZZARD, Secretary

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received.

E PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

Annual Report of Trustees for the year ended March 31st 1977

The year past has been one of consolidation for this trust as the resources are again accumulated towards development of the property.

Extension and upgrading of the carparking facilities were completed at a capital cost of \$5,873. These facilities are well utilised by both tenants and public and are providing reasonable revenue, which for the year was \$12,600.

All buildings were fully let during the year. As our Queen Street shop tenancies have changed hands the premises have been upgraded and are now an attractive asset.

Notes appended to the annual accounts should be consulted before reviewing the accounts as accounting principles in line with the New Zealand Accounting Society recommendations have been applied.

Net income from rents after deducting all expenses including depreciation of \$33,022 was \$39,756. Investment income was \$60,752. After deduction of all expenses a net surplus of \$35,882 accrued.

Asset values have been increased to current values by \$517,025, in line with our policy of stating these at current values.

Consideration has been given to the longer term policy of this Trust towards development of its property by trustees. It is recognised that the funding required for development are substantial and probably beyond the resources of the board. While present operations are profitable and the Trust is in reasonable financial health, it cannot generate funds sufficiently rapidly to bankroll the very sizeable investment required. It is our intention therefore to discuss this matter in depth with the Church's Investment Board and attempt to formulate a viable approach.

Trustees again express their appreciation to the many Methodists, both individuals and Trust Bodies who have continued to place funds and investment with our Trust. This is of real assistance to us.

R.F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

That this report be received.

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1.7.76 to 30.6.77

Balance at Bank 1.7.76	13,791.68	
E.W.Blackwell Trust	1,619.50	
Budget Payment	<u>1,113.00</u>	<u>16,524.18</u>

RECEIPTS

Accumulated Funds	7,609.66	
Bulk Travel	1,626.75	
E.W.B. Disbursement	1,515.82	
Connexional Budget	22,195.00	
Car Park	2.50	
Non-Connexional Budget Funds	10,449.00	
Council of Mission	11.00	
Auckland District	100.00	
Donations	355.00	
Equipment	41.25	
" " Repairs etc.	153.95	
Going Places	341.91	
Hosp. Chaplaincy Grants	2,878.73	
" " " District a/c	2,675.00	
" " " Interest	424.25	
Interest & Legacies	15,656.70	
Tax	246.65	
Investments	23,000.00	
Wesley Circulating Library	421.06	
Kitset Sales	6.14	
Light & Power	106.69	
Miscellaneous	387.54	
Office Expenses	86.90	
Postages	526.70	
Printing & Stationery	481.81	
Samoa St. Johns	1,496.00	
Phone	8.59	
Travelling	180.23	
Sundry	99.00	
Telephones	<u>337.97</u>	<u>93,421.80</u>
		<u>109,945.98</u>

PAYMENTS

Circuit Grants	13,554.93	
Ministerial Supply	507.50	
Presidential Supply	<u>376.93</u>	<u>14,439.36</u>

SUPERINTENDENT - ADMINISTRATION

Stipend	6,379.92	
Parsonage Costs	79.41	
Car allowance	771.42	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Telephone	148.79	
Travelling	451.18	
Rent	<u>600.00</u>	<u>8,580.72</u>

SAMOAN MINISTRY

Stipend	5,940.00	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Travelling	275.59	
Car expenses	742.09	
Telephone	179.28	
Rent	1,475.00	
Stationery & Post	30.15	
Car loan payment	900.00	
Clerical Assistance	332.00	
Sundries	<u>119.22</u>	<u>10,143.33</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES

Audit	110.00	
Bulk Travel	3,200.00	
Deputation & Publicity	50.00	
Car Park	10.00	
Conference costs	24.00	
Council of Mission	60.00	
Auckland District	100.00	
Equipment & Repairs	358.12	
Going Places	1,155.90	
Interest & Legacies	6,620.51	
Tax	277.74	
Miscellaneous	458.10	
Office Expenses	236.65	
Office Salaries	5,518.86	
Petty Cash	140.00	
Postages	985.14	
Printing & Stationery	973.25	
Rates	296.69	
Superannuation	416.57	
Sundries	75.00	
Subscriptions	25.59	
Task Group	113.38	
Telephone	913.11	
Travel (General)	<u>218.77</u>	<u>22,337.38</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Accumulated Funds	5,136.27	
Investment (Short term)	23,000.00	
Investment (Long term)	2,773.13	
Investment Samoan Fare	500.00	
Investment Wesley Circulation Library	<u>421.06</u>	<u>31,831.06</u> 87,331.85
Tongan Support	812.49	812.49

CHAPLAINCIES

Grants	16,050.91	
Auckland District	<u>1,337.48</u>	<u>17,388.39</u>
Balance at Bank	1,277.93	
E.W.B. Trust	<u>3,135.32</u>	<u>4,413.25</u>

\$109,945.98

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1977.

SURPLUS AND RESERVES

Accumulated Funds 1.7.76	15,120.57	
Plus, Transfers	<u>1,268.29</u>	
	16,388.86	
Less, excess for year	<u>10,895.06</u>	<u>5,493.80</u>
E.W. BLACKWELL TRUST 1.7.76	1,619.50	
Plus, Transfer	<u>1,515.82</u>	<u>3,135.32</u>
Wesley Circulating Library	<u>421.06</u>	<u>421.06</u>
Balancing adjustment	<u>.03</u>	<u>.03</u>
Total Surplus & Reserves		<u><u>9,050.21</u></u>

Represented by: CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at Bank B.N.Z.	1,277.93	1,277.93
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FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	651.28	
Car Samoan	4,415.05	
Furniture Samoan	<u>1,229.20</u>	6,295.53
Loan Epworth Bookroom	421.06	
Debenture 30.6.78	2,773.13	
Debenture 24.5.80 (Samoan Fare)	<u>500.00</u>	3,694.19
Bulk Travel	121.95	121.95
Hospital Chaplaincy (A.S.B. a/c)	311.35	311.35
Going Places	<u>813.99</u>	<u>813.99</u>
		12,514.94

LESS LIABILITIES

I.F.B. Loan - Samoan Car	2,937.05	
" " " " Furniture	<u>527.68</u>	<u>3,464.73</u>
		<u><u>9,050.21</u></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.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,

Auditors

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1977

Capital		<u>297,417.49</u>	297,417.49
Legacy Disbursement 30.6.76		15,813.84	
LESS - Tonga Trust	750.00		
" Tokoroa Hall	<u>542.37</u>	<u>1,292.37</u>	14,521.47

TRUST & OTHER FUNDS

Gerard Grounds		784.67	
E.M. Rushworth		500.00	
T.G. Brooke		11,241.48	
T. Buddle		200.00	
Rev. & Mrs. Geo. Buttle		1,000.00	
E.D. & 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		<u>17,806.72</u>	35,008.49

CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Seamer House - Auckland		50,253.20	
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton		27,176.03	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton		124,723.87	
Maori Centres		19,688.85	
Maori Parsonages		13,270.00	
Maori Deaconess Cottages		5,586.59	
Property Sales		42,341.10	
Samoan Parsonage		<u>50.00</u>	283,089.64

RESERVES

Sinking Fund Balance 30.6.76		67,152.57	
ADD - Current Transfers		4,246.11	
Distribution reserve		<u>24,055.92</u>	95,454.60

HOSTEL PAINTING RESERVES

Te Rahui (W) Hamilton		200.00	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton		150.00	
General Reserve		<u>800.00</u>	<u>1,150.00</u>
			726,641.69

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Bank - BNZ		8,306.44	
Sundry Debtors		<u>3,339.82</u>	11,646.26

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		<u>101,847.29</u>	

Deaconess Cottages	21,938.01	
Maori Centres	29,948.00	
Maori Property	18,900.87	
Other Parsonages	42,118.37	
Office space - Central Mission	<u>24,725.46</u>	480,792.83

INVESTMENTS

Car Loans	21,728.36	
Furniture Loans	1,132.72	
Debenture (Short term)	65,000.00	
Debenture Kaeo	13,600.00	
Debenture Board of Publications	500.00	
Debenture Deaconess Board	1,000.00	
Debenture Waiwhetu	1,000.00	
Debenture	14,500.00	
Debenture M.M.B.	1,000.00	
Debenture Whangaparaoa	5,000.00	
Debenture Devonport	10,000.00	
Debenture Waiwhetu	2,000.00	
Debenture	3,000.00	
Debenture Legacy disbursement	5,000.00	
Legacy Disbursement BNZ	2,086.83	
Loans to Circuits	225,215.71	
Loan - Hamiton Trust	5,927.39	
Loan at Call ADJ	5,300.00	
Mortgage	6,500.00	
Winstones	13,678.00	
N.Z. Insurance	3,300.00	
Astley	2,821.00	
C.S.R.	337.00	
Watties	3,010.00	
Allied Farmers	420.00	
Farmers	50.00	
A.R.A. (1.9.80)	4,600.00	
Southland Building Society	800.00	
Auckland Gas. Co.	1,458.00	
A.B. Consolidated (Bycroft)	500.00	
Mosgiel Woollen Mills	190.22	
P.O.S.B. A/c 782075	64.22	
" " " 782076	51.84	
Suspense balance	125.14	
Loan - Franking m/c	<u>673.32</u>	421,569.75

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - AUCKLAND

Residence	21,865.41		
ASB A/c 30902-11	<u>6.00</u>	<u>21,871.41</u>	
			935,880.25

LESS LIABILITIES

M.W.F. Samoan Residence	10,790.08	
Loans at Call	167,072.36	
Creditors Mntnce A/c (M.W.F.)	1,024.76	
Loan at Call Maori	5,000.00	
Loan at Call Special	<u>800.68</u>	184,687.88

LOANS & C.B.L. FUND

Auckland Hospital Chaplains House	10,218.51		
" " " "	2,546.50		
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	6,560.67		
" (W) "	1,350.00		
Samoan Parsonage	<u>3,875.00</u>	<u>24,550.68</u>	209,238.56
			<u>\$726,641.69</u>

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

We have examined the books and records of the METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD and, in our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet show a true and fair view of the results and transactions, as at that date.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,

29 July 1977.

Auditors.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND
TRADING and PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year Ending 30th June, 1977

LAST YEAR

80,076.	Sales	98,187.36	98,187.36
	Less Cost of Sales		
17,412	Stock at 1.7.76	15,741.00	
53,871	Purchases	75,457.43	
71,283		91,198.43	
15,741	Less Stock on Hand	20,025.00	71,173.43
	30.6.77		
24,534	<u>GROSS PROFIT</u>		27,013.93
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>		
	Acc. Compensation Levy	60.00	
	Advertising	306.95	
	Bank Charges	95.79	
	Bank Interest	221.58	
	Car Park	5.00	
	Commission	57.68	
	Depreciation	314.00	
	Freight	244.80	
	Tax	19.97	
	Miscellaneous	545.12	
	Power & Cleaning	421.84	
	Printing & Stationery	47.01	
	Rent & Rates	3,737.79	
	Salaries, Wages & Super.	20,763.26	
	Subscriptions & Fees	100.55	
	Sundries	5.25	
	Superannuation Subsidy	726.46	
	Telephones & Stamps	1,199.35	
	Travelling (Staff)	17.55	
	Typewriter Maintenance	27.00	
	Accounting	(775.00)	
	Insurance	(12.14)	
26,843	Balances W/O	(373.43)	27,756.38
\$ 2,309	NET LOSS		\$ 742.65

EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1977

<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
3,298	Bank Overdraft	4,163.02	
5,596	Sundry Creditors	5,609.26	9,772.28
	<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>		
	Balance 1.7.76	3,843.00	
	LESS Net Loss	742.65	3,100.65
	<u>GRANTS</u>		
4,500	Home Mission	4,500.00	
5,300	Loan Reserve	5,300.00	
--	Loan Board of Publications	2,000.00	
--	" Anglican Church	2,500.00	
--	" Home Mission	421.06	14,721.06
			27,593.99
			<u><u>27,593.99</u></u>
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
6,031	Sundry Debtors	4,112.30	
--	Sundry Debtors Suspense	416.33	
142	Cash on Hand	3.26	
15,741	Stock on Hand	20,025.10	24,556.99
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
	Furniture & Fittings	2,988.00	
	PLUS Additions	363.00	
		3,351.00	
	LESS Depreciation	314.00	3,037.00
<u>\$25,092</u>			<u>\$27,593.99</u>

We have examined the books and records of the EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND 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.

26th July 1977.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS FROM 1.7.76 to

30.6.77

Gross Rents		11,781.49
LESS Depreciation Reserve	550.00	
Insurance	903.80	
Rates	1,233.76	
Survey Fee	126.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>58.90</u>	<u>2,872.96</u>
NET INCOME		<u><u>8,908.53</u></u>

DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME

Capital	1,721.70	
Maintenance Reserve	300.00	
Investment Funds Board	3,443.41	
Development Division	1,147.82	
Maori Division	<u>2,295.60</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 8,908.53</u></u>

THE EDITH WINTSONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE , 1977

CAPITAL & RESERVES

Capital (Balance 1.7.76)	44,325.74	
ADD transfers from interest	1,361.30	
ADD transfers from income	<u>1,721.90</u>	47,408.74

DEPRECIATION RESERVE

Balance 1.7.76	27,188.79	
ADD transfers from interest	1,795.76	
ADD transfers from income	<u>550.00</u>	29,534.55

MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1.7.76	4,156.22	
ADD transfers from interest	229.26	
ADD transfers from income	<u>300.00</u>	4,046.53
I.F.B. Distribution	7,486.17	
Development Distribution	1,134.07	
Maori Distribution	<u>2,281.85</u>	10,902.09

91,891.91

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at Bank	12,258.97
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FIXED ASSETS

Land and Buildings	28,433.66
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INVESTMENTS

Mortgage G.A. Gribble	9,800.00	
A.S.B. a/c 118466	1,328.69	
P.O.S.B. a/c 816209	70.59	
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	
Short Term Deposit	<u>25,000.00</u>	51,199.28
		<u>\$91,891.91</u>

We have examined the books and records of the EDITH WINTSONE 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.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON, & CO.,
Auditors

July, 1977

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 1.7.76 TO 30.6.77

BALANCE AT BANK 1.7.76	18003.60	
Budget	<u>2055.00</u>	20058.60
PLUS INCOME		
Connexional Budget	64840.00	
Board meeting costs	157.40	
Car sale	59.84	
Cars	4854.36	
Circuit contributions	7347.82	
Donations	3654.08	
Debtors	3022.03	
Grant (Grey \$5000 M.W.F. \$2200.30)	7200.30	
Hymns & Service Books	12.80	
Tax	1139.20	
Interest & Legacies	23180.53	
E.W.B. Trust	2295.60	
Investments (Short term)	63000.00	
Levies	35.00	
Miscellaneous	2141.13	
Office Equipment	127.77	
Office Expenses	60.10	
Printing & Stationery	332.61	
Postage	304.89	
Rent	157.67	
Superannuation	49.50	
Telephones	485.59	
Tumuaki's travel	826.06	
Tumuaki's telephone	<u>20.71</u>	185304.99
		<u>205363.59</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Stipends & Compensation levy	72421.29	
Circuit travelling	9928.42	
Cars (Deaconesses)	533.52	
Rent	<u>6394.00</u>	89277.23
Audit	110.00	
Board meeting costs	85.00	
Cars	6392.64	
Car park	17.50	
Conferences	164.00	
Donations	100.00	
Debtors	3022.03	
Equipment - Maintenance	106.04	
Tax	1201.60	
Interest	2.12	
Invested (short term)	78000.00	
Levies	200.00	
Miscellaneous	2539.87	
Office Cleaning	90.44	
Office equipment	169.02	
Office expenses	149.18	
Office salaries	5671.35	
Office rates	296.69	
Printing & stationery	780.31	
Postages	388.55	
Superannuation	209.22	
Subscription N.C.C.	170.00	
Telephones	1135.77	
Tumuaki's car	35.05	
Tumuaki's stipend	5451.00	
Tumuaki's allowance	755.59	
Tumuaki's rent	350.00	
Tumuaki's travelling	937.00	
Tumuaki's telephone	<u>133.75</u>	108663.72
Balance at Bank 30.6.77	<u>7422.64</u>	<u>7422.64</u> <u>\$205363.59</u>

METHODIST MACOI DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1977

Accumulated Funds 1.7.76	15364.46		
Add, Surplus	<u>3920.73</u>	19285.19	
<u>Reserves & Other Funds</u>			
Cars, Capital Receipts 1.7.76	7393.95		
Less Depreciation	<u>734.19</u>	6659.76	
Christian Education Material	957.49		
Hymns & Service Books	1930.78		
History	<u>96.15</u>		
	2984.42		
Less, Travel Overseas Reserve	1030.00		
Loan	<u>538.51</u>	<u>1568.51</u>	<u>1415.91</u>
			27360.86
Represented by -			
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Balance at Bank BNZ	7422.64		
Balance at ASB	58.48		
Sundry Debtors	<u>246.28</u>	7727.40	
Debenture (Short Term)	15000.00	15000.00	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Office Equipment	388.21		
Motor Vehicles	<u>4245.25</u>	<u>4633.46</u>	<u>27360.86</u>

We have examined the books and records of the METHODIST MACOI 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.

July, 1977

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

SEAMER HOUSE

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1.7.76 to 30.6.77

Bank as at 30.6.76	426.70	
Boarding Fees received	<u>7,404.64</u>	7,831.34
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
Audit	55.00	
Acc. Comp. Levy	6.77	
Cleaning & Laundry	365.66	
Sundries	46.95	
Interest	58.30	
Insurance	168.39	
Light & Power	1,291.28	
Maintenance	326.19	
Salary	2,844.99	
Miscellaneous	122.28	
Provisions	4,281.19	
Rates	944.89	
Telephone	423.33	
Tax	<u>28.16</u>	<u>10,963.38</u>
Deficit		<u>\$ 3,132.04</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1977

Accumulated Funds 1.7.1976	741.70
Less, Gross Deficit	<u>3,723.74</u>
	<u>2,982.04</u>
Overdraft at Bank 30.6.1977	<u>2,982.04</u>

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.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1977

<u>1976</u>		
18418	Board Receipts	24011.12
264	Donations	145.00
1	Interest Received	10.98
-	Receipts from Youth Hostel Association	123.00
18693		<u>24290.10</u>
	<u>Less EXPENSES</u>	
12475	Provisions	16019.90
1469	Repairs & Maintenance	2790.17
8339	Wages	8810.88
201	General Expenses	112.52
1098	Linen Hire	1184.73
189	Telephones	263.21
95	Water Rates	101.10
1833	Power	3010.51
61	Fire Prevention	298.43
57	ACC Levy	66.40
136	Interest & Insurance	93.50
-	Bin Hire	131.00
119	Audit Fee	157.43
26022		<u>33039.78</u>
7339	<u>CASH DEFICIT</u>	8749.68
147	Depreciation	165.06
7486	<u>NET DEFICIT</u> for Year	8914.74
6375	Reimbursement previous Deficit	7715.00
1111	<u>NET DEFICIT</u>	<u>\$1199.74</u>

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 March 1977

1976

CURRENT ASSETS

10	Cash on Hand	10.00
-	Debtor	50.00

60.00

Less CURRENT LIABILITIES

2669	Bank	3615.81
2408	Sundry Creditors	2901.60
1000	Advance Methodist Maori Division	1000.00

6077 7517.41

6067 WORKING CAPITAL - Deficit 7457.41

1747 FIXED ASSETS - As per Schedule 1938.00

4320 \$5519.41

Represented by:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance 1 April 1976	4319.67
Net Deficit	1199.74

\$5519.41

We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Te Rahui (T) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31 March 1977 from the books, accounts and vouchers supplied. In so far as can be established from these records the Accounts and Balance Sheet show a true and fair position of the Centre as at 31 March 1977.

Nick Kean Malins Young & Co

McKEAN, MALINS, YOUNG & CO.

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED

For the Year Ended 31 March 1977

Asset	Book Value at 31.3.76	Additions	Total	Depreciation Claimed		Book Value at 31.3.77
				Rate	Amount	
Polishers (2)	373.00		373.00	10% DV	37.00	336
Slicer	273.00		273.00	10% DV	27.00	246
415 Typewriter (4)	48.00		48.00	20% DV	10.00	38
Heaters	28.00		28.00	10% DV	3.00	25
Washing Machines (2)	183.00		183.00	10% DV	18.00	165
Garage	842.00		842.00	4% CP	35.00	807
Cake Mixer		65.00	65.00	10% DV	6.00	59
Sterilizer		291.06	291.06	10% DV	29.06	262
	\$1747.00	356.06	2103.06		165.06	1938

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1977

CAPITAL FUNDS

Medical Fund	92000.00	92000.00
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TRUST FUNDS

E.M. Rishworth	500.00	
Vanes Bequest	937.97	
A. Woodnutt	<u>2000.00</u>	3437.97

REPLACEMENT FUNDS

General Secretary's Residence	5241.77	
Add. Appropriations	<u>600.00</u>	5841.77
General Secretary's Motor Cycle	3139.33	
Add. Appropriations	<u>628.00</u>	3767.33
Office Equipment	200.00	200.00

EXPENDABLE FUNDS

Vane's Bequest	460.54	
Discretionary Fund	232.85	
Solomon Islands History Reserve	<u>180.62</u>	874.01
Sickness & Accident 30.6.76	5938.87	
Add. Contributions	<u>429.20</u>	
	6368.07	
Less. Benefits paid out	<u>400.80</u>	5967.27
Accumulated Funds 30.6.76	16813.13	
Plus Surplus	<u>112295.14</u>	129108.27
		<u>241196.62</u>

Represented by: CURRENT ASSETS

Bank B.N.Z.	14674.56	
Bank - Sydney	<u>373.93</u>	15048.49

FIXED ASSETS

Office Equipment	1427.04	
" " Joint use	666.58	
General Secretary's Residence	42475.89	
" " Motor Cycle	2325.30	
Space - Central Mission	<u>19907.09</u>	66801.90

INVESTMENTS

Mortgage (Eason)	908.00	
Prince Albert Trust/Woodnutt	7862.69	
Vane's Bequest A.S.B.	436.12	
Debenture (Short Term)	25000.00	
Astley Holdings	2820.60	
Auckland Gas Company	2933.00	
C.S.R.	2800.00	
Farmer's Trading Co.	845.40	
Henderson & Pollard	3364.14	
N.Z. Insurance	3300.00	
Wattie Industries	2442.50	
Winstones	<u>400.00</u>	53112.45

DEBENTURES

Auckland Gas Company	4619.99		
Auckland Hospital Board	14000.00		
Central Mission	500.00		
Watties Ltd.	1100.00		
Broadlands Ltd.	<u>90000.00</u>	<u>110219.99</u>	<u>-</u>
			245182.83

LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

Loan at call	3600.00		
Springett	1847.82		
Springett Fund	1242.95		
Sundry	<u>68.64</u>	<u>6759.41</u>	<u>238423.42</u>
			241196.62
PLUS: Office Salaries Supp.	2973.20		
LESS: Publicity Supp.	<u>200.00</u>	<u>2773.20</u>	<u>2773.20</u>
			241196.62

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.

July 1977

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1.7.76 to 30.6.77

Balance at Bank as at 30.6.76	15003.08	
Budget Payment	<u>3127.00</u>	18130.08

RECEIPTS

Connexional Budget	79331.00	79331.00
Interest & Dividends	<u>17583.99</u>	
Donations	<u>8251.43</u>	25835.42

Working Capital Fund	8182.68	
Building & Special Projects	20456.47	
Pacific Projects	<u>12273.86</u>	40913.01

Calendars	6.45	
Bob Springett	1847.82	
McKenzie	76.05 Cr.	
Munro	7.25 Cr.	
United Church	1946.63 Cr.	
Presbyterian Church	1276.13	
Epworth Bookroom	28.48	
Development Division	379.98	
Maori Division	341.18	
Rev. D. Carrington	56.13	
Skelton	352.06	
Donnelly	10.00	
Fiji	486.00	
General Secretary Overseas Travel	1038.60	
Motor Cycle (Old)	1250.00	
Residence Costs	17.57	
Gifts and Grants	10572.37	
Legacy (Special)	9000.00	
Invested (Short Term)	92000.00	
Tax	1259.70 Cr.	
Mortgage (Eason)	96.00	
Miscellaneous	3223.28	
Office Salaries	11037.72	
" Expenses	12.19	
" Equipment (Joint)	54.16	
" "	162.48	
Petty Cash	100.00	
" " Grafton	300.00	
Sickness & Accident	447.10 Cr.	
Super.	690.46 Cr.	
Bob Springett Appeal	1232.95	
United Church (Staff)	5561.65	
Fares	9744.75	
Freight	679.82 Cr.	
N.Z. Allowance	157.33	
N.P. Fund	2122.53 Cr.	<u>143114.74</u>

307324.25

LESS PAYMENTS UNITED CHURCH

Grant	49999.92	
Staff	18218.46	
Medical	2400.00	
Exchange	1.04	
Fares	5408.46	
Freight	2522.37	
N.Z. Allowance	19776.22	
Deferred Stipends	2482.00	
N.P. Fund	2399.24	
Furniture Allowance	522.00	
Dr. Scown Support	3600.00	107329.71

ADMINISTRATION

General Secretary Stipend & Allowance	6529.92	
" " Travel (N.Z.)	1212.43	
" " (Overseas)	1263.46	
Motor Cycle (Cap)	2325.30	
" " Running Costs	141.53	
Residence Costs	1097.06	12569.70

OFFICE EXPENSES

Audit	440.00	
Accident Compensation Levy	73.50	
Conference Fees	48.60	
McKenzie	76.05	
Munro	8.25	
United Church	1946.63	
Presbyterian Church	1276.13	
Epworth Bookroom	28.48	
Development Division	379.98	
Maori Division	341.18	
Rev. D. Carrington	56.13	
Deputation and Publicity	693.27	
Equipment Repairs	134.84	
Gifts and Grants	7507.55	
Invested (Short Term)	110000.00	
Tax	1481.34	
Miscellaneous	6842.22	
Office Salaries	18968.22	
" Expenses	79.07	
" Equipment (Joint Use)	612.42	
" "	54.16	
Pacific Projects	507.00	
Petty Cash	80.00	
Postages	223.33	
Petty Cash (Joint Board)	220.00	
Presbyterian Church	300.00	
Printing and Stationery	382.98	
Publicity	559.32	
Rent and Rates	469.21	
Sickness & Accident	418.80	
Subscriptions	130.44	
Super.	793.90	
Telephones	380.36	
Travel (Other)	36.00	155549.36
		275448.77

Tonga	7361.74	7361.74	
Balance at Bank	14674.56		
Budget Payment	<u>6866.00</u>	21540.56	28902.30
			304351.07
Supp. Office Salaries	2973.18		<u>2973.18</u>
			307324.25
			<u><u> </u></u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1977

	1976		1977	1976		1977
	\$		\$	\$		\$
98	Accident Compensation		167.50		<u>Appropriations for Administration Charges</u>	
21	Audit Fee		25.00	6500	Church Building & Loan Fund	12820.00
474	Cleaning		908.33	8500	Fire Insurance Fund	16250.00
774	General Expenses		1242.65	8500	General Purposes Trust	16250.00
74	Insurance		86.18	--	Investment Board	2500.00
225	Interest		1228.66	1675	South Island Children's Home	3790.50
137	Lighting & Heating		205.18	8500	Supernumerary & Allied Funds	16250.00
3507	Office Rent		4913.40	1000	Transport Trust Board	2400.00
130	Repairs, Maintenance of Equipment		1074.08	34675		70260.50
46549	Salaries, Wages & Superannuation		68198.51			
907	Staff - Advertising		177.71	19	Board Room Rent	
3001	Stationery		2302.45	80	Bank Interest	87.50
1184	Telephones, Tolls & Postages		1813.93	10640	Conrexional Budget	13853.00
421 519	Travelling Expenses		1779.07	112	Commission & Sundry Income Received	114.11
				327	Rent Received - House Property	613.34
	Depreciation - Equipment, Furnishings					
1108	& Renovations		1908.42	3434	Income from Thorndon Property	--
	<u>House Property Account:-</u>				Transfer from Salaries Fluctuation	
	Depreciation on House Property			6164	& Maintenance Reserve	--
99	& Furnishings	509.20		3796	Excess Expenditure over Income	2971.42
--	Interest - House Property Loan	739.72				
440	Insurance, Rates & Repairs	619.88	1868.80			
59247			87899.87	59247		87899.87

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1977

--	Balance as at 30 June, 1976	2844.83	951	Balance as at 30 June, 1975	-
3796	Excess Expenditure over Income	2971.42	2845	Balance as at 30 June, 1977	5816.25
3796		5816.25	3796		5816.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1977

			<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>				<u>1977</u>
<u>1976</u>	<u>Current Liabilities</u>				<u>Current Assets</u>			
1986	Bank of New Zealand - Current A/c			50	Cash in hand		50.00	
7447	Sundry Creditors	7031.53			Bank of New Zealand - Current A/c.		1090.76	
6961	Removal Fund	<u>7647.06</u>		7388	Sundry Debtors		3173.97	
16394			14678.59	-	Investment Board		<u>800.15</u>	
	<u>Deposits Held for Other Funds</u>			<u>7438</u>				5114.88
128	North Canterbury Camps Trust		8.52		<u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	
	<u>Loans</u>					<u>of</u>	<u>to date</u>	
3000	General Purposes Trust Board	6000.00				<u>Valuation</u>		
-	Supernumerary Fund	<u>20000.00</u>			House Property & Furniture at			
			26000.00		17 Merivale Lane,			
	<u>Capital Account</u>			6131	Christchurch			
6870	Balance at 1 July, 1976	6870.49			House Property -			
	Add Capital Profit on			-	32 Ambleside Drive			
	Realisation of House Property -				Christchurch	53500.00	449.00	53051.00
	17 Merivale Lane, Christchurch	<u>29513.11</u>			House Furniture -			
		36383.60			32 Ambleside Drive			
-2845	Less Appropriation Account	<u>5816.25</u>			Christchurch	802.20	60.20	742.00
4025			30567.35					
				3082	Office Furnishings			
					Valuation 1/7/1976	3147.55	467.24	2680.31
				2310	Office Equipment -			
					Valuation 1/7/1976	6163.64	719.24	5444.40
				4586	Office Renovations -			
					Valuation 1/7/1976	4943.81	721.94	<u>4221.87</u>
23547			71254.46	23547				71254.46

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary: A.K. Woodley

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Board of Administration for the year ended 30th June, 1977, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Board of Administration as at that date.

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

• (A) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts, which effect the results and financial position disclosed are: -

- (i) Depreciation - Straight Line Depreciation basis was adopted to recover the cost of assets over their useful life.
- (ii) Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.

