

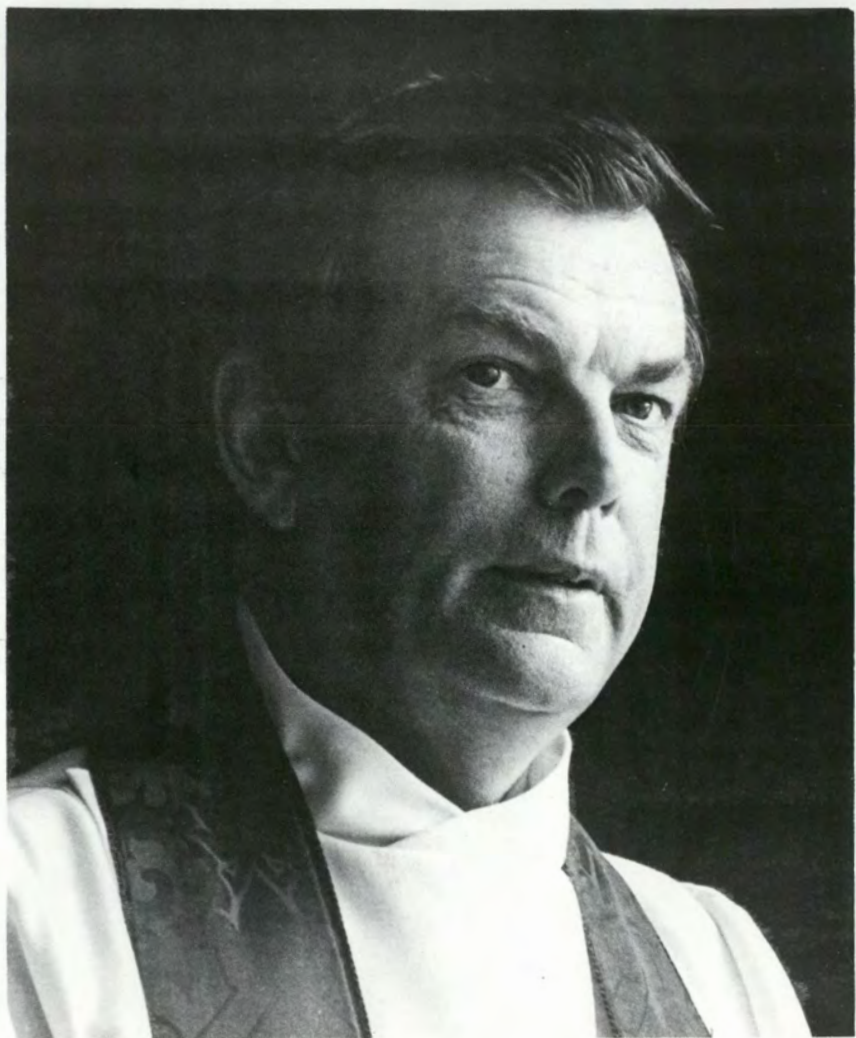
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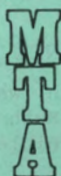
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OF THE

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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.

2. DD-Development Division. IC-Industrial Chaplain.
 MD-Maori Division. UC-University Chaplain.
 GS-General Secretary. ED-Education Division.
 OD-Overseas Division. HC-Hospital Chaplain.
 PC-Prison Chaplain. ThC-Theological College.
 CF-Chaplain to the Forces. SS-Self-Supporting Ministry.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	SS	Abbott, William K., 62 Celia Street, Stratford.	4030
1966	WA	Alexander, Roy M., Department of Pastoral Care & Education, Presbyterian Medical Centre, 1719 East Nineteenth Ave., Denver, Colorado, 80218, U.S.A.	3080
1968	1	Allan, Robert A., 126 East Belt, Lincoln	8160
1944	5	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 252 Lyttelton Street, Christchurch 2. Ph. 382-259 and 328-356 (Office) P.O. Box 33-077	8020
1969	WA	Alley, David R., 52 Totara Street, Invercargill	9110
1974	6	Amituana'i, Siauala, B.D., 53 Fife Street, Westmere, Auckland 2.	2600) DD 2010)
1973	4	Anderson, Ian E.M., 3 Park Avenue, Oxford.	8210
1956	5	Andrews, Roberts S., 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2. (Ph.837-409)	6030
1963	2	Ansell, David H., 4 Claude Street, Hamilton	3100
1979	1	Astley, H. Mary, 4 Tawa Road, Onehunga, Auck.	6.2210
1953	1	Baker, Frederick J.K., 61 Wainoni Road, Christchurch 6.	8030

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1963	5	Ball, Niven G., 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne.	5050
1965	2	Barnes, Stanley J., B.A., 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton. 	3100
1975	1	Bell, Anthony N., L.Th., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi. 	8180
1957	1	Bell, G. Basil W., Kokohuia Road, Omapere.	1060
1967	WA	Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138, Palmerston North. 	5100
1956	8	Bennett, George L., 23 Landscape Road, Pukekohe. 	2240
1955	5	Bennett, Trevor L., 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland. 	2190
1951	4	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 115 Main Road, Wainuiomata. 	6150
1954	4	Billinghurst, Noel D., 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara. 	4020
1971	1	Blundell, Warren H., 100 West., Feilding.	5120
1978	2	Bouchier, Johanna M., The Manse, Raglan.	3090
1959	1	Bowen, Lewis, 8 Hulke Street, Foxton.	5150
1955		Boyd, Edward P., 17 Lewis Street, Invercargill. 	9110
1960	7	Brazendale, Graham, M.A., 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8. 	2120
1969	1	Brookes, Norman E., M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera. 	2060
1941	9	Brown, Harold K., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson (Phone: 84-672) 	7010
1976	4	Bruce, Dougal H.C., L.Th., 50 Kitenui Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. ...	2010
1964	3	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Comm., A.C.A., 77 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland 6. ...	2190
1951	WA	Burrough, Amos W., 10 Linton Street, Palmerston North. 	5100
1949	5	Burt, Douglas H., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha. 	3050
1974	6	Burton, Restel A., 52 Queens Drive, St. Kilda, Dunedin. 	9020
1979	1	Bush, David, B.Sc., 5 Lenihan Street, Northcote, Auckland 9. 	2180
1944	1	Bycroft, Leslie, F., 16 Wheretia Street, Taupo. 	3180
1955	2	Cable, Wilfred H., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu. (Phone 5376) 	3250
1947		Campbell, M. Jackson, 68 Kiwi Cres., Tawa, Wellington. 	
1951	WA	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip. Ed., C/- P.O. Box 8809, Auckland. ...	2190
1944	11	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 20 Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch 4. 	8120

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1969	1	Chapman, Wallace C., 21 Horoeoka Street, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt. ...	6120
1965	7	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe.	2240
1950	1	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington. ...	6100
1965	1	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D. (Hons.), 4 Myers Road, Manurewa, Auckland.	2220
1965	4	Clarke, Ian L., A.C.A., 8A Fovant Street, Christchurch 4. (Phone 427-984)	8120
1942		Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 95 Beechdale Crescent, Pakuranga, Auckland 6.	2040
1947	2	Clements, Leslie C., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9. ...	2140
1951	2	Clucas, Ivan J., 48 Hillcrest Avenue, Rotorua.	3170
1965	2	Collingwood, Ronald C., P.O. Box 51-102, Pakuranga, Auckland 6. ...	2040
1960	6	Conway, James H., 42 Ngatai Street, Manaia	4060
1969	SS	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., 28 Turaki Street, Taumarunui.	3280
1968	11	Couch, Moke A.G., B.A., 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth.	4510
1953	WA	Craig, Hugh M.	9000
1957	6	Cropp, James F., 89 Eton Street, Ashburton.	8380
1962	WA	Currie, John B., B.A., 1423 Caroline Road, Hastings.	5020
1973	WA	Currie, Laurence H., C/- Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Ave, DALLAS, Texas, 75204, U.S.A.	
1968	2	Curtis, Darrell R., B.A., 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai.	1100
1941	5	Darvill, Harold A., 70 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie, Wellington 3. ...	6250)
1943	8	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland 3.	6510)
1954	3	Dickie, Arthur W., C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E., Tauranga Road, Waihi.	2010
1959	9	Dine, Mervyn L., 19 Hillside Crescent, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3. ...	3040
1969	3	Eagle, Brian R.J., 28 Marion Avenue, Mt. Roskill, Auckland 4. ...	2020
1954	WA	Eastwood, Eric R., 9 Markham Place, Bucklands Beach, Auckland. ...	2030
1948	WA	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., Tokanui, P.B. Te Awamutu	2050
1943	29	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., Central Mission P.O.Box 1449, Christchurch (Phone 66-745)	3250
1964	2	Felderhof, Ludwig, 34 Edmonton Road, Henderson, Auckland 8.	8010
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1966	WA	Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei.	1080
1979	1	Ferguson, Robert A., B.A., 61 King Edward Street, Kaponga.	4040
1949	5	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A. 8 Ingestre Street, Wanganui. (Phones: Office 57-394, Home 53-799)	4090
1957	4	Fowler, Irwin J., 406 Thames Street, Morrinsville.	3060
1952	4	George, R. Leslie, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington.	6080
1964	2	Gerritsen, Hendrik B.A., B.D., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7. ...	2080
1952	4	Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Avenue, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10. (Ph. 469-136 ED 2800)	2140)
1959	5	Gibson, Roger M. 27 Kenderdine Road, P.O. Box 61-171, Otara, Papatoetoe ...	2210
1951	6	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 83 Brougham Street, New Plymouth.	4010
1958	2	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 30 Kelso Street, Tokoroa.	3160
1940	4	Gilmore, Leslie, R.M., B.A., 15 Brookfield Terrace, Tauranga.	3190
1958	WA	Glen, Frank G., Myross Bush, R.D. 11, Invercargill.	9110
1976	4	Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 27 Worksop Road, Masterton.	6190
1950	8	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 10 Eden View Road, Auckland 3, (Ph. 866-387, P.O. Box 5104, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1, (Phone 32-443 Office).	2020
1955	4	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	2	Grant, Ian D., 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata.	3140
1973	1	Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.) 4 Jellicoe Street, Greytown. ...	6160)
1956	3	Graves, Norma M., 203 Chelmsford Street, Invercargill.	6170)
1976	WA	Green, Warren, P.O. Box 54, Palmerston, Otago.	9110
1977	1	Greenwood, I. Marie, B.Theol., 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5.	9020
1972	WA	Greenwood, Russell J., L.Th., M.A. 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5.	2060
1976	1	Greer, Michael W., L.Th., 85 Redwood Avenue, Tawa, Wellington.	2060
1959	3	Griffith, Keith C., 235 Karori Road, Wellington 5.	6110
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1969	2	Griffiths, Williams D., "Bridson House", 4 Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland 8.	2100
1943	1	Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3. (Phone 687-475) ...	2030
1960	2	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui, Christchurch 5. ...	8140
1960	4	Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 151 Kennedy Road, Napier. (Phone 38-665) ...	5010
1957		Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Winchester Street, Christchurch 1.	
1947	WA	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Dip.Tchg., Ph.D. (Qld.), 16 Sir Fred Schonnelly Drive, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.	2010
1952	5	Hall, John R., 31 King Street, Waiuku.	2260
1958	4	Hamlin, R. John, 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth.	7110
1954	1	Hammond, George M., 13 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra. ...	9170
1960	2	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., B.D., 44 Garden Road, Lower Hutt. (Home Phone 672-871) Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O.Box 6133, Wellington. (Phone 850-352) ...	6120 6800
1969	2	Harkness, Barry G., B.A., B.D., 29 McGregors Road, Christchurch 6.	8060
1962	4	Hawkey, Graham E., 79 Arthur Street, Timaru. (Phone 5625) ...	8310
1968	6	Hay, J. Cedric, 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland 10. ...	2140
1966	2	Hendry, Richard J., 92 Cambridge Street, Levin. ...	6220
1954	HC	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey Street, Christchurch 5. ...	8900) 8130)
1965	4	Herbert, C. Brice, Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia. ...	1010
1968	2	Hey, Roger J.E., 4 Tahuri Street, Epsom, Auckland 3. ...	2080
1962	WA	Hight, Arnold C., 12 Dallington Terrace, Christchurch 6. ...	8030
1948	2	Hilder, Basil J., 53 Seddon Crescent, Gisborne. ...	5040
1948	6	Hopkins, George C., 38 Gisborne Terrace, Opunake. ...	4070
1962	7	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., "Arohanui Family Village", 81 Middle Road, Havelock North.	5020
1960	9	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 4 Lichfield Street, Stoke, Nelson.	7010
1960	IC	Horrrill, C. Seton, 178A Lyttelton Street, Christchurch 2. ...	8100
1959	7	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 106 Rata Street, Lower Hutt. (Phone 670-652) Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O.Box 6133, Wellington (Ph.850-352) ...	6120)) ED 6800)

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1968	5	Jacobson, Patricia M., L.Th., 49 Bryndwr Road, Christchurch 5.	8130
1961	5	James, Russell E., 23 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch 2.	8080
1967	6	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E.(Melb.), 43 Ayr Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin. ...	9020
1962	7	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 11 Kakariki Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3 (P.O. Box 5023W) (Phone Office 71-843, Home 688-207) DD	2600) 2030)
1949	3	Keightley, Clifford J., 204 King Street, Rangiora.	8190
1957	1	Kitchingman, Henry W., P.O. Box 196. Dargaville. (Phone 8724)	1090
1956	IC	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Avenue, Hillmorton, Christchurch 2.	8110
1978	1	Kopelani, Falea'ana, 6 Lynton Road, Mt. Wellington, Auckland 6.	2180
1961	10	Langley, John E., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei.	1080
1963	6	Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., 120 Colombo Street, Christchurch 2.	8090
1968	2	Leadley, Alan J., B.A., B.D., M.A. (U.P.N.G.), 12 Lancewood Avenue, Hamilton. ...	3080
1977	3	Leary, Gordon A., M.A., Dip.Ed., 50 Wakefield Street, Westport.	7100
1953	5	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, 81 Gloucester Street, Greenmeadows, Napier. ...	5010
1958	8	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 31 Whitby Street, Mornington, Dunedin. (Phone 36-238)	9020
1942	27	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.), Principal's House, St. John's College, 202 St. John's Road, Auckland 5. (Ph. College 585-579, Home 580-426). Th.C.	2060) 2820)
1957	4	Mabon, John C.F., 39 Cleary Street, Lower Hutt.	6120
1965		Mackie, Bruce E., Pauline Place, Paparangi, Wellington.	6010
1968	8	Malcouronne, Brian J., B.A., 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland. ...	2100
1966		Manihera, John I., 205 Lagos Circle, Woodlands, Singapore.	
1961	WA	Marshall, C. Russell, M.P., 283 St. Hill Street, Wanganui.	4090
1968	2	McIver, Graeme M., B.A. 11 Redwood Street, Upper Hutt.	6140
1953	4	McKay, Archibald, W., 179 Regan Street, Stratford.	4030
1960	2	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., C/- Piula College, P.O. Box 199, Apia, Western Samoa.	