(B) Government Valuation of House Property Held - \$50.000

(C) Asset Valuation. Assets held at 1st July, 1976, have been valued at Book Value

(D) Capital Profit. The Capital profit made on the sale of the House Property at 17 Merivale Lane, Christchurch, has been added to the Funds Capital.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1977

		1977	1976		1977
1976	Conference Travel		25893	Connexional Budget	28000.00
1201	Equalisation Fund	1548.80			
2407	Office Representatives, Ordinands etc.	2175.43		-- Conference Arrangements & Collections	2050.56
3608			3724.23		
	<u>Conference Printing & General Expenses</u>			134 Interest Received	190.15
4738	Conference Agendas	6324.95			
5009	Conference Minutes	5023.25		1870 Sales of Printed Matter	1727.89
280	Station Sheets	400.35			
38	Ordinands Bibles	39.08		2354 Excess Expenditure over Income	2976.81
598	Secretarial Platform & other expenses	871.19			
139	J.C.C.U. Reports	138.25			
54	Conference Letterheads	50.64			
10856			12647.71		
	<u>Connexional Payments</u>				
51	Presidents Travel & Expenses	1163.25			
--	Cassock	155.00			
543	Vice-Presidents Expenses	391.40			
--	General	59.60			
524			1763.25		
	<u>Connexional Printing</u>				
187	Confirmation Certificates	--			
195	Membership Cards	44.00			
382			44.00		
	<u>Connexional & J.C.C.U. Committees & Travel</u>				
2450	District Payments	2497.17			
1779	Paid Direct by Fund	2403.17			
4229			4900.34		
1366	Church Council		1491.79		
6419	District Expenses		7565.61		
1029	Synod Expenses		1416.39		
578	Audit Fee, General Expenses, Postage & Stationery		586.33		
385	Interest Paid		599.76		
805	Special Committee on Investment Board & Finance Managers Expenses		--		
330251			\$34945.41	\$30251	\$34945.41

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1977

<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>			<u>Current Assets</u>	
316	Sundry Creditors	1573.31	2866	Bank of New Zealand	6789.13
	<u>Loan</u>		<u>3274</u>	Sundry Debtors	<u>4217.95</u>
5138	General Purposes Trust Board	10000.00	6140		11007.08
	<u>Balances Due to District Synods</u>			<u>Balances Due from District Synods</u>	
794	Northland	762.00	283	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	217.08
440	Auckland	253.32	--	North Canterbury	<u>34.23</u>
338	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	--	283		251.31
320	Taranaki-Wanganui	660.27			
569	Wellington	1398.75			
-	Nelson	206.15	3150	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra)	6127.08
41	North Canterbury	--			
942	South Canterbury	1912.07			
675	Otago-Southland	<u>619.60</u>			
4119		5812.16			
	<u>Accumulated Fund</u>				
(795)	Deficit Balance as at 1st July, 1976	3150.27			
(2355)	Add Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>2976.81</u>			
(3150)	Deficit Balance (see Contra)	<u>6127.08</u>			
9573		<u>17385.47</u>	<u>9573</u>		<u>17385.47</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1977, 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.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1977

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>		<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>
	\$		\$		\$		\$
419569		Payments to Departments and Funds	456360.20			Contributions Received	
10876		Expenses collected through Connexional			377834	Methodist Circuits	404991.09
		Budget and refunded to Districts	12904.00		37674	Union Parishes-General	45127.03
193		Stationery, Postages, Tolls, Travel			<u>13834</u>	" " -Retiring	<u>15799.08</u>
52		and General Expenses	343.32		51508	Fund	60926.11
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	--		429342		465917.20
					- 252	<u>Refunds from Departments and Funds</u>	
					1220	Supernumery Fund	4586.00
					-	Deaconess Retiring Fund	-1210.00
					- 720	Lay Workers " "	- 72.00
					248	Home Missionaries "	<u>363.00</u>
					855		1645.00
					245	Contribution for previous	
					-	year, received this year	2941.00
						Bank interest received	274.43
						Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>68.89</u>
426							469607.52
	<u>430690</u>		<u>469607.52</u>		<u>430690</u>		<u>469607.52</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1977

	<u>Current Liabilities</u>					<u>Current Assets</u>	
146	Contributions received in advance	1314.00			10357	Cash at Bank of New Zealand	24091.28
	Final payments due to Districts						
	and to Non-Guaranteed Funds and					Payments for this year received	
15938	Departments	<u>27238.40</u>			7071	after balance date	5736.77
16084			28552.40				
	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>						
1292	Balance at beginning of year	1344.54					
	Add: Balance from Income and						
52	Expenditure account	- 68.89					
1344			1275.65				
17428			<u>29828.05</u>		<u>17428</u>		<u>29828.05</u>

Chairman G.E. Hill

Secretary A.K. Woodley

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Budget for the year ended 30th June, 1977, 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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1977

1976		1977	1976	1977	
\$		\$	\$	\$	
9825	Removal Costs Paid	18654.87	14000	Connexional Budget	13000.00
-493	Less Reimbursements Received	126.00			
9332		18728.87	-	Excess Expenditure over Income	6380.15
67	Audit Fee, General Expenses & Stationery	167.37			
150	Interest	483.91			
4451	Excess Income over Expenditure	-			
14000		19380.15	14000		19380.15

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1977

	<u>Current Liabilities</u>		<u>Current Assets</u>		
	Sundry Creditors	2726.00	Sundry Debtors	660.00	
427	<u>Loans</u>		6961 Deposit with Board of		
5000	General Purposes Trust Board	10000.00	Administration	<u>7647.06</u>	8307.06
	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra)		4418.94
(2490)	Balance at 1 July, 1976	1961.21			
4451	Less Excess Income over Expenditure				
	Less Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>6380.15</u>			
	<u>1961</u>	<u>4418.94</u>			
6961		12726.00	6961		12726.00

ANALYSIS OF REMOVALS BY FUND

No.	Cost	Average Cost	1975/76 Average
18	\$3063.30	\$170	\$183
6	\$1147.01	\$191	\$179
10	\$14644.36	\$1464	\$609
	<u>\$16854.67</u>		

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

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, 1977, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Fund's affairs as at that date.

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND - INVESTMENT BOARD
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1977

1976	1977	1976	1977
\$	\$	\$	\$
- Administration Charge	2500.00	- Commission Received	8045.05
- General Office Expenses	158.75		
- Salaries	11572.19	- Connexional Budget	9862.00
- Travelling Expenses	2301.94		
- Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>1374.17</u>		
	17907.05		<u>17907.05</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1977

Deferred Expenses from 1976	1026.15	Excess Income over Expenditure at 30th June, 1977	1374.17
Balance as at 30th June, 1977	<u>348.02</u>		
	1374.17		<u>1374.17</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1977

<u>Current Liabilities</u>		<u>Current Assets</u>	
Sundry Creditors	338.83	Sundry Debtors	1487.00
Board of Administration	<u>800.15</u>		
	1138.98		
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			
Balance at 30th June, 1977	<u>348.02</u>		
	1487.00		<u>1487.00</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

Chairman. G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Investment Board for the year ended 30th June, 1977, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Investment Board as at this date.

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.

LOANS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
69,483	Loans at beginning of year	67,548.00	33,373	Loan repayments	39,311.86
27,949	New Loans Advanced	26,626.98	67,548	Balance at end of year	72,589.84
3,489	Interest charged - for the year only	--			
--	" " - for full term of loans	17,726.72			
<u>100,921</u>		<u>\$111,901.70</u>	<u>100,921</u>		<u>\$111,901.70</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,000	Administration charges	2,400.00	3,489	Interest Received	7,472.02
2,307	Interest Paid	3,763.04			
157	General Expenses	286.42			
<u>3,464</u>		<u>6,449.46</u>			
25	Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,022.56			
<u>3,489</u>		<u>\$ 7,472.02</u>	<u>3,489</u>		<u>\$ 7,472.02</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
	CURRENT LIABILITIES				
12,027	Bank of N.Z. overdraft	2,005.20	67,548	Secured Advances	72,589.84
177	Sundry Creditors	1,919.12	44	Sundry Debtors	--
<u>12,204</u>		<u>3,924.32</u>			
--	UNEARNED INTEREST ON LOANS	10,254.70			

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1977

continued

	1976		1977	1976	1977
	\$	LOANS	\$	\$	\$
	10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	10,000.00		
	6,000	General Purposes Trust	6,000.00		
	20,000	" " " Winstone Fund	20,000.00		
	1,800	" " " Methven Trust	1,800.00		
	1,000	Te Awamutu Trust	1,000.00		
	<u>1,000</u>	Wellington Methodist C. & E.E. Trust	<u>1,000.00</u>		
	39,800		39,800.00		
		ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
	11,463	Balance at beginning of year	15,588.26		
	4,000	ADD: Grant from Fire Insurance Fund	2,000.00		
		ADD: Donation from P. & E.F. Rushton			
	100	Memorial Trust	--		
	<u>25</u>	Net income for the year	<u>1,022.56</u>		
	15,588		18,610.82		
	<u>67,592</u>		<u>72,589.84</u>	<u>67,592</u>	<u>72,589.84</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts-which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

Secured advances have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHAIRMAN: G.E.HILL

SECRETARY: A.K.WOODLEY

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Transport Trust Board Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
391,750	Loans at beginning of year	400,462.73	67,854	Repayments of Principal & Working Expenses	62,334.84
5,432	Working Expenses charged for year	7,315.35	400,463	Loans at end of year	429,093.24
35	Interest charged on special loan	--			
71,100	New Loans advanced	83,650.00			
468,317		\$491,428.08	468,317		\$491,428.08

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
2,000	Grants made	1,000.00	16,154	Balance at beginning of year	14,810.63
14,810	Balance at end of year	14,229.29	656	Interest received	418.66
16,810		\$ 15,229.29	16,810		\$ 15,229.29

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1976
\$		\$	\$		\$
	Grants made: Raumanga	2,000	9,211	Balance at beginning of year	9,976.65
	Wiri	4,000	5,766	Contributions from the Budget	13,437.25
	Auckland District	4,000	--	Contribution from the Thorndon Trust	3,326.00
5,000		10,000.00			
9,977	Balance at end of year	16,739.90			
14,977		\$ 26,739.90	14,977		\$ 26,739.90

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

1976			1977	1976		1977
\$			\$	\$		\$
	Grants made: Rantangata J.	200		2,487	Balance at beginning of year	4,408.75
	Alexander R.	<u>500</u>		1,922	Contribution from the Budget	4,478.75
			700.00			
<u>4,409</u>	Balance at end of year		<u>8,187.50</u>			
<u>4,409</u>			<u>\$ 8,887.50</u>	<u>4,409</u>		<u>\$ 8,887.50</u>

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1977

432	1976		1977	1976		1977
	\$		\$	\$		\$
	6,500	Administration expenses	12,820.00	5,433	Working expenses received	7,315.35
	77	Other expenses: Advertising	172.72	1,577	Interest received	2,272.17
	412	Audit and General	293.44	63	Commission received	79.10
	150	Postages	168.29	376	Dividends	409.00
	466	Stationery and Telephone	922.96			
	--	Travelling	263.30		Excess expenditure transferred to	
	<u>1,105</u>			<u>156</u>	Accumulated Funds	<u>4,565.09</u>
	<u>7,605</u>		<u>\$ 14,640.71</u>	<u>7,605</u>		<u>\$ 14,640.71</u>

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1977

	1976		1977	1976		1977
	\$		\$	\$		\$
	<u>237</u>	CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS	
		Sundry Creditors	337.64	26,182	Cash at Bank - Current Account	4,547.22
				2,000	- on deposit	12,000.00
		OTHER ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED WITH FUND		685	Interest Accrued	459.25
14,810		Sites Fund 14,229.29		--	Sundry Debtors	419.46
		Development Fund (for Church		8,428	General Purposes Trust (Sites)	6,000.00
9,977		Extension) 16,739.90		8,000	N.Z. Insurance - deposit	--
<u>4,409</u>		Special Projects Fund <u>8,187.50</u>		--	Transferable Certificate of	
29,196			39,156.69		deposit	<u>10,000.00</u>
				<u>45,295</u>		33,425.93
		ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
433 416,385		(i) Capital at beginning of yr. 419,664.32		<u>400,463</u>	LOANS CURRENT	429,093.24
3,279		ADD legacies and donations <u>11,265.10</u>				
<u>419,664</u>		430,929.42			INVESTMENTS	
					Shares bequeathed to Fund:-	
		(ii) Administration Funds:		2,000	(a) Preference shares	2,000.00
2,117		Balance at beginning of yr. 1,960.51			(unlisted company)	
		LESS excess expenditure for			(b) Ordinary shares (listed	
- 156		year <u>4,565.09</u>	428,324.84	<u>3,300</u>	company)	<u>3,300.00</u>
<u>421,625</u>				5,300		5,300.00
451,058			<u>\$467,819.17</u>	<u>451,058</u>		<u>\$467,819.17</u>

CHAIRMAN: G.E. Hill

SECRETARY: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY 1977

continued

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts-which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

1. INVESTMENTS.
 - (a) Preference shares in a Unlisted Company have been valued at Par.
 - (b) Ordinary shares in a Listed Company estimated Market value at 31st May 1977 \$2,618.
2. Loans - have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30 June, 1977

1976		1976			
\$		\$			
99,921	Interest Allowed to Trusts and Depositors	110,498.00		INTEREST EARNED	
8,500	Administration Charges	16,250.00	12,918	Local Body Stock and	
795	General Expenses	1,250.44	43,707	Company Debentures	12,699.14
--	Commission to Investment Board	3,142.81	12,074	Mortgages	42,337.65
5,891	Excess of Income over Expenditure	--	1,368	Loans	12,229.33
			37,665	Bank and other	14,466.38
				Greenock House Property	37,664.60
			107,732		
			128	Commissioned Received	119,397.10
			1,734	Dividends Received	350.80
			5,513	Greenock House Rents Received	1,722.79
			--	Excess of Expenditure over	4,506.63
				Income	5,163.93
115,107		\$ 131,141.25	115,107		\$ 131,141.25

Appropriation Account for year ended 30th June, 1977

--	Net excess of Expenditure for year	5,163.93	5,891	Net Income for year	--
2,000	Transfer to General Reserve			Rents from Thorndon Property	
	Provision for Grant to Supernumerary			and Greenock House Property	
1,946	and Allied Funds	--		from July 1972 to 30th June	
	Balance transferred to Accumulated		9,364	1975.	--
11,309	Funds	--		Transferred to Accumulated Funds	5,163.93
15,255		\$ 5,163.93	15,255		\$ 5,163.93

\$			\$		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS		
2,694	Sundry Creditors	2,682.46	4,281	Bank of N.Z.-Current Account	23,130.90
1,946	Provision for Grants to Supernum- erary and Allied Funds	--	--	" " -Term Deposit	60,000.00
<u>4,640</u>			37,089	Bills of Exchange Discounted	--
		2,682.46	--	Transferable Certificates of Deposit	95,000.00
SHORT TERM DEPOSITS				Sundry Loans to Connexional Funds	26,000.00
8,429	Church Sites Fund	6,000.00	13,138	Sundry Debtors	6,662.45
567	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	--	7,884	Interest Accrued	<u>14,077.03</u>
	S.I. Children's Home Investment Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	63,693		
<u>11,590</u>					224,870.38
20,586	Loan-Walters' Farm Trust.	16,000.00		INVESTMENTS AND LOANS	
3,864	Home Mission Department	3,581.24	512,859	First Mortgages	456,598.65
				Loan - Supernumerary Fund (Papatoetoe Property)	52,650.00
			52,650	Loan - Supernumerary Fund (Special Loan)	50,000.00
	OTHER LIABILITIES		50,000	Sundry Loans to Church Trusts	48,138.03
1,132,505	Sundry Church & other Deposits	1,231,137.21	31,520	Loan to Walters Trust	6,000.00
	Depositors holding specific Investments	<u>58,400.00</u>	6,000	Local Body Stock	97,255.00
<u>39,200</u>			116,948	Debentures in Public Companies	57,046.20
<u>1,171,705</u>		1,289,537.21	67,804	Debentures Dunedin Central Mission	12,000.00
	TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD		12,000	Shares in Public Companies	20,585.24
188,012	Winstone Memorial Trust Board	188,982.11	22,045	Specific Assets held for Trusts	<u>58,400.00</u>
169,948	Sundry other Trusts	<u>209,509.12</u>	39,200		
		398,491.23	911,026		858,673.12
357,960				WELLINGTON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT	
			569,133	Greenock House	606,797.27

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1977

continued

1976			1976		
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES			LOANS TO TRANSPORT TRUST	
13,738	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	25,047.33		BOARD	
--	ADD: Profit on repayment of Preference Shares	115.20	27,800	Incl. from Winstone Fund and Methven	27,800.00
11,309	ADD: Balance from appropriation Account	- 5,163.93	20,150	WALTERS' TRUST:	
25,047		19,998.60		Additional land - at cost	20,149.97
8,000	General Reserve	8,000.00			
33,047		27,998.60			
1,591,802		\$1,738,290.74	1591,802		\$1,738,290.74

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares at balance date amounted to \$18,064.
2. Greenock House investment consists of \$502,195 plus holding charges \$104,602 capitalised.
3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

CHAIRMAN: G.E.HILL

SECRETARY: A.K.WOODLEY

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1977

		1977	1976		1977
1976	CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS	
11,790	Sundry Creditors	155,547.11	69,426	Bank of New Zealand Current Account	181,105.74
--	Subscriptions Prepaid	178.22	60,000	" Term Deposits	170,000.00
11,790			--	Transferable Certificates of Deposit	50,000.00
	DEPOSITS BY ALLIED FUNDS	155,725.33	--	Contributory Mortgage <u>Note 4</u>	50,000.00
5,371	Benevolent Fund	5,394.85	108,032	Discounted Bills	--
69,569	Deaconess Retiring Fund	80,932.04	--	Loan to Board of Management	20,000.00
22,227	Deferred Stipend Fund	21,230.48	9,371	Subscriptions due	5,862.26
165,236	Home Acquirement Fund	208,466.82	3,876	Subsidies due	77.78
10,342	Home Missionaries Retiring Fd	16,167.89	7,130	Interest accrued	5,429.37
30,783	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	33,989.12	2,382	Sundry Debtors	12,076.64
32,241	Retired Ministerial Hous.Fd	34,816.81	260,217		494,551.79
335,769		400,998.01		DEFERRED CHARGES	
4 38	TERM LOAN		--	Papatoetoe Property for maintenance	3,087.00
30,000	Century Property Mortgage	--	--	Epworth Chambers -alterations to suites	7,173.00
	OTHER LOANS			INVESTMENTS NOTE 1	10,260.00
	General Purposes Trust Board:		17,073	Local Body Stock	12,567.00
50,000	Morley House Loan	50,000.00	54,288	Debentures	36,396.00
52,650	Papatoetoe Property Loan	52,650.00	245,236	First Mortgages	216,890.00
	Connexional Fire Insur. Fund:		102,852	Company Shares & Convertible Notes	105,543.09
10,000	Papatoetoe Property Loan	10,000.00	419,449		371,396.09
--	Church Building & Loan Fund	10,000.00		FIXED ASSETS (at Cost) NOTE 2	
112,650		122,650.00	201,001	Papatoetoe Property (1970)	201,000.80
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS, RESERVES AND SPECIAL FUNDS		87,311	Century Property (1968)	87,310.32
	PROVISIONS AND RESERVES:		8,554	PLUS additions at cost	9,329.92
10,000	Investment Fluctuation Res.	10,000.00	95,865		96,640.24
3,000	Provision for Building Maint.	3,000.00	213,080	Epworth Chambers at Valuation (1966)	
13,000		13,000.00	50,000	(plus additions at cost)	213,080.29
12,335	Special Funds for Widows Ben.	13,260.62	2,000	Morley House Property (1973)	50,000.00
925	ADD interest	994.55		plus Architects fees	2,000.00
13,260		14,255.17	11,884	" Rates & Interest on	
--	LESS payments	4,000.00	63,884	to date	17,179.07
13,260		10,255.17	190		69,179.07
			63,694	Less Rent received to date	310.00
			573,640		68,869.07
					579,590.40

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
	CHARGES			FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	
5,590	Administration Charges	13,120.00	78,754	Personal	83,667.63
	Stationery, General Expenses		71,151	Subsidies - from Connexional Budget	77,621.08
<u>1,261</u>	and Audit Fee	<u>3,680.73</u>		from other agencies and	
6,851				individuals	<u>9,906.64</u>
	INTEREST PAID				171,195.35
22,582	Allied Funds	30,497.86	<u>160,263</u>	COMMISSION EARNED	101.11
<u>1,718</u>	Other	--	150		
24,300				INVESTMENT INCOME	
		30,497.86	7,162	Bank and other deposit interest	18,968.58
			7,674	Local Body Stock & Debenture interest	4,606.27
	FUND DISBURSEMENTS			Mortgage interest	22,477.65
58,199	Annuities	59,238.45		LESS allowance on Earthquake	
5,660	Furniture Grants	8,480.00		& War Damage Insurance	<u>305.70</u>
--	Refunds of Contributions	<u>1,681.92</u>	21,834		22,171.95
439 63,859			<u>8,766</u>	Company dividends & interest	<u>8,461.54</u>
		69,400.37	45,436		54,208.34
--	Architects fees on abandoned project	6,299.21	33,599	PROPERTY INCOME	
			<u>-18,092</u>	Epworth Chambers - Rent	44,634.22
			15,507	LESS expenses	<u>22,640.81</u>
	Excess of Income over Expenditure		9,050		21,993.41
145,895	transferred to Accumulated Funds	146,527.98	<u>- 2,550</u>	Century Property - Rent	9,642.64
			6,500	LESS interest	<u>109.83</u>
			20,500		9,532.81
			- 1,146	Papatoetoe Property - Rent	20,499.96
			- 6,305	LESS expenses	3,369.21
			<u>13,049</u>	LESS interest	<u>4,635.62</u>
			35,056		<u>8,004.83</u>
					<u>12,495.13</u>
					44,021.35
<u>240,905</u>		<u>\$269,526.15</u>	<u>240,905</u>		<u>\$269,526.15</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible Notes at Balance Date amounted to \$119,905.

2. Government Valuation at 1974 of Properties held:-

	Capital Value	Value of Improvements	Unimproved Value
	\$	\$	\$
Epworth Chambers	375,000	163,000	212,000
Century Property	160,000	90,500	69,500
Morley House	93,000	3,000	90,000
Papatoetoe	328,000	162,000	166,000
	<u>\$956,000</u>		

3. Bank Balance needed for Commutations and Supernumerary Payments early February 1977.

4. Contributory Mortgage \$50,000 represents a Registered First Mortgage security through Mortgage Management Ltd.

5. Contingent Liability \$5,000 Pending litigation associated with Papatoetoe Property Lease.

6. Statement of Accounting Policies

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.
The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (1) Depreciation - no depreciation has been provided for on Buildings owned by the Fund.
- (2) Morley House Property - Net Expenses incurred on this property have been capitalised.
- (3) Fixed Assets have been valued at Cost.
- (4) Investments. All Investments have been valued at Cost.
- (5) Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable Value.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
3039	Funds withdrawn	2178.67	7749	Balance at beginning of year	10885.81
10886	Balance at end of year	15561.34	2644	<u>Contributions</u>	
			2852	Personal	3116.18
				Subsidy	<u>2838.31</u>
			680	Interest allowed	5954.49
<u>13925</u>		<u>17740.01</u>	<u>13925</u>		<u>899.71</u>
					<u>17740.01</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

680 Interest Allowed to Contributors	899.71	668 Interest earned	929.00
74 Administration Charges	150.00	— Grants from General Purposes Trust Fund	171.00
26 Stationery & General Expenses	<u>51.47</u>	112 Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>1.18</u>
780	1101.18	780	<u>1101.18</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

— Balance at beginning of year	44.81	67 Balance at beginning of year	—
112 Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c	<u>1.18</u>	45 Balance at end of year	<u>45.99</u>
112	45.99	112	<u>45.99</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1977

10886 Contributors Account	15561.34	1560 Sundry Debtors	407.63
Accumulated Funds		10341 Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	16167.89
1060 Capital	1060.17		
45 Less Accumulated Revenue	<u>45.99</u>		
1015	1014.18		
11901	<u>16575.52</u>	11901	<u>16575.52</u>

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Missionaries Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BENEVOLENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
924	Grants	392.35	417	Interest received	416.00
--	Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>23.65</u>	<u>507</u>	Excess Expenditure over Income	--
924		416.00	924		416.00
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ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

723	Balance at beginning of year	1229.85	--	Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	23.65
507	Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	--	1230	Balance at end of year	1206.20
1230		1229.85	1230		1229.85
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1977

5379	Capital at beginning of year	6601.05	5371	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	5394.85
1222	Add Donation	--			
6601		6601.05			
-1230	Less Accumulated Deficit	1206.20	5394.85		
5371		5394.85	5371		5394.85
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Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
DEFERRED STIPEND FUND
DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

		1977	1976		1977
		\$	\$		\$
1976					
5234	Funds withdrawn	7524.76	20591	Balance at beginning of year	22305.50
22306	Balance at end of year	21342.09	5304	Deposits	4909.65
27540		28666.85	1645	Interest Allowed	1651.70
			27540		28866.85
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<u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977</u>					
1645	Interest allowed to Depositors	1651.70	1736	Interest earned	1839.00
94	Administration Charges	180.00			
26	Stationery & General Expenses	40.00	29	Excess Expenditure over Income	32.70
1765		1871.70	1765		1871.70
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<u>ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977</u>					
444 50	Balance at beginning of year	78.91	79	Balance at end of year	111.61
29	Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account	32.70			
79		111.61	79		111.61
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<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1977</u>					
22306	Contributors Deposits	21342.09	22227	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	21230.48
			79	Accumulated Deficit	111.61
22306		21342.09	22306		21342.09

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

		1977	1976		1977
		\$	\$		\$
1976					
6626	Funds withdrawn	12110.76	21756	Balance at beginning of year	29058.57
29059	Balance at end of year	33276.40	10716	Contributions	
				Personal and Subsidies	12894.66
				Budget Subsidies (Overseas	
			1683	Division Staff)	810.02
			1730	Interest allowed to Contributors	13704.68
35885		45387.16	35885		2623.91
					45387.16

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

1730	Interest Paid to Contributors	2623.91	2079	Interest Received	2619.00
106	Administration Charges	235.00			
27	Stationery & General Expenses	120.00	--	Excess Expenditure over Income	359.91
216	Balance to Accumulated Revenue A/c	--			
2079		2978.91	2079		2978.91

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

463	Transfer to Income & Expenditure A/c	359.91	247	Balance at beginning of year	462.83
463	Balance at end of year	102.92	216	Transfer from Income & Expenditure A/c	--
		462.83	463		462.83

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1977

832	Sundry Creditors	113.04	30783	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	33989.12
29058	Contributors Account	33276.40		Sundry Debtor	104.24
	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>				
430	Capital Account	430.00			
--	Add Donation received	171.00			
		601.00			
463	Add Accumulated Revenue	102.92			
893		703.92			
30783		34093.36	30783		34093.36

Chairman G.E. Hill We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers' Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1977

	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
12,509 Funds withdrawn		30,218.52	118,885	159,832.52
159,833 Balance at end of year		202,349.90	17,818	
			9,585	
			17,003	
			9,051	
			26,385.78	
			8,232.12	
			34,617.90	
			26,385.78	
			11,732.22	
			232,568.42	
			172,342	
			232,568.42	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1977

446	9,051 Interest Allowed to Contributors	11,732.21	11,450	Interest earned	13,479.00
	659 Administration Charges	1,215.00			
	99 Stationery & General Expenses	524.00			
	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred				
	1,641 to Accumulated Revenue	7.79			
	11,450	13,479.00	11,450		13,479.00

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1977

	2,979 Balance at end of year	2,986.58	1,338	Balance at beginning of year	2,978.79
			1,641	Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c	7.79
	2,979	2,986.58	2,979		2,986.58

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY 1977

1976		1977	1976	1977
\$		\$	\$	\$
2,335	Fire Insurance Subsidy	2,391.59	165,237	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund
159,833	Contributors Account	202,349.90		208,466.82
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
90	Capital at 1/2/76	89.75		
--	ADD Donation received	649.00		
		738.75		
2,979	Accumulated Revenue	2,986.58	3,725.33	
165,237		208,466.82	165,237	208,466.82

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CHAIRMAN: G.E.Hill
SECRETARY: A.K.Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquirement Fund for the year ended 31st January 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

<u>1976</u> \$		<u>1977</u> \$	<u>1976</u> \$		<u>1977</u> \$
16482	Funds withdrawn	—	66363	Balance at beginning of year	59012.33
59012	Balance at end of year	71445.75	2473	<u>Contributions:</u>	
			2584	Personal	3745.51
				Subsidy	<u>3910.83</u>
			<u>4074</u>	Interest Allowed	7656.34
<u>75494</u>		<u>71445.75</u>	<u>75494</u>		<u>4777.08</u>
					<u>71445.75</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

448	4074	Interest Allowed to Contributors	4777.08	5064	Interest earned	5789.00
	852	Administration Charges	850.00			
	119	Stationery & General Expenses	120.00	183	Income from Mabel Worley Trust	1017.24
	<u>202</u>	Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>1059.16</u>			
	5247		6806.24	5247		6806.24

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1977

1004	Balance at end of year	2170.34	802	Balance at beginning of year	1003.78
				Transferred from Bonus Allocated Account	107.40
			<u>202</u>	Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c.	<u>1059.16</u>
<u>1004</u>		<u>2170.34</u>	<u>1004</u>		<u>2170.34</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 1977

1976		1977	1976	1977
\$		\$	\$	\$
2266	Sundry Creditors	594.69	69568	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund
59012	Contributors Account	71445.75		80932.04
107	Bonus Allocation Account	--	--	Sundry Debtors
650	Grants Reserve Account	650.00		1017.24
	<u>Accumulated Funds:</u>			
6429	Capital at beginning of year	6529.50		
100	Add Donation received	559.00		
		7088.50		
1004	Add Accumulated Revenue	2170.34		
7533		9258.84		
69568		81949.28	69568	81949.28

Chairman G.E. Hill
Secretary A.K. Woodley

We have examined the Books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deaconess Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1977. 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, 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE, Chartered Accountants

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND

WARDENS AND TRAINEES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1977

Warden's Honorarium	150.00		Credit Balance B/fwd 1.7.76		6,288.34
" Travelling Expenses	149.36	299.36	Interest Received:		
Trainees Allowances	885.80		National Bank of N.Z. on		
" Book Allowances	450.00		current a/c	10.61	
" Accommodation	600.00	1,935.80	on Deposits	92.50	
Grant Deaconess Association for			Prince Albert College		
Convocation Travelling Expenses		300.00	Trust	240.00	
Chairman's Convocation Expenses		30.40	General Purposes Trust		
Cheque Book		1.00	Board	3,020.83	3,363.94
		2,566.56			
Balance 30.6.77		7,085.72			
		<u>\$ 9,652.28</u>			<u>\$ 9,652.28</u>

SPECIAL FUNDS

TRAINEES EMERGENCY FUND

Balance 30.6.77	1,463.30	Balance 1.7.76		1,369.03
		Interest Received:		
		Prince Albert College		
		Trust	80.00	
		National Bank of N.Z.	14.27	94.27
	<u>\$ 1,463.30</u>			<u>\$ 1,463.30</u>

NEW CITIZEN

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 30.6.77

<u>Income</u>		
30.6.76		30.6.77
10,550	Partners in Print	8,537
19,950	Connexional Budget	20,710
998	Subscriptions	939
8,701	Advertising	8,720
<u>40,199</u>		<u>38,906</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
7,657	Editor's Salary & Superannuation	8,447
5,415	Assistant Editor & Contributors	4,152
2,584	Office Assistant	2,406
297	Travel	904
400	Accountant	-
912	Rent	912
1,956	General Expenses & Depreciation	2,446
15,873	Printing Costs & Photos	18,386
2,705	Freight Costs	2,688
<u>37,799</u>		<u>40,341</u>
(2,400)	Excess Expenditure over Income	1,435

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1977

<u>Current Liabilities</u>		<u>Current Assets</u>	
Bank	30.6.77 30.6.76		30.6.77 30.6.76
Overdraft	2,162 585	Sundry	
Sundry		Debtors	4,398 3,856
Creditors	2,372 2,041		
Total Current			
Liabilities	4,534 2,626		
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Balance		Office	
1/7/76	1,922	Equipment	692
less Excess		less	
Expenditure	1,435	Depreciation	69
Balance			623 692
30/6/77	487 1,922		
	5,021 4,548		5,021 4,548

I certify that I have examined the books and records of the New Citizen and in my opinion the accounts show a true and correct record of both the transactions for the year and the position at 30 June 1977.

L.J. Jackson A.C.A.

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1977.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
Wardens and Trainees Account	7,085.72	Bank of New Zealand Current A/c.	1,863.45
Trainees Emergency Fund	1,463.30	National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. Deposit	2,000.00
Maori Library Fund	124.85	Deposits with Prince Albert College Trust	4,000.00
Lenna Button Fund	97.23	Deposit with Home Mission Investment Fund Board	1,000.00
Est. Lily White	92.35	Deposit with General Purposes Trust Board	41,666.67
Accumulated Funds - Share of proceeds of Morley House	41,666.67		
	<u>\$ 50,530.12</u>		<u>\$ 50,530.12</u>

CHAIRMAN: J.H. Osborne, M.A.
TREASURER: J.L. Crawford, A.C.A.

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT
A. TURNER, A.C.A.

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L.J. Jackson A.C.A.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1977.

<u>Comparative</u> <u>30-6-76</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Epworth Bookroom</u>		<u>Stewardship</u>		<u>Planning & Training</u>	
		<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>							
	<u>Trading:</u>							
161710	Sales - General and							
	Joint Board	193407	161710	193407				
866	- At Cost	1185	866	1185				
<u>\$162576</u>	<u>TOTAL SALES</u>	<u>\$ 194592</u>	<u>\$ 162576</u>	<u>\$ 194592</u>				
11393	Stocks on Hand 1 July							
	1976.	22928	11393	22928				
134501	Purchases	165380	134501	165380				
145894	Less:	188308	145894	188308				
22928	Stocks on Hand 30 June							
	1977	46401	22928	46401				
<u>\$122966</u>	<u>COST OF GOODS SOLD</u>	<u>\$ 141907</u>	<u>\$ 122966</u>	<u>\$ 141907</u>				
<u>\$ 39610</u>	<u>GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING</u>	<u>\$ 52685</u>	<u>\$ 39610</u>	<u>\$ 52685</u>				
	<u>OTHER INCOME:</u>							
16514	Stewardship Services	22758			16514	22758		
35860	Grants - Connexional Budget	41291			6750	8659	29110	32632
3655	- Other	2744			290	1213	3365	1531
6825	Holiday Camps - Income and							
	Bank Interest	7833					6825	7833
(6714)	- Other Expenditure	(7916)					(6714)	(7916)
262	C.E.E. - Cost Recovery	175					262	175
552	Miscellaneous Income	617	520	630			32	(13)
(2996)	Exchange Variance	4642	(2996)	4642				
<u>\$ 93568</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 124829</u>	<u>\$ 37134</u>	<u>\$ 57957</u>	<u>\$ 23554</u>	<u>\$ 32630</u>	<u>\$ 32880</u>	<u>\$ 34242</u>

Comparative 70-6-1976	Expenditure	Total 1977	Epworth Bookroom		Stewardship		Planning & Training	
			1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
271	Advertising	379	166	373	91	-	14	6
290	Budget Promotion	1213	-	-	290	1213	-	-
19 cr	Bad Debts Provision	34	19 cr	34	-	-	-	-
1078	General Expenses	1413	162	353	251	267	665	793
201	Insurances	487	76	327	78	94	47	66
20	National CYM Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
592	Packing Materials	609	592	609	-	-	-	-
2459	Postages	3402	2325	3221	10	17	124	164
1657	Printing & Stationery	3689	523	2352	36	295	1098	1042
-	Promotion Expenses	1583	-	1583	-	-	-	-
9195	Rent or Property Expenses	15932	2100	3637	2596	3892	4499	8403
38	Resource Materials & Subscriptions	143	-	-	12	56	26	87
38239	Salaries	47936	16284	21601	12643	14720	9312	11615
793	Superannuation Subsidy	806	770	806	12	-	11	-
170	Synod Education Convenor's Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	170	-
3223	Special Activities Expenses	1093	-	-	-	-	3223	1093
392	Telephone	776	141	274	156	272	95	230
6137	Travelling Expenses	8254	547	636	3232	4471	2358	3147
25	Training Expenses - New Zealand	107	-	-	-	107	25	-
1500	- Overseas	2000	-	-	500	1000	1000	1000
\$ 66261	<u>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$ 89856</u>	<u>\$ 23667</u>	<u>\$ 35806</u>	<u>\$ 19907</u>	<u>26404</u>	<u>22687</u>	<u>\$ 27646</u>
	Office Overhead Allocation (refer attached Administration office Income & Expenditure Account)	18632	5838	6961	3950	4710	5838	6961
15626								
\$ 81887	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$ 108488</u>	<u>29505</u>	<u>42767</u>	<u>23857</u>	<u>31114</u>	<u>28525</u>	<u>34607</u>
\$ 11681	<u>EXCESS INCOME (EXPENDITURE)</u>	<u>\$ 16341</u>	<u>7629</u>	<u>15190</u>	<u>\$(303)</u>	<u>1516</u>	<u>4355</u>	<u>\$(365)</u>

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For Year ended 30 June, 1977.

Comparative
30-6-1976

1977

INCOME

254
 163
 324
247 988

Donations
 Interest Received
 Salaries Recovered
 Miscellaneous Income

-
 206
 836
218 1260

EXPENDITURE

271
 262
 722
 48
 546
 965
 1260
 12482
 54
 4
16614

Accounting and Audit Services
 Depreciation - Equipment
 General Expenses
 Insurances
 Postages
 Printing and Stationery
 Rent
 Salaries
 Superannuation Subsidy
 Telephone

287
 222
 1355
 91
 933
 945
 2183
 13875
 -
1 19892

\$ 15626

EXCESS EXPENDITURE - OFFICE OVERHEAD

\$18632

ALLOCATION OF OFFICE OVERHEAD

To:

5838
 3950
5838
\$15626

Epworth Bookroom (37.36%)
 Stewardship (25.28%)
 Planning and Training (37.36%)

6961
 4710
6961
\$18632

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS.
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1977.

<u>Comparative</u> <u>30.6.76</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1977</u>	<u>Stewardship</u> <u>Naenae Property</u>	<u>Planning & Training</u> <u>Tawa Property</u>	<u>Planning & Training</u> <u>Auckland Property.</u>	<u>Office</u>
900	Parsonage Rents - Received	220		220		
6255	- Provision	10840	3310	3530	4000	
2100	Office Rents - Epworth Bookroom	3637				3637
336	- Stewardship	582				582
504	- Planning & Training	873				873
1260	- Administration	2183				2183
<u>\$11355</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 18335</u>	<u>\$ 3310</u>	<u>\$ 3750</u>	<u>\$ 4000</u>	<u>\$ 7275</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
499	Office Cleaning	511				511
841	Depreciation	841				841
467	Electricity	684				684
273	Insurances	434	75	58	132	169
1912	Interest	1896	877	17	737	265
703	Rates	843	322	191	330	-
779	Repairs & Maintenance	1403	626	292	352	133
801	Telephone Rentals	1305	127	95	101	982
<u>\$ 6275</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$ 7917</u>	<u>\$ 2027</u>	<u>\$ 653</u>	<u>\$1652</u>	<u>\$ 3585</u>
<u>\$ 5080</u>	<u>EXCESS INCOME TO BALANCE SHEET.</u>	<u>\$ 10418</u>	<u>\$1283</u>	<u>\$3097</u>	<u>\$2348</u>	<u>\$3690</u>
	To provide for					
	- Loan Repayments					
	- Capital Expenditure					
	- Property Reserves					

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1977.

30.6.1976		BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1977.		30.6.1976		ASSETS		1977	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		1977		CURRENT ASSETS:					
41321	Sundry Creditors	67074		12446	Cash on Hand and at Bank		6234		
2856	Subscriptions paid in advance	5914		21386	Trade Debtors	29422			
5894	Stewardship Deposits paid in advance	5100		100cr.	less provision for doubtful debts	100			
-	Un-utilized Budget Promotion Receipts	1406				29322			
<u>\$50071</u>		<u>\$70494</u>				8824	38146		
LONG TERM LIABILITIES:				5749	Prepayments & other debtors				
				22928	Stocks on hand - Trade	46401			
<u>\$44094</u>	Secured Loans & Mortgages	<u>\$41890</u>		1847	- Stationary	2418	48819		
RESERVES:				20000	Short term investments		45000		
50370	Properties - Bal. 1.7.1976	56143		<u>\$84256</u>			<u>\$138199</u>		
693	Add: Interest received on Investments	742		7498	Reserve Funds - Properties	8241			
5080	Surplus -Property A/c	10418		849	- CYMM	874			
56143		67303		2814	- Staff training Overseas	3552			
849	CYMM	874		<u>\$11161</u>			<u>\$12667</u>		
2814	Staff Training Overseas	3552			FIXED ASSETS:				
<u>\$59806</u>		<u>\$71729</u>		1919	Furniture & Equipment (at cost)	2538			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				811cr.	less Accumulated Depreciation	1033	1505		
20381	Balance 1.7.1976	32062		96206	Properties (at cost and subject to Mortgages)	96685			
11681	Add: Surplus Sectional I & E Accounts	16341		6698cr.	less Accumulated Depreciation on office property	7540		89145	
<u>\$32062</u>		<u>\$48403</u>		<u>\$90616</u>			<u>\$90650</u>		
<u>\$186033</u>		<u>\$241516</u>		<u>\$186033</u>			<u>\$241516</u>		

Keith J. Singh Chairman
 L. C. E. Act./Director
 M. L. CAIRNS
 Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts together with the books and records of the Methodist Education Division, and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary. In my opinion, these accounts present fairly, the financial position at 30 June 1977, and the results of its activities for the year to that date.

B.S. WOODS, ACA, Auditor

EDUCATION DIVISION -additional report.

PART-TIME STAFF MEMBER - SOUTH ISLAND.

A proposal was sent to Synods, which received support from a little over half who replied.

However, for the following reasons, the proposal is now set aside.

- (a) The strain on the financial resources available from the Connexional Budget.
- (b) The establishment of a team of regional associates offers more flexibility in that those persons may be selected and appointed at any time by the Division. The number can be built up gradually as they are able to be identified and equipped.

Priority will be given to budgetting adequate funds for training and travelling expenses of these people.

REV. JOHN GRUNDY: In his 8½ years as Director of the Education Division, John Grundy made a very significant contribution to the total life of the Methodist Church, and to the policies in Christian Education throughout the wider church. Much of his energy was also directed to carrying the Christian viewpoint into the educational processes and programmes of the wider community. While he had respect for the good in the culture of contemporary society, he clearly saw its deficiencies from the Christian point of view and has consistently worked for change.

A university graduate with a theological training, John brought to his task a disciplined mind, and a refined spirit. His thinking has often proved clear and incisive at moments when the way ahead was not clear to others. He has been fearless in expressing his own convictions honestly and fairly, while being able to hear sensitively the viewpoint of others.

John's ability to grasp the theory and philosophy of Education and to translate it into programmes which have been effective in the Church and community has been of far reaching importance. He encouraged the church to identify the true signs of Christian community, and to respond to the question - "What can be done educationally to encourage and nurture these signs?" He saw and developed potential of the local church as an agent of change in society.

As a Director with the Joint Board of Christian Education in Australia. John's service within the educational ministry of the church will be extended even more effectively. He is the first New Zealander to be part of that staff and the selection for this appointment is in itself a tribute to his proven abilities as a Christian Educator.

RESOLUTION: That Conference records its sincere appreciation of the leadership given by the Rev John Grundy M.A., during 8½ years of Connexional Leadership in the Education Division.

Church Council in May endorsed the intentions of the Education Division to:

- (a) Seek a new Director and to continue with an Associate Direc-

tor (Planning and Training), and an Associate Director (Stewardship).

(b) Carry the work nearer to the local church by training a team of other skilled persons throughout the Connexion.

Following the above endorsements the Division advertised the Director's position during July in the "New Citizen", the "Outlook", the "Listener", the N.C.C. News Service, "Forum" as well as through various educational publications in Australia. Other individual contacts were made in the Australian scene. Three applications were received as a result of the advertising and other contacts. Two other enquiries were also received.

Approaches were made by the Selection Committee set up by the Board of Christian Education, to District Chairmen, Divisional Officers and other appropriate people (62 in all) seeking their views as to a possible Director. 44 responses were received. In addition, 6 persons were asked to consider making an application; 2 did.

The Selection Committee spent a good deal of time considering those whose names had been suggested, or who had themselves applied for the position. Finally drew up a short list of names for inclusion in a confidential interim report which was presented to the Board of Christian Education's meeting of 4th August.

After full consideration the Board unanimously agreed to the request of Rev.E.F.I. Hanson to accept the position.

A letter making this recommendation was then sent to: The President, Vice-President, The President Elect, The Vice-President Elect, The General Secretary, Divisional Heads, District Chairmen, Members of the Council of Mission, Members of the Board of the Christian Education. All replies received, supported the Nomination.

Rev E.F.I. Hanson has fine academic qualifications; very good record as a Circuit Minister and is Convenor of the International Affairs Committee. In putting forward his name for consideration it was commented for example "he would bring scholarship with him and some insights into newly developing areas." The Board considers that he has a background of experience and some personal qualities which would be particularly helpful at this stage in re-establishing and developing the Church's work in the field of Christian education.

In particular three strengths stand out:

- 1) Competence in, and Commitment to Circuit Ministry.
- 2) Ability to build on Biblical insights.
- 3) Enabling Christian Education to 'happen' at the local level.

RESOLUTION

"That the Rev. E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D., be appointed Director of the Methodist Education Division for an initial term of 4 years."

SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON MISSION OVERSEAS

The Report is set out under the following headings:

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 - (d) The call to Overseas Mission service
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 - (a) Ecumenical and International
 - (h) Theological Education

I — INTRODUCTION

The immensity of the task set this small sub-committee has emerged only as we have grappled with our order of reference. The sub-committee has met seven times, and a great deal of detailed research and preparation of papers has been undertaken by members outside meeting time.

We are impressed and excited by the opportunities for partnership that we have in two of the most exciting and challenging areas of the world in Asia and the Pacific. A whole new situation has been developing in these areas over the last 30 years, and the process is continuing.

The mission of the Church is set in a new context, and traditions and assumptions that have shaped mission overseas in the past and have served well, are in many cases no longer appropriate.

Leadership that is imaginative, sensitive, flexible and courageous is needed from the Joint Board if the opportunities are to be grasped for the enriching of the work of the Kingdom of God in New Zealand and in the areas with which we are associated with our partner churches.

One of the chief tasks confronting the Joint Board is to convince the people of the Churches in New Zealand that the stereotype of missionary enterprise that the majority of them carry has been inherited from an earlier age; and that the situation today carries with it challenges worthy of every bit as much fervour, devotion, and sacrifice as did the era of missionary expansion in the nineteenth century.

Inevitably, those who may have hoped for final polished, and authoritative statements on each of the matters referred to us will be disappointed. On most of the points no such statements are possible; nor, in many cases, would they be desirable. The whole mission overseas enterprise of the Churches is a developing process, shaped in part by movements and pressures, human and divine, that are not ours to control. It is not to be imprisoned within official statements, no matter what the expertise and depth of experience that goes into their preparation. We disclaim such expertise and experience. We have tried to provide the Churches with indications and guidelines regarding their work overseas, rather than attempt any definitive philosophy and strategy to be adhered to over the next few years.

In particular, we have sought to provide a sufficient basis for the overseas departments of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to work together in the closest co-operation possible while our Churches retain their denominational identity.

The matter of the secretariat required more precise guidance for Conference and Assembly than did the other matters. Early in the year, therefore, we drew up a statement on a possible secretarial structure, and the means by which suitable appointments might be made to achieve it. We then sought the co-operation of the Joint Interim Board, Overseas Staff, District Synods of the Methodist Church, Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, the Councils of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, and of partner Churches overseas, in providing comment and criticism of our proposals.

We are grateful to those who responded. We have studied the suggestions made, and many of them are incorporated in our proposals in paragraph VI.

One misunderstanding that was common arose from our action in deciding to seek the opinion of the churches at an early stage. Replies expressed disquiet that we had produced a suggested structure before we had formulated a theology of mission, so that it appeared that we were recommending setting up an administrative structure in a theological vacuum. The criticism is understandable, and, from the viewpoint of those offering it, entirely justifiable. However, we were in fact working on both the theology and structure concurrently. Our original proposals on the secretariat required urgent action, and if we were to have the benefit of a wide spectrum of comment on them, they had to go out before a statement on the "theology of mission" had reached a form where it was ready to submit.

We believe that the Sub-committee has taken the matters referred to it as far as it ought, and that the matters under its order of reference should now be referred to the Joint Board on Mission Overseas.

II — FORMATION OF JOINT BOARD

We believe the time has come to end the interim period of joint enterprise in mission overseas by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. We see the future taking us far beyond any concept of two distinct mission structures working side by side under one Board. We are impressed by the evidence of vision and insight we see in the way the Joint Interim Board is tackling its task, and the will to co-operate in mission displayed by its members.

Our statements and proposals to Conference and Assembly are designed to facilitate such a movement.

We recommend that the Board should henceforth be known as "The Joint Board for Mission Overseas of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand", with representation as set out in the Reports to Conference and Assembly in 1976.

Because the Board is directly controlled by the national courts of two separate churches, and because the General Secretary is responsible to these two courts, there is the possibility of tensions and disagreements arising. We would expect that such tensions would be resolved either within the Secretariat or by the Joint Board, but in the event of continuing dispute, it may be necessary for the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian General Assembly to arrange for a suitable joint body to deal with the matter.

III — BASIC PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

We have no final and definitive "theology of mission" to be accepted by the Churches as authoritative for their mission work beyond New Zealand. We set out here rather a statement of a theological and biblical basis for the Church's mission, and its contemporary context, together with some consideration of the relationships between our representatives overseas and the indigenous churches, the kind of partnership we have with churches overseas, and the guidelines that we see shaping the work of the Joint Board in the immediate future.

This statement marks no new departures in policy. Most of what is said here has already been reported to the Conference and the Assembly. Emphasis on partnership with indigenous churches for example, has already been made in Presbyterian reports in 1970, 1971 and 1973, and in Methodist reports in 1970 and 1973; continuing

requests for workers (Presbyterian 1973, Methodist 1975) the need for both evangelism and development or welfare work (Presbyterian 1970, Methodist 1971, 1973); the need for flexibility and sensitiveness (Presbyterian 1973, 1974, Methodist 1976). We seek to re-state these convictions, and embody them in a forward-looking survey.

We want the Churches to see the statement as providing a basis to launch the Joint Board on its work, and not as being in any way restrictive.

(a) The Basis

Whatever missionary activity the Church undertakes is always a response to the nature and of the activity of God. In this way, God's people share in the movement of God's love within his world. Whatever other factors—ecclesiastical, cultural, historical, or economic—may affect the practice of the Church's mission, the one determining factor is that the mission of the Church is God's mission in his world, of which the Church is an instrument.

In the Bible, God is always the God who acts, in judgment and mercy, for his rebellious people. In the Old Testament, God's covenant is seen as with his chosen people Israel. There are important examples in the Old Testament of a vision of mission beyond Israel—as in certain of the Psalms, Isaiah chapters 40-55, especially the "Suffering Servant" passages, the book of Jonah, and isolated passages such as Micah 4: 1-4. But such insights run ahead of the general Old Testament understanding of God's purpose.

The New Testament tells of God's decisive action in Christ, and his purpose that all people should find true life in relationship to himself, to each other, and to the world. It is God's action in Jesus Christ that makes this possible. Significantly the call to mission came after the crucifixion and resurrection. Matthew (28:18-20) and John (20:19-23) culminate in the resurrection and the call to mission. In Luke 24:48-49 and Acts 1:6-8) the call to mission is linked with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

By Christ's death and the resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the whole blessing of God is made available to the world of nations.

The salvation of which the Gospel speaks, which determines the very nature and function of the Church, is the healing of the rift, man is restored to his place in creation, all things are made whole, summed up in Christ (see Ephesians 1:9-10). This salvation has its origin in the love of God, and involves restoring the harmony between man and God, between man and man, and between man and nature. So the true life that Christ makes possible constitutes a new community involving man's personal relationship to God in faith, including his physical and mental well-being, and his relationship to his environment.

The Church is the community of faith consecrated to God as his instrument for his mission in the world. In 1 Peter 2:9-10, are four expressions, taken from the Old Testament, showing that it is in the community of Christ that God's intentions for his people become clear. They are **chosen, a priesthood, a holy people, God's own**, in order that they may proclaim God's triumphs.

In the Bible, and in the history of the Church, God calls people by his Holy Spirit to speak and act for him, to give to other people the opportunity to respond to him in faith and love, and become in turn members of the community of Christ.

Concern for the physical and mental well-being of people is an integral part of the Christian mission, and not a derivative or

accompaniment of it. In Jesus' teaching and ministry there is a strong emphasis on the whole person, and this same concern is evident in the life of the early Church as reflected in the New Testament documents. There is breadth in God's mission, and if the Church is faithful to God, this same breadth must be reflected in the Church's mission in the world.

(b) The Context

Apart from the theological and biblical consideration above, two major factors affect the shape of the Church's mission overseas:

1. **Our overseas missionary inheritance.** We are the product of our past history. Concepts, strategies, attitudes and motivations that played a major part in the overseas mission of the Church are present still, whether recognised or not. There are many who are critical of past missionary enterprise, and it is easy to adopt this attitude from the standpoint of our own day. What is needed rather is the ability to discern what is of value in the missionary tradition, and what ought to be discarded. In particular, we should guard against the assumption that what we may have seen in the past as constituting our mission is necessarily the whole of the mission to which God calls us today. We must be constantly sensitive to the breadth of God's mission and the part we are called to play in it.

2. **The contemporary setting.** The missionary nature of the work of the Church has been intensively studied and discussed in recent decades. There is a valuable survey by Lesslie Newbigin in the June 1977 issue of the Expository Times, under the heading "Recent Thinking on Christian Beliefs: Mission and Missions". All present overseas missionary enterprise is carried on in the midst of this as yet unfinished debate.

We list some of the factors that constitute this fluid situation:

- The breakdown of Christendom in the West.
- The emergence of the Third World and its self-consciousness as a power in international affairs.
- The awareness by the Third World of imperialism and paternalism on the part of western cultures, and its aversion to them.
- The resurgence of non-Christian religions.
- The rising political and economic expectations of the people of the Third World.
- The growth of ecumenical co-operation in both the nations that have in the past sent missionaries, and those who have received them.
- The recognition of the independence and maturity of indigenous Churches in what were formerly designated "mission fields", and the consequent change in the relationship between "sending" and "receiving" churches.
- A strong recognition springing from the uneven distribution of the earth's resources of the relationship between the Gospel and social, economic and political justice.

No wonder that the report of the Lausanne Conference could speak of the new era in world mission that has dawned.

(c) "Overseas Staff Workers" and the Church

When the pioneer missionary arrived on his mission field, he did not take God with him ready to unwrap on arrival. God was already there, active, gracious. The missionary in such circumstances comes to help the people to understand God and his Gospel, so that they can respond to him.

The indigenous church as it grows is not to be a colony of a foreign culture, but an embodiment of God's saving love that is for all people. It is the privileged partner of God as it seeks to clothe in flesh and blood his concern for people.

The role of the overseas staff worker in relation to the indigenous church might include:

1. Providing resources and skills not available to the local church. Commonly this may occur in the fields of medicine, general or theological education, or administration. Such people are gifts from one church to another, given to help them respond to God's call to them to join in his mission.
2. Bringing fresh insights from his own church and his own experience to the local church's understanding of and planning for its life and work.
3. Being a sign and an agent of the interdependence of churches. As no individual can develop a full Christian life outside the fellowship of his own congregation, so no ethnic or national church can by itself be a full embodiment of the Church. As individuals, and as churches we are called to enter a renewing fellowship of mutual enrichment and growth.
4. Being a friend from a partner church in another country, to share in work and experience, to participate in their struggle, and to be a visible reminder to them of the wider Christian Church that stands with them.

(d) The call to overseas mission service

This is threefold:

1. God calls the individual to participate in his mission.
2. The call is confirmed by the Church, which commissions the person.
3. The partner church overseas offers a need or avenue of service.

(e) Churches in partnership

1. There is two-way traffic between partner churches. God calls us to help churches in other countries with resources and personnel, and he calls us to receive into the ministry and life of our churches resources and personnel who will enrich our witness as the people of God in New Zealand.
2. Sensitivity and flexibility are fundamental in such partnership, a willingness to listen, to give and receive help on many levels, and the freedom to decline to receive or give help when that seems right.
3. Partnership goes beyond the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in other countries. As the Churches with which we have worked overseas enter into closer relationships with other churches in united churches and Christian councils, our own partnership is widened and deepened, both overseas and at home.
4. There is a vision of God's people throughout the world, possessing one pool of human and material resources, undertaking together the one commission of the one Lord. Thus our resources are really not "ours" or "our church's" but belong to the Lord of the Church. National churches must seek God's purpose for the best deployment of these resources in relation to the total task, and in consultation to plan to bring the resources to bear at vital points in the most fruitful way.
5. God may also call our churches to work through channels other than partner churches; this may be with other missionary or humanitarian agencies, or with individuals or groups of people.

(f) Guidelines

From what is set out above, we accept the following as guidelines for the immediate future:

1. We are committed to participating in God's mission in New Zealand and in those countries to which God leads us.
2. We are committed to working with partner churches in those countries in a relationship of equality and mutual caring and responsibility.
3. We are committed to working with other churches, agencies, and people, where this seems the most effective way of responding to the opportunities and responsibilities presented to us.
4. We are committed to the whole area of God's concern for his people:
 - their personal relationship to himself.
 - their human well-being, spiritual, physical, and mental.
 - the societies and environment in which they live.That is, we see mission as a marriage of evangelism, ministry to human need, concern for social justice, and concern for the world in which we live.
5. We are committed to administering the overseas work of our churches in ways and through structures which encourage sensitivity and flexibility in both the administration of the work and in the carrying out of it by the staff at home and overseas, and we acknowledge the continuing need to respond positively to changing circumstances and opportunities.
6. We are committed to encouraging the greater involvement of the people of our churches in New Zealand in the total mission, overseas and at home, through their growth in understanding, in prayer, and in personal and material support.
7. We are committed to continuing to depend on the wisdom, strength, and grace of God, for our direction and support, and to seek to respond to him with gratitude, joy, and obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IV — METHODS AND CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

(a) The Board and the ministers and members of the Churches.

See the next section of this report, on Publicity and the Budget. But communication should be two-way, and there should be opportunity for the people of the Church to tell the Board of their views.

The sub-committee has not been able to explore in depth any discontent with the policies of the Joint Board, nor the extent to which support for overseas missions is being "diverted" from the Joint Board to independent mission societies.

The Joint Interim Board has a sub-committee which is vigorously exploring the subject of publicity, and we urge them to consider the establishment of direct lines of communication with selected parishes and circuits and other methods by which the people of the Churches can be heard.

(b) The Board and other Churches in New Zealand, and mission societies.

Other Churches and societies have overseas staff working in the same areas as our own. Sharing of experience and expertise could be of mutual benefit. When new assignments are being evaluated,

other groups active in the same area could provide helpful background and an independent assessment of the needs and potential of the area.

Such relationships are likely to be best fostered by the Secretaries, and we recognise that other commitments limit what they can do. Perhaps the Board could take an initiative in arranging inter-Church mission seminars to which both denominational mission boards and independent societies would contribute.

Board members and the Secretaries should keep in touch with the work of other missions through the various publications.

(c) The Board and its overseas staff.

Although we sought the views of overseas staff members on all matters under our order of reference, comparatively few replied. Of those who did, some felt strongly that there was a lack of acceptable communication between the Board and its overseas staff.

1. Overseas staff want to know what is happening at home, what the Board and Secretaries are doing. They want to know about issues under discussion, developments proposed, and we believe that they have a contribution to make to major policy decisions, and should be consulted and their views heard before such decisions are taken. Such a process can delay the taking of decisions greatly, but some staff members feel that their knowledge of local conditions enables them to contribute much and that the policy so decided on would be wiser and more free from the kind of costly error that ignorance of the local situation can bring about.
2. Overseas staff members, working far from home base, in an unfamiliar culture, without the opportunity for worship and fellowship they are accustomed to, suffer from varying degrees of isolation and loneliness. They need a means of communication that is warm and personal. The associate missionary scheme ought to help meet this need, but it has not always worked. This need ought not to be left only to the Secretaries to meet. Board members might see as a positive contribution to their work an undertaking to maintain personal communication by correspondence with one or two overseas staff members.
3. Overseas staff often have difficulty in finding time to attend to correspondence. But it is vital that they maintain regular contact with the Joint Board, and inform the Board of local developments that may affect their work or their position. Naturally, they must share fully with the Board any proposals that affect the Board's relationship with partner churches.
4. Some overseas staff have felt that when on leave in New Zealand they have had no acceptable contact with the Board. Formal Board meetings are not the best context for this kind of meeting, and other, more relaxed opportunities for fellowship between overseas and Board members could be provided. It is essential that Board members, before meeting with staff members on leave, should ensure that they know where the staff member is working, what he is doing, as well as any future plans, so that discussions can allow for genuine two-way communication and constructive planning.

(d) The Board and overseas Church.

Direct contact is difficult because of the long distances involved, and differences of language and culture. In this delicate area, it is easy for an itinerant secretary, with the best of intentions, to give grave offence and impair relationships through ignorance of cultural

and historical matters. We underline the need for secretaries who have the time to give to this matter of relationships with overseas Churches, and who have also the sensitivity to and knowledge of their cultures to communicate with them effectively. Where overseas staff have good liaison with the Secretaries, they can often brief and guide the secretaries on delicate issues.

V — PUBLICITY AND THE BUDGET

The Special sub-committee has considered the publicity and promotional work for mission overseas in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches as undertaken by the Joint Interim Board. We have done this in order to attempt an assessment of the effectiveness of present promotional efforts and to provide some constructive suggestions to the churches. We are conscious that our assessment comes at a time when the Joint Interim Board is itself involved in imaginative publicity planning and we would generally commend the efforts of their publicity committee and urge that the churches provide sufficient funds for this work. At this time of reassessment and administrative changes we need to reaffirm the principles that finance directed into modest but imaginative publicity will be well repaid.

The special sub-committee is appreciative of the publicity and promotional work of the Joint Interim Board and before that of the separate mission committees in recent years. No "audited balance sheet" of publicity can be drawn up and presented to the churches but in gathering together informal reports on the effectiveness of mission publicity over the last few years we can see that where parishes and parish groups, and individual members are prepared to use available publicity and pursue an active promotion of mission overseas at the local level, the Mission Boards have been able to provide the information and informed personnel needed; but where there is little or no response at the local level, even the best promotional efforts of central boards and committees are wasted money. Effective promotion of mission requires both centrally provided resource material and stimulation of interest, and a local response which is ready to take up information and present it imaginatively to uninformed members, indifferent to missionary work.

A re-assessment of mission publicity efforts must also be a time for re-examining our response as congregations and church members. The main characteristic of the overall response seems to be its unevenness, varying greatly from church to church and member to member. It is the hope of the special committee that administrative changes and new promotional efforts by the Joint Interim Board will be matched by a more consistent and widespread response at the local level.

We recognise four areas for the development of mission publicity:

(a) Publications:

We have generally favourable support for the monthly Joint Interim Board pamphlet "Beyond our Shores" and we welcome the present planning of the Board to improve on this type of news-sheet with more information and a wider appeal. We note that with printed and posted material the churches should be willing to invest funds for a wider return in interest and support.

(b) Budget Giving:

The special sub-committee feels that there is no going back on the comprehensive budget schemes as at present in the churches, but we do feel that more recognition should be given to opportunities for extra-budgetary contributions to mission overseas. We know

that a considerable amount of church giving is directed to mission work overseas outside the Joint Interim Board sometimes because other missionary organisations are able to make a direct appeal for a specific need which attracts strong support from Christian people. There is value in direct special appeals to encourage missionary interest and concern, and both Methodist and Presbyterian churches welcome extra contributions outside budget allocations. In the Presbyterian Church the overseas missions estimates have a "sundry contributions" item apart from the allocation from parishes under the budget. The Church's finance committee may take the previous year's "sundry contributions" total into account when allocating budget funds each year, but apart from this indirect influence special contributions are not counted in budget funds. This is a direct method of giving outside the budget which can be very valuable for the work of Mission overseas. If Mission overseas is able from time to time to advertise this way of giving, other major spending committees should also be allowed to put appeals for sundry contributions before the church to focus individual gifts over and above parish budget funds.

(c) Deputation:

The special sub-committee also urges a more responsible use of deputation visits by the churches. These are often treated in a perfunctory way by District Courts and parishes, and apart from an eager grab for visitors to take Sunday services, there is not usually much enthusiasm to provide opportunities for visiting workers or overseas church leaders to meet church members in an imaginative setting where there is a chance for real sharing and dialogue. We note that the Joint Interim Board has for some time advocated a better use of deputation but has not always received support from the wider church. We welcome the opportunities provided through the Joint Interim Board for visits of overseas church leaders and the eager way some parishes have responded. These visits should be encouraged and more use made of them.

(d) Associate Missionary Scheme:

This scheme is only as effective as the parish and missionary involved wish to make it, and while many associations come to nothing, there have been some very fruitful relationships between individual missionaries and New Zealand parishes which have been of great benefit to the church at home and overseas. The scheme and others like it for forging more direct and personal links with the church overseas, should continue to get the support of the Joint Interim Board and the churches.

VI — SECRETARIAT

(a) We understand from resolutions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Conference of the Methodist Church that both Churches are totally committed to a unified approach to the Board and its task. The Sub-committee gladly accepts this commitment. Our recommendations seek to implement this as far as may be while the two Churches involved retain their separate denominational identity.

(b) Three Secretaries:

We recommend that there be a secretariat of three, comprising a General Secretary and two Associate Secretaries. While some may have hoped that the merging of the two denominational overseas mission divisions might have effected economics of home-based staff, we are convinced that to carry out effectively the work of the Joint Board in the immediate future, a secretariat of three is required.

This recommendation is not made lightly. The Sub-committee was asked by the General Assembly to give particular attention to matters of communication both within the New Zealand Churches and overseas, and also to publicity within the Churches. We have also been made aware in submissions received of the delicate and demanding nature of the relationship between the Joint Board and our partner churches overseas, and the importance of secretaries being well informed on the history, background, culture, and current situation of partner churches when undertaking joint planning with them. We are aware too of the need for the Joint Board to maintain a close relationship with its overseas staff who today more than ever are finding themselves in situations where they are isolated, frustrated, and perplexed. Overseas staff need to be kept closely in touch with, and to be consulted about, the policy of the Joint Board as it develops.

Some comments express surprise and even indignation that we should be recommending a three-person secretariat when the number of overseas staff has fallen so steeply. Such comments, while understandable, fail to take into account the developing situation in our relationship with partner churches. We seem to be moving into a time when the extent and depth of our partnership cannot be measured by the number of our overseas staff living and working with the partner church.

One of the most experienced members of our overseas staff has written to us:

"From the structural point of view . . . one of the basic issues is: whether we are aiming at a kind of 'cosmetic job', or a radical restructuring. There is no doubt in my mind that it is the latter which is required . . . Overseas involvement has not really decreased, in spite of the alarming drop in numbers of overseas personnel. Formerly, virtually all our involvement was in the form of personnel, whereas now the spread is far wider. This means that there is still a 'Presbyterian' work-load sufficient to keep two secretaries fully occupied . . ."

Another staff member comments that the Joint Board needs to be able to "cope with the proliferating enterprises which increasingly bypass the Committee on Mission Overseas as workers and interested folk at grass roots, without planning to do so, simply work together to do some particular job".

This same member writes of the need for the Joint Board to make up, support, encourage, and develop the main signs of grass-roots initiative (volunteer scheme, individual support groups, groups who want to support a student—or bring one to New Zealand—people who want to contribute through the church fellowship to social and other projects overseas. He goes on:

"We need to subordinate bureaucracy to fellowship, and allow room for risk and experiment . . . At the same time, the 'private enterprise' schemes need help, guidance and evaluation from the responsible committee, and from secretaries who know the areas of our involvement at first hand, and who know the policy of our partner churches."

Such considerations along with the need for closer integration of work at present undertaken by the various committees of the Churches involved in our relationship with the Church in other countries (See Section 6) support our conviction that a three-person secretariat is essential.