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1972	5	MacLeod, D.Ian, 3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood. (Phone 943S)	4110
1968	WA	Meredith, John D., 6 Roys Road, Plimmerton	6100
1978	2	Milner, Colin A., 47 Pennington Street, Leeston.	8170
1942	11	Morrison, William J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest (P.O. Box 11007), Hamilton. (Phones Home 64-244, Office 69-056)	3330
1960	8	Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin (Phone Office 70-303, Home 44-165)	9020
1964	2	Neal, Barry W., C.F., N.A., Dip.Ed., 37 Murdoch Crescent, Whangarei....	1080
1953	2	Newman, Alan, 22 Goodwyn Crescent, Palmerston North.	5100
1954	WA	Newton, Alan H.V., C/- Church of Redeemer, 4111 Dallas, Houston, TX. 770.23, U.S.A.	3080
1959		Noble, Dorothea A., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington.	6120
1968	2	Norwell, Ian C., The Terrace Centre, Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Wellington. 4.	6070
1977	WA	Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A., 103a Ohaupo Road Hamilton.	3080
1946	2	Olds, Norman W., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland 3.	2040
1964	WA	Olsen, Brian L., B.Ed. (Massey), 466 Upper Queen Street, Pukekohe.	2240
1953	6	Osborne, John H., M.A., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1952	13	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington 1. Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O. Box 6133, Wgtn. (Phone Office 847-699, Home 849-309)	6010
1968	UC	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., 5 Albany Street, Dunedin.	9020
1962	2	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	3	Pratt, David C., 67 Shearman Street, Waimate.	8350
1975	WA	Pratt, G. Douglas, M.A., Adelaide Lodge, Anstruther, Fife, KY10 3H.A., Scotland.	2140
1966	PC	Prince, Donald F., Rolleston Prison, P.O.Box 45, Rolleston.	8150
1954	18	Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland 3 (P.O.Box 5023W) (Phone Office 771-843, Home 867-364) MD	2500) 2080)
1949	3	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 82 Murray Place, Christchurch 1. (Phone 559-170)...	8130

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1950		Ramsay, Phillip D., 20 Solar Street, -- Coorparoo Heights, Brisbane 4151, Aust.	8350
1969	6	Rigby, Russell, G., B.A. (Hons.), 216 Earn Street, Invercargill.	9110
1955	6	Rigg, Frank S., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale	2280
1974	1	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim. (Hons.), 54 Chester Street, Christchurch 1.	8010
1963	9	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), 52 Monteith Crescent, Meadowbank, Auckland 5. (Phone Office 588-259 Home 546-473) Th.C.2820)	2060
1954	6	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 9 Rhodes Street, Timaru. (Phone 88-401)	8320
1957	9	Russell, Kenneth H., 100 Jed Street, Inver- cargill.	9110
1962	5	Rutherford, Maynard G., 16 View Road, Hikurangi.	1070
1971	3	Salmon, John B., M.A. (Hons.), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th. (Hons), A.C.A., A.C.I.S. 1 Chivalry Road, Glenfield, Auckland 10.	2160
1959	WA	Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher Street, Taupo.	3180
1956	1	Scammell, Bruce, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne.	5040
1950	2	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D. (Melb.), 37 The Avenue, Lynfield, Auckland 4.	2030
1975	1	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 193 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland 9.	2130
1952	7	Shaw, Harry I. 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua. (Phone: Office 8680, Home 8423)	5090
1946	2	Shepherd, Trevor, The Manse, St. John's Street, Opotiki.	3240
1979	1	Short, Robert D., 4 Oroua Street, Te Puke.	3210
1961	2	Sides, Brian W., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South.	3190
1971	WA	Simpson, Ronald N.,	
1975	5	Sinclair, Paul F., 202 Cambridge Avenue, Ashhurst.	5110
1964	1	Slinn, Stuart G., 37 Haerehuka Street, Otorohanga.	3260
1979	1	Small, Brian M., 49 Murphys Road, Blenheim.	7070
1970	5	Smith, G. Clive, L.Th., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson.	7030
1951	8	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton,	3080
1973	5	Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol. (Melb.), 175 Queen Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay.	5060

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1979	1	Stroobant, Anthony D., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E., 304 Stanmore Road, Christchurch 1.	8030
1953	5	Stubbs, David G., 54 Leefield Street, Blenheim.	7070
1954	5	Tahere, Te Awha W., 446 Innes Road, Christchurch 5.	8510
1955	3	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera.	4050
1961	WA	Taylor, A. Kerry, B.A., Dip.Ed., 47 Maugham Drive, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.	2040
1966	5	Taylor, Keith J., B.A., 7 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn, Wellington 2. Office: 75 Taranaki Street, P.O.Box 6133, Wellington. (Phone: Office 847-699, Home 946-751)X	6010
1957	3	Taylor, Philip F., 54 Clevedon Road, P.O.Box 243, Papakura, Auckland.	2230
1968	12	Te Whare, Morehu, 3 Gladstone Road, Te Kuiti.	3520
1955	5	Thornicroft, Neville, The Manse, 15 Wairau Road, Picton (Phone 129)	7080
1954	WA	Trebilco, David L.	
1963	5	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, B.A., P.O.Box 8809, Auckland (Phone: Office 74-143, Home OD 2700 655-453), 115 Queenstown Road, Auckland 6.2030)	
1969		Turner, Brian H., M.A. (hons.), Dip.R.E. (Melb), 48 Ngāio Street, St. Martins, Christchurch 2.	8090
1941	2	Underwood, Kenneth, 26 Picasso Grove, Belmont, Lower Hutt.	6120
1978	2	Upson, Alan R., 97 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland 10.	2150
1965	5	Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E., 11 Union Street, Hamilton.	3510
1962	4	Waine, Frederick E., B.A., 8 Tabak Place, Palmerston North.	5100
1962	2	Wakeling, W.J. Douglas, 3 Goldsborough Avenue, Raumati Beach.	6240
1978	2	Wall, Lynne, B.A., B.D., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5.	8140
1978	1	Wall, Terence W., M.A., S.T.M., 356 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5.	8140
1961	7	Wallace, William L., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Road, Christchurch 4.	8150
1954	2	Watson, Alexander C., 32 Hammersley Avenue, Christchurch 1.	8030
1977	WA	Webster, Alan C., M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S., Massey University, Palmerston North.	5100
1965	4	West, Norman J., 171 Parsons Street, Wanganui.	4090

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1966	6	West, Stanley J., 31 Beatty Street, Melville, Hamilton.	3080
1976	1	White, Graeme R., L.Th., R.D.3, Ashburton.	8380
1959	2	Widdup, Robert W., 79 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt.	6120
1942	3	Willing, Leonard V., 8 Murray Avenue, Hawera.	4510
1950	WA	Woodfield, Frank H., 42 Cleary Street, Lower Hutt.	6120
1950	WA	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., C/- 153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5.	2060
1962	3	Woodley, Alan K., B.A., P.O.Box 931, Christ- church (Phone Office 66-049), 32 Amble- side Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 5. GS	8140 8900
1971	3	Wright, Jack, Mersey Street, Rongotea.	5140

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Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
1943	1977	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84b Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe.	2210
1963	1979	Armstrong, David, C/- Mrs. F.Gatman, P.O. Silverdale, Auckland.	2190
1947	1960	Attwood, A. Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi.	3040
1924	1956	Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland 10.	2140
1949	1979	Baker, Edward, 7 Park Avenue, Tuakau.	2250
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	1971	Carr, W.E.Allon, 45 Fir Street, Waterview, Auckland 7.	2090
1960	1979	Christian, Owen L., 28 Colenso Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8.	8050

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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)
1940	1979	Dawson, John B., B.A., Hugh Avenue, Hamurana R.D.2, Ngongotaha, Rotorua. ...	
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames.	3010
1940	1979	Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 47 Kebble Road, Lower Hutt. ...	6050
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
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., 29 Seddon Street, Te Puke	3210
1938	1978	Harkness, Howard E., 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., 34B La Veta 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 Rd., Mt. Albert, Auck. 3.	2020

Ent.	Ret.	Name and Address	Circuit
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey Street, Woodville.	5080
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron Street, Morrington, 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.	2140
1939	1977	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 15 Tawari Street, Matamata.	3140
1935	1971	Luxton, Clarence T.J., 1 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1938	1971	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., 88 Arden Avenue, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1934	1974	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe Street, Onekawa, Napier.	5010
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, Takapuna, 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
1947	1979	Parker, Francis H., 56 Lockhart Avenue, Milton, Palmerston North.	
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

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1931	1967	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland 10.	2140
1955	1974	Pear, 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., 13A Havenwood 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, 3/2 Litchfield Street, 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
1941	1978	Thomas, Gordon V., 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	Witthford, Arthur R., B.A., 113 Nayland Street, Sumner, Christchurch 8.	8050
1941	1979	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 14 Raleigh Road, Northcote.	

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Nicol, Campbell, 7 Ajax Street, Milton.	9080
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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 3	Maaka, Herehere Maihi, 15 Massey Rd, Mangere.	1510
1967 5	Toia, Samson, 26 Pirika Street, Dargaville	1510
(b) HONORARY:		
1972	Cassidy, Tohu, Omanaia, P.O. Box 37, via Rawene, Hokianga.	1510
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

Ent. Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1942	Kawiti, Tawai Te Riri, Waiomio, 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	Morunaga, 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
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 Whitely Crescent, Otara	2510
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

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1960	Sister Pamela Beaumont.	
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,	
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 Bayview Road, St. Clair, Dunedin.	9020

Ent. Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1963 WA	Sister Shirley Wiki, Derrick Road, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands.	1510
1960	Sister Joan Wedding, Flat 7, 8 Begbie Place, Sandringham, Auckland 3.	2010

RETIREDE DEACONESSSES

Ent. Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1948 1978	Sister Grace Clement, C/- Bryce Street, Hamilton.	
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.	
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.	
1949 1979	Sister Betty Yearbury, C/- 13 Middleton Road, Hannah Bay, Rotorua.	

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Dip.Tchg., P.O. Box 12, Putaruru. (3150)

Taupo Union Parish: Lesley F. Bycroft, 16 Wheretia Street,
Taupo. (3180)

St. James Union Parish, Greerton: R. Sporry, P.O. Box
3006, Tauranga. (3200)

Whakatane Co-operating Parish: M. Smart, 19 King Street,
Whakatane. (3220)

Opotiki Union Parish: Trevor Shepherd, The Manse,
St. John's Street, Opotiki. (3240)

Turangi Union Parish: P. Burns, 4 Hingaia Street,
Turangi. (3290)

Hillcrest Co-operating Parish: William J. Morrison, M.A.,
249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton. (3330)

Pio Pio Co-operating Parish: R.A. Hewat, St. Albans
Vicarage, P.O. Box 119, Pio Pio. (3340)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI (4000)

Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating Parish: Robert A. Ferguson,
B.A., 61 King Edward Street, Eltham. (4040)

Manaia Union Parish: James H. Conway, 42 Ngatai Street,
Manaia. (4060)

Opunake Co-operating Parish: George C. Hopkins, 38 Gisborne
Terrace, Opunake. (4070)

Inglewood Union Parish: D. Ian MacLeod, 3 Totara Terrace,
Inglewood. (4110)

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Okato. (4080)

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Flaxmere Co-operating Parish:	
105 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings.	(5030)
Mangapapa Union Parish: Niven G. Ball, 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne.	(5050)
Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa: D.W. Earp, 87 Lucknow Street, Wairoa. John A. Stringer, Dip.Theol., 175 Queen Street, Wairoa.	(5060)
Woodville Union Parish: A.J. Thornburrow, 44 McLean Street, Woodville.	(5080)
Pahiatua Union Parish: Harry I. Shaw, 5 Duke Street, Pahiatua.	(5090)
Rongotea-Sanson Co-operating Parish: Jack Wright, Mersey Street, Rongotea.	(5140)
Foxton Union Parish: Lewis A. Bowen, 8 Hulke Street, Foxton.	(5150)
Tamatea Community Church: Rinny W. Westra, B.A.,Th.M., 31 Ranfurly Street, Tamatea, Napier.	(5160)
Waipawa	(5170)

WELLINGTON (6000)

Wellington South Union Parish: Robert S. Andrews, 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington 2. David P. Buller, 253 Adelaide Road, Wellington. 2.	(6030)
Miramar Co-operating Parish: Murray F. Hall, 80 Darlington Road, Miramar, Wellington 3.	(6050)
Ngaio Union Parish: S.A. Robertson, 44 Ottawa Road, Ngaio, Wellington 4.	(6060)
Johnsonville Union Parish: Ian C. Norwell, 12 Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville, Wellington 4. Edith J. Little, 3 Pollen Street, Johnsonville.	(6070)
Newlands Union Parish: R. Leslie George, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington.	(6080)
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Taita Union Parish: C/- 59 Cleary Street. Waiwhetu.	(6130)
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South, Carterton. (6180)

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

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

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

Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish: Harold A. Darvill,
70 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie, Wellington 3. (6250)

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Nelson St. Luke's Union Parish: H.C. Swadling, B.A., B.D.,
D.Sc.Rel., 226 Vanguard Street, Nelson. (7020)

Motueka Uniting Parish: Owen T. Jenkin, 11 Eginton Street,
Motueka. (7040)

Moutere Hills Uniting Parish: Sue Sara, The Manse,
Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere. (7050)

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Road, Picton. (7080)

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field Street, Westport. (7100)

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Street, Greymouth. Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A.,
121 Main South Road, Greymouth. (7110)

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118 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika. (7120)

NORTH CANTERBURY (8000)

New Brighton Union Parish: W. Ivan Bacon, B.A.,
24 Collingwood Street, New Brighton, Christchurch 7. (8040)

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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: 14 Reserve Terrace,
Lyttelton. (8070)

Halswell Union Parish:
436 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3. (8110)

Lincoln Union Parish: Robert A. Allan, 126 East Belt,
Lincoln. (8160)

Leeston Co-operating Parish: Colin A. Milner, 47 Pen-
nington Street, Leeston. (8170)

Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish: Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.,
53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi. (8180)

Malvern Co-operating Parish:
46 Mathias Street, Darfield. (8200)

Oxford District Union Parish: Ian E.M. Anderson,
3 Park Avenue, Oxford. (8210)
Parklands Co-operating Parish: W.A. Childs, 129 Queens
Park Drive, Christchurch 7. (8220)

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St. Davids Marchwiell Union Parish: Marilyn Wanden,
24 Tyne Street, Timaru. (8330)
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43 Jollie Road, Twizel. (8340)
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Street, Geraldine. (8360)
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83 Allens Road, Ashburton. (8390)
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Oamaru. (8400)

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Roxburgh. (9160)
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Avenue, Alexandra. George M. Hammond, 21 Fox Street,
Alexandra. (9170)
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Street, Port Chalmers. (9180)