Furthermore, while this Sub-committee is presenting to the Assembly a brief statement to serve as an outline basis for the work of the Joint Board, it is patent that the Joint Board will need to keep constantly under review its "theology of mission" in the light of the rapidly changing situation, and will need secretaries who are sufficiently free of day-to-day administration to lead it in the continuing work.

The Sub-committee is unanimous in recommending a three-person secretariat.

(c) General Secretary:

1. The General Secretary will be responsible, under the policy direction of the Board, for the administration and co-ordination of the total work of the Joint Board in New Zealand and overseas in both Churches.
2. While administrative skill will obviously be called for, the General Secretary will need to be committed to the Mission Overseas enterprise of the Joint Board as set out elsewhere in this Report and to develop vital and harmonious relationships with the Churches in New Zealand and overseas and with overseas staff.
3. The General Secretary will be home-based, but will need to undertake travel within New Zealand, and, on occasion, overseas.
4. The General Secretary will be ultimately responsible to the General Assembly and the Methodist Conference. He will work under the direction of the Joint Board and report regularly to it.
5. The suggestion was made to us that the three secretaries ought to be all equal in status, and that a "team leader" could be elected periodically either by the secretaries themselves, or by the Joint Board.

We have given close attention to this suggestion. We expect the three secretaries to work as a team in close consultation, and we do not see the "seniority" of the General Secretary as limiting this. We see two-yearly changes in team leadership as being potentially disruptive of the smooth running of the Board's work. It is a matter of administrative efficiency that the secretary who is most in the office and therefore most immediately available to the Board and its Chairman, to the churches at large, and to overseas staff should carry responsibility as leader of the team.

We note that the Methodist Church designates one minister in every Circuit as Superintendent Minister, and in the Presbyterian Church it is usual for one minister in a parish to be designated senior minister, and the other(s) to be assistants or associates. This is not usually seen as constituting a hierarchy, and ministers in such situations work together in full consultation.

We do not think it proper that a style of administration that has not been accepted to any extent elsewhere in the life of the Churches should be experimented with in an area as sensitive as the overseas mission administration of the Churches.

(d) Associate Secretaries:

1. The Associate Secretaries will be appointed by, and be responsible to the Joint Board.
2. As both will be involved in consultation with the overseas Churches and in promotional responsibility within the New Zealand Churches, previous overseas missionary experience will be highly desirable.

Both Associate Secretaries will be required to travel extensively both overseas and in New Zealand.

Both Associate Secretaries need to be committed to the Mission Overseas enterprise of the Joint Board as set out elsewhere in this Report. They should also be people who are sensitive to cultures other than the European, ready to listen to varieties of expressions of Christian theology, and able to relate acceptably to overseas staff, partner churches overseas, and to the Churches in New Zealand.

One of the secretaries should be given particular (but not necessarily exclusive) responsibility for the Asian area, and it is highly desirable that he should have sound personal knowledge and understanding of an Asian culture and language.

One of the secretaries should be given particular (but not necessarily exclusive) responsibility for the Pacific area and experience of a Pacific culture would be desirable.

Final division of duties would be assigned according to the particular gifts and experience of the appointees, in consultation between the General Secretary and the Joint Board. Some of the desirable qualities which the Associate Secretaries might between them possess are—

Skills in communication and publicity.

Experience in education.

Knowledge of the ethos of both New Zealand Churches.

The work of the Associate Secretaries would include:

- (i.) Maintaining personal contact with overseas staff.
- (ii.) Maintaining contact with partner churches.
- (iii.) Consultation with partner churches about movement of personnel between New Zealand and their areas, and in planning best use of available people in a spirit of mutual assistance.
- (iv.) Promotion of the work of the Joint Board in the Churches in New Zealand, joint planning with the Department of Communication, production of material to assist understanding of the Churches' theology of mission.
- (v.) Study and research in the culture of the area for which they have primary responsibility, and of any contribution to Christian theology from that area.
- (vi.) Keeping before the Joint Board and the Churches opportunities for overseas work.
- (vii.) Promotion of the relationship between the Churches in New Zealand and ecumenical agencies overseas.
- (viii.) Informing and guiding the Joint Board in its practical day-to-day programme and in developing its overall policy.
- (ix.) Keeping existing programmes under constant review, and studying, evaluating and advising on possible new openings.

(e)

1. The suitability of applicants for the three secretarial positions rather than their denominational affiliation shall govern selection. While at first representation of both churches is desirable, considerations of denominational equality or balance should not be over-riding factors, and should sooner rather than later become irrelevant.
2. It is understood that the present secretaries are eligible to apply for all three positions.

3. All positions are open to both lay and ordained persons. Should the appointee to any of the secretaryships be a Methodist or Presbyterian Minister, he would of course retain his position as minister of his own denomination.

(f) Appointment of General Secretary:

So that the position of General Secretary shall be, and be seen to be an appointment made by both Churches, we recommend the following procedure:

1. That no appointment be made to the position made vacant on the retirement of the Reverend D. E. Duncan.
2. That the Joint Board early in 1978 call for applications in New Zealand and overseas for the position of General Secretary. That the Joint Board consider the applications and select an applicant or some other suitable person, whom it recommends for appointment.
3. That a special Commission be appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly and the Methodist Conference at their 1977 meetings. Such a Commission to comprise 10 people nominated by each of the churches, making a total membership of 20. That the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church convene the meeting of the Commission, which appoints its own Chairman.
4. That the Commission meets not later than June 30th, 1978. The Commission considers the nomination of the Joint Board, along with other applications, and is specifically empowered by the Assembly and the Conference to make the appointment in their names.
5. The appointment to be initially for a five-year term.

(g) Appointment of Associate Secretaries:

With regard to the appointment of the two new positions of Associate Secretary, we recommend as follows:

1. That the appointment of the two present secretaries, Rev. W. G. Tucker and Rev. A. G. Horwell, terminate at the end of 1978.
2. That applications be called by the Joint Board in July, 1978, for the two positions, and the appointments be made by the Joint Board, both to be initially for a five-year term commencing in February, 1979.

(h) Review:

The Board shall report to Assembly and Conference in 1982 on the operation of the Secretariat and progress towards the Board's objectives—that is, one year prior to the expiration of the five-year term of the General Secretary.

VII — RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER COMMITTEES

- (a) In the Presbyterian Church, Mission Overseas, Ecumenical Affairs and International Relations are under the control of separate committees.

The Methodist Church has an Ecumenical Committee within its Overseas Division. It has a separate International Affairs Committee. However, the order of reference of the Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee appears to be wider than that of the Methodist Ecumenical Committee insofar as it includes within its work ecumenical affairs within New Zealand (excluding Church Union matters), in particular in connection with the National Council of Churches.

A confused situation exists with regard to our relationship to many overseas churches. In the name of the Presbyterian Church overseas staff are stationed in countries where we are in direct touch with indigenous churches through the Joint Board. At the same time, our contact with ecumenical agencies (such as the Christian Conference of Asia) is through a completely separate Ecumenical Affairs Committee. This Ecumenical Affairs Committee is in relationship with European churches, the Joint Board with certain Pacific and Asian Churches only. The Joint Board has an established channel of communication with such an ecumenical body as the Indonesian Council of Churches, yet it is Ecumenical Affairs Committee that relates to the Christian Conference of Asia.

The position is more confused when the question of aid and development projects is considered. Education and medical projects have traditionally come within the Mission Overseas sphere; more general development projects have been promoted by Christian World Service, an agency (in New Zealand) of the National Council of Churches; more than half of the report to the 1976 General Assembly of the Presbyterian International Relations Committee concerned matters of relief, aid, development, and trade, mostly in connection with those parts of Asia and the Pacific with which the Joint Board is directly concerned.

This sub-committee has not been able to examine the situation to the extent that it can recommend to Assembly and Conference a new structure in which the various aspects of the Churches' overseas commitment can be integrated. But we believe that a *prima facie* case is established strong enough to warrant a thorough review of existing Board and Committee structures, and we recommend that such a review be undertaken by direct consultation between the Joint Board and the Ecumenical Affairs and International Affairs/Relations Committee of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

Any committee structure which continues to divorce the sending of overseas staff to Asia and the Pacific and the provision of educational and health services on the one hand from other forms of involvement and material aid on the other has failed to grasp the realities of mission in today's world.

(b) Theological Education:

The course for the Licentiate of Theology under the Joint Board of Theological studies includes a paper on South Pacific Studies which includes the history of the missionary impact on the South Pacific area, and lectures are offered in this option both at St. John's College and at the Theological Hall at Knox College. Both colleges hope to introduce in 1978 a course in "missiology" and the Theological Hall reports that elective courses in Asian theologians will probably be introduced in 1978.

Because Trinity College is closer to Mission Overseas Headquarters in Auckland, it is easier to work together. Mr Tucker has been to the College and the Methodist Principal advises that he will at regular intervals be invited to speak.

Neither the Principal of the Theological Hall nor the Presbyterian Executive Secretary of the Joint Board is entirely happy with the liaison between the two bodies. We recognise that the Hall can only do a certain amount to meet the interests of the various committees of the Church, but we think that improved communication between Missions Board and Theological Hall, difficult over the distances involved, could result in practical steps that would be to the benefit of both.

We therefore recommend that the theological colleges be encouraged in their promotion of courses relating to the Churches in Asia and the Pacific, and the theology of mission, and in particular the proposed courses in Missiology and Asian Theologians. We recommend also that the Joint Board seeks face-to-face discussions with the authorities of the two theological colleges with a view to maintaining mutually helpful relationships.

L. R. HAMPTON, Convener.

Suggested Deliverance:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Joint Interim Board be known as "the Joint Board for Mission Overseas of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand", with membership as set out in the Reports to Conference and Assembly in 1976.
3. That the Statement entitled "Mission Overseas—Basic Principles and Policy" (Section III of the Report) be adopted as expressing the general approach of the Church to its missions overseas.
4. That the structure of the Secretariat of the Joint Board as set out in the Report be adopted.
5. That the Method of Appointment of the Secretaries as set out in the Report be adopted, and that Conference and Assembly appoint according to their normal procedures their respective members of the proposed Commission.
6. That the Joint Board on Mission Overseas consult with the Presbyterian International Relations and Ecumenical Affairs Committees, and with the Methodist International Affairs and Ecumenical Committees concerning their mutual relationships and methods by which they can work in close co-operation, the initiative in beginning consultation to be with the Joint Board on Mission Overseas.
7. That the Theological Colleges of the Churches be encouraged in their promotion of courses relating to the Christian faith in Asia and the Pacific.
8. That the Special Sub-committee be thanked and discharged.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION 1977

ROLL OF MEMBERS, 8 SEPTEMBER 1977

Anglican: The Right Rev. P. A. Reeves (Convener), The Right Rev. E. K. Norman, The Ven. E. G. Buckle, The Rev. Canon J. T. Tamahori, The Ven. R. J. Witty, Miss M. E. Brown, Mr D. M. Wylie. Proxies: The Right Rev. P. W. Mann, The Ven. M. C. Welch, Mr E. G. Bradley.

Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev. E. R. Vickery (Convener), The Rev. D. E. Hollier, The Rev. G. D. Munro, The Rev. D. L. Woolf, Mr H. J. Voice. Proxy: Mr A. A. Liebezeit.

Congregational Union: The Rev. P. T. Kennett (Convener). Proxies: Mrs G. M. Barton, The Rev. J. L. Gammon, The Rev. R. G. Mitchell, Mr O. Saunders.

Methodist: The Rev. W. J. Morrison (Convener), The Rev. B. E. Jones, The Rev. R. D. Rakena, The Rev. B. K. Rowe, Mr E. G. Heggie, Mr G. H. Peak. Proxy: The Rev. C. D. Clark.

Presbyterian: The Rev. T. M. Corkill (Convener), The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev. G. E. Hall, The Rev. S. I. Jacobi, The Rev. W. G. Wilson, Mr J. W. Jones, Mrs C. M. Marshall. Proxies: The Rev. E. Caton, The Rev. E. H. Z. Chapman, Mr D. Morrison.

Chairman, The Maori Council on Church Union: The Rev. M. Te Whare.
Secretary: The Rev. J. E. Stewart.

THIRTEENTH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

The Joint Commission on Church Union in New Zealand submits this, its Thirteenth Report to the Negotiating Churches, dated 8 September 1977. The Report comprises the following sections:

- I. THE COMMISSION
- II. THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES
- III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- IV. FINANCE
- V. SECRETARY

I. THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission met in Wesley Lounge, Wellington, on 29-30 March 1977. The Chairman, the Rev. W. A. Best, presided, 26 members and proxies being present. At the Communion Service, the Rt Rev. P. A. Reeves presided being assisted by members of the Commission.

2. The Commission met in the Lounge, Knox Church, Lower Hutt, on 6-7 September 1977. The Chairman, the Rev. W. A. Best, presided, 26 members and proxies being present. At the Communion Service, the Rev. J. E. Stewart presided being assisted members of the Commission.

3. The Executive met on 17 December 1976, 9 June and 5 September 1977. It reported fully to the Commission.

4. At the March meeting, it was noted that since the last meeting, the Rev. J. B. Chambers and the Most Rev. A. H. Johnston had ceased to be members of the Commission, it was agreed that the appreciation of the Commission for their long and valuable service be recorded and expressed to them.

5. The Challenge Corporation advised that because of rebuilding plans, the Commission's lease of rooms at 178 Lambton Quay would end at 31 December 1976. A letter was sent expressing the thanks of the Commission for the

very favourable terms on which the lease had been continued. Arrangements were made with British Petroleum (NZ) Ltd to lease rooms at 70 Jervois Quay until re-building work is commenced, probably late in the year.

6. At the March meeting, it was agreed that the Executive should give consideration to "the objectives and functions of future meetings and the staff necessary to promote the Unity and Mission of the Churches".

In its report to the September meeting, the Executive stated that "it feels it would be both untimely and inappropriate to recommend any change in the constitution or responsibility of the JCCU until the Churches have reported their decision" (i.e. on the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries). It suggested that "the JNCCE should be the body to deal with the wider ramifications of the Mission of the Church especially as this is expressed through ministry, development strategy, and the growth and administration of co-operating and union ventures". Regarding the Unity of the Churches, it reported: "It is further believed that until union of the Churches is achieved, there will continue to be a need for a negotiating body of the kind which is representative of the Churches. The JCCU can look back across the years and recognise its achievements in bringing the Churches so much closer together through a sound sharing of theological insights which have reached beyond the immediate concerns of Church union and embraced the total mission of the Church. This process will undoubtedly continue in the future."

The Commission gave careful consideration to these matters and it was agreed:

- (i) That the items summarising the discussion "be referred to the JNCCE for discussion and consultation with appropriate bodies in the Churches with a view of making recommendations to the Churches through the JCCU."
- (ii) That consideration of the relationship of the JNCCE to the JCCU be deferred until the above process is completed.
- (iii) That we re-affirm the role of the JCCU as expressed at the time of its formation (1st Report 1965, p.1):

"To seek God's will for His Church in New Zealand by studying the issues involved in union, by preparing the basis required for such a union, and by advising the Churches on any steps to be taken to this end."

7. The next meeting of the Commission is to be held on 18 and 19 April 1978.

II. THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES

1. Following the presentation of the 12th Report to the Churches, each of the five Churches took the appropriate steps for the proposals regarding the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries to be given consideration with a view to a decision being made in due course. It is anticipated that decisions will be made by the Assembly of the Congregational Union in October, the Annual Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ in October, the Conference of the Methodist Church in November, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in November and the General Synod of the Anglican Church in April 1978.

2. The 12th Report (page 139) reported that a Committee to consider the ways of implementing paragraph 1 of Section III of the proposed Covenant had been appointed. The Committee was asked:

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.

Its report was received at the March meeting and after revision was referred to the Church Union Committees for consideration and comment. Several replies were received at the September meeting. The Commission decided that further study leave should be given to this matter after the other replies have been received.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Hymnbook Supplement Committee

The Convener of the Hymnbook Supplement Committee, the Rev. J. S. Murray, reported to the March meeting as follows:

Copy for the hymnbook was sent to the Joint Board of Christian Education in Australia, and copyright arrangements were carried out. A summary of these arrangements has been received by the Committee. The Joint Board now awaits instructions to proceed with the typesetting, lay-out and artwork for the hymnbook. To date, the Epworth Bookroom has committed itself and has paid for the initial work undertaken by the Joint Board.

Estimated costs of publication of the hymnbook have been received from the Joint Board, and total production costs of a full music edition could be at a range of \$2.10 to \$1.10 on the basis of a 3,000 to 10,000 run. This means that on a realistic run of 5,000 the production costs would be about \$7,500. No detailed work on a words and melody line edition will be done until a firm commitment has been made to the full music edition. However, it would seem that on a run of 5,000, production costs for a full music edition would be about \$7,500 and that a run of 25,000 words and melody line edition would bring the total up to the \$30,000 mark. It is important that if this venture is to proceed further, there be committed financial backing from the negotiating churches.

The Commission appointed a small committee "with the specific task of working in consultation with the Hymnbook Committee in costing, marketing and advising the Church courts directly of the measure and type of financial support necessary, keeping the JCCU Executive informed."

As the first step, a leaflet was prepared giving brief information and issued to the ministers of the five Churches with a tear-off reply slip which was not an order form but was intended to gauge the level of interest and proposed usage.

To date, only 64 replies have been received. These express interest in 408 music copies and 3832 words and melody line copies. This result was received at the September meeting of the Commission with very great disappointment. Some replies are still coming to hand, but it does not seem at all likely that the total will provide sufficient basis for the considerable financial investment involved. The Commission will make a final decision later.

2. The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations in the Negotiating Churches.

Report of the J.C.C.U.

Since its inception on 18 March 1975 the J.C.W.O. has undertaken quite an extensive programme in areas where there is a great deal of common concern among its member groups and also in its efforts to bring about a full partnership between men and women in the total life and mission of the Church.

Besides presenting the Report on the Co-operation of Men and Women in the Church in 1976, the J.C.W.O. is at present examining, updating and clarifying the Guidelines for Women's Organisations in Co-operating or Union Parishes. The sub-committee dealing with this meets on 8 September

to examine and consider the comments on the draft Guidelines which have been sent in by the member organisations.

A challenge that faces the J.C.W.O. is that of participating in and co-ordinating the programmes for 1979 which has been designated by the United Nations as the "Year of the Child".

At its meeting on 8 March 1977, tribute was paid to the retiring president, Mrs Jean Gillies and her secretary, Mrs Mary Davies, for their vision and their wisdom in their guidance of the J.C.W.O. since its beginnings. Their efforts were responsible for the J.C.W.O. coming into existence and we hope and pray that they will maintain a deep interest in its future.

The new President is Mrs Joan Gregory, 100 Church Street, Palmerston North and her Secretary is Mrs Betty King, All Saints' Vicarage, Palmerston North.

JOAN GREGORY (res. J.C.W.O.)

4 September 1977

3. Negotiating Churches' Committee on Overseas Mission. Report 1976/77

Meetings were held on 23 November 1976 and 24 June 1977, from 10 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. On both occasions representatives from the Anglican Board of Missions, the N.Z. Church Missionary Society and the Joint Interim Board, representing Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, were present, and on the latter occasion the Church of Christ was also represented.

At the November meeting the Rev. Don Duncan and Rev. Geoff Tucker were continued in the office of Chairman and Secretary respectively for a further year.

Formal business has been kept to a minimum but consideration has been given to such matters as missionary contributions from co-operating parishes, the production of audio-visuals suitable for use by all member bodies, the encouragement of legacies for overseas work and inter-church schools of mission.

Priority has been given to the study of specific topics for which papers have been prepared. These have been most helpful to all of us and have led to valuable sharing of insights, policies and methods of work.

In November 1976 the Rev. Graham Horwell introduced a study of the New Hebrides. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mission Boards were encouraged to express their solidarity with the Church in the New Hebrides during the difficult days being experienced.

The Rev. Brian Carrel then reported on the Partners in Mission programme carried through by the Anglican Church. This proved a stimulus to us all and encouraged consideration of moves towards similar ends in other churches.

In June 1977 Mr Horwell reported on the visit to New Zealand by a delegation of three representatives of the Council of Churches in Indonesia. This had been funded largely by the Joint Interim Board, but the invitation to the Council of Churches in Indonesia had been conveyed by the N.C.C. in New Zealand which had arranged the itinerary in consultation with the Joint Interim Board. The visit had been of considerable value although weaknesses in the arrangements had been evident.

Mr Tucker, who had attended the C.C.A. Assembly at Penang, gave a paper on "The Christian Conference of Asia and its Contribution to our Relationship with the Churches of Asia". This and the discussion which followed were most helpful.

Considerable thought has been given to the name of the Committee and to the scope of its work. It is felt that what is of interest to our members is important also to the mission departments of other Churches and missionary societies. It has been decided that invitations will be sent to the Baptist Missionary Society, The Evangelical Missionary Alliance and the Roman Catholic Church to send two representatives each to our next meeting, to be held in November. Consideration will be given then to the possibility of extending our membership and the scope of our work. A new name for the Committee, bearing relationship to these wider responsibilities, could well be considered.

D. E. DUNCAN, Chairman.

4. The Joint Committee on Christian Education Report to the J.C.C.U. 5 September 1977

The Joint Committee on Christian Education (N.Z.) represent members of the negotiating churches in N.Z., and relates directly to the Joint Board centred in Melbourne.

The committee meets approximately three times a year. During the last year the chairman, the Rev. John Grundy, took up an appointment as a Director on the Joint Board. The new chairman is the Rev. R. L. D. Wiig (of the Presbyterian Department of Parish Development and Mission).

On recent agendas the following matters have been dealt with:

- * Setting up a task group in N.Z. to search out alternative education programmes in local churches in N.Z.
- * Initiating staff training programmes for C.E. staff of the negotiating churches.
- * Consideration of the future of the Interchurch Laboratory Committee in view of the expressed need for Group Life Laboratory programmes.
- * The need for special resources for the growing Polynesian constituency in the churches, in view of the fact that it is unlikely that the Joint Board (Australia) can produce these.

LESTER J. REID.

5. The Joint Board of Theological Studies Annual Report to the Churches, 7 September 1977

1. Two significant areas of work under the aegis of the Joint Board continue to be undertaken by the Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry (based in Auckland) and the Joint Assessment Committee (based in Dunedin). The examination department continues to administer the L.Th. and S.Th. Diplomas. The entries for the 1977 examinations for the L/L.Th. show an increase of 26 percent over 1976. A small number work on at S.Th. and three students completed the diploma during the year.

2. The Annual Report of the Joint National Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry is appended to this report.

3. Joint Assessment: Three Anglican, two Churches of Christ, 12 Methodist and 28 Presbyterian candidates for theological training met in the August 1976 Assessment Course at Otaki Bridge Lodge. Leadership was again given by the Rev. D. S. Mullan, Convener, with the assistance of 21 staff members. This very large course functioned efficiently by division into three

separate groupings and smaller teams for intimate assessment work. Candidates continued to find the weekend of considerable help in clarifying their own expectations and in self-evaluation. Staff reports were furnished to the parent Churches in the usual way.

The Convener was invited to participate in an Anglican Provincial Commission on Selection and Training for the Ministry, in Napier in October 1976. This provided a helpful opportunity of sharing insights and experiences in selection and assessment.

4. ANZATS. The annual general meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools were held at St John's College, Auckland on Tuesday, 23 August 1977, at which there was a full representation from the various chapters of the society in Australia. This was an important occasion for the newly formed New Zealand chapter as this was the first meeting outside of Australia. Proposals for closer association between the theological schools of ANZATS and the Pacific areas as a whole were raised and further investigation arranged. The delegates and others met the day before the annual meeting to discuss significant happenings during the past year in religious and theological studies in Australia and New Zealand. Much was gained from this interchange and from having Australian scholars amongst us.

5. The Board has given consideration to a proposal for a Diploma of Ministry submitted on behalf of the Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry. It has accepted in outline the proposal presented, gives support to the programme envisaged with a view to its implementation, and is consulting with the appropriate committees of the Churches regarding the possible budget.

6. The administration of the Joint Board is now centred in Dunedin for a period with the Very Rev. Dr I. Breward as Chairman and the Rev. W. E. Limbrick as Secretary.

I. BREWARD, Chairman.

**Report of Joint National Committee on
Continuing Education for Ministry to J.C.C.U.
6 September 1977**

The committee is encouraged by the growing awareness within the church of the need of effective continuing education and support of clergy. Each denomination is engaged in significant thinking, in some cases new acting related to the shape and style of ministry in our day and in our society. In all this thinking the need to provide adequate support and educational opportunities for clergy is being taken seriously.

The growing awareness of the need for continuing education shows itself in both formal and informal ways. Signs of the latter are seen in a growing willingness of clergy to plan for their own education, the response to gatherings on rural ministry and ministry in low cost housing areas, the positive response to the publication "Ministry in New Zealand" and reports of various support groups throughout the country. Formal signs include proposals for the formation of the Churches' Association of Pastoral Care, the Urban Training Centre in Wellington, the possible appointment of a second Fieldworker based on Knox College and the formation of the postgraduate Diploma of Ministry through the Joint Board of Theological Studies. Some of these proposals could be costly and the Committee is anxious to co-ordinate them in some way so as to avoid piecemeal approaches to the churches for money.

The committee, through the field-worker, is currently engaged in the provision of resources for continuing education and in research into the needs of N.Z. clergy. A fuller report of these activities is furnished to denominational ministry committees.

This Committee represents a commitment by the churches to work together at the task of continuing education for ministry. At this time when the shape of the churches' movement toward eventual unity is uncertain, we remain convinced that the effective mission of the church in our society is best served by an ecumenical strategy for ministry and mission.

D. J. COLES, Chairman,

KEITH ROWE, Fieldworker in Continuing Education

THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The Annual Report to the Negotiating Churches and the JCCU, 1977

1. The Committee

The Committee met on 20 April and 3 and 4 August 1977.

The membership of the Committee at 1 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. P. T. Kennett; Methodist: the Rev. C. D. Clark, the Rev. B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie; Presbyterian: the Rev. W. A. Best, the Rev. E. W. Body, the Rt Rev. W. B. Watt, the Rev. R. J. Weeks, Mr A. B. Robertson. Mr Heggie continues as Chairman.

At the April meeting, the Committee agreed that there should be more adequate time allowed at its meetings and that priority should be given to 'items that relate specifically to developmental-mission issues'. Accordingly, the August meeting was arranged for two days at Wallis House, and the time was allocated to give ample opportunity for consideration of the "development" matters as well as the "maintenance" matters.

2. Property Clauses in Agreements for Union Parishes

Attention was drawn to the possibility of the Property Clauses which were recommended for use in Co-operating Parishes applying also to Union Parishes. It was agreed to advise the four Churches involved in the Model Constitution for Union Parishes that the J.N.C.C.E. recommends that the Model Constitution be amended to include the new Property Clauses as set out in the 1976 Report (12th Report JCCU, p. 149-151), and that from the date of this amendment any rationalisation or development of property in a union parish must be on this basis.

3. Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish

The Waikato J.R.C. suggested that an alteration be made to Clause 20 of the Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish to provide for consultation with the Joint Regional Committee. The Clause reads:

VI Amendments

20. Amendments to the agreement shall be approved by the Parish Council and the district courts of the Churches.

It was agreed to recommend that the words "after consideration by the JRC" be added after the word "Churches".

4. Number of Union and Co-operating Parishes

Information available at 1 September shows the number of Union and Co-operating Parishes as follows:

Union Parishes		63
Co-operating Parishes, formed as in the Guidelines	31	
Others under special agreements	20	51
		114

The number of ministers serving in them was as follows:

Anglican	16
Churches of Christ	3
Methodist	44
Presbyterian	67
	130

5. Ministry in Special Housing Areas

At the meeting in August, the Committee gave close attention to Ministry in Special Housing Areas. The Rev. B. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Methodist Development Division presented a comprehensive survey based on a consultation held last year and supplemented by the results of others held since. The following outline of the responsibility of the JNCCE in this field was agreed upon and has been reported to the Church Committees with direct responsibility and also communicated to district Courts of the Churches with the invitation to furnish comments.

The role of the JNCCE is seen to involve:

1. Providing support and encouragement for ministers serving in special housing areas by
 - (a) Building on expressed needs revealed through the information received to date and what may be revealed by further survey;
 - (b) Establishing a link with these ministers by means of a "loose-network" newsletter;
 - (c) Arranging regional consultations as appropriate;
 - (d) Encouraging and enabling field-work investigation by suitable people as opportunity offers, e.g. study leave.
2. Providing orientation and preparation for ministers about to commence ministry in special housing areas.
3. Identifying the critical issues of ministry in special housing areas for regional and national church courts responsible for
 - (i) strategy
 - (ii) placement of staff
 - (iii) support of clergy staff serving in special housing areas.

6. Guidelines for Orientation and Oversight of Ministry in Co-operative Ventures

The Committee circulated to JRCs copies of a document prepared by the Methodist Development Division, "Guidelines for the Orientation and Oversight of Ministry in Co-operative Ventures". Appreciative comments were received and the suggestion was made that each of the five Churches should be asked to furnish background material which could be made available to Joint Regional Committees, ministers and office-bearers. In view of the number of Union and Co-operating Parishes and the number of ministers serving in them, the Committee sees the provision of a comprehensive aid to orien-

tation as a matter of critical importance. The five Churches have been asked to furnish material on the basis of the following outlines:

Common Introduction re need and purpose of written material to aid orientation.

Categories:

1. Worship—Sacraments
2. Pastoral care
3. Parish leadership
4. Relationships with regional and national church courts.
5. Role/function of leadership in the denominational courts.
6. Expectations re parish giving
7. Denominational resources for support of local church—e.g. Christian Education
8. Denominational data—statistics, balance dates, reports, etc.
9. Generalisations about ethos of each denomination—use Methodist statement as a guide.
10. Other items peculiar to each denomination.

It was agreed that the JNCCE should edit, publish and distribute the resultant material.

7. Consultation on Finance Arrangements with Union and Co-operating Parishes

Last year's Report (12th JCCU Report, p. 152) referred to the Consultation on Finance which met in August 1976 and made an interim report. The Consultation met again on 24 May. Its report was considered at the August meeting of the Committee. It was decided to transmit the report to the appropriate Church Committees for their consideration and endorsement, and to include two sections of material in the Guide to Procedures. One of these sections, that on Principles, would be added to Section IV Finance: the other, giving guidance on more specific and procedural matters would be included in an appendix on Property and Financial Matters. The two sections are as follows:

I. THIS IS TO BE ADDED TO THE "GUIDELINES FOR FORMING A CO-OPERATING PARISH" AS THE SECOND PART OF SECTION IV FINANCE:

B. The co-ordination of financial responsibilities shall be conducted on the following principles:

1. The co-operating Churches should act jointly in all dealings with co-operating parishes, preferably through representatives of the Churches appointed at the request of the Joint Regional Committee who can speak for their Churches on financial matters meeting with representatives of the Parish Council.
2. The stipend, superannuation and other allowances, including housing, of the minister shall be a prior charge on parish revenues. These shall be at the rates applicable to the denomination of the minister concerned.
3. The principles to be adopted with regard to contributions to the wider work of the co-operating Churches are as follows:
 - (a) Where possible the existing contributions from the parishes entering into co-operation are to be maintained and increased.
 - (b) Contributions to the parent Churches from a co-operating parish are to be determined in accordance with the various factors as set out in the Guidelines on Establishing Denominational Ratios contained in the Appendix on Financial Matters.

- (c) Each co-operating parish is to make some contribution to the wider work of the co-operating Churches even though it may be in receipt of a grant-in-aid.
4. Where a co-operating parish needs a grant-in-aid to maintain a ministry, this will be provided by the co-operating Churches in consultation on the recommendation of the district Courts and in the same proportions as the contributions allocated for wider work.

II. THIS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GUIDE TO PROCEDURES AS AN APPENDIX ON FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Appendix on Financial Matters

A. The following guidelines are to be used in the consultations on financial matters concerning co-operating parishes.

1. Establishing an equitable ratio of contributions from a Co-operating Parish to the wider work of the parent Churches

As a general guide in determining the proportions of financial responsibility in a Co-operating Parish, a "ratio of contributions" should be established by consultation and reviewed from time to time as considered necessary.

The guidelines to be used in the consultation are as follows:

1. The ratio of contributions to the co-operating Churches will be a matter for separate decision in each co-operating parish.
2. The agreed proportion of each Church must be inclusive of giving to the Overseas Missions of that denomination.
3. Recognising the principle that existing contributions should be maintained, though the agreed ratio may not be achieved immediately, it should be a primary aim of the co-operating parish to reach this.
(Note: Because of different methods of fixing contributions in each of the co-operating Churches, the existing contributions at the time the co-operation commences may not be in accordance with the ratios finally agreed upon.)

4. In establishing the ratios of contributions the following factors should be taken into account:

The relative strength of the respective Churches, having regard to such things as communicant rolls, homes under pastoral care, census statistics, attendance at workshop; the giving of the separate parishes prior to co-operation; and such other factors as the visiting consultation team and Parish Council may consider relevant in the circumstances.

5. The ratios once fixed will remain unless or until the Parish or one or more of the participating Churches requests a review.
6. Because of varying balance dates, all contributions should be paid monthly.

II. Determining the annual contribution to the wider work of the parent Churches

The amount to be contributed to wider work each year will be a matter for annual review by the Parish Council in consultation with the JRC representatives in relation to the "ratio of contributions" as already established.

The Parish Council should take into account:

1. The needs of the co-operating Churches
2. The levels and systems of assessment or contribution prior to co-operation
3. The need to give generously to the Missions targets of the co-operating Churches
4. The need to get the contributions of each Church in line with the agreed ratio of the relative strength of the respective Churches

5. The need of the co-operating parish to increase its support for wider work.

III. Removal Expenses

Removal Expenses should be met by the participating parishes in the same ratio as contributions are made to National/Diocesan budgets, on the understanding that the denominations which operate a pooled fund recover their share through the contributions made to them from the Co-operating Parish.

E. G. HEGGIE, Chairman.

6 September 1977.

IV. Finance

1. The treasurer, submitted a statement of Receipts and Payment for the year ended 31 December 1976, duly signed by the Auditor, Mr P. H. Johnsen. This was adopted and is as follows:

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 1976

	\$	\$
RECEIPTS		
Contributions from Churches:		
Anglican	6,913.00	
Churches of Christ	179.00	
Congregational Union	30.00	
Methodist	1,892.00	
Presbyterian	<u>5,886.00</u>	14,900.00
Interest		13.94
Debit Balance at Bank 31 December 1976	180.33	
Less Credit at NAC Bulkair	73.50	
Less Travel Refund due	<u>73.80</u>	<u>33.03</u>
		<u>\$14,946.97</u>
PAYMENTS		
Debit Balance at Bank 1 January 1976	112.58	
Debit Balance at NAC Bulkair 1 January 1976	<u>14.00</u>	126.58
Stipend and House Allowance—Secretary		9938.69
Tax Payment on Stipend due December 1975		247.37
Beneficiary Fund Assessment		918.54
Secretarial Assistance		403.50
Office Rent		500.00
Lighting Heating Cleaning		45.10
Travelling Expenses—Secretary	457.21	
Less refunds	<u>90.95</u>	366.26
Travelling Expenses—Chairman and others	273.60	
Less refund due	<u>73.80</u>	199.80
Stationery		497.73
Postages		174.69
Telephone rentals and tolls		459.83
Insurance		25.51
“Backgrounds”	959.70	
Less sales	<u>169.40</u>	790.30
Annual report	<u>270.00</u>	
Less sales	<u>214.65</u>	55.35
Interest and bank charges		12.19
Expenses—Women’s Committee		20.00

Sundries	65.53
Purchase of Duplicator	100.00
	<u>\$14,946.97</u>

L. I. STEVENS, Hon. Treasurer

I have inspected the books of Account and vouchers of The Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended 31 December 1976 and report that the foregoing Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended 31 December 1976.

P. H. JOHNSEN, Auditor

2. The Budget for the year 1977 totalling \$16,400 was allocated to the Churches as follows:

	Membership	Proportion	Contribution
Anglican (Average of Christmas and Easter Communicants, 114,000 and 80,000)	97,000	47.49	7788
Presbyterian	78,697	38.54	6321
Methodist	25,615	12.54	2057
Churches of Christ	2,508	1.23	202
Congregational	420	.20	32
	<u>204,240</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$16,400</u>

3. At the meeting on 7 September the Executive submitted a Budget for 1978 totalling \$15,211. This was based on the assumption that a full-time officer could be appointed at some stage next year to serve the Commission. In adopting this budget, the Commission believed it should ask the Churches to contribute on this basis until definite plans for the future are formulated. This amount will be allocated to the Churches on the basis of membership figures when received.

V. Secretary

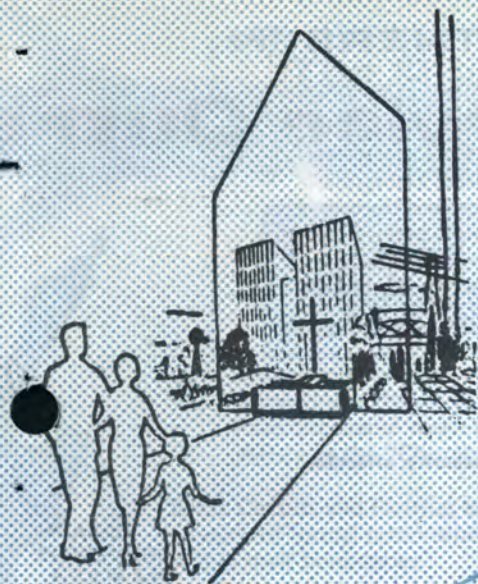
The Rev. J. E. Stewart, who has been secretary for the Commission since September 1968, expressed the wish to exercise the right to retire at the end of this year following his 65th birthday. The Commission formally concurred with this request and asked the Executive Committee to make the necessary arrangements for a suitable function and minute of appreciation to mark this occasion.

On the question of a replacement the Commission has not made a final decision because a number of matters need to be thought through. These include the present process undertaken by the churches to reach their respective decision on the Covenant and Unification of Ministries proposal, and the way the Commission should address itself to future work. Some preliminary work has been done as indicated earlier in Section 1:6, but it will take a good part of next year before a clearer picture will emerge. We can assure the Churches that the Commission wishes to be fully responsible in its future planning and will keep Church Courts informed.

There are a number of issues still to be worked at and therefore the Commission has agreed to utilise the services of Mr Stewart on a part-time paid

basis up to the end of June 1978. The April 1978 meeting should see the resolution of some of those issues and future staffing needs will then be easier to determine.

W. A. BEST, Chairman.
8 September 1977.



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&
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Social Service Outreach

The New Zealand Methodist Social Service Association is responsible for all forms of social service in the name of the Methodist Church.

The Work is -



with children, to give security, affection and understanding,



with families, in counselling and guidance and provision of necessities,



with the elderly, in our many Hospitals, Homes, and communities,



in preventive work in Hostels, Camps, and educational and recreational activities.

AREAS

Four Area Committees are charged by Conference with general responsibility for social service work in the appropriate districts.

TRAINING

The A. Everil Orr Training Fund sponsors selected people for the specialised training needed for today's social workers. The M.S.S.A. is always interested to hear from individuals interested in training and grateful for people and Trusts who contribute to it from time to time.



The Old Partnership

There used to be a general feeling that Methodist Social Service was the prerogative of the three Central Missions, Wellington's Wesley Social Service Trust, and the Children's Homes. Circuits, this view implied, were responsible for worship and church life, and the Missions were to attend to social service on behalf of everyone.

In recent years, changed thinking about local church strategies has resulted in many exciting new developments -

Church members have become more active in existing community service projects and have discovered wider responsibilities than merely to the "Church" family.



Some Circuits and Parishes are taking an increasing amount of formal responsibility for social work within their boundaries.



Local committees and groups have initiated Homes and Institutions and befriending, service and counselling centres.



In all these moves, the M.S.S.A. is delighted to see signs of the old Central Mission concept:

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WORSHIP and SERVICE

A New Partnership

As the local church has accepted these new responsibilities, the role of the M.S.S.A. has changed also. Area Committees, instead of holding a mere "watchdog" brief to ensure that nobody gets into deep waters, are now able to offer advice and practical help from their wider background of social service expertise.

Community workers, advisors, and other staff are available as enablers and consultants to circuits in exploring the possibilities of deeper local commitment to a full Christian presence in each community.

What You Can Do:

You can support the central institutions which cannot operate efficiently at the local level. Adequate care of the elderly and many needy children has been made possible only because of countless donations and bequests made by Methodists who cared.

There is much Government assistance for this work now but not for counselling work. Newer projects of this kind are in desperate need of sympathetic assistance from Methodist people.

Ask your Area Convener to help your local church -

- * set up a study programme to stimulate thinking about social service work in your community,
- * explore needs and problems in your locality,
- * evaluate your resources in planning to meet these needs.

The initiative lies with you, but the N.Z.M.S.S.A. is keen to assist progress towards -

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The Area Convener,
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Dear Sir,

[] I would like to know more about general social service
work in the district.

[] I am willing to try to initiate some local discussion on
social work in my community and would appreciate
some advice.

[] I would like to have more details about the Everil Orr
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[] I would appreciate further information about making

[] a donation

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QUESTION 1—Who are members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Reports of Conference, pages 12 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?

Peter E. Glensor, B.A.

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

Peter E. Glensor, B.A.

QUESTION 2 (c)—Who are now reinstated as Ministers in full Connexion with the Conference?

Warren Green

QUESTION 3—What Preachers remain on Probation?

None.

QUESTION 4—What Preachers are now received on Probation?

I. Marie Greenwood

Falea'ani Kopelani

Lynn Wall, B.A. (see Q.6)

Terence W. Wall, M.A.

Alan R. Upson

Colin A. Milner

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

Brian M. Small

Anthony D. Stroobant, C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E.

Philip Watson

Who are continuing for a third year.

David Arrowsmith, B.A.

Alan J. Baker

Donald Biggs

David J. Bush, B.Sc.

K. Desmond Cooper

Lindsay E. Cumberpatch, B.A.

Bruno Egli

Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.

Paul H. Grant, B.Man.Studies

John S. Murray

Robert D. Short

Lynnette O. Upson

Who are continuing for a second year.

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

Clive Grahame Dyson

Falea'ana Kopelani (see Q.4)

Derek Raymond McCullum

Lynn Wall, B.A. (see Q.4)

Graham Henry Whaley

QUESTION 8 (a)—Who are now Ordained to the Diaconate as
Deacons or members of the Deaconess Order?
Diana A. Tana (Deaconess Order)

QUESTION 8 (b)—Who are Probationers for the Diaconate?
Johanna Maria Bouchier (Deaconess)

QUESTION 8 (c)—Who are to continue training for the Diaconate?
None.

QUESTION 8 (d)—Who are now received for training for the
Diaconate?
Edith Jean Little (Deacon)

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

QUESTION 10 (a)—What Ministers, Probationers, Deaconesses or
Home Missionaries have died since last Conference?
A. Peter Dorrian Oscar Fawcett
J. Stanley Olds Charles E. Roke
Ivo M. Raynor

QUESTION 10 (b)—What Laymen who have occupied positions of
Leadership in the Conference have died during the year?
Marion Holdaway Roy George Moke
John Hugh Phillipps George Graham Slater
Leonie Dorn Verry

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

Albert Blakemore	William Rowe
Alfred E. Jefferson	Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage	John H. Bailey
Robert E. Fordyce	William T. Blight
A. Henry Voyce	A. Francis Attwood
Eric W. Hames	Hubert G. Brown
Walter Parker	Ralph E. Patchett
Thomas H. Carr	G. Raymond Harris
Arthur H. Ivory	Norman P. Larsen
Athol R. Penn	T. Ralph Benny
Herbert W. Payne	Idris J. Ruck
Charles H. Bell	Reginald Day
Reginald Grice	Charlie O. Hailwood
Leonard C. Horwood	George I. Laurensen
Arthur T. Kent	H. Ian K. Hopper
Andrew J. Johnston	E. Clarence Leadley
M. Alexander McDowell	Donald G. Sherson
W.E. Allon Carr	William W.H. Greenslade
Edward M. Marshall	Harry Moore

Clarence T.J. Luxton
 George R. Thompson
 David O. Williams
 Andrew G. Reid
 Clifford L. Duder
 Howard C. Matthews
 Stanley R. Goudge
 Sydney J. Spindler
 J.C. Aldwyn Williams
 Leslie T. Norwell
 Frederick D. Peterson
 Herbert A. Cochrane
 Alan O. Jones
 Gordon R.H. Peterson
 John D. Grocott
 George E. Beckingsale
 Clifford G. Brown
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 Alan J. Handyside
 Campbell P. Lucas
 O. McLennan Olds

J. Wesley Parker
 John H. Thompson
 Gordon Parker
 Frederick J. Climo
 William R. Francis
 Robert Thornley
 D.I. Alister McDonald
 John K. Watson
 Stanley G. Andrews
 Cuthbert F. Peart
 Arthur R. Witheford
 Lawrence Greenslade
 William E. Moore
 George H. Goodman
 William C. Jenkin
 R. Graham Bell
 F. Gardner Brown
 George W. Crammond
 William R. Laws
 Charles B. Oldfield
 Leonard Shapcott

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

Howard E. Harkness
 John Silvester

Ashleigh K. Petch
 Gordon V. Thomas

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
 Jean A. Miller
 Madeline Holland
 Atawhai George
 Anne Wilson

Rita F. Snowden
 Margaret Nicholls
 Constance Sage
 Dorothy Pointon
 Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Placed on the Retired List?
None.

(c) Granted leave of absence?
None.

QUESTION 13—What Home Missionaries are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

Roy Coombridge
 A.E. Tardif

H.R. Wright
 Frank L. Johnson

(b) Placed on the Retired List?
Herehere Maaka

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

Ian H. McKenzie

(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?

Brian H. Turner (from U.C.P.N.G.S.I.)

Stanley J. Barnes (from the South African Methodist Conference)

Robert G. Stringer (from the U.C.P.N.G.S.I.)

Ian H. McKenzie (to the Methodist Church in Samoa)

Kenneth Underwood (from the British Conference)

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?

None.

(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?

John Grundy

Ian H. McKenzie

(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?

Phyllis M. Guthardt, with permission to serve in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

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

(d) What Ministers does the Conference receive from other Churches within New Zealand, such Ministers having the right to return to their Church on the completion of their service?

Victor G.C. Jones

Campbell Nicol

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)
Pamela V. Beaumont, with permission to study (see Q.27/5(a))

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

- (a) Those employed in another Church or Church related position?
David Armstrong, Supply, U.S.A.
Edward P. Boyd, N.C.C. Chaplain, Invercargill Borstal.
Norman E. Brookes, Supply, England.
R. Frederick Clement, Society for N.Z. of the Leprosy Mission.
Allen H. Hall, Linguistics, Brisbane University.
C. Seton Horrill, Director, I.T.I.M.
Donald J. Phillipps, Chaplain, Otago University.
Donald F. Prince, Prison Chaplain.
Philip D. Ramsay, Queensland Temperance League.
Ronald N. Simpson, Assoc. Director, I.T.I.M. Auckland.
Brian H. Turner, Director, Christian World Service, N.C.C.
Roy M. Alexander, Chaplaincy Study leave overseas.
Bruce E. Mackie, Director, Wesley Social Services, Wellington.
Alan H.V. Newton, Church of the Redeemer, Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.
Ian H. Robertson, Chaplain, I.T.I.M.
Roger J.E. Hey, Presbyterian/Methodist Chaplain, Oakley, Carrington, Psychiatric Hospital.

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

William K. Abbott	David R. Alley
Enid J. Bennett	Lewis A. Bowen
Amos W. Burrough	George G. Carter
Ashley I. Corlett	John B. Currie
Haddon C. Dixon	Wilf G. Eisner
Ronald W. Ferguson	Frank G. Glen
Warren Green	Russell J. Greenwood
Owen A. Kitchingman	C. Russell Marshall
John D. Meredith	Laurie A. Michie
Dorothea M. Noble	A. Roger G. Nuttall
Brian L. Olsen	Lawrence E. Salter
Robert G. Stringer	A. Kerry Taylor
Alan C. Webster	Frank H. Woodfield

QUESTION 19—Are there any objections to any Minister, Probationer, Deaconess, or Home Missionary?
None.

QUESTION 20 (a)—What Ministers who were in full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of the Conference?
A. Roy Bowden, Bruce L. Hosking, Te Taotahi John Pihama

QUESTION 20 (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.

Enquires 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?
None.

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

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee has continued to meet throughout the year dealing with pastoral matters as well as responding to the requests of Conference.

SAMOAN MINISTRY

Last Conference, (p.168, 3 (c)) asked the Development Division to 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. This led to a series of meetings which culminated in a day spent at Mangere where the Committee on Ministry was represented and 17 representatives of

Samoan fellowships from Auckland, Tokoroa, Gisborne, Hastings, Petone and Wellington met with eight men who offered themselves to full-time ministry.

All men were in good standing with the N.Z. Methodist Church, and were supported by their local minister. All had received training at Piula College and had served various periods of probation before coming to New Zealand. They impressed the Committee favourably and the task of selection was very difficult as the number of appointments that could be made in the immediate future appeared to be limited to one or two.

The Executive responded to the obvious and urgent need for additional ministry to assist the Rev. Siauala Amituana'i. The stress is upon ordained full-time Samoan-speaking ministers who can assist Rev. S. Amituana'i gather up and meet the needs of those not at home in Palagi congregations, and assist Palagi ministers whose congregations have significant Samoan groups among them.

Three candidates appeared before the Conference Committee. Because there are still matters of financial support and location of the appointment to be decided, and to avoid unnecessary delay, the Committee resolved:

1. That Falea'ana Kopelani be accepted as a Probationer within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and that he be stationed by the President on the advice of the Executive Committee on Ministry.
2. That the Committee on Ministry and the Samoan Policy Committee appoint a group to explore together possible new ways of providing adequate forms of ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand with particular attention being given to the possibilities which a self-supporting ministry, as practised within the Maori Division, may have in the New Zealand setting.

It was also decided to encourage further discussion in this area with those having gifts of ministry among Samoan people.

It is also intended that a fuller statement relating to Samoan ministry will be sent to the Samoan fellowships by the President of Conference.

DEACONESS BOARD

The report (p.244) was received by the Committee. When compared with ministers, there appear to be anomalies in the relationship of Deaconesses to their Retiring Fund, and a resolution seeking a review is appended.

MATTERS UNDER REVIEW

The Committee has considered the following matters:

1. The need for lay training now that the School for Christian Workers is not available and consultations are proceeding with other Churches about this.

2. The Diversity of Ministry report adopted by last Conference has led to the acceptance of one candidate for the Diaconate.
3. Forms of self-supporting ministry are being studied and changes in the Law Book to make this possible will be suggested next year.
4. The Commission on Armed Services Chaplaincies has not been able to complete its work and will report next year.
5. It has been accepted that the desirable number of students in training is 24 with an average of 8 candidates a year.
6. We have looked at the issues involved in the Chronological Listing of Ministers in the Minutes and report our desire to avoid any form of judgement on the ministry of others. The list is simply a record of a minister's relationship to the Conference.
7. We are continuing to study aspects of selection and training of candidates and in February 1978 will share in a consultation with the staff of St. John's College and the Anglican Board of Theological Education.
8. The report on Continuing Education for Ministry will be found in the J.C.C.U. report.

JOHN OSBORNE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Administration Division, in consultation with the Deaconess Board and Deaconess Order, be requested to review retirement provisions for deaconesses, with a view to providing more adequately for retiring deaconesses: the Administration Division to report to Synods and Conference in 1978.
2. That normally a minister's name should appear on the Chronological List from the date of first appointment to a position under the Conference. That ministers received from other Conferences should appear under the year of their first appointment in their previous Conference. That ministers received from other denominations should appear under the year of their reception into full connexion with our Conference.
3. That the following ministers/students be congratulated on obtaining degrees etc. and that they be printed in the Minutes:
 Rev. J.B. Salmon, Ph.D. Alan J. Leadley, M.A. (U.P.N.G.)
4. That the Board of Studies for 1978 be: the Methodist teaching staff at the Theological College, Revs. J.H. Osborne, G. Brazendale, W. Chessum, Messrs J.R. Osborne, J. Adams, Mrs N. Tibble, with power to co-opt.
5. That the Oral Examiner for 1978 be the Rev. Norman J. West.

6. (a) That the Convener of the Committee on Ministry be the Rev. John H. Osborne.
- (b) That the Secretary for Examinations be the Rev. W.A. Chessum.

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?

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Te Aroha Cooperating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Te Aroha Circuit and the Te Aroha 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.

Western Bay of Plenty Circuit

That subject to the approval of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division, the President be authorised to approve the amalgamation of the Tauranga and Te Puke Circuits to become the Western Bay of Plenty Circuit.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Rongatea-Sanson Cooperating Parish

That Conference approve the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Sanson-Rongatea Circuit and the Rongatea Presbyterian Parish.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Leeston Cooperating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Leeston Methodist Circuit and the Leeston Presbyterian Parish, and final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

Greendale-Malvern Cooperating Parish

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Greendale Methodist Circuit and the Malvern Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the advice of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Dunedin Regional Mission

That the Dunedin Circuit and the Dunedin Central Mission unite as the Dunedin Regional Mission within the boundaries

of the present Circuit and within the framework of the Mission Constitution.

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?
None.

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

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Te Aroha Cooperating Parish

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Rongatea-Sanson Cooperating Parish

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

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Leeston Cooperating Parish

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

Greendale-Malvern Cooperating Parish

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

QUESTION 23 (b)—To what Circuits/Union or Cooperating Parishes are additional Preachers appointed?

Te Aroha Cooperating Parish, Rongatea-Sanson Cooperating Parish, Leeston Cooperating Parish and Greendale-Malvern Cooperating Parish.

QUESTION 23 (c)—From what Circuits/Union or Cooperating Parishes are Preachers withdrawn?

Te Aroha Circuit, Sanson-Rongatea Circuit, Leeston Circuit and Greendale 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?

Resolved:

"That the Administration Division report to Synods and Conference 1978 on the effectiveness of the procedures to meet the intention of Question 25 of the Conference Reports."

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

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President—JOHN A. PENMAN, B.A.

Vice-President—THOMAS G.M. SPOONER, M.A.

Secretary—ALAN K. WOODLEY, B.A.

STATION MINISTERS 1978

Unless otherwise determined by the Conference a Circuit is an area in which is situated a Church or number of Churches, a preaching place or number of preaching places, and is designated and numbered in the list of stations printed in the Minutes of Conference. A Circuit shall not include for purposes of administration any connexional department, college or institution situated within its bounds.

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.

- 1000 NORTHLAND DISTRICT
- 1010 MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH
C. Brice Herbert.
Presbyterian appointment (Ian Millar).
- 1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Murray R. McCaskey, B.A., B.D.).
- 1030 SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appointment (A. Robert Cooper).
- 1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (R. Stewart Anderson, B.A.).
- 1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican appointment (Frank Harrison).
- 1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appointment (Ian C. Nairn, L.Th.).
- 1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH
Maynard G. Rutherford.
- 1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH
John E. Langley.
Barry W. Neal, M.A., Dip.Ed.
- 1090 DARGAVILLE
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
- 1100 RUAWAI COOPERATING PARISH
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. (who shall supervise the
Paparoa Circuit).
- 1110 PAPAROA
One wanted.
- 1120 WELLSFORD COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appointment.
Clifford L. Duder (Sup.).
- 1510 MAORI CIRCUIT
(1) TAI TOKERAU
One wanted—(Acting Superintendent - Samson Toia)
12 Home Missionaries.
Sister Diana Tana.
- J. HENRY WOOLFORD, M.A. (Chairman of District)
MRS G. WILLIAMS (Financial Secretary)
- 2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT
- 2600 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Superintendent).
Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.
- 2500 MAORI DIVISION
Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki).

- 2700 OVERSEAS DIVISION
W. Geoffrey Tucker.
- 2800 EDUCATION DIVISION
Loyal J. Gibson.
- 2810 BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"
Rev. Ewing Stevens, M.B.E., B.A. is a member of the
Presbyterian Church serving as Editor of the "New Citizen".
- 2820 THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Methodist Staff:
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Ranston Lecturer in Old
Testament) 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).
- 2045 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
Francis H. Parker.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN MINISTER
Taniela T. Moala, L.Th.
- 2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
Dougal H.C. Bruce, L.Th.
One wanted (Supply: Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.).
A Deaconess: Sister Joan Wedding.
Allan H. Hall, M.A., Dip.Tchg., Ph.D.(Qld.).
(without appointment - see Question 18).
G. Raymond Harris (Sup.).
William E. Moore (Sup.).
Walter Parker (Sup.).
- 2020 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.).
- 2030 BALMORAL-ROSKILL
John B. Dawson, B.A.
Brian R.J. Eagle.
Lynfield Community Church - Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A.,
B.D.(Melb.).
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Development Division).
W. Geoffrey Tucker (Overseas Division).

- 2040 AUCKLAND EAST
 Norman W. Olds (Epsom-Mt. Eden).
 Ronald C. Collingwood (Pakuranga).
 One wanted.
 One wanted.
 Francis H. Parker (without appt. - see Question 28 (c)).
 A. Kerry Taylor (without appt. - see Question 18).
 E.R. Eastwood (without appt. - see Question 18).
 R. Frederick Clement, M.A. (without appt. - see Q.18).
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.).
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.).
 D.I. Alister McDonald (Sup.).
- 2050 BUCKLANDS BEACH COOPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt. (J.G. Drummond, B.A.).
- 2060 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.).
- 2070 GLEN INNES COOPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appointment (Brother David John, S.S.F.).
- 2080 MT. ALBERT
 John H. Osborne, M.A.
 Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D. (New Lynn).
 Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division - Tumuaki).
 Roger J.E. Hey (without appt. - see Question 18).
 Lawrence Greenslade (Sup.).
 Ernest E. Sage (Sup.).
 Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.).
 David O. Williams, O.B.E., M.A., Litt.D. (Sup.).
 Stanley R. Goudge, B.A. (Sup.).
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell (Sup.).
- 2090 AVONDALE UNION PARISH
 Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S.
 Ronald N. Simpson (without appointment - see Question 18).
 W.E. Allon Carr (Sup.).
 George R. Thompson (Sup.).
- 2100 HENDERSON
 William D. Griffiths
 Brian J. Malcouronne, B.A.
- 2110 RANUI COOPERATING PARISH
 Ludwig Felderhof.
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
 Graham Brazendale, M.A. (Warden of the Deaconess Order).
 Presbyterian appointment (William J. Millward).

- 2130 DEVONPORT
John H. Roberts, B.A., Dip.Crim.(Hons.), L.Th.
- 2140 TAKAPUNA
J. Cedric Hay.
Leslie C. Clements.
G. Douglas Pratt, M.A.
Loyal J. Gibson (Education Division).
A. Henry Voyce (Sup.).
Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).
E. Clarence Leadley (Sup.).
John H. Bailey (Sup.).
Harry Moore (Sup.).
George E. Beckingsale (Sup.).
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A. (Sup.).
Family Home Chaplain: G. Douglas Pratt, M.A.
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
Alan R. Upson.
Laurie A. Michie (without appt. - see Question 18).
Donald G. Sherson, B.A. (Sup.)
- 2160 GLENFIELD-ALBANY COOPERATING PARISH
John B. Salmon, Ph.D., M.A. (Hons.), L.Th., S.Th. (Hons.),
A.C.A., A.C.I.S. (who shall supervise the Birkenhead
Circuit).
Anglican appointment.
- 2170 BIRKDALE-BEACH HAVEN UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (Donald C. Mence).
- 2180 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).
Falea'ana Kopelani (see Question 4).
- 2190 ONEHUNGA
Trevor L. Bennett.
Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.C.A.
David Armstrong (without appt. - see Question 18).
- 2200 OTAHUHU
One wanted (Supply: Sister Beverley Taylor).
- 2210 PAPATOETOE
Henry W. Kitchingman.
Roger M. Gibson (who shall supervise the Otahuhu Circuit).
Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup.).
John Silvester, M.A. (Sup.)

- 2220 MANUREWA
Wallace C. Chapman.
One wanted.
Family Home Chaplain: Wallace C. Chapman.
- 2230 PAKAPAKA
Philip F. Taylor.
R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Sup.).
- 2240 PUKEKOHE
George L. Bennett.
Thomas H. Carr (Sup.).
Wesley Training College, Paerata: Teacher-Chaplain,
William A. Chessum, Mus.B.
- 2250 TUAKAU UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (William T. Earle, B.Sc., B.D.).
Brian L. Olsen (without appointment - see Question 18).
- 2260 WAIKUKU
John R. Hall.
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appointment (Frank Glass)
J.C. Aldwyn Williams (Sup.).
- 2280 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.).
- 2290 MAHURANGI
Frederick J.K. Baker.
Andrew G. Reid (Sup.).
- 2510 (2) TAMAKI
One wanted (Acting Superintendent - Ruawai D. Rakana).
One wanted.
8 Home Missionaries.
Sister Hana Hauraki.
Sister Barbara Miller.

COLPORTEUR WORK - A Home Missionary.
EDMUND D. GROUNDS (Chairman of the District).
HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (Deputy Chairman - South Auckland).
A. TURNER, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
E. Sarchet is a minister residing in New Zealand who is in full
Connexion with the British Methodist Conference.

- 3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT
Hospital Chaplain: Alan J. Leadley, B.D., M.A.(UPNG).
- 3010 THAMES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (Glyn E. Thomas).
One wanted.
Reginald Day (Sup.).
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (Sup.).
- 3020 HAURAKI PLAINS COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (E.W. Body, B.Com., A.C.A.).
- 3030 PAEROA
One wanted.
- 3040 WAIHI
Arthur W. Dickie, C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E. (who shall supervise the Paeroa Circuit).
- 3050 TE AROHA
Douglas H. Burt.
- 3060 MORRINSVILLE
Irwin J. Fowler.
One wanted.
- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (E.K. Orange, M.A., B.D.).
One wanted.
Reginald Grice (Sup.).
Leslie T. Norwell (Sup.).
Leonard Shapcott (Sup.).
- 3080 HAMILTON
Peter A. Stead, B.A.
Stanley J. West.
Roy M. Alexander (Overseas Study Leave - see Q.18).
Alan H.V. Newton (without appointment - see Q.18).
A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18).
Alan J. Leadley, B.D., M.A.(UPNG) (without appointment - see Question 28 (c)).
Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).
- 3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH
A Deaconess: Johanna M. Bouchier.
- 3100 HAMILTON EAST
David H. Ansell.
Stanley J. Barnes.
Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
Cuthbert F. Peart (Sup.).
- 3110 CHARTWELL COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appointment (G.C. Crawshaw).
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (J.N. King).

- 3130 HUNTLY
One wanted.
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH (Methodist, Associated Churches
of Christ)
Ian D. Grant.
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Sup.).
- 3150 PUTARURU COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt. (G.J. Ginever, M.A., Dip.Tchg.).
- 3160 TOKOROA
Wilfred S. Gilbert.
- 3170 ROTORUA
Ivan J. Clucas.
One wanted.
George H. Goodman (Sup.).
Robert Thornley, M.A. Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (Donald S. Knight, B.A.).
Lawrence E. Salter (without appointment - see Question 18).
- 3190 TAURANGA
Brian W. Sides.
Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A.
One wanted.
Arthur T. Kent (Sup.).
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
O. McLennan Olds (Sup.).
- 3200 ST. JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
Presbyterian appointment.
- 3210 TE PUKE
David L. Trebilco (who shall supervise the Kawerau Circuit).
Allan J. Handyside (Sup.).
- 3220 WHAKATANE COOPERATING PARISH
G. Basil W. Bell.
- 3230 KAWERAU
One wanted.
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
Trevor Shepherd.
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU
Wilfred J. Cable.
One wanted.
Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (without appt. - see Question 18).
- 3260 OTOROHANGA
Edward Baker.
- 3270 TE KUITI
One wanted.

- 3280 TAUMARUNUI
One wanted (Supply: Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th., part-time).
Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th. (without appt. - see Question 18).
- 3290 TURANGI UNION PARISH
Anglican appointment.
- 3300 OHURA
One wanted.
- 3310 KAWHIA
A Home Missionary.
- 3320 COROMANDEL
- 3330 HILLCREST COOPERATING PARISH
William J. Morrison, M.A.
Anglican appointment (A.W. Sutton, LL.B.).
- 3340 PIO PIO COOPERATING PARISH
- 3510 (3) WAIKATO
Te Napi T. Waaka, O.B.E. (Superintendent and Chaplain to
One wanted. Te Rahui Hostels).
One wanted.
9 Home Missionaries.
Sister Grace Clement.
- 3520 (4) ROHE POTAE
Morehu Te Whare (Superintendent).
One wanted.
3 Home Missionaries.
A Deaconess.
- WILLIAM J. MORRISON, M.A. (Chairman of District).
PETER A. STEAD, B.A. (Deputy Chairman) (Waikato).
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.
- 4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT
- 4010 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.).
- 4020 WAITARA
Noel D. Billingham.
- 4030 STRATFORD
Archibald W. McKay.
William K. Abbott (without appointment - see Question 18).
- 4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (J.C. Howat).

- 4050 HAWERA
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
- 4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH
James H. Conway.
- 4070 OPUNAKE COOPERATING PARISH
George C. Hopkins.
- 4080 OKATO
One wanted.
- 4090 WANGANUI
Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A. (who shall supervise the
Taihape Circuit).
Norman J. West.
C. Russell Marshall (without appointment - see Q.18).
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
Alan O. Jones (Sup.).
Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.).
- 4100 TAIHAPE
One wanted.
John I. Manihera (without appointment - see Question 18).
- 4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH
D. Ian MacLeod.
- 4510 (5) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO
Moke A.G. Couch, B.A. (Superintendent and Joint Chaplain
to Rangiatea Hostel).
Leonard V. Willing.
2 Home Missionaries.
Sister Betty Yearbury.
- GEOFFREY T. GILBERT (Chairman of the District).
W.F. FORD, C.M.G., B.A. (Deputy Chairman).
G.A. HUTTON (Financial Secretary).
- 5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT
- 5010 NAPIER
Warwick Gust, B.A., B.D.
E. Raymond Le Couteur.
One wanted.
Howard C. Matthews, B.A. (Sup.).
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (Sup.).
- 5020 HASTINGS
Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B.
Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.
John B. Currie, B.A. (without appt. - see Question 18).
Norman P. Larsen (Sup.).
- 5030 FLAXMERE COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appointment (W.P. Naera).
- 5040 GISBORNE
Edwin B. Clarke, M.A., B.D. (Hons.) (Melb.).