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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	BECKINGSALE, GEORGE E. (SUP.)
1919	JEFFERSON, ALFRED E. (SUP.)	"	HOPPER, IAN H.K. (SUP.)
1923	BLAKEMORE, ALBERT (SUP.)	1937	FRANCIS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.)
"	HAMES, ERIC W. (SUP.)	"	NORWELL, LESLIE T. (SUP.)
1924	BAILEY, JOHN H. (SUP.)	1938	HARKNESS, HOWARD E. (SUP.)
"	BROWN, HUBERT G. (SUP.)	"	LAWS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.)
1925	BROWN, F. GARDNER (SUP.)	"	PETCH, ASHLEIGH K. (SUP.)
"	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. (SUP.)
1928	GROCOTT, JOHN D. (SUP.)	"	DIXON, HADDON C., O.B.E. (SUP.)
"	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, W.E. ALLON (SUP.)	"	WOOLFORD, J. HENRY, (SUP.)
"	GREENSLADE, WILLIAM W.H.,	1942	CLEMENT, R. FREDERICK
"	M.B.E., (SUP.)	"	IVORY, ARTHUR H. (SUP.)
"	MOORE, WILLIAM E. (SUP.)	"	LEWIS, JOHN J.
"	PARKER, GORDON (SUP.)	"	MORRISON, WILLIAM J.
"	PAYNE, HERBERT W. (SUP.)	"	WILLING, LEONARD V.
"	WILLIAMS, DAVID O. (SUP.)	1943	ANDREWS, STANLEY, G. (SUP.)
1932	DAY, REGINALD (SUP.)	"	BROWN, CLIFFORD G. (SUP.)
"	JENKIN, WILLIAM C. (SUP.)	"	CRAMOND, GEORGE W. (SUP.)
1933	PATCHETT, RALPH E. (SUP.)	"	DAWSON, W.SELWYN
1934	GOODMAN, GEORGE H. (SUP.)	"	FALKINGHAM, WILLFRED E., M.B.E.
"	JOHNSTON, ANDREW J. (SUP.)	"	GROUNDS, EDMUND D.
"	MATTHEWS, HOWARD C. (SUP.)	"	WILLIAMS, J.C. ALDWYN (SUP.)
		1944	ALLEN, ROBERT H.
		"	BELL, R. GRAHAM (SUP.)
		"	BYCROFT, LESLIE F.
		"	CHAMBERS, WESLEY A.
		"	SHERSON, DONALD G. (SUP.)
		"	UNDERWOOD, KENNETH

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1945	SHAPCOTT, LEONARD (SUP.)	1954	BILLINGHURST, NOEL D.
"	"	"	EASTWOOD, ERIC R.
1946	MCDONALD, D.I. ALISTER (SUP.)	"	DICKIE, ARTHUR W.
"	MOORE, HARRY (SUP.)	"	HEPPELTHWAITE, ERNEST
"	OLDS, NORMAN W.	"	NEWTON, ALAN H.V.
"	SHEPHERD, TREVOR	"	RAKENA, RUAWAI D.
"	THOMPSON, GEORGE R. (SUP.)	"	RUSHTON, PERCY P.
"	"	"	TAHERE, TE AWAHA W.
1947	ATTWOOD, A. FRANCIS (SUP.)	"	TREBILCO, DAVID L.
"	CAMPBELL, M. JACKSON	"	WATSON, ALEXANDER C.
"	CLEMENTS, LESLIE C.		
"	HALL, ALLEN H.	1955	ABBOTT, WILLIAM K.
"	PARKER, FRANCIS H. (SUP.)	"	BENNETT, TREVOR L.
"	"	"	BOYD, EDWARD P.
1948	EISNER, WILF. G.	"	CABLE, WILFRED J.
"	HILDER, BASIL J.	"	GOREHAM, NORMAN J.
"	HOPKINS, GEORGE C.	"	PEART, CUTHBERT F. (SUP.)
"	MARSHALL, EDWARD M. (SUP.)	"	RIGG, FRANK S.
"	"	"	TAUROA, LANE M.
1949	BAKER, EDWARD (SUP.)	"	THORNICROFT, NEVILLE
"	BENNY, T. RALPH (SUP.)		
"	BURT, DOUGLAS H.	1956	ANDREWS, ROBERT S.
"	CORNWELL, GORDON A.R. (SUP.)	"	BENNETT, GEORGE L.
"	FORD, WILFRED F.	"	GRANT, IAN D.
"	KEIGHTLEY, CLIFFORD J.	"	GRAVES, NORMA M.
"	RAMAGE, IAN C.E.	"	KITCHINGMAN, OWEN A.
"	"	"	SCAMMELL, BRUCE
1950	CLARK, COLIN D.		
"	GORDON, D. BRUCE	1957	BELL, G. BASIL W.
"	RAMSAY, PHILLIP D.	"	CROPP, JAMES F.
"	SCHROEDER, LEONARD P.	"	FWLER, IRWIN J.
"	WOODFIELD, FRANK H.	"	GUTHARDT, PHYLLIS M.
"	WOODFIELD, OWEN T.	"	KITCHINGMAN, HENRY W.
1951	BESANT, H. DAVID	"	MABON, JOHN C.F.
"	BURROUGH, AMOS W.	"	REID, ANDREW G. (SUP.)
"	CARTER, GEORGE G.	"	RUSSELL, KENNETH H.
"	CLUCAS, IVAN J.	"	TAYLOR, PHILLIP F.
"	GILBERT, GEOFFREY T.		
"	OLDS, O. McLENNAN (SUP.)	1958	CLIMO, FREDERICK J. (SUP.)
"	RUCK, IDRIS J. (SUP.)	"	GILBERT, WILFRED S.
"	STEAD, PETER A.	"	GLEN, FRANK G.
"	"	"	HAMLIN, R. JOHN
1952	GEORGE, R. LESLIE	"	LEWIS, EVAN R.
"	GIBSON, LOYAL J.		
"	HALL, JOHN R.	1959	BOWEN, LEWIS A.
"	HANDYSIDE, ALLAN J. (SUP.)	"	DINE, MERVYN L.
"	PENMAN, JOHN A.	"	GOUDGE, STANLEY R. (SUP.)
"	SHAW, HARRY I.	"	GIBSON, ROGER M.
"	SPINDLER, STANLEY J. (SUP.)	"	GRIFFITH, KEITH C.
"	THOMPSON, JOHN H. (SUP.)	"	HOSKING, JOHN S.
"	"	"	NOBLE, DOROTHEA
1953	BAKER, FREDERICK J.K.	"	SALTER, LAWRENCE E.
"	LeCOUTEUR, E. RAYMOND	"	WIDDUP, ROBERT W.
"	CRAIG, HUGHAN M.		
"	McKAY, ARCHIBALD W.	1960	BRAZENDALE, GRAHAM
"	NEWMAN, ALAN	"	CHRISTIAN, OWEN L. (SUP.)
"	OSBORNE, JOHN H.	"	CONWAY, JAMES H.
"	STUBBS, DAVID G.	"	GRUNDY, ALBERT A.

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1960	GUST, WARWICK	1968	ALLAN, ROBERT A.
"	HANSON, E. FRANCIS I.	"	COUCH, MOKE A.G.
"	HORNBLow, MAXWELL A.	"	CURTIS, DARRELL R.
"	HORRILL, C. SETON	"	HAY, J. CEDRIC
"	McKENZIE, IAN H.	"	HEY, ROGER J.E.
"	MULLAN, DAVID S.	"	JACOBSON, PATRICIA M.
"	PETERSON, FREDERICK D. (SUP.)	"	LEADLEY, ALAN J.
		"	LOADER, WILLIAM R.G.
1961	JAMES, RUSSELL E.	"	McIVER, GRAEME M.
"	LANGLEY, JOHN E.	"	MALCOURONNE, BRIAN J.
"	MARSHALL, C. RUSSELL	"	MEREDITH, JOHN D.
"	SIDES, BRIAN W.	"	NORWELL, IAN C.
"	TAYLOR, A. KERRY	"	PHILLIPPS, DONALD J.
"	WALLACE, WILLIAM L.	"	TE WHARE, MOREHU
1962	CURRIE, JOHN B.	1969	ALLEY, DAVID R.
"	HAWKEY, GRAHAM E.	"	BROOKES, NORMAN E.
"	HIGHT, ARNOLD C.	"	CHAPMAN, WALLACE C.
"	HORNBLow, EDGAR R.	"	CORLETT, ASHLEY I.
"	JONES, BARRY E.	"	EAGLE, BRIAN R. J.
"	POMEROY, HAROLD C.	"	GRIFFITHS, WILLIAM D.
"	RUTHERFORD, MAYNARD G.	"	HARKNESS, BARRY G.
"	WAINE, FREDERICK E.	"	RIGBY, RUSSELL G.
"	WAKELING, W.J. DOUGLAS	"	STRINGER, ROBERT G.
"	WOODLEY, ALAN K.	"	TURNER, BRIAN H.
1963	ANSELL, DAVID H.	1970	GRAHAM, DUNCAN R.
"	ARMSTRONG, DAVID (SUP.)	"	SMITH, G. CLIVE
"	BALL, NIVEN G.		
"	CLARKE, IAN L.	1971	BLUNDELL, WARREN H.
"	LAWS, DEREK G.	"	SALMON, JOHN B.
"	ROWE, B. KEITH	"	SIMPSON, RONALD N.
"	TUCKER, W. GEOFFREY	"	WRIGHT, JACK
1964	BRUCE, MAXWELL L.	1972	GREENWOOD, RUSSELL J.
"	FELDERHOF, LUDWIG	"	MacLEOD, D. IAN
"	GERRITSEN, HENDRIK		
"	NEAL, BARRY W.	1973	ANDERSON, IAN E.M.
"	OLSEN, BRIAN L.	"	CURRIE, LAURENCE H.
"	SLINN, STUART G.	"	GRANT, STUART C.
		"	STRINGER, JOHN A.
1965	BARNES, STANLEY J.	1974	BURTON, RESTEL A.
"	CHESSUM, WILLIAM A.	"	ROBERTS, JOHN H.
"	CLARKE, EDWIN B.		
"	COLLINGWOOD, RONALD C.	1975	BELL, ANTHONY N.
"	HERBERT, C. BRICE	"	PRATT, G. DOUGLAS
"	MACKIE, BRUCE E.	"	SHARP, GAVIN B.
"	WAAGA, TE NAPI T.	"	SINCLAIR, PAUL F.
"	WEST, NORMAN J.		
1966	ALEXANDER, ROY M.	1976	BRUCE, DOUGAL H.
"	FERGUSON, RONALD W.	"	GLENSOR, PETER E.
"	HENDRY, RICHARD J.	"	GREER, MICHAEL W.
"	MANIHERA, JOHN I.	"	WHITE, GRAEME R.
"	PRINCE, DONALD F.		
"	TAYLOR, KEITH J.	1977	LEARY, GORDON A.
"	WEST, STANLEY J.	"	NUTTALL, A. ROGER G.
		"	WEBSTER, ALAN C.
1947	BENNETT, ENID J.		
"	JAMIBSON, COLIN G.		
"	PRATT, DAVID C.	1978	KOPELANI, FALEN"ANA

1978 MILNER, COLIN A.
" WALL, LYNNE
" WALL, TERENCE W.
" UPSON, ALAN R.

1979 ASTLEY, H. MARY
" BUSH, DAVID
" FERGUSON, ROBERT A.
" GREENWOOD, I. MARIE
" SHORT, ROBERT D.
" SMALL, BRIAN M.
" STROOBANT, ANTHONY D.

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3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry		
5.30 p.m.	Dinner		
7.00 p.m./	Committee on Ministry		
9.30 p.m.			
FRIDAY, 3rd NOV.			
9.00 a.m.	Committee on Ministry		
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	General Purposes Committee		
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m.	General Purposes Committee		
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.30 p.m./	General Purposes Committee		
5.30 p.m.			
7.30 p.m./	Stationing Committee		
9.30 p.m.			
SATURDAY, 4th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Stationing Committee		
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Stationing Committee		
12.30 p.m.	LUNCH		Hamilton Centre
1.30 p.m.	Stationing Committee		
3.45 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
4.00 p.m.	Wesley Historical Society Annual Meet- ing, Tea & Lecture.		
7.45 p.m.	Opening of Conference and Induction of Rev. D. Bruce Gordon, M.A., as President, and Mr. Charlie Fenwick as Vice-President. To be followed in the Theatre with a welcome to Hamilton by the Mayor.		Founders Theatre

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
	SUNDAY, 5th NOV.		

CONFERENCE meets on TURANGAWAEWAE MARAE.

9.15 a.m.	Conference Members and Local Churches assemble at the gates of the Marae, prior to being received and welcomed at 9.30 a.m.		
10.15 a.m.	Session 1	Qns. 1 - 3	
10.30 a.m.	Conference Ordination Service. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Ex-President Rev.J.A.Penman,B.A.		A Conference offering will be received.
	To be followed by Lunch and Afternoon Programme including Tributes to Supernumeraries and Retiring Deaconesses. Concluding at 4.p.m.		Session 2
8.00 p.m.	Session 3 "Ride! Ride!" A musical based on story about John Wesley.		Founders Theatre

MONDAY, 6th NOV.

8.00 a.m.	Conveners of Committees of Detail meet with General Secretary.		Secretary's Office.
8.45 a.m.	Session 4.	General Purposes. Second Reading of Stationing. Notices of Motion.	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	Committees of Detail.		
	E. Development Div.		Coffee Lounge
	Qns. 41A, F 22-25		
	Convener: Rev.B.E.Jones		
	F. Church Welfare		Auditorium front
	Qns. 36A, B, D; 48A, B. C.; 50A, 51A, B, C.; 34		
	Convener: Rev. R.A.Burton		

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
	G. Education		Choir
	Question 37		Vestry
	Convener:		
	Mrs. M. Fisher		
	H. Finance & Admini-		Lounge
	stration Connexional		
	Properties & Funds		
	Qns. 10-13; 39A, B.C.;		
	43A-H, 40.		
	Convener: Mr.G.Hill		
	J. Institutions		Auditorium
	Qns. 42A, B.C.;45;		rear
	46A, B; 47A, B.		
	Convener:		
	Rev.A.A.Grundy		
	K. Public Questions		Fellowship
	Question 38A		Room
	Convener:		
	Rev.J.C.F.Mabon		
	L. Finance &		(Meeting in
	Stewardship		October)
	Question 44.		
	Convener:		
	Dr.D.J.Janus		
	M. Faith & Order		Salvation
	Qns. 49, 52A, B.		Army Hall
	Convener:		
	Rev. D.Pratt		
	N. Christian		Church
	Citizenship		
	Question 38B		
	Convener:		
	Rev. G.M.McIver		
	O. Overseas Di-		Salvation
	vision.		Army room
	Question 41C.		
	Convener:		
	Mrs.V.Dowie		
	P. Maori Division		Salvation
	Question 41B		Army room
	Convener:		
	Rev. M.Te Whare.		

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
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.			
6.00 p.m.	Session 6	NZMSSA	Hamilton Centre
		with an Even-	
		ing Meal.	
7.30 p.m.	Session 7	Maori Division	
8.30 p.m./		NZMSSA	
9.30 p.m.			

TUESDAY, 7th NOV.

8.45 a.m.	Session 8	Notices of Motion.	
		Faith & Order	
		Church Council	
		Wesley College	
		Rangiatea College	
		Armed Forces	
		Church Union	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 8 resumes		
12.00 noon	Stationing Committee		Dinsdale
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
	Womens Fellowship		Salvation
	Reception to The		Army Hall
	President's wife and the Vice-President's wife.		
	Methodist Revival Fellowship	Speaker:	At Church
		Mr. Leonard E. Buck.	
2.30 p.m.	Session 9	Election of President and Vice-President.	
		Public Questions	
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	Development Div.	
4.00 p.m./	Session 9 resumes	Samoa Policy	
5.30 p.m.		Education Div.	
6.00 p.m.	Session 10	business (including an Evening Meal).	
		Committee on Ministry	
8.30 p.m./	Session 11	Welfare of the	
9.30 p.m.		Church.	

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
WEDNESDAY, 8th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Session 12	Ex Vice-President's Address Connexional Budget Stipends Law Revision	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea Ministers moving meet with General Secretary		
11.00 a.m.	Session 12 resumes	Administration Div.	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
2.00 p.m.	Session 13	Administration Div. Deaconess Board	
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea Standing Committee Conveners, Secretary/ Chairmen of all Con- nexional Boards meet with General Secretary	Theological College	
4.00 p.m.	Session 13 resumes	International Affairs	
5.30 p.m.	No Conference Evening Meal Arranged.		
6.00 p.m.	Lay Preachers Tea		
7.30 p.m./	Session 14	New Citizen Lay Preachers Women's Fellowship	
9.30 p.m.			

THURSDAY, 9th NOV.

8.45 a.m.	Session 15	District Chairmen Elections. Radio & T.V. Unfinished business.	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 15 resumes		
12.00 noon	Covenant Communion Service including Tributes to de- ceased 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) The use 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.

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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.

Notice of Motion shall be given of any Motion not in the Agenda and not being an amendment to a Motion. It shall be handed to the Secretary in duplicate as soon as it shall have been read to the Conference.

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).

PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN "EN 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, any member may by simple request to the Chair, have removed from the "en bloc" procedures any report/resolution.

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".

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.B.Herbert; Auckland: Rev. T.L.Bennett; Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Rev. W.S. Gilbert; Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev.N.J.West; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. H.I. Shaw; Wellington: Rev. J.C.F.Mabon; Nelson: Rev. M. Hornblow; North Canterbury: Rev. A.A. Grundy; South Canterbury: Rev. P.P. Rushton; Otago-Southland: Rev. K.H. Russell. (4) Four Laypersons as appointed.

II. STATIONING COMMITTEE

FIRST READING

The first Reading of Stations was prepared by a Committee which met in Wellington on Wednesday 4th October at 2 p.m. and concluded on Thursday, 6th October 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. Laypersons-Northland: Mr. G.B. Keightley; Auckland: Mr. L.V. Riesterer; Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. L. Fordyce; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr. S.J.Collis; Wellington: Mr. E.G.Heggie; Nelson: Mr. O. Smith; North Canterbury: Mr. G.E. Hill; South Canterbury: Mr. Z.V. Lurajud; Otago-Southland: Mr. A. Mabon.

SECOND READING

The Stationing Committee will meet on Friday, November 3rd, 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 & Laypersons. 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. J.H. Woolford and C.B. Herbert.

Auckland: Revs. E.D. Grounds and J.H. Osborne.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Revs. W.J. Morrison and P.A. Stead.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Revs. G.T. Gilbert and N.J. West.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Revs. E.B. Clarke and F.E. Waine.
 Wellington: Revs. E.F.I. Hanson and I.C. Norwell.
 Nelson: Revs. H.K. Brown and D.G. Stubbs.
 North Canterbury: Revs. R.H. Allen and I.C.E. Ramage.
 South Canterbury: Revs. P.P. Rushton and G.E. Hawkey.
 Otago-Southland: Revs. K.H. Russell and D.S. Mullan.

Lay Representatives were elected at the District Synods as follows:

Northland: Mr. G.B. Keightley and Mr. R. Skelton
 Auckland: Messrs. L.V. Riesterer and G.H. Peak.
 Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Messrs. K.W. Dey and V.R. Jamieson.
 Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. G.A. Hutton and Mr. L. Fordyce
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mrs. H. Melling and Mr. S.J. Collis
 Wellington: Messrs. E.G. Heggie and D. McNicol.
 Nelson: Mr. G.B. Trathen & Mrs. W. Venis.
 North Canterbury: Mr. G.E. Hill and Mrs. P.M. Teague.
 South Canterbury: Mr. Z.V. Lurajud and Mrs. J.J. McNab
 Otago-Southland: Messrs. A. Mabon and J.A. Stewart.

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 6th 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 Laypersons and are 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 nomination. 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	Herbert A. Cochrane
Robert E. Fordyce	Reginald Grice
Charles H. Kendon	Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
Ernest E. Sage	Charles B. Oldfield
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Alfred E. Jefferson	John B. Dawson, B.A.
Albert Blakemore	Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.
Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A.
John H. Bailey	Lawrence Greenslade
Hubert G. Brown	Alan O. Jones
Gordon R.H. Peterson	Charles H. Bell, B.A.
G. Raymond Harris	Harold K. Brown
A. Henry Voyce	Harold A. Darvill
Norman P. Larsen	Gordon B. Thomas, B.A.
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John D. Grocott, B.A.	Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Comm.
Charlie O. Hailwood	John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
Leonard C. Horwood	William J. Morrison, M.A.
Arthur T. Kent	Leonard V. Willing
Walter Parker	Clifford G. Brown
E. Clarence Leadley	George W. Cramond
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
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W.E. Allon Carr	Edmund D. Grounds
William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E.	J.C. Aldwyn Williams
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Ralph E. Patchett	D.I. Alister McDonald
George H. Goodman	Harry Moore
Andrew J. Johnston	Norman W. Olds
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.	Trevor Shepherd
Clifford L. Duder	George R. Thompson, E.D.
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II. LAY REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Vice-President of the Conference:

Mr. Charlie Fenwick

Ex Vice-President: Mr. T.G.M.Spooner

(b) Representatives of Circuits:

NORTHLAND DISTRICT - 1000

1010 Mangonui County Un Par.	- Mrs. J.C. Herbert
1020 Kaikohe Union Parish	- Mrs. L. Day
1030 Sth Bay of Islands Coop.	-
1040 Kaeo-Kerikeri Un. Parish	- Mr. I. Hayes
1050 Nth Hokianga Comm. Church	-
1060 Sth Hokianga Coop. Parish	- Mrs. M. Mitt
1070 Hikurangi Union Parish	-
1080 Whangarei Uniting Church	- Mr. G. Bartlett
	- Mrs. A. Ramsay
1090 Dargaville	- Mrs.P. Vugler
1100 Ruawai Co-op. Parish	- Mrs. J. Bickers
1110 Paparoa	- Mr. R. Skelton
1120 Wellsford Co-op Parish	-
1510 Maori Circuit	- Mr. Winiata Morunga

AUCKLAND DISTRICT - 2000

	- Mr.G.W.Matheson
2010 Auckland Central	- Mr. E. Pratt
	- Miss I. Boyde
2020 Auckland Central Mission	- Mr. F.M.Souster
	- Miss R. McConnell
	- Mr. H.T.Garlick
2030 Balmoral-Roskill	- Mr. R. Johansson
	- Miss B. Brooke
2040 Auckland East	- Mrs. V.M. Walker
	- Mr. J.M. Peat
2050 Bucklands Beach Co-op.	-
2060 Orakei	- Miss H.M. Astley
	- Mr. H.R.Gapper
2070 Glen Innes Co-op.Parish	- Miss R. Griffiths
2080 Mt. Albert	- Mr. J.R. Osborn
	- Mr. H.L.Clark
2090 Avondale Union Parish	- Mr. J. Dukeson
2100 Henderson	- Mr. P.D. Hollings
	- Mr. R. Harford
2110 Ranui	-
2120 Te Atatu Union Parish	- Mr W. Dickinson
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WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT - 3000

3010 Thames Union Parish	-
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3030 Paeroa	- Mr. J. Hill
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3120 Ngaruawahia Union Parish	-
3130 Huntly	-
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3160 Tokoroa	- Mr. A. Letoa
3170 Rotorua	- Mr. B. Underwood
3180 Taupo	-
3190 Western Bay of Plenty	- Mrs. J. Walbridge
	- Mrs. V. Lowe
	- Mr. L. Muffet
3200 St. James Union Parish	- Mrs. D. Godkin
3220 Whakatane Co-op. Parish	- Mrs. J. Melville
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3240 Opotiki Union Parish	-
3250 Te Awamutu	- Mr. H.V. Collison
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3270 Te Kuiti	-
3280 Taumarunui	- Mrs.C.M.Robinson
3290 Turangi Union Parish	-
3300 Ohura	- Mrs. M. Mossman
3310 Kawhia	-
3320 Coromandel	-
3330 Hillcrest Co-op. Parish	- Mrs.G.Telford, Mr.V.R.Jamieson
3340 Pio Pio Co-op. Parish	-
3510 Waikato (Maori) Circuit	-
	-
3520 Rohe Potae	- Mrs.E. Martin, Mrs.R.Anderson

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT - 4000

4010 New Plymouth	- Mr. L. Cotter
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	-
4020 Waitara	- Mr. A.K. Surrey
4030 Stratford	- Mr. W.C. McKinley
4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op.Parish-	Mrs. A. Robinson
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4100 Taihape	-
4110 Inglewood Union Parish	-
4510 Taranaki (Maori)	- Mrs. G. Hana
	- Mr. J. Heremaia
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HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT - 5000

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5120 Feilding-Oroua	-
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5150 Foxton Union Parish - Mrs. H. Wilson
 5160 Tamatea Circuit -

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 6060 Ngaio Union Parish -
 6070 Johnsonville Union Parish - Mr. J.G.I.Little
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 6090 Porirua -
 6100 Plimmerton-Paekakariki - Mr. J.M. Daley
 6110 Tawa Union Parish -
 6120 Lower Hutt-Petone - Mr. E.G.Heggie
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 - Mrs. M. Smith
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 6130 Taita Union Parish -
 6140 Upper Hutt Co-op. Parish - Mr. H. N. McCarthy, Mrs. G.
 6150 Wainuiomata Union Parish - (Johnson)
 6160 Greytown St.Andrew's Un. - Mr. L. Phillips
 6170 Featherston Union Parish -
 6180 Carterton Union Parish -
 6190 Masterton St.Luke's Union - Mrs. D. Pratt
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 6210 Eketahuna Union Parish - Mrs. N.P.Slinn
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 6240 Paraparaumu - Mrs. J. Patchett
 6250 Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-op. - Mrs. R.Linney, Mrs.M.McWhirter
 6510 Poneke Circuit - Mrs. A. Anaru

NELSON DISTRICT - 7000

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 - Mrs. W.B. Venis
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 7030 Waimea -
 7040 Motueka Uniting Parish -
 7050 Moutere Hills Uniting -
 7060 Murchison -
 7070 Blenheim - Mrs. B. Parker
 -
 7080 Picton Union Parish -
 7090 Reefton District Union -
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 7120 Hokitika Union Parish - Mrs. R. Sugrue

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8000

8010 Christchurch Cent. Mission	- Mrs. M. Slade
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8040 New Brighton Union Parish	-
8050 Sumner-Redcliffs Union	-
8060 S.E. Christchurch Union	-
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8080 Christchurch (Opawa)	-
8090 Beckenham-Sydenham	-
8100 Christchurch (Spreydon)	- Mrs. C.A. McNaughton
8110 Halswell Union Parish	-
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	- Mrs. P. Teague
8150 Hornby	-
8160 Lincoln Union Parish	-
8170 Leeston Co-op. Parish	-
8180 Kaiapoi	- Mrs. R. Hosking
8190 Rangiora	- Mrs. M.G. Harris, Mrs. D.H. Judson
8200 Greendale-Malvern Co-op.	-
8210 Oxford District Union	-
8220 Parklands Co-op. Parish	-
8510 Otautahi-Te Waipounamu	-

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8300

8310 Timaru (Bank Street)	- Mr. Z.V. Lurajud
8320 Timaru (Woodlands St.)	- Mrs. J.J. McNab
8330 St. David's Marchwiell Un.	-
8340 Twizel	-
8350 Waimate	-
8360 Geraldine Co-op. Parish	-
8370 Temuka	-
8380 Ashburton	- Mr. J. Hamilton
	- Mrs. J. Hamilton
8390 Allenton Union Parish	-
8400 Oamaru Union Parish	- Miss M.L. Addison

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT - 9000

9020 Dunedin Regional Mission	- Mr. A.C. Mabon
	- Mr. F.S. Grocott

	- Mrs. M. Greenwood
	- Sister S. Ungemuth
	- Mrs. I.H.McGregor
9040 West Harbour United Parish	-
9050 West Dunedin Union Parish	- Miss M.E. Kite
9060 Corstorphine-Concord Union	-
9070 Grant Braes Union Parish	-
9080 Tokomairiro Co-op	- Mr. J.A. Stewart
9090 Balclutha	-
9100 Gore	-
9110 Invercargill	- Mrs. I. Lankshear
	- Mrs. J. Lawry
	-
	-
9120 Riverton Union Parish	- Mrs. E.G. Willis
9130 Otautau Union Parish	-
9140 Waiono Union Parish	- Mr. P.R. Sinclair
9150 Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart	-
Is. Co-op. Parish	-
9160 Teviot Union Parish	-
9170 Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish	-
9180 Port Chalmers Union Parish	-

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

Thomas H. Carr
Wera V. Couch

Matu Makiha
Leonard E.G. Sharp

THOMAS H. CARR

The New Zealand Methodist Church has been greatly blessed by the quality and ability of men who served in her ministry. One such man was Thomas H. Carr who died in hospital at Waiuku in December 1977.

His main interest lay with people in whose lives he saw endless possibilities, and to whom he gave himself unselfishly and lovingly. He so endeared himself to all to whom he ministered, his own family included, that he is remembered with deep love and devotion.

On the football field and as referee, down the mines with the men at Huntly when he was a probationer, as a highly acceptable padre with the 2nd N.Z.E.F., 35th Battalion, 24th Field Ambulance at Guadacanal, he displayed his genius for friendship and understanding, and was greatly respected.

Born in Masterton in 1905 Tom remained there until 1925 when the Rev. A.J. Seamer's call for Home Missionaries led him to respond. (After being at Taukau and Huntly Tom became a student for the ministry at Dunholme, 1928, and then to Trinity College with the first men to be in residence there).

After three years he was stationed at Gisborne where "On a fortuitous occasion" to use his own words, he met Phyllis Wheeler whose lovely voice and vibrant personality endeared her to all in the Gisborne church. After his probation appointments here and at Timaru, and Mt. Roskill, they were married following his ordination at the Dunedin Conference in 1935.

The son of a brick maker, Tom served his apprenticeship in a joinery factory, which accounts in part for his success with building enterprises at Rauparu and Hastings. He never forgot that Jesus was a carpenter.

After ordination their first appointment was at Waitara where their daughter Jacqueline was born, and thence to the Blenheim Circuit (Tua Marina and Picton) during which time Richard and David were born to complete their family. Tom had the support of all his children and Phyllis remained a grand companion to the end.

Shortly after moving to Thorndon he went overseas as a Chaplain and on his return spent six eventful years at Rotorua. From here the next move was to Hastings, and later to Addington, and in 1961 to Pukekohe. Here his health deteriorated necessitating his retirement five years early to Clarke's Beach. He continued helping with the Circuit work where he could and completed 16 years as Chaplain to the Kingseat hospital in that

area. Some of his best work was done in retirement when he acted as 'padre' in his local area ministering to one and all for 12 years. This ministry was marked in July 1978 by a memorial gift of new furnishings for the sanctuary of the church.

Transparently sincere, unencumbered by pride or any aspiring for prestige, he was uniquely gifted and is remembered lovingly by his family and the many people whose lives he enriched and brought into living relationship with the God he loved and served so well.