- 5050 MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH
Niven G. Ball.
- 5060 PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA
Presbyterian appointment (D.W. Earp).
John A. Stringer, Dip.Theol.(Melb.).
- 5070 DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD
Duncan R. Graham.
- 5080 WOODVILLE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (A.J. Thornburrow).
William C. Jenkin (Sup.).
- 5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH
Harry I. Shaw.
- 5100 PALMERSTON NORTH
Frederick E. Waine, B.A.
Alan Newman.
One wanted.
Amos W. Burrough (without appt. - see Question 18).
Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D. (without appt. - see Q.18).
Alan C. Webster, M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S.
(without appointment - see Question 18).
- 5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE
Paul F. Sinclair.
- 5120 FEILDING-OROUA
Bruce Scammell.
- 5130 MARTON
One wanted (Supply: Alan O. Jones).
Clifford G. Brown (Sup.).
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON COOPERATING PARISH
Jack Wright.
- 5150 FOXTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (S.R. Wishart, M.A.).
Frederick J. Climo (Sup.).
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian appointment (Rinny W. Westra, B.A., Th.M.).
- EDWIN B. CLARKE, M.A. B.D. (Chairman of the District).
EDGAR R. HORNBLOW, LL.B. (Deputy-Chairman).
FREDERICK E. WAINE, B.A. (Deputy-Chairman).
L.A. DAVIS (Financial Secretary).
- 6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT
- 6800 EDUCATION DIVISION
Director: E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
Associate Director: One wanted.
Associate Director of Finance and Stewardship: John S.
HOSKING, M.A., Dip.Mus.

- 6010 WELLINGTON CENTRAL
John A. Penman, B.A., President of Conference.
Keith J. Taylor, B.A.
A Deaconess.
Ian H. Robertson (without appt. - see Question 18).
Bruce E. Mackie (without appt. - see Question 18).
William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E. (Sup.).
- 6020 WELLINGTON WEST
Keith C. Griffith.
Gordon R.H. Peterson (Sup.).
- 6030 WELLINGTON SOUTH UNION PARISH
Robert S. Andrews.
Associated Churches of Christ appt. (David P. Buller).
- 6040 WELLINGTON EAST
Harold A. Darvill, B.A. (part-time - Maori Division).
- 6050 MIRAMAR COOPERATING PARISH
One wanted (Supply part-time: Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E.,
M.A., B.D.).
Presbyterian appointment (Murray F. Hall).
- 6060 NGAIO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (S.A. Robertson).
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH
Ian C. Norwell.
- 6080 NEWLANDS UNION PARISH
R. Leslie George.
- 6090 PORIRUA
One wanted (Supply: I. Donald Borrie, M.A., S.T.M.,
Presbyterian).
Porirua Hospital Chaplain: Ian Bayliss.
- 6100 PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI
One wanted (Supply: Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.).
John D. Meredith (without appt. - see Question 18).
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (Sup.).
- 6110 TAWA UNION PARISH
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
Presbyterian appt. (A.E.B. Johnson, B.A.).
Associated Churches of Christ appt. (D.E. Hollier).
- 6120 LOWER HUTT-PETONE
Robert W. Widdup.
John C.F. Mabon.
Michael W. Greer, L.Th.
One wanted.
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D. (Education Division).
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. (Education Division).
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18).

Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (without appointment - see Question 18).
Frank H. Woodfield (without appt. - see Question 18).

- 6130 TAITA UNION PARISH
One wanted.
- 6140 UPPER HUTT COOPERATING PARISH
Graeme M. McIver, B.A.
One wanted.
Presbyterian appointments (I.A. Milner, W.J. Baker, C.D. Sherriff, B.A., Ph.D.).
- 6150 WAINUIOMATA UNION PARISH
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
One wanted.
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST. ANDREW'S UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (K.G. Wall, L.Th.).
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (K.G. Wall, L.Th.).
- 6180 CARTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment.
- 6190 MASTERTON ST. LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Peter E. Glensor, B.A.
Presbyterian appointment.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Peter E. Glensor, B.A.
- 6200 ST. JAMES MASTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (A. Ian Hewson).
- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH
Stuart G. Slinn.
- 6220 LEVIN
Richard J. Hendry.
- 6230 OTAKI
One wanted.
- 6240 PARAPARAUMU
W.J. Douglas Wakeling.
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D. (Sup.).
Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.) (who shall supervise Otaki Circuit).
George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without appt. - see Q.18).
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE COOPERATING PARISH
Harold A. Darvill (part-time).
Anglican appointment (Ian Bourne, B.A., B.D., L.Th.).
- 6510 (6) PONEKE
Harold A. Darvill (Superintendent).
One wanted.
A Deaconess.

E. FRANCIS I. HANSON, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of District).
ROBERT W. WIDDUP (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN).
T.J. MARTIN, A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).

7000 NELSON DISTRICT

7010 NELSON

Harold K. Brown.

Maxwell A. Hornblow (who shall supervise the Murchison
Circuit).

William Rowe (Sup.).

Albert Blakemore (Sup.).

7020 NELSON ST. LUKE'S UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appointment (Harry C. Swadling, B.A., B.D.,
D.Sc.Rel.).

7030 WAIMEA

G. Clive Smith, L.Th.

7040 MOTUEKA UNITING PARISH

Presbyterian appointment (Owen T. Jenkin).

7050 MOUTERE HILLS UNITING PARISH

Basil J. Hilder (shared ministry with Motueka Uniting
Parish).

7060 MURCHISON

One wanted.

7070 BLENHEIM

David G. Stubbs.

Laurence H. Currie.

7080 PICTON UNION PARISH

Neville Thornicroft.

7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appointment.

7100 BULLER UNION PARISH

Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed.

One wanted.

7110 GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION PARISH

R. John Hamlin.

Presbyterian appt. (Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A.).

7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt. (Lionel E. Brown, B.A.).

HAROLD K. BROWN (Chairman of the District).

R. JOHN HAMLIN (Depty Chairman, Buller-Westland).

O.M. SMITH, F.C.A. (Financial Secretary).

8000 NORTH CANTERBURY

8900 ADMINISTRATION DIVISION: Alan K. Woodley, B.A., General
and Conference Secretary and Authorised Representative.

Hospital Chaplain: Ernest Heppelthwaite.

- 8010 CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION
Wilfred E. Falkingham, M.B.E.
Terrence W. Wall, M.A.
One wanted (Supply: George W. Cramond).
William T. Blight, B.A. B.D. (Sup.).
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (Sup.).
- 8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
- 8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST
Arnold C. Hight.
Alexander C. Watson.
Owen L. Christian.
J. Herbert Thompson (Sup.).
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Sup.).
- 8220 PARKLANDS
Anglican appointment.
- 8040 NEW BRIGHTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment (W. Ivan Bacon, B.A.).
- 8050 SUMNER-REDCLIFFS UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appointment.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (Sup.).
- 8060 SOUTH EAST CHRISTCHURCH UNION PARISH
Barry G. Harkness, B.A., B.D.
- 8070 LYTTTELTON UNION PARISH
One wanted.
- 8080 CHRISTCHURCH (Opawa)
Russell E. James.
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM
Derek G. Laws, F.C.A.
Brian H. Turner, M.A. (Hons.) (without appt. - see Q.18).
- 8100 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH
Victor G.C. Jones, M.A., Mus.B., B.D.
C. Seton Horrill (without appt. - see Question 18).
Hurbert G. Brown (Sup.).
Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.).
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
George M. Hammond.
Owen A. Kitchingman (without appt. - see Question 18).
- 8120 CHRISTCHURCH (RICCARTON)
Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (who will supervise the Leeston
Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A. Coop. Parish).

- 8130 CHRISTCHURCH (ST. ALBANS)
 Ian C.E. Ramage, M.A.
 Patricia M. Jacobson, L.Th.
 One wanted.
 Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D. (without appt. - see Question 16(c)).
 Norman E. Brookes, M.A. (without appt. - see Q.18).
 John D. Grocott (Sup.).
 George W. Cramond (Sup.).
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH (PAPANUI)
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
 Lynne Wall, B.A.
 Lewis A. Bowen (without appt. - see Question 18).
 Alan K. Woodley B.A. (General Secretary).
 Ernest Heppelthwaite (without appt. - see Q.28 (c)).
- 8150 HORNBY
 William L. Wallace, B.A.
 Donald F. Prince (without appt. - see Question 18).
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt. (Rowlatt M. Rogers, B.A., B.Com.).
- 8170 LEESTON COOPERATING PARISH
 Colin A. Milner.
- 8180 KAIAPOI
 Stuart C. Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.).
- 8190 RANGIORA
 Clifford J. Keightley.
 One wanted.
- 8200 GREENDALE
 Robert A. Allan.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH
 Ian E.M. Anderson.
- 8510 (7) OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
 Te Awha Tahere (Superintendent).
 1 Home Missionary.
 A Deaconess.
- ROBERT H. ALLEN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
 MRS R.W. PRICE, B.Com., A.C.A. (Financial Secretary).
- 8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT
- 8310 TIMARU (BANK STREET)
 Graham E. Hawkey (who shall supervise Temuka Circuit).
- 8320 TIMARU (WOODLANDS STREET)
 Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
 Robert G. Stringer (without appointment - see Q. 18).

- 8330 ST.DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt.
- 8340 TWIZEL
Ecumenical Chaplaincy.
- 8350 WAIMATE
David C. Pratt.
Philip D. Ramsay (without appt. - see Q.18).
- 8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Frank G. Grimshaw).
- 8370 TEMUKA
One wanted.
- 8380 ASHBURTON
James F. Cropp.
Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.).
- 8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Robert P. Fendall, B.A.).
- 8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH (CHURCH OF CHRIST-METHODIST)
Associated Churches of Christ appt. (Clifford M. Russ).
- PERCY P. RUSHTON, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of District).
Z.V. LURAJUD (Financial Secretary).
- 9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT
- 9020 DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION
David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
Colin G. Jamieson, Dip.R.E. (Melb.).
Restel A. Burton.
Warren Green.
A Deaconess - Sister Shirley V. Ungemuth.
Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D. (without appt. - see Q.18).
Russell J. Greenwood, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18.).
I. Marie Greenwood. (See Question 4).
Andrew J. Johnston (Sup.).
- 9180 PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Ian W. McIntosh).
- 9040 WEST HARBOUR UNITED PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Bruce Murray).
- 9050 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).
- 9060 CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION PARISH
One wanted.

- 9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt. (Ian R. Merriman, B.A.).
- 9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Campbell Nicol).
- 9090 BALCLUTHA
Graeme R. White, L.Th. (shared ministry with St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Parish).
- 9100 GORE
Hughan M. Craig.
- 9110 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 appt. - see Q.18.).
David R. Alley (without appt. - see Q.18.).
Frank G. Glen (without appt. - see Q.18.).
- 9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH
Warren H. Blundell.
- 9130 OTAUTAU UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt. (Alan Shaw).
- 9140 WAIONO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt. (Ivan A. Smith, B.A., B.D.).
- 9150 BLUFF-GREENHILLS-STEWART ISLAND CO-OPERATING PARISH
- 9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Peter Wishart, B.A. (Hons.)).
- 9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appts. (D.M. Povey, 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)

OVERSEAS APPOINTMENTS

The names of the Ministers and Deaconesses from the Methodist Church of New Zealand now serving in 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:

- 2010 Auckland Central - Sister Joan Wedding.
2200 Otahuhu - Sister Beverley Taylor (Supply).
3090 Raglan Union Parish - Johanna M. Bouchier.
6010 Wellington Central - A Deaconess.

(b) In Institutions and City Missions:

- 2020 Auckland Central Mission - A Deaconess.
8144 South Island Children's Home, Christchurch -
Sister Rona Collins.
9020 Dunedin Regional Mission - Sister Shirley V. Ungemuth.

2. MAORI DIVISION

In Circuits:

- 1510 (1) Tai Tokerau - Sister Diana Tana.
2510 (2) Tamaki - Sister Hana Hauraki,
Sister Barbara Miller.
3510 (3) Waikato - Sister Grace Clement.
3520 (4) Rohe Potae - A Deaconess.
4510 (5) Taranaki-Waimarino - Sister Betty Yearbury.
6510 (6) Ponake - one wanted.
8510 (7) Otautahi-Te Waipounamu - one wanted.

3. OVERSEAS WORK

The names are recorded in the Journal of 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 DEACONESSSES

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 Conference.

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

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1510 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 - Winiata Morunga.
Whangarei - Robert Taka.
Onerahi - Hohepa Hemara (Retired).
Dargaville - Samson Toia, Alan S. Pickering.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

2270 South Kaipara Cooperating Parish - Frank L. Johnson
(Retired).

2510 Tamaki Circuit:

Panmure - Wiremu Paki Ihaka (Retired).
Te Atatu - Aperahama T. Rogers.
Otara - Te Maruni Toki, Huia Martin.
Mangere - Raka Hunapo, Herehere Maaka.
Manurewa - Matu Makiha.
Te Kohanga - Waaka Kukutai.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

3260 Otorohanga - R. Coombridge (Retired).
3310 Kawhia - one wanted.
3320 Coromandel - one wanted.

Maori Circuits:

3510 Waikato:

Frankton - one wanted.
Hamilton - Tuteao Manihera, 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.

3520 Rohe Potae:

Otorohanga - Charlie Turner.
Taharoa - Philip Te Uira.
Te Kuiti - Nguru Winikerei (Retired).
Kawhia - one wanted.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

4010 New Plymouth - H.R. Wright (Retired).

4510 Taranaki-Waimarino:

Pariroa Pa - John Hoani Heremaia, Ngaronepu Kahu.

Hawera - one wanted.

Opunake - one wanted.

Waitara - one wanted.

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8510 Otautahi-Te Waipounamu:

Rapaki - Wera Couch.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

9010 Dunedin - A.E. Tardiff (Retired).

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. Roger J.E. Hey.

Kingseat Psychiatric and Cornwall -

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

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

Waikato Hospital - Rev. Alan J. Leadley.

Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua) - Rev. I.J. Clucas.

Tokanui Psychiatric - Rev. W.J. Cable.

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.
Lower Hutt Public Hospital - Rev. R.W. Widdup.
Silverstream - Rev. M.W. Greer.
Wesley Hospital, Wesleyhaven - Rev. J.C.F. Mabon.
Porirua - Rev. Ian Baylis.
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?

M. Greenwood,	Falea'ana Kopelani,	Colin A. Milner,
A. Upson,	L. Wall, B.A.	T. Wall, M.A.

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

Sister Rona Collins.	Sister Grace Clement.
Sister Patricia Cumming.	Sister Hana Hauraki.
Sister Barbara Miller.	Sister Beverley Taylor.
Sister Diana Tana.	Sister Shirley Ungemuth.
Sister Betty Yearbury.	Sister Joan Wedding.
T.G.M. Spooner, Vice-President.	Mrs A.B. Beeston.
Mrs S.I. Salisbury.	G.E. Brown.

M.R. Downey.
C.W. Halliwell.
W. Kettel.
Wera Couch.
J.H. Fruin.
C.A.M. Stevens.
F.L. Johnson.
Mack Morunga.
Mare Rogers.
Tawai Kawiti.
Robert Taka.
Herehere Maaka.
Maru Toki.
Te Orahī Tonga.
Tuteao Manihera.
Wiremu Te Hiko.

R.C. Gardiner.
T. Halliwell.
G. Nelson.
R.N. Clucas.
J.V. Salisbury.
R.R. White.
J.L. Woodhouse.
Tohu Cassidy.
Para Livingstone.
Winiata Morunga.
Samson Toia.
Matu Makiha.
George Taha.
Henare Gray.
Henare Pate.
Phillip Te Uira.

QUESTION 29 (a)—Who is elected as President of the Church for the ensuing year?
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.

(b) Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's Supply?
Yes.

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

Northland: Rev. J. Henry Woolford.
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. E. Francis I. Hanson.
Nelson: Rev. Harold K. Brown.
North Canterbury: Rev. Robert H. Allen.
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?
N/A.

(b) Secretaries of Synods?

Northland: Rev. C. Brice Herbert.
Auckland: Rev. Roger M. Gibson.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. Wilfred J. Cable.
Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. Noel D. Billinghamurst.
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) District Financial Secretaries?

Northland: Mrs. G. Williams, 14 Lake Road, Kaitaia.
Auckland: Mr. A. Turner, A.C.A.,
129 Exmouth Rd, Northcote, Auckland 9.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Mr. A. Bettany, 47 Kulim Avenue,
Tauranga.
Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. G. A. Hutton, 23 Bracken Street,
New Plymouth.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr. L. A. Davis, P.O. Box 68,
Napier.
Wellington: Mr. T. J. Martin, 47 Manuka Street,
Stokes Valley.
Nelson: Mr. O. M. Smith, 26 Brewer Street, 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., 47 Arthur Street, Invercargill.

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. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

Committee of Exigency?

To be appointed as required.

(b) President's Committee of Advice?

Vice-President, General and Conference Secretary, the President's Legal Adviser, Ex-President, President-Elect, Ex-Vice-President, Revs. E. Francis I. Hanson, Loyal J. Gibson, Ruawai D. Rakena, Keith J. Taylor, Mrs Gwynne Thompson, Messrs Trevor J. Martin, Lani Tupu, E. G. Heggie, Professor John F. Roberts.

(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 34—What is the report of the General Statistical Secretary?

INTERIM QUINQUENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The 1971 Conference resolved that General Statistical reports in future should only be made every five years.

In 1972 the first of the quinquennial reports was presented to Conference. The second five year report is due this year but the Development Division is unable to present a report because

1. the last of the 1977 District Statistical Returns were only received by the Division during the first week of October and

2. much of the data requires careful checking to rectify contradictions and interpret the reasons behind occasional wide variances in the statistical data. For example, one Circuit this year returned 100 members less than last year. Is this return a typographical error or if not what is the explanation for such a dramatic decrease?

Accordingly the Board of the Development Division has resolved to present a report to Synods next year in which it hopes to identify the issues that need discussion, debate and action.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 35—What is the report of Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS

1. That as Conference had adopted the principle of parity of stipend with the Presbyterian Church, the recommendation of the Stipends Committee be that the minimum stipend as from 1 July 1977 be \$6,990.
2. That the Stipends Committee, in consultation with the Connexional Office, investigate, and report to Conference 1977 on the principle of parity between Methodist and Presbyterian stipends.
3. That Church Council recognising the continuing inflationary trend asks the Development Division to consult with Synods to identify financially marginal Circuits/Parishes in order that the Circuit/Parish with the support of the Synod and Division can be encouraged to develop positive alternatives for the provision of appropriate ministry.

QUESTION 36—What are the reports of

(a) WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the "designation procedures for Connexional appointments" be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration in the light of
 - (a) the suspension of the invitation system, and
 - (b) the desirability of maintaining an appropriate balance of ministers in Circuit appointments.

(b) N.Z. METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION?

RESOLUTION

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

(d) METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP?

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

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

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received.
2. That Conference encourages the Division to implement the proposal to appoint and equip a number of Christian Education Associates who will assist the Division to service all Districts.
3. That Conference records its sincere appreciation of the leadership given by the Rev. John Grundy, M.A. during 8½ years of Connexional leadership in the Education Division.
4. That the Youth Ministry Task Group of the Education Division be commended for initiatives undertaken this year to rebuild youth work and that the Conference urges Synods to respond sympathetically to regional developments undertaken by the Task Group.
5. That the Methodist Church through the Education Division, offers support to moves towards ecumenical youth events being proposed for 1979 and 1981.
6. That the Conference designate the Rev. Loyal Gibson for reappointment as Associate Director (Planning and Training) at the 1978 Conference for a period of three years.
7. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
8. That the Rev. E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D., be appointed Director of the Methodist Education Division for an initial term of 4 years.
9. That membership of the Board for 1978 be: Mesdames I. Campbell, F. Fay, M. Fisher, L. Price, E. Little, E.G. Thompson, J. Watson, Revs. G. Duncan, P.E. Glensor, M.W. Greer, K.J. Taylor, R.J. Weeks, L.J. Gibson, J.S. Hosking, E.F.I. Hanson, L.J. Read, Messrs M.L. Clark, C.H. Couch, R.G. Jones, D. Patchett, G. Cochrane, Dr. R.J. Eyles and Dr. A.C. Webster.
10. That the matter of the status and title of the Directors of the Education Division be referred to the Education Division for report to Conference 1978.
11. That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the services of the Rev. Loyal Gibson as Acting Director during 1977.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. (a) That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z.I.C.C.P.A. be the Revs. C.D. Clark, J.C.F. Mabon and Mrs K. Loncar.

(b) That the grant to the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1978-79 be \$500.00.

(c) That the Committee for 1978 be: Revs. John C.F. Mabon (Chairman), C.D. Clark, D. Borrie, H.A. Darvill, K. Taylor, K. Griffith, Miss G. Ryan, Mesdames C. Rowse, C. Glensor, Messrs I. Crabtree, G. Halliday, E.G. Heggie, J.G. Little, A. Mitchell, R. Pitt, L. Singh and R.E. Sullivan (Secretary).
3. That it be recommended to the Government that steps be taken to educate the general public regarding the principles of nuclear power generation and common misconceptions on this subject.
4. That the Public Questions Committee study the question of alternative forms of energy, together with the different lifestyles they would imply.
5. That the reports on Immigration, Christian Involvement in Politics and Health Priorities in New Zealand be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for discussion and comment.
6. That this Conference viewing with concern the appointment of an active parliamentarian as Governor-General, requests the Public Questions Committee to initiate a long-term study of the nature and purpose of the office of Governor-General, and its relevance for today.
7. That the International Affairs Committee collate material on the effect of New Zealand immigration policies on the economies of the Pacific Islands: this material to be sent down to Synods and Quarterly meetings for discussion, in conjunction with the Public Questions Committee's report on Immigration Policy.
8. That this Conference urges the Government to:
 - (a) reduce the maximum permissible alcohol blood level to 50 mg per 100 ml
 - (b) provide more effective penalties for anyone convicted of any driving offense involving alcohol

- (c) authorise law enforcement officers to use legally adequate breath and blood-level testing devices when they stop suspected drink-drive offenders and to conduct random spot-checks at frequent intervals
- (d) empower Magistrates to direct drivers to accept treatment facilities when evidence of a drinking problem is present
- (e) ensure that alcohol education is included in all driver training or defensive driving courses.

9. That this Conference requests the Public Questions Committee and the International Affairs Committee set up a work group to initiate a long-term study on the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service and other Security matters within New Zealand.

10. That Conference endorses the submissions made on the Security Intelligence Service Amendment Bill by the Public Questions Committee and asks the Committee during 1978 to continue to make representations to Government on

- (a) the matters raised in clause 4A (SA) of the Act
- (b) the possible judicial review of Interception warrants
- (c) any other aspects of the Act about which it may be concerned.

11. That while the Conference is concerned that the removal of the section relating to Human Development and Relationship Courses in the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Amendment Bill will delay the introduction of such courses it

- (a) gives encouragement and support to the Minister of Education who plans to introduce such courses for use in schools, and we would urge, that if possible, they be instituted with a minimum of delay, and
- (b) urges the encouragement of parent involvement at all levels of the educational system in the formulation and presentation of Human Development and Relationship Courses.

12. That Conference requests that the National Council of Churches give consideration to the question of the Churches Ecumenical participation in public affairs and report to the N.C.C. Annual General Meeting 1978.

13. We believe that many people are confused by the differing attitudes demonstrated by the Maori people on the land issue. On the one hand there is the passive reaction of the elders and on the other hand the vocal approach of the Bastion Point protestors. We must not assume that those exhibiting a passive reaction are any less hurt by the injustices of alienation of their traditional lands than those who are actively protesting.

We would therefore

(a) urge all Methodists to become more informed on and sensitive to the feelings of Maoris concerning past and continuing land injustices, and

(b) urge the Government to re-examine its stand on the Bastion Point issue and to give the Ngati Whatua people the necessary freedom and time to work out the precise nature and form of their claim.

QUESTION 38—(b) International Affairs?

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. EAST TIMOR:

That the report be received for information and that the International Affairs Committee be encouraged by the Conference to take up the substance of the report with the Indonesian Embassy.

3. PEACE:

(a) That the report be received for information, and that the International Affairs Committee distribute to Synods, the W.C.C. and Government material, together with a brief summary of the issues in the report, so that Synods may report back by March 1978 in time for representations to be made to the Government prior to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament.

(b) That the Committee's Statement (p.154) that "we accordingly press for withdrawal from the ANZUS Alliance under Article 10 of the Treaty as the essential first step towards this new foreign policy", be referred to Synods for reaction in order that a decision may be made by Conference 1978.

(c) That particularly in view of its strategic importance to New Zealand, Conference urge Government through its U.N. representatives, to press for an effective Treaty to ensure the just and peaceful development of the resources of Antarctica (see second to last paragraph, p.153).

4. OVERSEAS AID:

(a) That the report be received.

(b) That Government be informed that, in spite of New Zealand's current economic situation, this Conference believes we should be making more progress towards one percent of our Gross National Product for Overseas Aid.

5. That the Committee for 1978 be: Mrs K. Loncar, Messrs H.W. Kelly, J. Thornley, P. Utting, J.B. McKinney, Revs. H.D. Besant, D.P. Buller, G.G. Carter, E.F.I. Hanson. The Convener-ship and further membership of the Committee to be left in the hands of the President in the light of Stationing.
6. (a) That the Methodist Church apply to become a sponsor of the National Anti-Apartheid Committee and that
- (i) a donation be made consisting of \$100 taken from from the monies already allocated by the Budget Committee to the Programme to Combat Racism together with money raised by voluntary collections at this Conference,
and that
- (ii) the Budget Committee be asked to make provision for a donation of \$250 in the 1979-80 financial year.
- (b) That Conference commend to all Methodist Church members the work of NAAC and CARE, and urges members to be informed about, and, according to their convictions, involved in the activities of these groups at local and national levels.
- (c) That in view of the importance of the issue of sporting contacts with South Africa, Conference recognises the work of HART as a particular and relevant application of the opposition to apartheid, and urges Methodists to become informed about, and, according to convictions, involved in its work at national and local levels.
- (d) That the background papers on NAAC, HART and CARE, and on the National Government statements on Apartheid, be updated, and that the Editor of the "New Citizen" be requested to print them in the paper.
7. That the Rev. E.F.I. Hanson be thanked for his services as Convener of the International Affairs Committee over a period of five years.
8. That the Faith and Order Committee present a statement concerning "the theology of the offering" to the next Conference.

QUESTION 39—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Church and other Properties?

A. GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY

No detailed report is available for Conference this year as District reports are still awaited from several Synods.

Few reports arrived by the due date of 20 August 1977. Several reports are still incomplete, and/or inaccurate with the consequent result that the Connexional summary cannot be prepared. The increasing number of Union and Cooperating Parishes makes the task of collecting and collating these reports increasingly difficult.

The Board of Administration has been concerned at the difficulties being encountered in Circuits/Parishes, Districts and in the Connexional Office in completing the Returns. The Board has authorised a review of the statistical and Property Returns with specific reference to:-

- (a) the relevance and use made by the Church of the material;
- (b) the method of collecting and collating.

It is hoped that as a result of the review a new approach for use in June 1978 will eventuate.

A.K. WOODLEY

General Property Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Board of Administration be encouraged to carry out a review of Property Returns with a view to a new Return being used in 1978.
- 2. That the General Report on Church Property for 1977 be printed and distributed with post Conference Reports and Resolutions.

C. 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

RESOLUTION

- 1. That the report be received.

PROBERT TRUST BOARD INC. - METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION BOARD

Discussions were held on 12 October 1977 between members of the Trinity College Council, the Probert Trust Board, the Chairman of the Methodist Trust Association Board, the General Secretary, the Finance Manager and the President. The Methodist Trust Association Board met the following day when various questions asked by letter from the Probert Trust Board were formally answered. Further discussion took place in the General Purposes Committee which passed the following resolution which it recommends to the Conference:

RESOLUTION:

"That Conference thanks the present members of the Probert Trust Board for their long and valued service to the Church and, following formation of the Methodist Trust Association suggests to the Board that the Methodist Trust Association Board can now satisfactorily take over the administration of the Assets of the Probert Trust. Therefore,

(a) It recommends to the present Probert Trust Board that it adds to its membership the persons who are the Board members of the Methodist Trust Association and that present members who are not members of the Methodist Trust Association Board then retire, thus making the Trustees of the Probert Trust the same as the members of the Methodist Trust Association Board without in any way changing the objects of the Trust or the duties of the Trustees.

(b) It approves the proposition, mooted in discussions, of the Probert Trust being wound up by merging it with the Trinity Theological College Council, the terms and timing of any such merger and termination of the Probert Trust to be subject to the approval of the President on behalf of the Conference.

(c) Conference notes with approval the possibility of Trinity Theological College Council transferring the administration of all property now administered by the Council and any coming under its administration in terms of the preceding resolution (b) hereof to the Methodist Trust Association Board."

2. PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

3. THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON
BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received and adopted, together with the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Balance Sheet.

4. THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON
METHODIST CHARITABLE AND
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report and Accounts be received and adopted.

7. KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

8. ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1977

The total production from the four dairy farms was 82,212 kg of butter fat or 3.1% up on the previous year. The total income before payment to sharemilkers was \$124,290 or 16.1% up on the previous year while total expenses including payments to the sharemilkers was \$93,493 or 11.1% up on last year. The final result was an increase of net profit of 35%.

GRANTS AND BURSARIES

Wesley College	\$3,720	-	an increase of 40%
Under Section C	\$800	-	an increase of 500%
Under Section D	\$2,425	-	an increase of 21%

OTHER GRANTS

Manaia Trust	\$800	-	same as last year
Masterton Children's			
Home	\$3,000	-	same as last year
Manaia Hall	\$1,183	-	for repairs and painting

The total amounts made to bursaries and grants amounted to \$11,928 which was 39% up on the previous year.

The activities of the following Committees during the year under review were commented on in detail.

The Farms Committee
The Finance Committee
The Bursaries Committee

These were shown to be operating in a satisfactory manner.

A survey of estimated expenditure that will be required to be done during the next 5 years in order to bring the farms up to full production was presented in some detail and is summarized as follows:-

Lower Riverlea Farm	\$24,300
Upper Riverlea Farm	\$12,000
Whiteley Farm	\$500

This includes items such as water supply and clearing of swamp area, clearing areas of useless trees, stumping and extending concrete track etc.

We were pleased to have present at our annual meeting of the Board the General Secretary, the Rev. Alan K. Woodley and the Finance Manager, Dr. D.J. Janus, this being the first occasion either had attended a meeting of the Board, and they were most welcome.

J.P. HARDING, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Conference authorises the President, after having received the advice of the President's Legal Adviser, to approve of a change in the Constitution of the Robert Gibson Methodist Trust so as to enable the Robert Gibson Methodist Trust to invest in the Methodist Trust Association after the approval of the Court has been obtained, if such approval is necessary.

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE JOURNAL

The Finance Manager reported that in accordance with the report, Minutes of 1976 Conference, page 208 f., audited financial statements of properties and Funds under Question 40 have been received and will be placed in the Conference Journal.

QUESTION 41—What are the resolutions of Conference in regard to:

(a) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference commend the Lenten Studies being prepared by the Making Disciples Task Group for use in 1978.
3. That the Board of the Development Division for 1978 be: Revs. S. Amituana'i, R. Collingwood, W.S. Dawson, E.D. Grounds, L.J. Gibson, B.E. Jones (Superintendent), H.W. Kitchingman (Chairman), B.J. Malcouronne, A.K. Petch, G.D. Pratt, R.D. Rakena, B.K. Rowe, L.P. Schroeder, Miss M. Astley, Mesdames K. Horwood, N. Tibble, Messrs M.K. Handisides, E.H. Laurenson, G.W. Matheson, F.P. Norris, S. Matamua, A. Galuvao, R. Short.

4. METHODIST MEMBERSHIP ON THE INTER-CHURCH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:
That the Methodist representatives for 1978 be the Revs. C.D. Clark and B.E. Jones.

5. That the Development Division, in consultation with the Executive of the Committee on Ministry, report to Church Council 1978 as to how self-supporting ministry can be encouraged and implemented to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the Connexion.

6. That Conference supports the principle of establishing ministerial exchanges between the Methodist Churches of New Zealand and South Africa, and encourages the Development Division to proceed with its investigations and the promotion of such exchanges.

7. That the schedule of grants to Union Parishes, Cooperative Ventures and Circuits be approved (see Financial Statements).

8. REVISED PROPERTY CLAUSES FOR UNION PARISHES:

That on the recommendation of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, Conference agrees that the model Constitution for Union Parishes be amended to include the new property clauses (12th Report, Joint Commission on Church Union, pages 149-150) and that from the date of this amendment any rationalization or development of property in a Union Parish must be on this basis.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Samoan Policy Committee meet twice yearly.
3. That Conference accede to the request of the Samoan Policy Committee

(a) That the following procedures apply for handling enquiries from congregations of the Samoan Conference for the use of Methodist property:

- i. That the Rev. S. Amituanai be consulted in person or by letter as soon as the request is received by the local Church.
- ii. That the Rev. S. Amituanai report the request to the Samoan Policy Committee.
- iii. That the Samoan Policy Committee through the Convener advise the President of the New Zealand Methodist Conference as to the nature of the Church's response to the request.