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WERA VALENTINE COUCH

Tu Noa O Maunga Tamatea, Mahuraki,
I Te Tiu O Kaenga Rapaki.
Rapaki Noa O Tai E Whangaraupo
Kua Ngaro Ia Te Upoko - Haere! Haere!

Wera was born 13th April 1895 at Rapaki, son of George and Kiti Couch devout Methodists. He grew up with his brothers George, Bill and Arthur and sisters Betty and May.

In 1911 he completed his formal education at Rapaki and Lyttelton, and joined the staff of Mr. Parata M.P. Te Waipounamu, becoming an accomplished interpreter. However, the following year, he was attracted to N.Z. Railways which he joined as a clerical cadet. He completed 40 years service in 1952. He was stationed at Milburn, Wingatui, Dunedin, Timaru, Blenheim and Rapaki.

In 1916 he married Miss Pearl Dorothy Shuker who lived with her christian family in Lyttelton. In the years together they raised their children Ngahuia, Valentine, Lindsay, Mamae and Dudley. Everywhere they lived, the family found a place in the Methodist fellowship. Wera found himself being involved in Sunday School teaching, choir work or playing the Church Organ. His wife Pearl was always his willing helpmate.

In 1955, after 2 years of retirement, the Methodist Conference appointed Wera as an Honorary Maori Home Missionary to the South Island and in this capacity he served his people Ngaitahu for the remaining 23 years of his life. He died at his home in Rapaki 26th March 1978.

Wera was a quiet unobtrusive person, but definite and effective in his work. He exercised his considerable gifts at every opportunity endearing

himself to his people. As Upoko, Elder and Minister he led and served his people faithfully and well. He used his love of music in the home, the Marae and Church. He loved playing the piano and organ and often sang with his beautiful tenor voice. His knowledge and versatility in Maori and English greatly enhanced his oratory and helped in the presentation of his message.

In 1969 he and his people organised the celebration of their Church's Centenary. He wrote a booklet "The Centenary of Rapaki Church", a brief history of Rapaki Church and the founding and settling of Rapaki. When a new Meeting House was to be built in Christchurch by the Central Mission, Wera along with his people supported this venture. The privilege of naming the new Meeting House was his. He named it "Te Whatumanawa Maoritanga O Rehua". He was the leading elder of Ngaitahu to welcome the visiting Tribes from all over New Zealand at the Opening Celebrations.

Despite the many demands and interests of Church and Community, as Minister and Leader Wera was essentially a family man. This was vividly symbolised when the re-union of the family and descendants of George and Kiti Couch was held in 1972 at Rapaki.

In 1976 Wera and Pearl celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family and many relatives and friends.

Thanks be to God for a good man, for the enrichment he brought in his life and service.

"His Sun has risen and set,
His day has come and gone.
Beyond the reach of change and pain,
His life not ended, but begun."

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LEONARD EDWARD GEORGE SHARP

Of Anglican parents, Len Sharp was born in England in 1910, the family removing to Wellington when he was very young.

An enthusiastic churchman, Len first served as curate in the Wellington City Mission, later being transferred to Spring Creek Anglican Church in the Nelson Diocese. Taking a service at Spring Creek Methodist Church, he met, and subsequently married Miss Vivienne Botham, a member of a well known and respected Methodist family. Completing Local Preachers Studies, he offered for Methodist Home Missions, serving in Port Albert 1941-43; (Supply) Kaukapakapa 1944-1946; (Fully Accredited Home Mission-

ary; Kohukohu 1947-1948; and Edendale 1949-1952. The next year failing health necessitated leave of absence, and he returned to Tua Marina, subsequently resigning from Home Mission work, and resuming Lay Preacher status.

Vivienne Sharp died in 1962 after a prolonged illness. She had been a strong, quiet partner in their marriage, but the difficult years spent in remote areas had taken their toll of her frail health. In 1964 Len married Doris Walker, a widow of Picton, becoming actively associated with her Presbyterian Church, but continuing to serve at every opportunity as a Methodist Local Preacher throughout Marlborough, also preaching for the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches, often as ministerial supply.

A quiet, faithful, rather shy man, he was a thoughtful preacher and reader, and a loyal and sympathetic pastor, beloved for his transparent goodness. In recent years, ably assisted by his wife, he served as voluntary pastor in the out-lying areas of the Blenheim Circuit.

The rigours of such travelling and preaching threatened his health, but he would not withdraw from the service of the Master he loved. Deeply involved in preaching and pastoral work, he was also, from its inception in 1969, a member of the Parish Council of the Union Church of Picton, its representative on Synod and Presbytery, and latterly, Parish Treasurer. He was also the Picton representative of the Bible Society and the Leprosy Mission.

Len's death on 3rd November 1977 brought to a close a life dedicated to God, and to His service in Church and Community.

MATU MAKIHA

The 1959 Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade marked the beginning of a renewed commitment to Christ and the Methodist Church for Matu who, at the time, was dairy farming at Taheke in the Hokianga. In the year following he was accepted as a Honorary Home Missionary and in 1963 agreed to serve full-time and was stationed at Waima. In 1968, largely in order to strengthen the Maori-speaking component of the Tamaki Circuit staff, Matu was moved to Manurewa, where he continued to Minister faithfully until his death on the 10th August, 1978. Significantly he died in the course of exercising one of the regular demands of the pastoral ministry in urban situations, namely the returning of a bereaved family and the deceased back to their home marae.

Out of a wide range of experiences and knowledge of his own Te Mahurehure and Ngapuhi tradition and lore, Matu brought exceptional gifts into the life and work of the Maori Division. None was better equipped to help the Division attain the goal of *realising Maori styles of Christian life, witness and Service*. His response to Christ found consistent expression in the language and cultural forms of the people to whom he ministered.

He has left to the Tamaki Circuit a very special legacy in the *kura wananga* from which has already emerged a group of competent marae speakers and kai karakia.

Throughout his ministry Matu received unstinting support from his wife Irihapeti and their family who survive him. To them goes our deepest sympathy and arohanui.

Na reira e Matu:

Haere tahi atu me te tokomaha

Kua riro i roto i te tau;

*Haere koutou nga kaiwhatiwhati kii,
nga kaiwhatiwhati koorero
nga aweawe nui o te rangi.*

Tupea mai kia piri

Tupea mai kia tata;

Ka whiti rere a manu,

Ka mate au

Ka tangi au

Ka ngaro au, e i.

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

Frank Hedley Hayman
Edwin John Weatherall

Emily (Emmie) M. Smith

FRANK HEDLEY HAYMAN

Frank Hayman died on April 20th, 1978, aged 79, and with his passing the Church and Community lost a loving and thoughtful enthusiast for the gospel of Jesus. His life and faith clearly showed the qualities of his Lord, and at times, the imprint of nails; for he knew what it was to suffer for his faith.

Frank Hayman began his life in South Canterbury and chose as his career that of the teaching profession. However as a result of his deep faith he soon felt that he was called by God to Missionary service and to the full time ministry of the Church. In 1923 he offered for the ministry, was accepted by the Conference in 1925, and left as a probationer for the mission field in 1928; serving in Fiji and at Rendova in the Solomon Islands. It was here that he met his wife Ruth, but it was not till after his return home that he proposed to her by letter, and to his surprise "Ruth's answer was 'yes'." In 1932 he was ordained and appointed to Motueka. He married Ruth in 1935, and then followed ministries at Hamilton and Rotorua. It was of great sorrow to Frank that he had to resign the ministry in 1941 as a result of continued poor health, but there remained with him a firm belief that he always would be an ordained minister of the Gospel.

Frank then took up school teaching again, but these were war years and Frank was conscripted in 1942. As a conscientious objector Frank appealed but was dismissed from the teaching service, and it was not until 1948 when the wartime regulations were revoked that he was able to resume teaching, once again in South Canterbury. Since his retirement he has been a faithful member and Lay Preacher in the Waimate Circuit.

Frank Hayman's life has been marked by a desire to seek truth, understanding and peace. As a scholar he was keenly aware of the progresses and failures of this modern scientific age, and has kept copious and detailed records of his thinking and experiences. As a Missionary he was alive for the Gospel, and sought always, sometimes attracting the criticism of his superiors, to allow Solomon Islanders to evolve their own ways of worship and Church life. As a Minister of the Church he sought to convey a good news of love and peace. It is as a result of the pioneering work of such early pacifists that the Church now largely accepts a pacifist stance. It is to be regretted that Frank did not live to be reinstated as a Minister of the Church for that had been

the President's intention. As a Layman he was faithful and hardworking and a constant help to those of the ministry who sought his advice.

Frank Hayman's life has enriched us immensely and for that we give thanks. His example was one of love and peace. To his wife and family we offer our love.

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EDWIN JOHN WEATHERALL

The death of Ted Weatherall on January, 12th 1978 brought to an end a life of dedicated Christian commitment. Almost all Ted's 72 years were spent in Lawrence, apart from his early childhood at Coal Creek near Roxburgh. The early death of his father and the memory of his own years of toil and hardship gave him an intense sympathy for those in need and at the same time the energy and the will to help others.

His whole life was a life of service. After experience as a raceman on the Blue Spur claim, as a farm-hand, and as a labourer on the new railway line from Beaumont to Roxburgh, Ted worked for 20 years as a butcher. In 1948 he gave this up in order to take on the position as Town Clerk for Lawrence, and since, by his standards, the work was not sufficiently demanding, he was the overseer of the town's public works, as well. Ted was not one to speak about his own achievements but he took genuine pride in the appearance of his town and of his contribution to this.

His public services spanned over 50 years. First and last he was a Churchman. As Secretary of the Trust from about 1925 and as Circuit Steward for Lawrence and, subsequently, the Milton/Lawrence Circuit from 1929, Ted was devoted to the Methodism in which he had been nurtured. He gave unfailingly generous support to a long succession of ministers, encouraging them to be themselves and never imposing his own preferences. If there was work to be done he did it, and always for love of the people of God.

If one adds to such a record his 47 years service with the Voluntary Fire Brigade, his standing as Coroner and Justice of Peace, his achievement of high office in the Masonic Order, and, above all, his justifiable pride in his family, then one gains some impression of the worth of this man. God be praised for men like Ted Weatherall. To his wife, Myrtle, and his family we offer our love.

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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
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
A. 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
Williams C. Jenkin
George E. Beckingsale
R. Graham Bell
Clifford G. Brown
F. Gardner Brown
Gordon A.R. Cornwell
George W. Cramond
Alan J. Handyside
William R. Laws
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
O. McLennan Olds
Lenonard Shapcott
Howard E. Harkness
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester
Gordon V. Thomas

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

Edward Baker
Owen L. Christian
John B. Dawson B.A.

Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.
J. Henry Woolford

EDWARD BAKER

Edward Baker owes much to the quality of rural Methodism. Born in Hamilton in November 1914, he received his schooling in the Waikato and worked on his father's farm at Horsham Downs and later Waimauku. Home influence led him into Sunday School teaching at the age of 14 years, Bible Class leadership and local preaching soon following. His call to the Ministry grew out of experiences during three years overseas service in the 2nd World War, and on his discharge he entered Trinity College as a private student for one year. In 1947 he was accepted as a Candidate from the Helensville-Kaukapakapa Home Mission Station, and in spite of the time he had been away from studies diligently prepared himself for ordination at the 1950 Conference. His ministry has been characterised by a warm pastoral concern which is deeply grounded in evangelical Methodism. The reality of his own experience and relationship to Christ motivated his life and enabled him to listen to others who differed from him, without loss to his own convictions. Because he loved the Scriptures he has always been an expository preacher and greatly valued the opportunities of pulpit ministry.

A growing commitment to the ministry of healing, and in latter years a deep charismatic experience, were harmonised with the doctrine and practice of the Methodist church to the enrichment of his people and the whole church. As a chaplain at Burwood hospital and as a member (and for two years, convener) of the Spiritual Healing Committee he found a welcome opportunity to further his concern for Christian wholeness.

In every way he has been supported by the wisdom and understanding of his wife, Miss Grace Parker of Kaitaia, whom he married in 1948. Together they shared the tragic loss of one of their two sons in a car accident in 1974. Together they have served in six circuits. While extending his ministry to the Presbyterian church at Tuakau he laid the foundations for the formation of the Union Parish.

As they retire to Tuakau to tend roses, their own gratitude to the church is matched by our thankfulness for quiet, sincere and effective service over thirty years, and our prayer that it may long continue.

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OWEN LANCELOT CHRISTIAN

Owen Christian comes to the point of superannuation after a life of faithful service for God in a variety of Ministries.

He was born in Christchurch and attended the Addington Primary School and the Christchurch Technical High School.

His preaching vocation began when he was seventeen years of age and he was coached by the Rev. T. Coatsworth. The Rev. H. Ford of Woodend influenced Owen greatly. At a later time it was the Rev. Mr. Ford who, from Port Albert suggested that Owen should sit the Candidates Examination. A Mr. & Mrs. H. Neal encouraged Owen during this preparatory time and he offered himself as a candidate for the Ministry at the Auckland Conference in 1934. Although he was not accepted as a ministerial candidate, Owen was appointed by Conference to Kohu Kohu, North Hokianga as a Home Missionary for further experience. He went from there to study with the Bible Training Institute (now the Bible College of New Zealand) and, on graduation with their Diploma, came back into the Home Mission work and served at Ngaruawahia. In due time, he met and married Miss. Sybil Tebbutt of Edgecumbe. As there were no married men's appointments available in the Methodist Church, Owen applied to the Church Army and on reception was sent to Burnham Military Camp where he served for two and a half years. Whilst in this service he studied the Grades for the Anglican Ministry and upon attaining a measure of success was made a Stipendary Lay Reader and appointed to Murchison by the Bishop of Nelson. The end of the 2nd World War closed the door for further service in this area of the Anglican Church.

The Rev. C. Blair indicated to Owen that appointments in the Methodist Church's Home Mission work were available, so Owen applied for re-entry. The Rev. G. I. Laurenson graciously received him and the Christians arrived in Coromandel where they served for five years. From there they went to Balclutha for five years and then to Inglewood for six years. Whilst at Inglewood, Owen was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments at the Wellington Conference of 1959. Following that, he was appointed to Tokoroa for one year and then moved to Oxford, ministering there for five years. His last appointment has been in the Christchurch East Circuit and was based at the Richmond Church. In conjunction with Richmond, Owen has pastored the congregations at

at Wesley, Fitzgerald Avenue for two years, at North Beach for seven years and at Linwood for one year, and was also Chaplain to Burwood Hospital for the period of eleven years.

Owen's pastoral and visiting ability have been gifts of God which he used fully for the Kingdom's extension. His wit and jovial nature has aided him throughout his life.

Mrs. Christian has been a gracious helper and supporter of her husband's work and she has held the office of President of various Women's Guilds and Fellowships. Two children, John and Mary, added joy to the family and brought their peers into activities in the Church and their home.

The Christchurch East Circuit speaks for all areas where the Christians have lived and served and gives thanks to God for your ministry.

May God bless you in your retirement.

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JOHN BRANT DAWSON B.A.

The influence of a number of profound incidents have helped determine Jack Dawson's attitude to life and Ministry, but none have suppressed the courage, forthrightness and sensitivity of feeling that characterise him as a man and a Minister. He was born in Gisborne in 1915. A year later the family moved to Dunedin. His father died in 1920 leaving Mrs. Dawson to bring up the two sons Jack and Selwyn. The boys vividly remember their early days as their mother struggled to cope on a small pension.

The family returned to Gisborne where Jack received his education. In these formative years Jack acknowledges the influence of his mother's faith and the friendship of a broad-minded family friend. The influences surfaced later in Jack's character - a deep faith and a consistent broadmindedness. Jack's wrestling with his faith and its relevance to the changing world was helped by Rev. F.E. Leadley and he nominated Jack for Ministry.

From 1937-1939 Jack trained at Trinity College and also commenced B.A. studies at the University. As a probationer he served at Ohura, and then Waitoa. In 1942 he married Florence (Floss) Carlisle. Eight months were spent in the Army Territorial Chaplaincy at Tauranga and Auckland, followed then by an appointment to the Rotorua Circuit.

Although a pacifist he became convinced of the need to identify with his fellows as a Christian and offered for Chaplaincy. He was accepted and sailed for Egypt in 1944 and until 1946 served as Chaplain with the N.Z. Infantry and Medical Units in Italy and Egypt. On his return to N.Z. he was appointed to the Christchurch East Circuit 1946-1949. In

1947 he completed his University studies which had been interrupted by the war, graduating B.A. In 1950 he was appointed to the Greendale Circuit but after five months had to leave the active Ministry because of ill-health, largely attributed to his war experiences. Before and following hospital treatment for amoebic dysentery, he suffered constant bouts of depression. The family moved to Gisborne, where Jack worked as an Inspector of Wages and Factories.

Jack acknowledges the role played by Floss and Dr. D.O. Williams in restoring to him a sense of worth and freedom from guilt. Jack's experience of the grace of God's love never left him and his deepest motivation in life since his recovery has been one of gratitude and the desire to grow as a person and support others in their development of self awareness.

In 1952 he returned to the active Ministry in the Petone Circuit, followed by appointments at Masterton, Hastings and St. Davids, Christchurch. A three year Ministry at the Sydney Methodist Central Mission 1970-1972 brought Jack in touch with alcoholics, underprivileged people and intensified his concern for social justice, international freedom and a concern for world problems. At the same time it strengthened his desire to be more effective as a preacher, pastor and counsellor.

Jack returned to N.Z. at the beginning of 1973 to take up an appointment as Superintendent of the Balmoral-Roskill Circuit. During 1977 he acted as Interim Editor of the New Citizen, while a replacement for John Bluck was being sought. Characteristically Jack competently acted as interim editor without diminishing his effectiveness as a Circuit Minister.

Throughout Jack's life his family has played a supportive and encouraging role, especially Floss. Her even temperament and warmth of personality has been a tremendous help to Jack, ably complementing his Ministry.

It could not be said that Jack has been a popular Minister. His intellectual honesty, plain speaking, and dislike of hypocrisy have caused some to resist his Ministry. But above all he has been a man of courage, who has been driven by his Christian convictions to proclaim the Gospel in a style that both exhilarates and disturbs.

The Conference records its thanks for Jack Dawson's Ministry. The Church wishes both Jack and Floss an enjoyable retirement in Rotorua where they will both have the time and opportunity to expand existing interests and develop new ones.

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HADDON CHARLES DIXON, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.

Haddon was born at Bunnythorpe, Manawatu in 1913 of farming parentage. He comes on his father's side from early Wellington Methodist pioneer stock, and on his mother's, of Baptist persuasion.

His schooling was at Bunnythorpe and at Palmerston North Boys' High. He became a Candidate for the Ministry from the

the Petone Church. In 1936 he was a Supply in the Greytown-Featherston Circuit and the following years 1937-39 were spent at Trinity Theological College. His Probation was served in the Wellington District, Lower Hutt (Waiwhetu) and Johnsonville-Porirua, each of two years. After Ordination in 1944 he served at Dundas Street, Dunedin in 1944-46; Avondale (Glen Eden, Henderson) 1946-49; became S.C.M. Chaplain, Auckland 1949-52; and from 1952-57 served in Auckland East (Remuera). Then followed 30 years with the CORSO Organisation, N.Z. In 1977, resigning from CORSO he became Director of the United Nations Association of N.Z. He has also been from 1977-79 part-time Supply in the Miramar Co-operating Parish.

Haddon has always been an able student. Dux at Primary School; at University and Theological College he has revealed his capacity. He graduated M.A. with honours in Philosophy and was the only Methodist in the first four graduates to gain the B.D. N.Z. Degree. He has been an occasional lecturer at Trinity College and at the Auckland University. His early inclination was towards an academic career but was turned to his future work by an insight from writings by the late William Temple.

His association with CORSO began at Dunedin in 1945 where he was Treasurer of the Committee. In Auckland he was deeply immersed in its work becoming Chairman of the Committee in 1948 and later part-time organiser from Taupo to North Cape in 1956. In 1957-1961 he was Auckland's Regional Organiser. In 1961 he became acting Director while the secretary was overseas, and in 1962 was appointed the National Secretary.

It was in this period of years and service since that Haddon revealed his outstanding ability as a gifted organiser and preacher and one able to inspire others in service by his own deep dedication to the work of relieving famine, hunger and need in countless places and people throughout the world. On him rested heavy responsibility not only of the Office as National Secretary accountable to N.Z. and its public but also of the heart rending need of so many and where aid should be given. On his guidance N.Z. has been able to bring help to so many in pestilence, natural calamity and famine. In all his work he never lost sight of people for Christ's sake. He has always seen his work as a Gospel Ministry.

He has travelled widely and has seen at first hand places and people of need. He was one of the representatives at the First World Food Congress of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign in 1963 at Washington; a N.Z. representative at the second World Food Congress at The Hague; and in 1972 was sent on a rush trip to Bangladesh to report on conditions there. He has been called on to work with others, e.g. U.N. Agencies, FAO, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNHCR and WHO. He has worked in fellowship with many people in all walks of life, of all religions and of none, has been willing to listen and to give himself where ever he could never losing the common touch, becoming endeared to so many for what he has

been and been able to do.

In recognition of his outstanding work he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1971 and when he resigned his work with CORSO was thanked by Prime Minister Norman Kirk on behalf of N.Z.

He is the first to recognise that others have assisted him greatly especially his wife Eleanor (nee Owen) whom he married in 1942 in Auckland. Four children have blest their home. A warm, humble, friendly man, Haddon retires with the respect and thanks of the whole Church and Community which prays for him and Nell every blessing in the days to come.

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JOSEPH HENRY WOOLFORD M.A.

Henry Woolford was born in Hamilton in 1913. He had a rural upbringing and education. His parents were Salvation Army but attended the local Methodist Church. A Christian home and the church were twin influences for his early decision to accept the Christian way and later to accept his call to ministry.

Before entering Trinity College in 1938 he served as a Home Missionary in Wairoa for 12 months. In Trinity, while he entered fully into the whole of college life, he quickly established a disciplined devotional and study pattern which marked his whole ministry. He welcomed the opportunity while at Trinity to begin degree work at Auckland University and despite spending a good deal of his early ministry in rural circuits graduated M.A. in 1948. He served his probation at Dunedin Central Mission, Durham St. Circuit and Greytown. Subsequent pastorates were Temuka, Te Kuiti, Brooklyn, Tauranga, Gore, Birkenhead and Dargaville. In 1945 he married Miss Rene Clement of Rototuna and their's has been a partnership in ministry through the years.

Henry Woolford has a great love for books and his reading has been persistent, prolofic and comprehensive. He has always regarded preaching as of supreme importance and his very considerable preaching gifts and skills have been augmented and enriched by a mind well furnished by his wide reading. He posses a clear mind and he has never used words needlessly; these have given precision and penetration to his presentation of Biblical truth - and his preaching was Biblical - to the people of his congregations. Complementing this emphasis on preaching has been a strong pastoral sense and so the ministry which he developed was such as to meet the needs of people in their Christian discipleship.

He was happy to accept his share of Synod, Conference and Ecumenical responsibility. In addition to various District activities, including Secretary for a number of years and the Chairmanship of the Northland District from which he is retiring, Henry Woolford has worked on the Public Questions Committee, the Deaconess Board and the Examination Committee. He

has been a member of more than one Branch of N.C.C. and Regional Committees of the J.C.C.U. He served a term as President of the Northland Union District Council.

Everything he does is marked by careful planning and systematic preparation; this has marked his administrative work with efficiency. He has always been well organised and hates waste; he doesn't waste time, he doesn't waste resources, he doesn't waste words. He is not given to long, discursive argument, generally preferring to confine himself to a few penetrating comments and questions which have a way of pointing up the real issues and being disturbingly relevant. For all that, he is not a coldly efficient person, but warm and human. He has a keen social conscience and the plight of people is a very real concern to him, leading him to espouse minority opinions and unpopular causes when he believes that truth and justice are on their side. He is, moreover, good company and has a quick sense of humour; he enjoys ordinary human things like sport and reading thrillers.

Rene Woolford shared fully in the ministry of her husband and also initiated a ministry of her own; she has made a great contribution to women in the church at local, district and national level. She has engendered the love and confidence of the women amongst whom she has worked, but has also been active in administration having been involved, for instance in the negotiations which unified the women's work into the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

The whole church extends its love and gratitude to Henry and Rene Woolford for their many years of devoted service to the church and her people and witness to the community. As they continue to make their contribution in retirement at Northcote, we wish them good health and great joy.

QUESTION 12—What Deaconesses are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

Airini Hobbs	Rita F. Snowden
Jean A. Miller	Margaret Nicholls
Madeline Holland	Constance Sage
Atawhai George	Dorothy Pointon
Anne Wilson	Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Place on the Retired List?

Grace M. Clement	Betty Yearbury
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GRACE MARGARET CLEMENT

Grace Margaret Clement was brought up in a Christian home and was nurtured in the Christian faith in her home and in the Rototuna Church of the Hamilton East Circuit. In response to a call from God she offered as a candidate for the Deaconess

Order, and on being accepted was trained at Deaconess House during 1946 and 1947,

The whole of Grace's service has been in the Maori Mission and its successor, the Maori Division. She served first as a probationer in the Waikato in 1948, then for eleven years in the King Country, followed by an appointment in Auckland between 1960 and 1974, and from 1975 was back home in the Waikato, based in Tokoroa.

Grace has brought particular gifts to her work as a deaconess, and many people, particularly women, have cause to be grateful for her work. She has sat where they sat, taken the trouble to understand and appreciate them, to be a good listener, to share in their experience of joy and sorrow, and out of this rich experience has been able to offer wise counsel. She is much loved by many people who have found her a help and strength in their time of need. She has the ability to enter a crisis situation bringing a serenity, a peace, and a confidence in God. Her unruffled manner, and her ability to say the right thing at the right time have been a source of strength to her people.

Her sisters in the Deaconess Order appreciate her as a person who is well named, who is always ready to listen, and who has the ability of helping people to grow without pushing them or making them feel threatened as persons.

Grace has never spared herself in the service of others and of God. There must have been times when her physical disabilities have proved to be a considerable handicap to her, but she cheerfully coped with these. Now she comes to her retirement with the respect, love and gratitude of her people. Retirement is not necessarily the end of opportunity to serve, but can be a time, when putting aside some of the chores of the working world, a person finds new opportunity to serve. We rejoice with Grace in the home she has bought in Hamilton, and in the plans she has to make this home a base for a very active retirement. The Waikato people claim her as one of their own, and they too look forward to welcoming her back to Hamilton. We are sure that the gifts Grace has exhibited over the years will continue to be made available to her people. We wish her God's blessing, and a very happy, fruitful retirement.

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QUESTION 34—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?

A report to Synods and Conference
covering the five year period 1973-1977

INTRODUCTION

The 1971 Conference resolved that the General Statistical report should be made every five years. The intention of the five year reporting was to enable the gathering of sufficient material to indicate significant trends and movements within the Church relating to Membership, Baptism and Confirmation.

THE STATISTICAL FACTS

SCHEDULE A.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		
DISTRICT	1973	1977	+-	%
Northland	1229	1009	-220	17.9
Auckland	6201	5703	-498	8.0
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	4096	3575	-521	12.7
Taranaki-Wanganui	2031	1709	-322	15.8
Hawkes Bay - Manawatu	2847	2422	-425	14.9
Wellington	3421	2818	-603	17.6
Nelson	1471	1113	-358	24.5
North Canterbury	4651	3734	-917	18.7
South Canterbury	1158	1064	- 94	8.1
Otago-Southland	1910	1653	-257	13.4
Totals for intervening years:				
1974 27,563 (-5.0%)	TOTALS: 29015	24800	-4215	14.5
1975 26,512 (-8.6%)				
1976 25,780 (-11.1%)				

SCHEDULE B.		INFANT BAPTISMS		
DISTRICT	1973	1977	+-	%
Northland	92	38	- 54	58.7
Auckland	470	332	-138	29.3
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	285	223	- 62	21.8
Taranaki-Wanganui	155	105	- 50	32.2
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	194	115	- 79	40.8
Wellington	266	237	- 29	11.0
Nelson	142	35	-107	75.3
North Canterbury	266	156	-110	41.3
South Canterbury	62	40	- 22	35.4

Otago-Southland	85	82	- 3	3.6
Totals for intervening years				
1974 1753(-13%)				
1975 1675(-16.9%) TOTALS:	2017	1363	-654	32.4
1976 1539 (-23.6%)				

SCHEDULE C	ADUPT BAPTISMS			
DISTRICT	1973	1977	+ -	%
Northland	9	7	- 2	22.2
Auckland	11	6	- 5	45.4
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	12	4	- 8	66.5
Taranaki-Wanganui	4	8	+ 4	100.0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	3	-	- 3	100.0
Wellington	3	11	+ 8	266.6
Nelson	9	3	- 6	66.6
North Canterbury	13	14	+ 1	7.7
South Canterbury	2	4	+ 2	100.0
Otago-Southland	5	2	- 3	60.0
Totals for intervening years				
1974 61(-14%)				
1975 73 (+2.7%) TOTALS:	71	59	- 12	16.9
1976 55(-22.5%)				

SCHEDULE D	CONFIRMATIONS			
DISTRICT	1973	1977	+ -	%
Northland	11	19	+ 8	72.7
Auckland	97	81	- 16	16.4
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	84	36	- 48	57.1
Taranaki-Wanganui	33	25	- 8	24.2
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	43	17	- 26	60.4
Wellington	59	40	- 19	32.2
Nelson	24	22	- 13	54.1
North Canterbury	80	49	- 31	38.7
South Canterbury	27	14	- 13	48.1
Otago-Southland	42	10	- 32	76.1
Totals for intervening years:				
1974 444(-11.2%)				
1975 454(- 9.2%) TOTALS:	500	302	-198	39.6
1976 444(-11.2%)				

WHAT THE FACTS SAY

The figures speak for themselves. Over the five year period under review:-

- + Recorded Church membership has declined by 14.5%
- + Infant Baptisms have decreased on the average by 21.4%
- + Adult Baptisms have decreased on the average by 14.0%
- + Confirmations have declined on the average by 17.8%

WHAT ARE THE REASONS

The statistics by themselves provide no answers or clues. However, the learnings from another Church may be helpful.