(b) That the use of Methodist property by Samoan Conference congregations be jointly reviewed every three years by the Samoan congregations and the Circuit concerned.

4. That the Samoan members of the Samoan Policy Committee be:
AUCKLAND: Folasa Tupu, Arona Galuvao, Fono Kitona, Alaivae
Aiolupo, Nagaseu Iosefa, Soolefai Toa, Sione Taa, Matamua Vili,
Matamua Samuelu, Maifala Toomata;
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY: Alesana Letoa, Solomona Usu.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Joe Unasa, Litala Tuimaseve.
WELLINGTON: Salafai Mika, Malo Tiapue, Iosia Taulelei, Lani Tupu,
Faleula Faguloa.

5. That the Samoan Policy Committee be requested to consider the suggestion that additional Palagi ministers be appointed to the Committee and it report to Conference 1978.

(b) METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Ruawai D. Rakena be designated for appointment by Conference 1978 as Tumuaki for a second term of up to six years.
3. That the Board for 1978 be:
Tai Tokerau: Samson Toia; Te Waihoroi Tana; Para Livingstone
Tamaki: Te Marunui Toki; Wikitoria Anderson
Waikato: Napi Waaka; Paringahau Waaka; Charlie Fenwick
Rohe Potae: Morehu Te Whare; Polly Hepi; Ripeka Anderson
Taranaki: Moke Couch; Hoani Heremaia; Ngaonepu Kahu
Poneke: Harold Darvill
Otautahi: Wati Tahere; Hiwi Couch; Riki Ellison;
Betty Hunapo; Barbara Miller; the President;
the Tumuaki
4. N.C.C. Maori Section representatives: Sam Toia; Rua Rakena;
Hana Hauraki; Napi Waaka

REPORT OF JOINT INTERIM BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the financial statements on page 416 be received and adopted.
3. That the District Overseas Missioners Conveners be:

Northland	Rev. M. Rutherford
Auckland	Rev. P. Taylor
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	Rev. D.H. Burt
Taranaki-Wanganui	Rev. G. Hopkins
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	Rev. G. Sharp
Wellington	Mr R. Fleury
Nelson	Mr C. Palmer
North Canterbury	Rev. A.C. Watson
South Canterbury	Mrs E. Pethick
Otago	Mrs D. Herbert
Southland	Rev. Norma Graves
4. The Conference conveys its greetings and congratulations to Sister Lucy Money on her achievement of 30 years service to the Church and the people of the Solomon Islands.
5. (a) That the Methodist membership of the Joint Board for 1977-78 be: Revs. J.H. Roberts (Methodist Convener), D.H. Bruce, L.C. Clements, W.D. Griffiths, B.K. Rowe, Mr I.F. Faulkner, Mrs V.I. Dowie and Dr. Jennifer Keightley (Mrs J. Ridley).
(b) That the current Methodist members of the Joint Board meet annually with the Chairman of the Auckland District to discuss the recommended membership of the Board for the ensuing year.
6. That Conference thanks the following Board members for their service, especially the Rev. R.F. Clement who has been associated with the Board since 1963: Revs. R.F. Clement, M. Te Whare, P.F. Taylor and Mr B. McKerras.
7. That Conference congratulates the Rev. R.F. Clement on his appointment to the Leprosy Mission, New Zealand.

OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Overseas Ecumenical Committee serves as co-ordinating body for study and travel and asks the Ecumenical Committee to draw up appropriate guidelines.
3. That the Rev. Peter E. Glensor be a corresponding member of the Ecumenical Committee.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON MISSION OVERSEAS

(Minutes of Conference 1976, p.179, Res.3)

NOTE: The report of the Special Sub-Committee was presented to the Presbyterian Assembly (meeting in Christchurch) and to Conference. Following discussion in Assembly and Conference a meeting of representatives of the Presbyterian Assembly and Conference was held. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to for presentation to Assembly and Conference. The numbering of the clauses is the same as those used in the Special Sub-Committee's report.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Joint Interim Board be known as "the Joint Board for Mission Overseas of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand" and that the Overseas Mission secretaries be members of the Board and be additional to 8 Methodists and 12 Presbyterians.
3. That the statement entitled "Mission Overseas - Basic Principles and Policy" (Section III of the Report) be adopted as expressing the general approach of the Church to its mission overseas.
4. (a) That the secretariat be a team of two appointed by the Joint Commission of Conference and Assembly, and both will be equal in status but for the purpose of continuity in relationships with Churches both at home and abroad one to be designated General Secretary and the other Associate General Secretary, and the terms of reference for their respective tasks be spelled out by the Joint Board using the general principles outlined in the Special Sub-Committee's report.

(b) That the Confence and Assembly give authority to the Joint Board to appoint such ancillary staff as is needed to make the functioning of the Joint Board effective in terms of publicity and the promotion of the work in New Zealand and overseas with particular consideration being given to asking for special overseas people to be seconded for significant periods to strengthen the importance of Church to Church relationships.

(c) That the Joint Board review the adequacy of staffing with special reference to the position of the third secretary and report to the 1979 Conference and General Assembly.

5. That the method of appointment as proposed for the General Secretary as set out in the report be adopted as the procedure for all secretarial appointments, and that Conference and Assembly appoint according to their normal procedures their respective members of the proposed Commission.

6. That the Joint Board on Mission Overseas consult with the Presbyterian International Relations and Ecumenical Affairs Committees, and with the Methodist International Affairs and Ecumenical Committees concerning their mutual relationships and methods by which they can work in close cooperation, the initiative in beginning consultation to be with the Joint Board on Mission Overseas.

7. That the Theological Colleges of the Churches be encouraged in their promotion of courses relating to the Christian faith in Asia and the Pacific.

8. That the Special Sub-Committee be thanked and discharged.

9. That the 10 Methodist members of the Commission to appoint the secretaries of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas be: The President (Rev. J.A. Penman), Revs. R.D. Rakena, R.F. Clement, P.E. Glensor, K.J. Taylor, B.H. Turner, Messrs E.G. Heggie, I. Shakespeare, Mesdames J. Dey, V.I. Dowie.

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY

This report is presented to Conference in the midst of the Anglican decision-making concerning the Covenant and Unification of the Ministry. The position is that four Dioceses have voted in favour of the proposition and three against, which is a similar voting pattern to that of the Plan for Union. Because of the confused situation and the unlikely event of a clear mandate being given, it is not possible to indicate any clear sense of direction for the future.

In the light of the above, the Church Union Committee decided not to implement the decisions of the last Conference, namely, that the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministry be forwarded to Synods for their study and decisions. It was felt that the Synods would in all probability give an affirmative vote. If this were not matched by a positive vote by the other negotiating Churches, it would not help relationships between the Churches. Instead, the following resolutions were forwarded for consideration by the Synods:

1. We affirm our continuing commitment with the other negotiating Churches to seek the wider unity of the Church.
2. We agree in principle to sharing in a Covenant which involves Unification of Ministry.
3. We deem it inappropriate to respond to the detailed proposals of the J.C.C.U. until the mind of the Anglican Church which initiated the proposals, is known.

All Synods have indicated their approval of the above resolutions, and the effect of this approval is that we now await the outcome of the Anglican General Synod.

THE FUTURE OF THE J.C.C.U.

Irrespective of the outcome of the voting concerning the Covenant and Unification of the Ministry it is clear that the role of the J.C.C.U. will be greatly changed in the future. At its meetings next year consideration will be given to the structures necessary for the continuation of effective discussion and decision.

We see the need to ensure that the negotiating Churches relate to one another on three levels. They will need:

1. To facilitate discussion and common decision on matters of doctrine, liturgy etc.
2. To ensure that pastoral care of Union and Cooperating Parishes and other ventures is exercised with sensitivity.

3. To promote the mission of the Church in contemporary society

At the point of restructuring the Church Union Committee will need to give further thought to changes in its membership. In the meantime, it is recommended that representation on the J.C.C.U. and the membership of the Church Union Committee remain substantially the same as at present.

THE FUTURE

Although it may not be possible to proceed with the implementation of the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministry, there still remains the imperative contained within the Gospel itself to seek the unity of the Church. There is evidence that this is being taken seriously in many areas of the Churches' life. This process will still need to be guided into constructive and appropriate channels and the Churches will have continuing responsibility in this area. The whole Church must be called to think again, and to respond in ways which are appropriate to the present situation.

To facilitate this we request the J.C.C.U. to convey a written invitation from the Methodist Church to each of the negotiating Churches to share in a working consultation on "The Unity of the Church in New Zealand". Such a consultation would, we suggest, include the following:

- (a) An appraisal of the work already undertaken towards the recovery of the unity of the Church.
- (b) A re-examination of the basis for further action in the areas of Theology and Mission.

It is the conviction of the Committee that the long period of decision-making has caused the sense of mission to be lost and the vision to be blurred. Unless we can recapture a sense of God's imperative and urgency in mission we are not going to move ahead with any sense of joy and expectancy. We see the proposed Consultation as a real contribution to the awakening of a new sense of purpose.

RETIREMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE J.C.C.U., THE REVD. JAMES E. STEWART

At the end of this year Mr Stewart retires from the position of full-time Secretary of the J.C.C.U. We are grateful that he is able to continue in a part-time capacity for a few months. The Methodist Church is appreciative of the devotion, the theological insights and the patience of Mr Stewart. We are aware that in his work he was ably supported and encouraged by his wife Joan. As they retire from the active ministry we would assure them of our sincere appreciation of their work and their friendship and pray that they, with us, may see more of the harvest of their labours in the years to come.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the report of the J.C.C.U. be received.
3. (a) That we affirm our continuing commitment with the other negotiating Churches to seek the wider unity of the Church.
(b) That we agree in principle to sharing in a Covenant which involves Unification of Ministry.
(c) That we deem it inappropriate to respond to the detailed proposals of the J.C.C.U. until the mind of the Anglican Church, which initiated the proposals, is known.
4. (a) That the J.C.C.U. be asked to convey a written invitation from the Methodist Church to each of the negotiating Churches to share in a working consultation widely representative of each Church on a theme such as "The Unity and Mission of the Church in New Zealand in the 1980's".
(b) That when the replies have been received, the J.C.C.U. be invited to appoint a Committee to consult with the Churches as to
 - i. the time of the Consultation
 - ii. the Agenda of the Consultation
 - iii. the representation at the Consultation
 - iv. the possibility of a unilateral or bi-lateral dramatic, declaratory and costly action to advance the unity of the Church.
5. That in the meantime the representatives on the J.C.C.U. be Messrs E.G. Heggie, G.H. Peak, the Revs. B.E. Jones, B.K. Rowe, R.D. Rakena and W.J. Morrison. Proxies - the Revs. C.D. Clark and A.K. Woodley.
6. That the members of the Church Union Committee be the Revs. A.K. Petch, E.D. Grounds, P.A. Stead, R.D. Rakena, D.B. Gordon, J.J. Lewis, B.E. Jones, W.S. Dawson, G. Brazendale, J.H. Roberts, W.G. Tucker, S. Amituana'i, W.J. Morrison (Convener), Mesdames E. Beresford, M. Clark, V.I. Dowie, Messrs A. Bailey, R.J.B. Clark, H.M. Denton, R.A. Overend and G.H. Peak.
7. That the Conference expresses its sincere appreciation for the devoted service rendered by the Rev. J.E. Stewart as Secretary of the J.C.C.U., and wishes him well in his retirement.

QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be adopted.
2. That the Rev. Wilf. Falkingham be reappointed as official representative and Convener of the New Zealand Social Service Association.
3. That Mr M.E. Lloyd be appointed Treasurer.
4. That the Board of Administration and the Methodist Social Service Association Executive confer regarding future Social Service policies and strategy.
5. That the M.S.S.A. Committee studying Circuit Involvement in Social Services be requested to continue its work and bring a report to Synods 1978.
6. That Conference draws the attention of the Connexion to the potential in the Church for fostering of children; the willingness of Central Service Agencies of the Church to act in an enabling and facilitating role with Circuits who plan the extension of social welfare and community work.

We also draw the attention of congregations to the opportunities for professional social work training that is available through the Everil Orr Social Workers' Training Fund.

QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.?

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. D. Bruce Gordon be appointed 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 1978 be the Revs. D.B. Gordon (Chairman), M.L. Dine, E.D. Grounds, B.E. Jones, J.H. Vickery, Misses J.V. Fowler, R.K. McConnell, Messrs I.R. Souster (Secretary), H.T. Garlick (Treasurer), W.F. Christian, H.L. Clark, M.C. Copeland, C.W. Firth, N.W. Firth, G.M. Lawry, K.H. Lawry, K.J. Long, D.R. Norman, G.H. Peak, F.M. Souster, A.H. Winstone.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the Board for 1978 be: Miss D. Anstiss, the Revs. J.A. Penman, J.K. Taylor, Messrs G.G. Armstrong, E.D. Evison, H.F. Gardiner, L.E.M. Grace, J.J. Gray, J.B. McKinney, A.L. Olsson, R.G. Potts, D.D. Priestley, R.E. Sullivan, L. Taper, G.F. Whitlock and Dr. P. Roberts.

3. That the title of the "Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board (Inc.)", be changed to "Wesley Social Services Trust Board (Inc.)".

4. Whereas:

(a) the Methodist Church of New Zealand considers that it is desirable for the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board (Inc.) to have wider powers of investments than under its present Constitution,

(b) it accordingly passed a resolution (Minutes of Conference 1969, p.230, res.2) providing for such wider powers.

(c) For various reasons registration with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies was not completed at that time.

It is desirable to reaffirm that resolution in view of the time elapsed.

(d) This Conference therefore resolves as follows that the Constitution of the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board (Inc.) be amended as follows:

"Paragraph 11. Investment of moneys

Acting on the advice of professional experts and subject to the approval of the Legal Adviser in respect of investment of funds not coming within the scope of authorised Trustee Investments, all moneys held by the Board for and on behalf of any purposes connected with the Trusts herein declared and which the Board may think proper to invest may be invested in the name of the Board in all or any of the modes of investment for the time being authorised by the Law of New Zealand or of Australia, Canada or the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in debentures, debenture stock guaranteed preference ordinary or deferred shares or guaranteed preference ordinary or deferred stock issued or guaranteed by any company incorporated in any country of the British Commonwealth and whether bearing any liability for uncalled capital or not to deposit with and/or invest with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and to vary or transpose such investments into or for the others of any nature hereby authorised or the Board may use such moneys in aid of any home, school, college, or institution established by the Board or otherwise in the administration of the trusts and purposes herein declared".

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1977-78 be: Mrs J. James (Social Worker), Miss B. Zurcher (Home Support Worker), Mr and Mrs G. Humphries (West St. Hostel), Messrs K.M. Fay (Chairman), Mr M.O. Boniface (Treasurer), J. Andrew, N. Bird, M. Hancock, D. Petersen, G. Olsen, B. Passey, C.B. Radcliffe (corresponding), Mesdames V.M. Osborne (Secretary), R. Gordon, Rev. E. Trask, plus representatives from the Anglican Children's Trust and Presbyterian Social Services.
(Director to be appointed.)

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for 1978 be: Revs. W.E. Falkingham (Chairman), O.L. Christian, I.L. Clarke, A.W. Tahere, Dr. I.D. Blair (Secretary), Mr M.E. Lloyd (Treasurer), Mesdames C. Ford, S. Mangels, C.A. McNaughton, N.M. Warriner, O. Worboys, Dr. D. Lewis, Messrs N.P. Alcorn, J.R. Bain, S. Batty, A.A. Dingwall, R. Flesher, N.G. Hillary, W.G. Jenkins, W.D. Mottram, F.B. Patchett, R.K. Price, C.B. Radcliffe, J.E. Rothera, A.G. Worboys.

DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev. D.S. Mullan be appointed for a further term of up to 6 years as Superintendent of the Dunedin Regional Mission.
3. That the Board of Management for the Dunedin Regional Mission be: Revs. D.S. Mullan (Superintendent), R.A. Burton, E.R. Lewis, Misses M. Guthrie, E. James, Messrs F.W. Wilson (Secretary), K.M. Autridge, A.R. Crosbie, S.S. Holden, D.E. Hughes, A.L. Hunter, A. Mabon, R.N. McLeod, E.A. Smith.

QUESTION 42—(c) Children's Homes?

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board for 1978 be Mrs Daphne Pratt (Chairperson), Mr Keith McLeod (Vice-Chairman), Mr Bruce Smith (Secretary), Mesdames Christine McLeod, Isobel Campbell, Mr Frank Clark, Rev. Peter Glensor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board for 1978 be: Revs. W.A. Chambers (Chairman), W.E. Falkingham, C.J. Keightley, A.A. Grundy, Sister Rona Collins, Mesdames P.M. Milne, I.F. Read, A. Stackhouse, Messrs N.P. Alcorn, A.J. Fraser, C.R. Hasseldine, L.G. Reed, G.H. Thornton, D.G. Watson, E.M.H. Watts.
3. That Conference commends the action of the Boards of the South Island Children's Home and Christchurch Central Mission in seeking a satisfactory basis for the amalgamation of the two Boards and authorises the President to action the completion of the amalgamation upon the presentation of a basis of agreement acceptable to the two Boards, the North Canterbury Synod and the President's Legal Adviser.

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

- (a) The Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

A. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference hereby authorise the President, on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser, to approve the Constitution of the Board of Administration.
3. That the Board of Administration be Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 at Christchurch.

B. PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS
OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN EN BLOC

(re Reports, p.215, no.2, amended)

2. In order to safeguard the rights of members of Conference to speak on any report/resolution, any member may by simple request to the Chair, have removed from the "en bloc" procedures any report/resolution.

RESOLUTION

1. (a) That the en bloc procedures as set out in the report be used by this Conference and the Standing Orders interpreted accordingly.
(b) That in the light of experience the en bloc procedures be revised by the Welfare of the Church Committee, to report to Synods and Conference 1978.

C. EQUALISATION FUND

RESOLUTION

1. (a) That the report on the Equalisation Fund be received as an interim report.
(b) That Conference encourage the Board of Administration in presenting a further report which reflects consideration of the purpose, composition and appropriate frequency of Conference.

D. CENTRALISATION OF BANKING

RESOLUTION

1. That the distributable surplus from the Administration Division's Special Account be available for allocation by the Conference Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail.

2. That the Memorial from the Wanganui Circuit concerning the implementation of Centralisation of Banking be referred to the Board of Administration for its information and consideration.
3. That the Board of Administration and the Investment Board be asked to report to Synods and Conference 1978 on the guidelines and criteria for investment of funds being currently applied by the Boards.

E. CONTINGENT FUND

RESOLUTION

1. That the name be change from Contingent Fund to Connexional Expenses Fund.

F. MR H. DE R. FLESHER

RESOLUTION

1. That Conference in terms of the Board's Report express its appreciation to Mr H. de Rie Flesher for his 30 years of devoted service as the President's Legal Adviser.

G. THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER

RESOLUTION

1. That Mr Geoffrey H. Peak, LL.B., be appointed the President's Legal Adviser.

H. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

I. A COORDINATED LOAN POLICY

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Board of Administration pursue the policy of coordinating the loan functions for Church projects, arrange for such lending for the acquisition of Church plant to be done by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and that the following rates will apply:
 - (a) Administration charges only, as decided by Conference 1977 for lending funds from the Capital of the C.B. & L. Fund.
 - (b) A compositerate for lending funds from all other sources.
2.
 - (a) That the loan functions of the Transport Trust Board (Inc.) be carried out by the Board of Administration.
 - (b) That a Ministers' and Lay Workers' Loan Fund, administered by the Board of Administration, be authorised.

J. THE METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

RESOLUTION

1.
 - (a) That a Methodist Provident Society be established.
 - (b) That Conference hereby authorises the President, on the recommendation of the Legal Adviser, to approve the Constitution of the Methodist Provident Society Ltd.
 - (c) That the Methodist Church of New Zealand guarantees the repayment of any deposit with the Methodist Provident Society Limited.

K. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

L. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1.
 - (a) That as from 1 February 1978 Supernumerary Fund benefits be on the basis of years of contribution and attained age.
 - (b) That at the discretion of the Board the benefit payable to the widow of a minister who dies in full Connexion may be based on 35 years contribution and attained age of 60 years.
2. That as from 1 February 1978, the contributions by members and the equal subsidies from the Church be increased from 7½% of stipend to 10% of stipend.

3. (a) That as from 1 February 1978 subsidies from the Church to the Home Acquirement Fund be suspended and that ministers be no longer required to contribute to the Home Acquirement Fund.
(b) That as from 1 February 1978 the Home Acquirement Fund will be invested by the Supernumerary Fund Board and each minister's credit increased on an annual basis according to the result of such investment.
(c) That withdrawal of funds currently deposited with the Home Acquirement Fund shall be permitted for the purchase of a residential property only.
4. That as from 1 February 1978 ministers will be free to contribute to a new Home Savings Fund such amounts as they choose.
5. That Clause 56, page 116 of the Law Book be amended to include:
 - (a) That a minister resigning from the ministry shall basically be entitled to a refund of personal contributions to the Supernumerary Fund.
 - (b) The Board may, after consultation with the member resigning, invite or urge such minister to remain a member of the Fund while ceasing to contribute. At such member's chosen retirement age the pension will be based on years of personal contribution.
 - (c) If however the minister chooses to withdraw from the Fund the following provisions will apply:
 - (i) A minister withdrawing within 5 years of joining the Fund shall be refunded personal contributions only.
 - (ii) After 5 years of contributory membership a minister shall receive personal contributions with interest thereon, plus 2½% of the Church's total subsidy for each year of that contribution.
6. That the last sentence of the Law Book, page 112, Sub-section 28, be repealed and substitute therefor the following...

That a minister may elect to superannuate not sooner than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 55 years of age but not later than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 65 years of age.
7. That Section 512, Sub-section 9 (Law Book, page 109) be amended by adding the following Sub-section (g):
 - (g) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, on the official short-term money market and with such registered Trustee Companies, Building Societies, Local Authorities and other Bodies and Companies as from time to time may be approved by Conference for the investment of funds.

M. FIRE INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference authorises the Board of Administration to investigate insuring adequately all Methodist property where possible and report to Synods and Conference 1978.
3. That Section 518, 3A (Law Book, page 125) be amended by adding the following Sub-section (h):
 - (h) Deposit with an/or invest through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

N. GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section 517, Sub-section 7 be amended by the addition of the following Sub-section (h):
 - (h) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
2. BRADLEY ESTATE: Capital \$41,000
 - (a) That the capital be kept intact and invested in the Long-term Fund of the Methodist Trust Association.
 - (b) That Conference annually determines the use of the income on the recommendation of the Board of Administration after consultation with the Boards of the Divisions for the initial purpose of enabling research projects, in-depth studies and forward planning for the outreach and mission of the Church.
 - (c) That the Council of Mission prepares suitable guidelines.
3. THORNDON PROPERTY:
That thirty-three and one-third per cent of the Thorndon Deposit Account for the year ended 31 January 1978 be available to the Benevolent Fund of the Supernumerary Fund.

O. RESOLUTIONS ... TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES ... UNDER THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION

1. That the recommendations on pages 233-235 of the Reports be approved.

P. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:

- 43 (a) A. Board of Administration
- 39 (b) B. Church Building and Loan Fund
- 43 (c) C. Supernumerary and Allied Funds
- 43 (c) E. General Purposes Trust Board
- 43 (b) F. Transport Trust Board
- 43 (e) G. Contingent Fund
- 43 (g) H. Removal Expenses Fund

2. That the Board of Administration for 1978 be: the General Secretary, the Finance Manager, the North Canterbury District Chairman, Revs. D.G. Laws, D.S. Mullan, S.C. Grant, Messrs G.E. Hill, H.T. Francis, E.G. Heggie, D. Hogan, K.C. James, A.A. Dingwall, D.A. White, C.B. Radcliffe, G.H. Peak, R.G. Pearce.

3. CONFERENCE: REPORTS - Questions for the Conduct of Business
In view of the need to update the questions, and as a consequence of a changed method in the production of the Conference Reports, Minutes and Year Book, the Board of Administration (in consultation with such other Boards, and Divisions as necessary) be asked to review the whole method for the conduct of Conference and its business and report if possible to Church Council 1978 but, if not, to Synods and Conference 1978.

4. That the question of

(a) suspending or amending the form of business of the 1979 Conference, and

(b) future of Annual Conferences

be referred to the Board of Administration for examination, with consultation where necessary and report if possible to Church Council 1978 or no later than to Synods and Conference 1978.

5. That apart from any other meetings of the General Purposes Committee the Committee meet each year prior to the October Stationing Committee and again prior to the second meeting of the Stationing Committee at Conference.

Note: This means that the personnel of this Committee will in future have to be established and notified to the General Secretary each year well prior to the October meetings.

6. That the Board of Administration in consultation with the Boards responsible for other Connexional Funds be asked as soon as possible to examine and report to Conference on the presentation of annual accounts.

7. That following the recent Conference moves to assist the wider utilisation of Trust funds and other capital resources throughout New Zealand, Conference 1977 request the Board of Administration to report to Synods and Conference 1978 on the implications of these decisions, with particular reference to the needs of the whole Church when the distribution of income from real estate and other appreciating investments is being considered by individual Trusts.

(Q) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The N.C.C. represents 11 Churches and covers many aspects of the Church scene and the Churches ecumenical activity in New Zealand life and society. The Conference should note the recent appointment of the Rev. Brian Turner as the first Methodist to be an Executive Officer of the N.C.C. Brian took up the post of Director of Christian World Service (the aid agency of the N.C.C.) in July. We wish Brian well and as Methodists will want to support him in his task of administering our aid effort and of educating New Zealanders about the issues affecting aid. We should note that the Christmas Appeal is one major effort of C.W.S. and is the Churches official recognition of our responsibility to the needs of the world. This Christmas the theme is "A Family Affair" and the target is ¼ million dollars.

The Church and Society Commission, located in Auckland, has Mr Gnanasunderam as its full-time secretary and this year has been continuing action in the areas of dialogue with the Jews, the Maori Land Rights issue, Church investments, and nuclear energy.

The General-Secretary, the Rev. A. MacLeod, keeps an administrative over-view of a full range of ecumenical activity. A new Human Rights Commission has been established to monitor this question and it has been active on problems in South Korea, the Philippines and Southern Africa. Keith Taylor is the Director of the I.C.C.I. which has undertaken a tremendous workload in dealing with immigration questions as well as directing the efforts of refugee re-settlement, particularly those from Chile and Vietnam. The theological dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church continues. One of the best means of ecumenical communication available today is the N.C.C. News Service which goes to all ministers and is available to any interested for \$3.00 a year.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of the Prison Chaplaincy Service. Les Clements was the first Chaplain appointed and this year Rex Goldsmith, the present senior Chaplain, retires. The Chaplaincy work has spread into 20 prisons as well as into other areas such as hospitals, industry (ITIM), universities and the police force.

Looking ahead it is hoped that another visit of Hans Reurdi Webber can be arranged for further more extensive Bible Study courses. Also it's hoped to plan further ecumenical youth conferences and the Council has offered to support the Year of the Child Programme. A "Forward Move" evangelical proposal under the leadership of Dr. Lewis has called not for a national effort but for more "local" response to the need to make Christ visible and meaningful for our nation. The N.C.C. can support such efforts and act as a sharing centre for ideas.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference welcomes the Rev. B. Turner as he takes up the task of Director of C.W.S. and assures him of its prayerful and practical support.
2. That Conference commends the C.W.S. Christmas Appeal "A Family Affair" to our congregations for increased and sacrificial support as a tangible sign of our commitment to the belief that we are part of one family in God's world.
3. That our representatives for 1978 be:
 - (a) Council: Rev. A. A. Grundy, Mesdames V. Dowie, M. Ingram, Messrs L. Cumberpatch, V. Eteuati, T. Pinau.
 - (b) Maori Section: Revs. Rua D. Rakena, Napi Waaka, Sister Hana Hauraki, Mr Sam Toia.
 - (c) Women's Committee: Mesdames O. Worboys, M. Chambers, plus one other.

QUESTION 43—(i) The Investment Board.

A. METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Investment Board for 1978 be: Messrs G.H. Peak (Chairman), H.P. Anderson, W.F. Christian, R.J. Fraser, K.G. Lee, L.V. Riesterer, C.R. Shoosmith, J.K. Torrance, A.H. Winstone, Revs. W.J. Morrison, S.C. Grant, A.K. Woodley (Secretary) and Dr. D.J. Janus (Executive Officer).
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 43—(i)

B. NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Investment Board for 1978 be the members of the Methodist Trust Association Board for 1978.

QUESTION 44—

(a) REPORT ON THE 1976-77
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 98.62% of allocations. This was a most gratifying result.

Comparative figures with previous years are:

	<u>Guaranteed</u> \$	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u> \$	<u>Percentage paid to</u> <u>non-Guaranteed</u> %
1976-7	171,407	284,953	98.62
1975-6	163,966	255,355	95.28
1974-5	123,526	280,590	98.11
1973-4	117,392	258,809	99.0
1972-3	109,691	248,233	97.0

Receipts from Circuits and Union Parishes (including District Expenses)

	<u>Allocations</u> \$	<u>Contributions</u> \$	<u>Percentage</u> %
1976-7	473,472	465,918	98.40
1975-6	443,095	429,342	96.90
1974-5	422,857	412,064	97.45
1973-4	392,726	382,988	97.52
1972-3	373,604	360,633	96.53

RESULTS

(a)	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully Paid</u>	
	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
1976-7	86	51	17	18
1975-6	88	45	20	19
1974-5	91	39	22	24
1973-4	97	40	22	13
1972-3	94	28	29	16

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached:

	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
	%	%
1976-7	98.70	93.36
1975-6	96.27	88.88
1974-5	97.37	84.46
1973-4	98.16	90.35
1972-3	97.70	84.11

A.K. WOODLEY, General Secretary

D.J. JANUS, Finance Manager

RESOLUTION

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

QUESTION 44—

(b) REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL
BUDGET 1978-79

1. BACKGROUND

With ongoing inflation, uncertain economic conditions, and the formation of a variety of Church structures with Methodist participation the pressure on the financial resources of the Church and on Church members is continually increasing. Less members have to shoulder rising costs. Fortunately the trend of non-offering income (from Goodwill shops etc.), as a percentage of overall Circuit income, to increase is continuing and taking some of the pressure. Nevertheless the generosity of Church members and adherents will remain the prime source of income and each congregation is relied on to contribute its allocated share to the Budget. The expectation that they will not be found wanting gives us confidence that the financial support of the Mission of the Church will be forthcoming.

2. BUDGET EXERCISE

(A) COUNCIL OF MISSION'S PRELIMINARY STUDY

It may be as well to reiterate the task which the Conference (in 1974) requested the Council of Mission to undertake. As outlined in the report of the Special Committee on Budget Strategy and Priorities the Council should

- (a) examine the Divisions' Budget submissions
- (b) recommend priorities
- (c) prepare policy proposals
- (d) report to Church Council.

The Council of Mission in its September 1977 meeting thoroughly studied the Budget proposals prepared by the Divisions. The Council was aware at the commencement of its work that the askings from the Divisions for the 1978-79 Budget totalled

\$409,195 in comparison with \$325,642 allocated in the current Budget - an increase of 25.65%.

In seeking to determine the level of increase that could be possible for the 1978-79 Budget, the Council spent considerable time seeking to identify some of the fundamental issues which face us as a Methodist Church. No firm conclusions were reached and the ensuing descriptive list of the areas covered in discussion is not to be read as a considered judgement or a definitive report.

- * Our commitment to the ecumenical movement, especially in Union and Cooperative ventures, has eroded our base of support.
- * The encouragement given to the Ministry to find meaning and fulfilment in activities beyond the narrow confines of the Church has tended to diminish the servicing and equipping of the local congregation.
- * The viability of the Connexion is being called more and more into question.
- * At the same time as the Church, through the Conference, exercises detailed scrutiny and control over the activities and budgets of the Divisions it does not repeat the process at a local level.
- * Rationalisation of manpower, resources and property is an exercise for the whole Church - not just the Divisions.
- * At present the particular ethos and emphases of Methodism do not have general appeal with the New Zealand society.

An Assumed Increase

The Council found itself caught in the tension between an increase which was necessary to keep pace with inflation on the one hand, and on the other a figure which would be a reasonable goal for the Church at large. Obviously the increased askings of the Divisions of 25.65%, together with other significant increases would necessitate a Budget about 30% above this year's. The assumption was made that this could not be sustained.

In order to provide a working basis for the rest of the Council's deliberations, it was agreed that it be assumed that the Budget total for 1978-79 increased by 15%. With

(a) probable increases in other sections of the Budget rising above this figure e.g. Removal Expenses Fund; and

(b) the Retiring Funds component of the Budget rising from 23.19% in 1977-78 to 23.83% in 1978-79

it was felt that a 12½% increase for the Divisions would be reasonable. This meant a reduction of about \$43,000 from the askings of \$409,195.