In 1976 the United Presbyterian Church of America produced a comprehensive report on "Church Membership Trends"

It concluded that the decline in Church membership was attributed to two important factors:-

One - people were choosing to leave the church

In researching the factors why people 'dropped out' of the Church the report concluded:-

"The reasons for leaving were varied although seven did predominate:-

- + (28%) moved away
- + (14%) dissatisfaction with the church, e.g. conflict, lack of fellowship, no feeling of belonging.
- + (10%) other family members left, or respondent got married.
- + (8%) difficulty with the Minister
- + (7%) lost interest or no specific reason
- + (7%) specific belief or idea-centred differences with the United Presbyterian Church or the congregation.
- + (7%) other things to do on Sunday, e.g. work, recreation. "

Two - within the Church itself there was a lack of positive attitudes towards Church Growth

The report recommended that the United Church should clearly affirm that it expects growth.

Three affirmations were given to support the call for growth.

1. FAITHFULNESS DEMANDS THE SHARING OF THE GOOD NEWS.

"We believe that the evidence is conclusive that the Word of God - his judgement, forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation and empowering of new life - is for all persons. The church's definitive call has been and is to share its experience of that faith, life, and freedom with all persons.

The gospel is for everyone or it is not valid for anyone! The conversion of anyone is God's work, not our accomplishment. The love of Christ constrains us to reach out to others whether or not they respond to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless faithfulness does not necessarily mean that the church growth will occur. Loss of population, the heavy presence of other faiths, or the strength of the tide of secularism may make growth either extremely difficult or impossible. To be a member, or a Minister, in such situations does not imply unfaithful discipleship. Indeed, it is often more challenging and courageous to labour where the conditions may make growth difficult".

Membership growth used as an indication of success, to impress, or to increase income, is certainly less than the whole gospel. The motivation for church growth must be a concern for the whole life of persons and the desire to increase and strengthen the mission of the church in the world.

2. THE CHURCH NEEDS BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY. THE GOSPEL EXPECTS BOTH

What the church needs is both quality (a clear sense of discipleship and mission) and quantity (an ever-widening fellowship of those who know Christ as Lord and Saviour. The two are not opposed, and the gospel expects both.

3. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH REQUIRES A POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING OF EVANGELISM.

There is no simple pattern or single reason for church growth, rather it comes from a complex pattern of causes which cannot be identified as evangelism alone. Nevertheless, evangelism is an essential ingredient in obedience to the gospel. Evangelism at its strongest is not confined within any exclusively personal - individual nor within an exclusively social definition. Rather evangelism must encompass presence, proclamation and persuasion, each of which is incomplete without the others.

Evangelism is not the whole of the task of the church. We must be personally and deeply committed to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. We must proclaim, be, and do the gospel in all facets of our lives, society and the world. That includes the readiness, eagerness and desire to confront and to share the gospel with individuals, our society and our world in all appropriate ways, and to be instruments in God's hands for drawing them into the body of Christ for the sake of mission.

(Minutes of the 188th General Assembly United Presbyterian Church. Part one. pages 370 : 378/380)

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHURCH

Local reflection

The Welfare of the Church Committee in a report on "Statistical information and the life of the Church" (1973 p.113) stated:-

"While proposing that fewer statistics be assembled on a national basis, we support a move for better evaluation of the real effectiveness of the Church. We see this as essentially a local-church task. Leaders and quarterly meetings should give more attention to self-assessment - to determining and regularly revising goals, priorities and to checking progress."

REGIONAL REFLECTION

We affirm that the most worthwhile reflection on the trends in membership etc. will take place within the courts of the local church.

However, in addition to this we believe that District Synods/ Union District Councils have a role too in encouraging serious reflection on the effectiveness of the church.

We suggest, therefore, that Synods/District Councils seek a response to the following two questions:-

One, what evidence is there of growth among any of the Circuits/ Parishes with the District ?

Two, what are the major factors that encourage and sustain growth within Circuits/Parishes ?

AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

The statistical returns above represent an incomplete picture of the Methodist Church. For example, there is no measurement of Maori membership. Further, the growth of Pacific Island support for the Methodist Church is not adequately reflected in the annual Circuit returns of membership.

(see the report to Conference on Tongan Ministry and Church life).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met at Weir House, Victoria University, on 15-17 May 1978. The President, the Rev. J.A. Penman, presided. Three sessions were held with the Presbyterian Council of Assembly which was meeting at Weir House at the same time. Representatives of the Anglican Province of New Zealand and the Associated Churches of Christ were also present at these joint sessions.

A. ITEMS CONSIDERED BY CHURCH COUNCIL ALONE

RESPONDING TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES FACING THE METHODIST CHURCH OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

The Council received a report from a Task Group set up by the Council of Mission. The report stated that "many of the existing strategies and structures of the Methodist Church are no longer effective to meet the critical issues facing the Church."

As an alternative to existing Circuit/Connexional organisation the recommendation was made that Circuits-Cooperative Ventures be "clustered" into 19 units throughout New Zealand. The purpose behind such groupings is to enable a greater sharing of resources between Circuits.

The Council spent two sessions grappling with the issues raised by the report and the recommendations. It was finally agreed that the report be rewritten taking into account the critical and supportive comments of the Council and submitted to August Synods. At the October meeting of Church Council the responses of Synods would be considered and a report made to Conference.

STIPEND RATES AND ALLOWANCES

The President, the Rev. J.A. Penman, presented the Stipend Committee's annual review of stipends.

The new rates for stipends as from 1 July 1978 are:-

Ordained Ministers	\$7,704
Home Missionaries	\$7,012
Deaconesses	\$6,370

The Board of Administration has presented a report to the Committee on Stipends, on Stipends and Allowances; the Committee will be reporting to Synods and Conference.

GUIDELINES FOR THE CO-ORDINATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND STUDY

Conference 1977 resolved that the Ecumenical Committee, of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, serves as a co-ordinating body for study and travel overseas (1977 Resolutions, p.49).

The Ecumenical Committee drafted a set of guidelines and these were submitted to the Council of Mission for comment. Subsequently a more comprehensive set of guidelines was drafted and sent out to all District Chairmen requesting their comments on the proposals. No amendments or alterations were suggested by the Chairmen. Church Council endorsed the guidelines and asked that District Chairmen widely publicise them as the procedures apply to lay people as well as to ministers.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FUND

Through the Child Care Division of the Auckland Central Mission the Council was requested to consider the principle of a special Fund being established in 1979 "The Year of the Child". The suggestion was that a Fund be established which could make grants to child care work throughout the Connexion.

Church Council noted that the proposal had not been referred to it by the Methodist Social Services Association. It therefore resolved to refer the matter to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. for its response.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

In recent years there has been considerable discussion in the courts of the Methodist Church about its relationship with the World Methodist Council and how this relationship fits into its commitment to the world ecumenical movement.

The 1972 and 1976 Conferences re-affirmed the position of 1966, viz that while retaining membership of the World Methodist Council, the prior commitment is the Ecumenical movement.

The Ecumenical Committee decided that a brief report should be presented to Church Council to give it the opportunity to decide if the present policy should be maintained. (The 1972 Conference agreed that the present policy should be reviewed in 5 years.)

ECUMENICAL COMPULSION

In 1972 the Ecumenical Committee reviewed relationships with the World Methodist Council and it was aware of the growing compulsion to develop and expand ecumenical contacts locally and regionally, and through the World Council of Churches, to support the ecumenical thrusts and action occurring at the world level. It re-affirmed the priorities of membership and relationship (together with their financial implications) adopted by Conference in 1966, namely:-

1. Those Churches with which we are negotiating for union (JCCU) and our other sister Churches in New Zealand (NCC).
2. The Churches within the Pacific region (UPNGSI PCC).
3. The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA).
4. The World Council of Churches (WCC).
5. The World Methodist Council.

RE-AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITIES

In its report the Ecumenical Committee stated:-

"The Methodist Church of New Zealand is small. It is situated in a very small country, isolated from the main stream of Christian activity. To foster relationship with Christians in other countries is an expensive business, but one which we must not neglect otherwise we will become even more isolated and insular. Therefore, with our meagre resources we have to make a deliberate decision about priorities in our relationships. We haven't the resources to be fully involved in the WCC, the CCA and the World Methodist Council.

"Unless the Church Council suggests otherwise the Ecumenical Committee will remain with the priorities of the 1976 Conference."

The Council endorsed the priorities affirmed by the 1976 Conference.

SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY

The 1977 Conference resolved:-

"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."

(1977 Conference Resolutions, p.46, res.5)

The Development Division presented a report to the Council. The report noted:-

1. That Conference had approved the concept of Self-supporting Ministry

"That the Methodist Church extend the form of the Presbyterate to include persons who while continuing secular employment, have been accepted as candidates for the Ministry, have received appropriate training and ordained by the Conference."

(1976 Minutes, pp.279-280, res.2)

2. That there is an urgent need to develop new expressions of Ministry

Two factors in particular highlight the need for the proposal to become a reality:-

One - it is becoming increasingly difficult for Circuits/Parishes, as presently constituted, to meet the cost of full-time ordained staff.

Two - it is likely that full-time ordained staff will be in the future, less congregation centred and assume a more territorial role acting as enablers and resource agents for clusters of congregations.

However, it is clear from experience that the disengagement of a Minister from a close relationship with a congregation and a community adversely affects people's morale and commitment to the Church.

The need is for more, not less, ministerial presence in neighbourhoods and communities. This is where the self-supporting ministry has a distinct role to play.

3. Implementation

Essentially there are two ways in which self-supporting ministry can be established.

(a) Responding to a specific need

Initially a Circuit/Parish will establish a case for the appointment of a self-supporting ministry and confirm this with the encouragement of the District and the Connexion.

Having confirmed the need for such an appointment, it can then take steps to choose from among its number someone it believes has the gifts and potential to exercise effective ministry.

Some such candidates will be retired but with energy and time to devote to the Church and/or community. Some may be people in full employment whose job does not make demands outside the normal working hours.

Obviously their expressing of ministry depends in part on the nature of their "self-support".

(b) Responding to a specific offer

Another way of establishing such ministries is to start with the individual who wishes to explore the possibilities. The Faith and Order Committee noted that "candidates for the non-stipendiary ministry will normally be mature persons who are currently engaged in effective ministry but who wish to extend it through further training and ordination".

4. Re-thinking of Ministerial Roles

The experience of the Maori Division confirms that where self-supporting ministry operates there is a need for the Minister and congregations to re-think their respective roles.

Normally a Circuit/Parish is geared to service a full-time Minister, e.g. weekly worship, routine pastoral care, administrative meetings. If these are not reviewed, then the self-supporting Minister will operate under an intolerable and unattainable job description.

Church Council received the report and after considerable discussion appointed a small adhoc committee to prepare a report for the Committee on Ministry concerning the procedures - selection, training and appointment - of self-supporting ministers.

Because of the urgency of the issues the Council requested the Committee on Ministry to report to the August Synods.

MINISTERIAL AND LAY PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCE

The Council of Mission reported that during a session it held with the President and the Vice-President elect the suggestion had been made that the existing distinctions between ministerial Presidents and lay Vice-Presidents should be abolished. As an alternative it was suggested that there be elected at Conference two Presidents - one lay and one ministerial.

With regard to the Vice-President, two issues were raised - one a change in title, the other changes of function. The Legal Adviser will bring a proposal to the October Church Council concerning the change of name to "Lay" in place of "Vice". As to change in function, an Auckland group convened by the Vice-President is to report to the October Church Council.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EDUCATION DIVISION IF THE RADIO AND T.V. COMMITTEE WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE DIVISION

A joint committee comprising representatives from the Education Division and the Radio and T.V. Committee prepared a report to gauge the reaction of Church Council before consultations proceeded further.

Council discussed the report but finally unanimously rejected the proposals that the Radio and T.V. Committee becomes the responsibility of the Education Division. Two factors in particular were cited as reasons for opposing the scheme:-

1. Council members were not convinced that the most effective way of relating to the media of Radio and Television was through the formal operations of a Church Committee.
2. The proposal suggested that the cost of employing a part-time person would be in the vicinity of at least \$3,000-\$3,500 for a year. Council recognised that the Methodist Church did not have unlimited financial resources and it did not consider the work of Radio and T.V. warranted inclusion in the Connexional Budget at the exclusion of existing activities.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF MISSION

A report was received from the Council of Mission assessing its operations to date in the light of its stated objectives.

In its report the Council stated that the question of the number and representation of its membership had been a recurring issue since its establishment in 1973. The Council of Mission agreed that it should not make representations about membership but that the issue should be clarified and resolved by Church Council.

After discussion Church Council resolved:-

"That the membership of the Council of Mission remain as is (Heads of the five Divisions, Principal of the Theological College, General Treasurer and two lay persons)."

Church Council also considered that some reflection on the name "Council of Mission" might be advisable - it did not seem to describe the functions of the Council adequately.

CONFERENCE 1978

The President-Elect and Vice-President Elect reported that arrangements for Conference 1978 are all well in hand.

FUTURE OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Board of Administration will report directly to Synods and Conference on the question of future Conferences.

CHURCH COUNCIL 1979

Council resolved that the venue of Church Council 1979 should be decided at a later date. The possibility of some joint session, as in this present year, could be considered and therefore could determine whether Otaki Lodge or Weir House would be the more appropriate. The dates fixed were 7-10 May 1979.

B. ITEMS CONSIDERED JOINTLY BY CHURCH COUNCIL AND THE PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL OF ASSEMBLY

At the 1977 meeting of Church Council it was agreed that joint sessions be held in 1978 with the Council of the Presbyterian Assembly to consider items of mutual interest and concern. These were identified as being:-

1. Implications for Union/Cooperating Parishes arising from Delays in consummating organic Church Union - implications for parent Churches if local acts of cooperation continue to develop.
2. Concepts of contemporary and future ministry - a review of the basic roles of ministry and their relation to the role of the Church in contemporary society.
3. Organic Church Union - an assessment of where both Churches are in relation to their commitment to the principle and practice of organic Church Union.
4. The Joint Board of Overseas Mission - a report from the Board on developments to date.
5. An open forum - what are the issues biting into representatives of both Councils?

Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning were spent relating to these issues. Arising from the discussion were two resolutions:-

1. "That both denominations appoint consultants to attend each other's meetings where Budgets are being set and appointments made."
2. "That Heads of Departments/Divisions be encouraged to visit the respective Theological Colleges as a means of familiarising students with the range of resources present within each Church."

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 36— What are the Reports of

(a) Welfare of the Church Committee?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

DESIGNATION PROCEDURES 1977/36/2

This Committee sees the present practice of designating Connexional appointments in advance as necessary for the efficient working of our Connexional system, and has no recommendation for change.

It is understandable that a few congregations which in the past could be reasonably confident of having an invitation accepted, and subsequently upheld by the Stationing Committee, feel less secure with the suspension of invitations. This Committee nevertheless believes that the current procedures, with enhanced opportunities for congregational self-understanding, and for communication of needs and hopes to a highly responsible and pastorally aware Stationing Committee, should serve the Church at least as effectively as what went before.

It needs to be realised that the new pattern does not prohibit the mention of particular names in connection with particular appointments before the September meeting of the Stationing Committee. In fact discussion may get under way quite early between congregations or ministers and Chairmen, and informally amongst Chairmen (e.g. in May at Church Council) about possible moves for the following year, as long as no commitments are entered into which would prejudice the freedom of the Stationing Committee.