After studying priorities and the implications, both long-term and immediate, of reduction of budget requests a minimum figure for 1978-79 within which each Division could work was established and recommended to Church Council.

(B) CHURCH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIONS

A meeting of Church Council and of the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail was held in Wellington on October 3, 4 and 5:

- (a) to receive the Report of Council of Mission;
- (b) to receive the Divisions' Budget requirements for 1978-79;
- (c) to decide on policy and determine priorities affecting the Connexional Budget;
- (d) to recommend a reasonable and attainable Budget figure, arrived at after taking into account available information, expected Church giving, priorities and last but not least the onslaught of inflation.

The survey of Circuit and Union Parish Financial Statistics for the year 1976-77 was available. It gave an indication of trends and contained other useful information. Total offerings showed a rise of 9.39% which was 2% more than last year. Individual giving increased by 15.86%, which shows that Church members have responded to the needs of the Church. However, it is equally clear that the reduction in membership is making itself felt very strongly, a matter Church Council is painfully aware of.

Total Circuits' Expenditure

The following table compares actual to projected expenditure for the last two years, on a percentage basis.

	Projected 1975-76	Actual 1975-76	Projected 1976-77	Actual 1976-77
	%	%	%	%
Stipends and Allowances	57	54.35	54.0	53.16
Miscellaneous Local Expenses	7	8.03	8.5	13.58
Connexional Budget Payments	23.5	23.74	24.5	23.08
Local Trusts	12.5	13.88	13.0	10.18

This year a standardised form was used by Circuits to report income and expenditure. The change in reporting resulted in some shift in the Miscellaneous Local Expenses percentage and the percentage available for Local Trusts as recorded. Combined, the actual Circuit income available for local spending was 21.91% (1975-76) and 23.76% (1976-77) respectively.

The increases in stipends in recent years, as well as sharply rising transport costs, have meant that stipends and allowances absorb well in excess of 50% of Circuit income, as shown in the table.

On the assumption that stipends will rise by 12½% in 1978-79 over 1977-78 and transport and local costs increase by another 15% over 1977-78 and Circuit income increases by 11.5% in the current year over last year and again by 11.5% in next year over the current one, the estimated total Circuit income for 1978-79 is \$2,051,600. Stipends and allowances will require 56.62% of this, leaving 43.38% for Budget payments and local Circuits' and Trusts' expenditure.

Church Council studied the financial needs of the Church in the light of all factors involved. There is no doubt that to keep pace with inflation income needs to rise. After considerable discussion in which the ability of the Connexion to carry this increase was seriously looked at, it resolved that an increase of 15% in the Connexional Budget be adopted. (This brings the total Budget up to \$634,800, which is recommended to Conference, see hereunder.)

It should be noted that the allocation from the Connexional Budget does not support all the work of the Divisions and also that Trinity College and the "New Citizen" have to rely on other income to be able to continue.

The support of the centralisation of banking scheme has been most gratifying. Lending from our Special Account for Church purposes now results in the generating of income. This direct result of Connexional cooperation is proposed to be used towards the Budget, so that it will benefit the whole Connexion.

(C) FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF DETAIL'S DELIBERATIONS

After examination of the proposed Budget and making adjustments, the recommended Budget figure was set at \$634,800. This Committee after deliberations decided on the spreading of it and reached a consensus on District allocations. The list of District allocations consented to is attached.

(3) BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE CHURCH

In presenting the Budget to the Church, especially at Parish level, it seems important that members be made to realise that, on an average, more than 53% of Circuit income is needed to finance the cost of ministry, including transport costs. Further, that about 23% is paid to the Connexional Budget and that the remainder is for local expenditure and local Trusts. However, of the 23% in Budget payments the Connexion uses more than one-fourth (27%) to subsidise the Ministers' Supernumerary Fund and to pay for removal expenses, thereby reducing to 17% (of Circuit income) the contribution which supports the wider Connexional work.

This is the picture:

How is each Connexional Budget Dollar used?

(1976-77 basis)

Supernumerary Fund contributions	22 cents
Removal Expenses	3 "
Divisions (excluding Overseas Division)	39 "
Overseas Division	19 "
Miscellaneous Funds	12 "
Overseas Aid	1 "
New Citizen	4 "
	<u>100 cents</u>

How is each Circuit income Dollar used?

(1976-77 basis)

Ministers' stipends, allowances and transport costs	53 cents
Ministers' Supernumerary Fund contributions and removal expenses	6 "
Local Expenses and Local Trusts	24 "
Divisions (excluding Overseas Division)	9 "
Overseas Division and Overseas Aid	4 "
Miscellaneous Funds	3 "
New Citizen	1 "
	<u>100 cents</u>

Average giving per member

As reported last year the target for average giving per member for 1977-78 is 12½% over the 1976-77 figure (\$74.13). For 1977-78 it therefore should be \$83.40 and for 1978-79 \$95.91 (target 15% over 1977-78) per member. With declining membership it may well have to be close to \$100.00.

J.S. HOSKING, Joint
D.J. JANUS, Conveners

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1978-79 be \$634,800 to be allocated as follows:-

\$ 1977-78 <u>ALLOCATION</u>		\$ 1978-79 <u>REQUESTED</u>	\$ 1978-79 <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
	<u>DIVISION OR FUND</u>		
	<u>Guaranteed Funds</u>		
88,250	Supernumerary Fund	141,242	141,242
29,417	Home Acquirement Fund	-	-
3,544	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	4,150	4,150
4,836	Deaconess Retiring Fund	5,373	5,373
1,940	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	506	506
11,000	Removal Expenses Fund	28,810	33,819
33,470	Conference Contingent Fund	47,321	42,497
	<u>Miscellaneous Funds - Guaranteed</u>		
5,520	1½ Aid	7,036	6,348
6,037	National Council of Churches	6,590	6,590
1,100	World Council of Churches	1,250	1,250
3,835	Churches Education Commission	4,000	4,000
5,990	NCC University Chaplaincies	6,120	6,120
2,000	Overseas Travel Fund	1,847	2,000
1,500	Overseas Travel Programme Unit	1,500	1,750
	W.C.C.		
2,175	J.C.C.U.	2,250	2,250
450	Christian Conference of Asia	500	450
300	Pacific Conference of Churches	300	300
500	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
-	Visual Audio Aids Society	700	-
	<u>Non-Guaranteed Funds</u>		
41,392	Education Division	59,899	53,029
1,500	Education Division - Budget	1,500	1,500
	Promotion		
18,000	Board of Administration	41,126	28,655
16,500	Development Fund	17,260	13,260
60,283	Development Division	50,119	42,219
64,000	Maori Division	112,078	97,078
115,301	Overseas Division	130,048	127,048
23,000	"New Citizen"	25,000	25,000
-	Welfare of the Church	2,000	-
10,160	Investment Board	-	-
-	Church Building and Loan	4,565	-
	Fund Deficit		
552,000		703,599	646,934
-	Grant from Special Account	-	12,134
	Administration Division		
552,000		703,599	634,800

3. That the District allocations be:

Northland	\$ 15,055
Auckland	141,055
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	92,055
Taranaki-Wanganui	49,055
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	69,055
Wellington	74,055
Nelson	29,055
North Canterbury	103,055
South Canterbury	25,305
Otago-Southland	37,055
	<u>\$634,800</u>

QUESTION 45—What is the Report of Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1977

STAFFING

In August, the Council conveyed the following statement to the College Staffing Committee:

"The Trinity College Council, in seeking a Lecturer in Systematic Theology as replacement for the Reverend John Silverster, has recognised a need to consider the total Methodist representation at St. John's College.

In the light of our joint discussions and of subsequent reflection, the Council recommends the following:

1. That Dr. J.J. Lewis be appointed Ranston Lecturer for 1978-79 in the Old Testament field.
2. That, in accordance with the request of both Churches in 1976 for him to continue in the position until retirement, Dr. Lewis continue as Principal and Lecturer in Old Testament for two further years in 1980 and 1981.
3. That since, at the end of 1979, the Reverend B.K. Rowe will have completed five years as Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry, and in view of the fact that it has often been acknowledged that he is making a valued and significant contribution within the Pastoral Theology Department as well as in Continuing Education, Mr Rowe be designated Ranston Lecturer in the field of Christian Education, Homiletics and Ministry, with any necessary modifications or additions, to commence in 1980."

These recommendations have now been accepted in full by the St. John's College Joint Executive.

Following the advertising of the position of Tutor in Theology, it had been hoped that an appointment could have been made before Conference. This has not proved possible and the position is being advertised further afield. In the meantime, the Reverend John Silverster has been invited to assist two mornings per week in 1978, the arrangement to be semester by semester.

It is expected that the St. John's College Joint Executive will be in a position to make an appointment to the position of Lecturer in Biblical Studies before Conference 1978.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE GIVEN BY THE PRINCIPAL

The attention of Conference is drawn to the fact that this is the twenty-fifth year of service given to theological education by the Principal, the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis. During this quarter-century, very significant development has taken place and the interests of the whole Church, and particularly those of the College and of the students, have been exceedingly well served by the scholarship, the sensitive concern and the wise leadership provided by Dr. Lewis.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

Resignations have been received from Mr J.S. Caughey and the Revs. A.K. Petch, W.S. Dawson and L. Greenslade. The Rev. D.B. Gordon is being nominated to Conference as the new Chairman.

A.K. PETCH, Chairman
T.L. BENNETT, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received.
2. That the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council for 1978 be: the Revs. D.B. Gordon (Chairman), J.J. Lewis (Principal), J. Silvester, W.R.G. Loader, E.W. Hames, D.O. Williams, R.F. Clement, R.D. Rakena, P.F. Taylor, B.K. Rowe, J.H. Roberts, B.E. Jones, W.G. Tucker, J.H. Osborne, T.L. Bennett (Secretary), Mrs E.N. Tibble, Messrs A.M. McKerras, A.W. Neal, J.R. Osborne, L.W. Peak, L.V. Riesterer (Treasurer), F.M. Souster, S.G. Brooker, W.F. Winstone and a Methodist student representative.
3. That Conference expresses its sincere thanks to the Rev. A.K. Petch, B.A. for his service to the Church as a member of the Council since 1971 and as Chairman since 1973.
4. That Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the work of the Rev. J. Silvester, M.A. over a period of 14 years as Tutor in Systematic Theology at Trinity and St. John's College.
5. That Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the expert assistance given to the New Testament Department of St. John's Theological College by the Rev. Dr. W.R.G. Loader over the past 5 years.
6. That Conference expresses its grateful thanks to the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis for the devoted service and wise leadership he has given in the field of theological education over a period of 25 years.
7. That Dr. J.J. Lewis be appointed Ranston Lecturer for 1978-79 in the Old Testament field.

8. That, in accordance with the request of both Churches in 1976, for him to continue in this position until retirement, Dr. Lewis continue as Principal and as Lecturer in Old Testament for two further years in 1980 and 1981.

9. That since, at the end of 1979, the Rev. B.K. Rowe will have completed five years as Field Worker in Continuing Education for Ministry, and in view of the fact that it has often been acknowledged that he is making a valued and significant contribution within the Pastoral Theology Department as well as in Continuing Education, Mr Rowe be designated Ranston Lecturer in the field of Christian Education, Homiletics and Ministry, with any necessary modifications or additions, to commence in 1980.

10. That Conference welcomes the information regarding the possibility of a Lay Training Centre being established in Auckland and authorises the Trinity College Council and the Education Division to continue discussions with other interested Churches in the hope that the Centre be established at the earliest possible time.

11. That District Synods be encouraged through the Principal, to invite a representative from the Theological College to make known the present training work of the College.

QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of Conference in regard to: (a) The Order of Deaconesses?

DEACONESS ORDER

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board for 1978 be: the Revs. J.H. Osborne (Chairman), G. Brazendale (Warden), Sisters Barbara Miller, Joan Wedding, Mesdames B. Gatland, B. Hunapo, M. Robertson (Secretary), Messrs J.L. Crawford (Treasurer), W.H. Elliot, one representative of the St. John's College staff, three additional members to be nominated to the President.

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting College, Schools and Hostels?

A. WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference now designate the Rev. W.A. Chessum for reappointment by Conference 1978 for a period of three years from 1 February 1979 as Chaplain of Wesley College.

3. That the membership of the Wesley College Trust Board for 1978 be: Mr H.M. Denton (Chairman), Revs. R.F. Clement, E.W. Hames, G.I. Laurenson, A.K. Petch, R.D. Rakena, Messrs E.J. Beavis, J. Beever, B.K. Caughey, J.S. Caughey, W.F. Christian, C.W. Firth, T.L. Hames, J.W. Hull, C.A. Mansell, C.N. Nicholls, J. Peters, T.G.M. Spooner and A.M. Winstone.

B. RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

RESOLUTIONS

1. That this Conference offers the use of the Rangiatea Hostel to the Maori Affairs Department in partnership for accommodation of Maori boys and girls attending trade training and apprenticeship classes at the Taranaki Polytechnic starting 31 January 1978.

2. (a) That Conference is very reluctant to accept that alternative accommodation cannot be found for girls to continue their secondary education, and asks the Board to continue its efforts.

(b) That the Board encourages the girls with their parents to make alternative arrangements to enable them to continue their secondary education, the Board will continue to give pastoral care where necessary and will consider further financial assistance where cases of hardship arise from the need to change schools.

3. That the appointments to the Board under the Constitution be altered to appear as follows:-

(a) The Minister who for the time being shall be 1
Superintendent Minister of the New Plymouth Circuit.

(b) The Minister who for the time being shall be 1
Superintendent of the Taranaki Maori Circuit.

(c) One person nominated by the Board of the 1
Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational
Endowment Trust.

(d) One person nominated by the Kai Iwi Mission 1
Farm Trust.

(e) Two persons nominated by the Grey Institute 2
Trust.

(f) The District Synod Chairman or Deputy. 1

(g) Two representatives nominated by the 2
District Synod.

(h) Four representatives nominated by the 4
Taranaki Maori Circuit.

(i) Three representatives nominated by the 3
Maori Division Board.

(j) Three persons nominated by the Board having regard to the special needs of the Hostel arising from time to time.

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4. That the members of the Board be:
the Revs. G.T. Gilbert (Chairman), M. Couch, J.A. Penman,
L.F. Bycroft, L. Willing, J.H. Heremaia, Mesdames J. Armstrong,
R. Fenton, M. Mercer, Sister B. Miller, Miss R. Tattersall,
Messrs L. Fordyce, K.M. Okey, G. Hutton, G. Katu, E. Tamati,
P. Rakena, C. Fenwick.
Life Member: G. Koea.
Secretary/Administrator: L. Fox.

5. That Conference appoint Mr G. Koea a Life Member of the Board with Kaumatua status and the Constitution be amended for this purpose and when this action has been completed his position as a nominee by the Taranaki District Synod be filled by a nomination from the Taranaki Maori Circuit.

QUESTION 48—What are the resolutions of Conference in regard to:

A. BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received.
2. That Conference records the appreciation of the whole Church to the Rev. John Bluck for his work as Editor of the "New Citizen" and congratulates him on his appointment as Editor of "One World" for the World Council of Churches.
3. That the Board for 1978 be Mr E.H. Laurenson (Chairman), the Revs. B.E. Jones, J.B. Dawson, B.K. Rowe, M. Te Whare, A. Quigley, Dr. J.B. Salmon, Dr. G. Armstrong, Mesdames J. Moore, M. Blakeley, Messrs D. Lange, M.P., R. Connard, J. Leigh, D.R. Grounds (Treasurer).
4. That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the services of the Rev. J.B. Dawson as interim Editor.
5. That in view of the crucial stage of negotiations over the possible merger of Church newspapers, Conference direct the "New Citizen" Board to accept the invitation of the Presbyterian Communications Committee to send three Board representatives to their next meeting in Wellington to confer further on the matter.

B.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

1. (a) That the Development Division assume responsibility for the work of the Board of Publications.
(b) That as from July 1, 1978, the assets of the Board of Publications be transferred to Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, to be used to further the objects of the Board.
(c) That from the assets of the Board of Publications, \$500 be transferred to the Wesley Historical Society to assist with the publishing programme.

C. METHODIST RADIO AND T.V. COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference, in order to take more seriously its Radio and T.V. work, asks the Education Division in consultation with the Radio and T.V. Committee, to report to Conference 1978 on the implications of a proposal to include Radio and T.V. work in its area of responsibility.
3. That the Radio and T.V. Committee for 1978 be: the Revs. I.H. Robertson (Convener), R.S. Andrews, J.C.F. Mabon, K.C. Griffith, M.W. Greer, Mesdames E.J. Little, B. McNicol, J. Taylor, Messrs A. Alcorn, B. Jamieson. Corresponding members: Revs. W.A. Chambers, W.S. Dawson, W.F. Ford, J.A. Penman, F.E. Waine, Messrs B. Crichton and R.K. Wilkinson.
4. That the Methodist Radio and T.V. Committee engage in discussions with the Presbyterian Communications Department with a hope to engage in cooperative work in this whole area.
5. That recognising the controversy that surrounds the proposal to establish private religious radio stations, Conference does not endorse any particular application for a warrant, but affirms the place of religion on both private and national radio.

QUESTION 49—What is the report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Faith and Order Committee examine the whole of Section IV of the Law Book (i.e. paragraph 90-96, pages 12 and 13) and report to Synods and Conference 1978.

3. That the statement on parity of stipends be referred to Church Council.

4. (a) That the paper entitled "Communion Wine" be commended through the Synods as a study document for the Church, with particular reference to those Circuits and congregations for whom the use of fermented wine in the service of Holy Communion is currently an issue.

(b) That the paper entitled "Communion Wine" be referred to the Churches of the J.C.C.U. for information and possible response.

5. That the Faith and Order Committee be requested to prepare a statement of guidelines indicating what the term 'the discipline of the Church' refers to in such sections of the Law Book as paragraph 91, p.13, with reference to the significance of the Law Book, Resolutions of Conference, Presidential Rulings, and the Liturgy of the Church.

6. That the Faith and Order Committee address itself to the following issues and tasks and reports to Synods and Conference 1978:

(a) The quest for "Religious Experience" as currently manifesting itself in our Church life and in the Church at large.

(b) The Church's voice in politics.

(c) The revision of the 1967 "Order of Service for a Funeral".

(d) An 'ecumenically oriented' lectionary.

(e) The place of children in the Communion Service.

(f) The re-examination of the Alternative Order of Holy Communion.

(g) The establishment of appropriate formal contacts with the comparable Committees of the negotiating Churches.

7. That the Committee for 1978 be: Revs. R.F. Clement, J.B. Dawson, B.R. Eagle, E.W. Hames, J.J. Lewis (Chairman), L.J. Gibson, W.R.G. Loader, A.K. Petch, G.D. Pratt (Convener), R.D. Rakena, J.H. Roberts, L.P. Schroeder, J. Silvester, J.H. Vickery, Mesdames J. Dine, M. Gordon, a Theological student, plus Corresponding members: Revs. W.A. Chambers, G.E. Hawkey, C.J. Keightley, H. Gerritsen, E.R. Le Couteur, E.R. Lewis, W.J. Morrison, D.S. Mullan, J.A. Penman, I.C.E. Ramage, B.K. Rowe, W.L. Wallace, N.J. West, A.K. Woodley and J.H. Woolford.

8. That for the information of the Church, the Faith and Order Committee be asked to encourage the different ethnic groups in our Church to prepare a statement on 'The Faith' as it is experienced within their cultural tradition.

9. That the Faith and Order Committee undertake a theological study of the relationship of Christ to religions other than Christian, with a particular focus upon the point at which the Christian proclamation and the invitation to Christian commitment relates to forms of secular humanism within New Zealand society.

QUESTION 50—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Chaplaincy matters?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the greetings of the Conference be extended to Group-Captain R. Thorpe, O.B.E., on his recent award.
3. That the chaplains for 1978 be:
(a) Full-time: the Rev. J.I. Manihera (Army) at Waiouru.
(b) Part-time: the Revs. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), Mervyn L. Dine, S.C. Grant, J.S. Hosking, I.C. Norwell, K.J. Taylor and Napi Waaka.
4. That the Methodist representatives on Advisory Committees be:
Northern: the Rev. R.F. Clement
Central: the Rev. J.S. Hosking
Southern: the Rev. S.C. Grant.
5. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1978 be: Group-Captain R. Thorpe (Chairman), Mr H.F. Hart (Secretary), Revs. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), R.J. Hamlin, J.S. Hosking, J.I. Manihera, B.W. Neal, H.I. Shaw, K.J. Taylor, Messrs V.H. Cresswell, J.B. McKinney, D.J. Sellens and T. Quayle.
6. AMENDMENT: the name on line 31 of the Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee report should be altered to read Mr. Phillip Shaw.

QUESTION 51—What is the report of?

- (a) WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Revs. W.A. Chambers and L.R.M. Gilmore be appointed official N.Z. representatives on the Council of the World Methodist Historical Society.
3. That the N.Z. Historic Places Trust be warmly congratulated on their successful restoration of the Mangungu Mission House.
4. That the Society, in consultation with the President, arrange for the accreditation of (say) two N.Z. Methodists visiting Britain, at the Birmingham Conference of the World Methodist Historical Society, during 1978.
5. That the Administration Division be requested to investigate the possibility of some finance being provided towards the cost of the South Pacific Conference of the W.M.H.S. in 1980.

(b) CUSTODIAN OF EARLY RECORDS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

(d) COAT OF ARMS FOR NEW ZEALAND METHODISM

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 52—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

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee be appointed by the President, the Convener to be Mr G.H. Peak.

QUESTION 53—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Committees?

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That as from 1 July 1977 the minimum stipend rates be:

Ordained and Probationer Ministers	\$6,990
All Home Missionaries (including Probationers)	\$6,363
All Deaconesses (including Probationers)	\$5,789

3. That the principle of parity for all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses continue to be the subject of study for report to Conference 1978.
4. That the subject of allowances be further investigated for report to Conference 1978.
5. That the advisability of a questionnaire be further considered.
6. That Conference encourages the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail to continue its investigations of an improved budgeting procedure in view of stipend-related content of the Connexional Budget.
7. That the Central Committee on Stipends for 1978 be:
Rev. J.A. Penman (Chairman), Messrs C.A. Blazey, G.C. Burton, C. Davis, E.C. Flyger, L.R. Gibbs, J.C. Hanna, T.J. Martin, S.N. Roberts, E.G. Heggie, J.B. McKinney (Convener).
Corresponding members: Messrs N.P. Alcorn, E.A. Crothall, L.A. Davis, G.E. Hill, C.B. Radcliffe and Mrs V.I. Dowie.

QUESTION 56—(a) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

At HAMILTON on 4 November 1978.

(b) When shall the next District Synods meet?

At least quarterly, the August meeting to be held between 7 and 17 August 1978.

- ARTHUR PETER DORRIAN -

It is with a real sense of loss to the whole Church that the death of Arthur Peter Dorrian on September 12th, 1977, at the age of 75 years is recorded. Peter was born in Shannon, educated at Tokomaru and later took up employment in Wellington.

It was here that Peter received his call to the Ministry. He was one of that unique band of men who came into the Ministry through the Home Mission ranks. He knew what it was like to serve in the remote areas of New Zealand, and the peculiar difficulties and demands that those made on a Minister. He was probably the only Methodist Minister to be declared black by striking workers, and all because he had lunch with his Church Steward.

During this Home Mission period he served in Reefton, Bombay-Tuakau, North Hokianga and Kawhia.

He was received as a candidate for the Ministry in 1944 and served in the following Circuits - Dunedin (St. Clair), Dunedin North, Greymouth, Waimate, Christchurch East (Linwood), and Opunake. After his retirement he served part-time in the Apiti and Feilding-Oroua Circuits.

In his marriage in 1949 to Miss Avis Manley he found great happiness and encouragement, and Avis's death in 1976 was very deeply felt.

Peter's skill as a Preacher, his efficiency in his work, his great enthusiasm, humour and vitality will be long remembered. His openness, sound practical advice and straightness, commended him to all. His secretarial skills were put to good use at both District and Conference levels.

He had many interests. He was a skilled Organist and interested in Drama. He was deeply interested in Horticulture, Philately and Numismatics. Peter's humorous Monologues will not be easily erased from our memory.

To the end of his days he was an effective Minister of the Gospel and his faithfulness and devotion are treasured memories of all who knew him.

The whole Church expresses to his daughter, Mary, and

his son, Peter, a deep sympathy in their loss.

- JOHN STANLY OLDS -

Stan Olds was a man of intelligence, originality and courage. Standing worthily in a rich family tradition, he brought to the Ministry his own quite outstanding gifts as a Preacher, Pastor and Administrator; and the sheer single minded dedication of this man to Christ and his Church won a warm response in many hearts and earned him the respect and affection of a wide circle of people in the Community at large. In times so often characterised by confusion and uncertainty of belief, he stood out as a man of deep convictions, clearly and passionately expressed; and he was justly esteemed as a Broadcaster and for his evangelistic work, especially among young people. As an invited Missioner he contributed a great deal to the life of many circuits throughout the Country. Inevitably there were times when he seemed quite dogmatic - and we would show scant respect for one who so obviously knew himself as a sinner being saved by grace, if we tried to put him beyond criticism. Yet Stan's certainties were not easily won or narrowly conceived, and perhaps only those who were nearest to him knew of the times when this man whose positive and confident outlook helped so many people, had himself to fight the lonely battles of self-doubt.

Social concern and outreach into the Community were outstanding features of Stan Olds Ministry, and he was very much involved in the work of CORSO, Marriage Guidance, Family Planning Association, Citizens' Advice Bureau, etc., as well as being a member of the Churches' Education Commission and Dominion Chaplain to the Girls' Brigade. An award of the Queen's Jubilee Medal for Community Service was unsought but well deserved. As a Pastor, Stan's warm cheerful approach to people and his irrepressible sense of fun made it easy for them to relax, and he had an unusual capacity to be really 'with' people of all kinds - a capacity which he also put to good use as a part-time Industrial Chaplain in recent years.

But despite his many and varied activities, Stan Olds was, before all else, a dedicated Circuit Minister. After War Service with the YMCA in the Pacific and Italy, he trained at Trinity in 1946-48 and was appointed first to Kaikohe-Kawakawa and Port Albert where he **tasted the rigours** of rural ministry. His nine years at St. Peter's, Invercargill, will long be remembered for his wonderful contribution to the Youth Work and the complete rebuilding

of the Church. His time at the Auckland Central Mission, though not the happiest, gave him scope for a worthwhile Ministry among Youth, in the Prisons and the Inter-Church Counselling Centre. In his ninth year of Ministry at Upper Hutt when he died, he had done an immense amount towards the growth of that circuit, the erection of the Wesley Centre and the development of the Co-operating Parish which he led as Chairman of the Parish Council. The response to his death from so many people in Upper Hutt - far beyond the circle of the Church itself - was a spontaneous and moving tribute to what he had been and done amongst them. In all his circuits Stan put his gifts as a Musician at the service of the Church and he will be remembered too for his work with the Ministers Choir at Conference for many years. He was not very good at going slow - even when the Doctor told him to - not very good at looking after himself. But then, for that matter, neither was his Lord and Master.

Very much an Individualist, Stan Olds had long been a member of a Team Ministry, for when he married Viti Gosnell, herself also a child of the Parsonage, in 1946, he enlisted the help of one whose love and devotion and service to the Church matched his own. Very much a family man, the support of Viti and their four daughters, Christine, Marilyn, Cheryl and Heather, meant a great deal to his life and ministry. He was greatly loved by those who knew him best. Still within our ministry his two brothers Mac' and Norman, and two young men, his sons-in-law all thank God for his influence; and so do we all. Thank you StanThanks be to God!

- CHARLES EDWARD ROKE -

Born in Gisborne, 27th June, 1907 - Died, Tauranga, 13th August, 1977. In between these dates a lifetime of humble, dedicated service to the Kingdom of God.

At the age of nineteen he responded to the call of full time service and served in Huntly and Havelock as Home Mission Supply. Recognising the need to fit himself he entered B T I 1930/31. At the completion of his training he went to Raetihi where he met and married Gladys Urwin. Because of Depression Years no opening was available in the Solomon Islands. Charlie Roke and his wife sailed for the Chathams, where he founded the Chathams Gospel Mission. For sometime he was the only Christian worker on the Islands. They stayed there for 10 years before coming back to New Zealand. From the time of his return he served under the Methodist Church. His first appointment

was as a Home Missionary at Bluff, but after 2 years family responsibilities required 2 years leave. Returning to full time work in 1948, he served the Church at Kawhia, Ngaruawahia, Hamilton and Kamo. The Church recognised the quality of his work when it ordained him in 1959. The qualities that stand out in his life are those of faithfulness and dedication. Never sparing himself, his one desire was to proclaim the Gospel by word and deed. He effectively preached right up to his death. Uncomplainingly he laboured in difficult areas in difficult times. His Ministry was to Maori as well as Pakeha. His understanding of, and acceptance by, the Maori Race led to him working for 10 years as Superintendent of the Waikato Maori Circuit, and then Northland Maori Circuit. When he finally retired, it was to Kawhia where he could live with Pakeha and Maori. It was only ill health that took him to Mount Maunganui in the last year of his life.

A warm hearted and generous man, respected, trusted and loved. A man who regarded the task of serving his Lord as a joy and a privilege.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW BOOK
ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE 1977

VIII Removal Expenses Fund

Page 104 Section 509 Sub-section 3 is hereby amended by deleting the words "of Management of the Connexional Office" and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

(1977 Minutes Pg. 62)

(1977 Reports, Pg.234)

X Contingent Fund

Page 106 Section 511 Sub-section 2 is hereby amended by deleting the words "of Management of the Connexional Office" and substituting therefor the words "of Administration".

(1977 Minutes Pg.62)

(1977 Reports, Pg.234)

XI The Supernumerary Fund

Page 107 Section 512 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 to 6 inclusive and substituting the following therefor:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

(1977 Minutes Pg.62)

(1977 Reports, Pg.235)

Page 109 Section 512 Sub-section (g) is hereby amended by adding the following:-

- (g) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, on the official short-term money market and with such registered Trustee Companies, Building Societies, Local Authorities and other Bodies and Companies as from time to time may be approved by Conference for the investment of funds.

(1977 Minutes Pg.61)

Page 112 Section 512 is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence of Sub-section 28 and substituting therefor the following:-

A minister may elect to superannuate not sooner than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 55 years of age but not later than the end of the Connexional year in which he attains 65 years of age.

(1977 Minutes Pg. 61)

Page 116 Section 512 Sub-section 56 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:-

- (a) A minister resigning from the ministry shall basically be entitled to a refund of personal contributions to the Supernumerary Fund.
- (b) The Board may, after consultation with the member resigning, invite or urge such minister to remain a member of the Fund while ceasing to contribute. At such member's chosen retirement age the pension will

be based on years of personal contribution.

- (c) If however the minister chooses to withdraw from the Fund the following provisions will apply:-

- (i) A Minister withdrawing within 5 years of joining the Fund shall be refunded personal contributions only.
- (ii) After 5 years of contributory membership a minister shall receive personal contributions with interest thereon, plus 2½% of the Church's subsidy for each year of contribution.
(1977 Minutes Pg.61)

XII Ministers Home Acquisition Fund

Page 118 Section 513 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 & 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.
4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.
(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.233)

XIIA Ministers Retirement Home Fund

Page 118 Section 513A is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 4 & 5 and substituting therefor the following:-

4. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.
5. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.
(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.234)

XIII Deaconess Retiring Fund

Page 119 Section 514 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 & 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.
4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.
(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.233-4)

XIV Home Missionaries Retiring Fund

Page 121 Section 515 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 & 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of

Administration.

4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

(1977 Minutes Pg. 62)
(1977 Reports Pg.234)

XV Lay Workers' Retiring Fund

Page 122 Section 516 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-sections 3 & 4 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.
4. The provisions of Sub-sections 7 to 12 and 62 of Section 512 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.

(1977 Minutes Pg. 62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.234)

XVI The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board

Page 123 Section 517 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-section 2 and substituting therefor the following:-

2. The members of the Board of Administration shall be ex officio the members of and its Chairman shall be Chairman of the General Purposes Trust Board.

Page 123 Section 517 is hereby further amended by adding to Sub-section 7 the following:-

- (h) Deposit with any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.235)

XVII Connexional Fire Insurance Board

Page 124 Section 518 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-section 3 and substituting therefor the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

(1977 Minutes, Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.235)

Page 125 Section 518 is hereby further amended by adding to Sub-section 3A the following:-

- (h) Deposit with and/or invest through any Board or Body administering funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

(1977 Minutes Pg. 62)

XVIII The Church Building and Loan Fund

Page 126 Section 519 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-

section 3 and substituting the following:-

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration.

Page 126 Section 519 Sub-sections 4 to 7, 11 to 15, 17 and 20 are hereby amended by deleting the words "the Committee" or "the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee" wherever the same appears and substituting therefor the words "the Board".
(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.235)

Page 146 Connexional Funds and Trusts

Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Trust Board
(See 1950 Minutes of Conference, page 150).

It is hereby resolved that Clause 3 to 6 of the Board's Constitution be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:-

3. That members of the Board of Administration shall be ex officio the members of and its Chairman shall be Chairman of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Trust Board.

(1977 Minutes Pg.62)
(1977 Reports, Pg.235)

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