LEADERSHIP OF MEETINGS 1974/107/3

At the 1974 Conference it was agreed that "for an experimental period of five years, commencing 1975, notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Law Book section 151 et al., Superintendent Ministers shall be empowered to invite Quarterly Meetings and Leaders' Meetings to elect Lay Chairmen on an annual basis." This Committee was given the responsibility of collating the experience of Circuits with this dispensation, and in due course bringing a recommendation for a permanent change to the law, in consultation with the Law Revision Committee.

It is our impression that the change has won broad acceptance and is being taken advantage of to an increasing extent. But we invite Synods, Circuits, and interested individuals to communicate to us their experience with this change, with any suggestions they may have as to what permanent provision should be made at next Conference.

We are already in communication with the Law Revision Committee over this matter.

G.R. WILLIAMS, Chairman
E.R. LEWIS, Convener

RECOMMENDATION: That the Report be received.

QUESTION 36 - What are the Reports of

(b) New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association?

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSN.

ANNUAL REPORT for Year Ending 30 June 1978

The Dominion Executive meets in Christchurch to process the requests that still come regularly from Circuits for Accreditation Certificates and Long Service Diplomas.

Contact with Districts is minimal and the main task of the Dominion body is the keeping of records, occasional production of the 'Preacher', and the exercise of a watching brief on Examinations and the Lay Preachers' Course.

The Dominion Secretary is teaching overseas for twelve months and Mr Keith Knox, Secretary of the North Canterbury Executive has ably carried on the work.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

There have been five passes in Theology and four passes in papers on The Church. ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES

The following are warmly welcomed as accredited Lay Preachers.

Terry Desmond (Ohura) May Hammill (West
Dunedin) Maxwell J. Mehrtens (Te Aroha)

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS

have been awarded as follows.

J.K.Woodley (Stoke) 50 years service
D.H.Williams (Stoke) 33 years
John Pope (Riverton) 50 years

EXAMINATION COURSE

The Executive warmly welcomes the initiative taken by the Education Division in restructuring the Lay Preachers' Course as an extension of the Lay Training Course and believes that the proposals to come before the 1978 Conference will do much to encourage younger men and women to prepare for this ministry.

For the Executive,
G.E.Hill President
K.Knox Acting Secy.
J.McKenzie.Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

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, 1978

"What does the Lord require of us as individuals and as members of Women's Fellowship today?" That question rang out of one of the nineteen District Reports as we read them in preparation of this, the fifteenth Annual Report.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP With three Union Districts this is not easy to assess, but from statistics supplied there are approximately 7000 women associated with Methodist Women's Fellowship. Membership fees for 6220 members were paid to the National Treasurer. These members are grouped as follows (1977 figures in brackets)

	<u>Methodist</u>	<u>Union/Co-operating</u>	<u>Total</u>
Districts	16 (16)	3 (3)	19 (19)
Fellowships	182 (178)	100 (102)	282 (280)

LOCAL FELLOWSHIPS Groups meet morning, noon or night, in homes, halls, churches, marae and gardens, and from the fellowship and strength gained, the loving and caring of the members fans out into all parts of the community in and beyond the Church.

DISTRICT OFFICERS The work at District level - Councils, Executive meetings, Rallies, Study Days, newsletters, visits - all helps to gather the local groups into a wider fellowship. There are encouraging reports of closer co-operation between the District Courts of the Association of Anglican Women, Association of Presbyterian Women, and Methodist Women's Fellowship in several areas. It is also the place where work needs to be done toward more efficient communication between the denominational organisations and Union and Co-operating Parishes.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE has met each month in Hamilton with 4 extra committees as necessary. We farewelled our Missions Convener, Mrs. Betty Buchan who with her husband and family is serving the United Church in Papua New Guinea; and were glad to welcome Mrs. Lucretia Spittle, a former Vice-President to take Betty's place. Three other members changed their places of residence but have remained on Executive. Our special thanks to those who have travelled from outside Hamilton so faithfully to attend meetings. During the year the President (sometimes with other Executive members) had the pleasure and privilege of visiting North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Auckland, Manawatu, Wanganui, Otago, Southland, Nelson/Marlborough, Wairarapa, and Hawkes Bay Districts; Maori Division Hui-a-tau at Huntly, and Te Ropu Wahine Huihuinga at Hawera; and the Samoan Methodist Women's Fellowship in Auckland.

The President and Secretary were representatives at Church Conference in Christchurch in 1977 and the National Executive has

been represented at Association of Presbyterian Women, Association of Anglican Women, Catholic Women's League, National Council of Women, CORSO, and the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches national meetings. The President attended Church Council in May 1978 and must express dismay that apart from the Maori Division no Synod or Department had appointed a woman representative on this forward planning committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL of Executive members and District Presidents was held in Hamilton, October 1977, and our thanks to Mrs. Bernie Dey and the members of Waikato District for their hosting. Work for 1976/77 was reviewed and the theme of "Good News - by Study, Worship and Service" was woven into the sessions.

PRESIDENT'S LETTERS AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BULLETINS have been sent out regularly and we can report that these communications are used to good effect.

FINANCE The increase of fees to the National Executive has been a help in covering our running expenses but still leaves us short with regard to the increasing costs of travel for our President and other Executive members who are our appointed representatives. Without generous help from the Hamilton Trust and others towards travelling, this expense would have had to be reviewed. However we consider that the value of contact made with isolated groups, bringing them into closer contact with other Christian women and the Church as a whole cannot be measured in terms of money, and is a very important task of a National Committee.

The Special Objective "Long Term Support for the Hostess/Co-ordinator of Friendship House" has been a worthwhile learning opportunity for us all. It is impossible to assess the amount of money women raise for the Connexional Budget, Local Church Trusts, and the many other needs which come to their notice.

Funds disbursed by M.W.F. -

Medical and Educational Fund	\$2711	Approximate total for
Stamp Fund	\$5880	all other objects -
Special Objective	\$15376	\$67,227

KURAHUNA GRANTS COMMITTEE Thanks to the members for careful consideration of applications and for the allocation of scholarships for Maori girls for further education in many fields.

SMETHURST HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE continues to supervise, but the time is coming when we may need to look again at our stewardship of this valuable property.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE in Wellington continues to provide valuable programme assistance to local groups and has worked in conjunction with the Presbyterian counterpart on shared material. Our thanks for their imaginative news bulletins keeping us up to date.

MISSION OUTREACH Each District is allocated an Associate N.Z. and Overseas worker for special care and most report good support. We assisted in the preparation of the "Mission Possible" pack produced by the Association of Presbyterian Women and are pleased at the use of this by many groups. Much depends on the enthusiasm of local Missions Conveners to keep members aware of the

rapidly changing views, needs and vision of the Mission of God, either overseas or over the road.

TE RŌPŪ WĀHINE We are glad to report continuing exchange of meetings and learning activities between our two organisations.
JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS Mrs. Joyce Day

(President) and Mrs. Isobel Burn (President Elect) attended the meeting of National leaders in Wellington in March. Co-operation between our organisations at District level is to be encouraged in whatever way is possible. Members are urged to participate wholeheartedly in the International year of the Child, 1979.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Our members support the World Day of Prayer Services and Fellowship of the Least Coin as well as local Councils of Churches.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN Mrs. Milly Downs has very efficiently represented us at National level and has prepared study material on some aspects of N.C.W. work. Members are encouraged to join in district and local activities of this very active organisation of women dedicated to the improvement of our national life.

CORSO Mrs. Marjorie Mannell has continued to represent us on the National Committee of this Aid Organisation and has kept members informed of the many aid projects in hand.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN The South Pacific Area Seminar in Nuku'alofa, Tonga 21 - 27 August this year was a highlight for 63 New Zealand Methodist women. Our delegation which came from all parts of N.Z. included 16 members of the Te Rōpū Wāhine and 3 N.Z. Tongan women, all of us knit together in a bond of kinship as sisters in Christ. "Don't tell me, show me!" was our motto and 350 women from many parts of the South Pacific did just that as we lived, studied, prayed, played, laughed and feasted together. "Education for the whole of Life" (Mrs. Dorothy Winstone, N.Z.); "Women and the Use of Power" (Mrs. Lorini Tevi, Fiji); "Living with those who differ from us" (Mrs. Fetau Mata'afa, Samoa) were the subjects for lectures and workshops. Thank you to Mrs. Vera Dowie, Area President, for making this experience possible. Our appreciation also to Mrs. Betty Cable (N.Z. Vice-President) and her committee for the preparation of the N.Z. Cultural Evening Programme, based on the theme of "Trees" and to Rev. Napi Waaka for his enthusiasm in preparing the model wharepuni given to the women of Tonga.

THANKS As we come to the end of our term as National Executive our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God for strength and guidance and for the opportunity we have had for service in His name. Thank you all for your help in so many ways.

JOYCE K. DEY, President
BERYL BOWLER, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

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

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION—Annual Report 1978

"Christian faith and education are inevitable companions, wherever living faith exists, there is a community endeavouring to know, understand, live, and witness to that faith." (John H. Westerhoff)

As a Division we think of ourselves as servants of the church at large - the Methodist Church, and Union and Co-operating Parishes through the direct links that we have; and the wider church through the sale of educational and theological resources. To do this we need to be closely in touch with where the church 'is at', and to be beamed in the direction of helping 'where the action is', that is, the local Circuit, parish and congregation, as well as giving some lead in innovative directions. This is true of all three sections of our Divisions' work - Planning and Training, Stewardship and Bookroom.

The earlier part of 1978 has seen Loyal Gibson and Frank Hanson travelling extensively around New Zealand to be involved in particular in District Education Seminars, and Jock Hosking journeying overseas to make significant contacts and see significant new work. Glyn Jones - the fourth member of our shared leadership team - has held the reins in the office as Bookroom Manager.

The holding operation of 1977 has hopefully given place to some movement in a number of areas during 1978. While we are still at the point of review in some areas, we can also see some new thrusts forward in others.

While appreciating very much the support and warm welcome of many Methodist people around the country, it is salutary to find that some people still regard us as 'the Youth Department', others see us as basically concerned with childrens' work; others seem unaware of our existence and what we try to do as a Division (except for the Stewardship Section, the realities of whose work are constantly before decision makers in church courts); our contacts are too often confined only to the 'keen' and 'enthusiastic'; we are sometimes treated with suspicion as 'new fangled innovators' or seen to be so far-out or so far ahead (depending on one's point of view) as not to be of very great relevance. We also discover such a variety of expectations that we have no possibility of meeting some of them at all. Hence the necessity, through our own reviews, and with the help of the church, to discover some

few major directions where we can best help the Church and her people at this moment in our history.

Some of the things we have discovered very forcibly are our own need to work hard in the area of public relations; the very genuine appreciation that people have when they do meet us; the need to get something of the variety of resources nearer to where people can see and handle them; the importance of our relationship with Synods and regional groupings; the need to be specific in what we are able to offer in terms of training events'; the key importance of the minister in the educational thrust of the local congregation; the need for geographical coverage of the country in our work.

The allocation of time at Conference will enable us to report "live" on some of the areas we are fostering and initiating including inter-generational work; all-age learning and worship resources; camping policy; future policy regarding C.L.C; inter-church laboratory training; the International Year of the Child etc. Also up-to-date information is brought regularly to the notice of ministers and congregations through the news leaflet "Contact". In this regard a review of our publications showed two distinct needs - one for up-to-the-minute information which could be assimilated readily; the other for more long-term resources which could be kept until an appropriate occasion sometime in the future. We are now producing "Contact" every two months, and "Christian Education Handbook" articles will appear three times per year. The latter will have a variety of subject matter, but will also be picking up the "Building Community" theme which has been introduced of recent years.

LAY TRAINING:

This term can be interpreted in a variety of different ways - basic training in Sunday School teaching, personal growth and development strategies, lay participation in worship, involvement in meetings and the way they are run, etc., etc. A whole host of possibilities are available, and a variety of strategies called for. That is, of course, if we are really serious about this issue as a church. Does it matter whether or not we offer people appropriate training? What is the kind of training we basically need to engage in? What is the role of the local minister in this? What the role of the Division? How can we become 'a more resourceful church' unless the matter of training and re-training - both ministerial and lay - becomes a matter of far higher priority across the whole spectrum of our membership.

Within this larger spectrum we offer comments on three aspects in particular.

The Division has now commenced producing a Lay Training Course. It will take the form of a number of modules which will be available to either individuals or to groups. These will be flexible, short-term, based on recommended texts, have study and/or group-process notes to go with them, and cover a wide variety of topics. Eventually there will be about 17 subjects available, and it is hoped to have 8 - 10 ready by the end of this year. It should be possible to use them in a variety of different settings within local churches. While this in no way covers the field of all our training needs, it is hoped that they will at least fill one of the gaps.

Integrated into this are the proposals for a new Course for Lay Preachers' Candidates. A Report to August Synods produced widespread support for the kind of policy set out there. Five of the modules of the Lay Training Course - Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Church in Society, Worship - will be taken to a Stage 2 level, and it is these latter which will form the basis of Lay Preachers' Accreditation. While assignments in the Lay Training Course will not be subject to marking, nor to a Certificate on completion, this will not be true of these five modules, when they are being used by Lay Preachers' Candidates. In their case there will be written and/or practical assignments as the subject is being undertaken, and an examination at the conclusion. Marks from both assignments and examinations will be taken into account in the process of accreditation. Groups of examiners and assignment tutors are being established in several regions throughout the country so that there is some uniform standard in each of these subjects. It is proposed that the Lay Preachers' Course now become the responsibility of the Education Division, and that it be seen as one aspect, and an important one, of the whole field of lay training. Inquiries regarding Lay Preachers' work, which had dwindled seriously a few years ago, have increased markedly. It is proposed that the basic Course be extended to a two-year minimum, but that other requirements, as they appear in the Law Book, be adhered to. There will be yearly examinations in each subject, and the Course will be subject to a yearly review. Plans are being actioned to enable Samoans to take the New Zealand Methodist Lay Preachers' Course. This could well mean in future that some Lay Preachers are able to take either a Palangi or a Samoan Service, while others are able to conduct both. If Conference accepts the proposals the new Course will come into operation in 1979,

but subjects already passed will naturally be recognised.

A further significant development is the proposed Lay Training Centre in Auckland. Initiated by the Presbytery of Auckland and the St. Heliers Presbyterian Parish it will provide a variety of 'experiential style' and 'content-centred' courses, and provide for disciplined study of the Christian faith, personal and spiritual growth, and training in the various skills necessary in the variety of lay ministries. It will be headed by a Director, and on its Board are representatives of the Trinity College Council, the Auckland District Synod and the Education Division.

EDUCATION DIVISION ASSOCIATES:

In line with the Conference 1977 resolution we are wanting to make some significant progress in this area. When this topic has been raised at District Education Seminars there has on the whole been agreement that this would be a helpful way forward, although the needs would vary from place to place, and the kind of people we need would sometimes be difficult to find.

We see the E.D.A's as either ministers or laypeople, occasionally brought together for equipping and information, who represent the Education Division nearer to the local scene in a regional area. In some areas there may be more than one. We see them working along with District Education Convenors, and having the kind of status and competence which will give Circuits confidence in calling upon them. We do not see ourselves presenting a net-work which will immediately cover the country. Rather it will be built up according to local possibilities, and along with the help of District Synods. Several approaches to people are at present being made, and it is hoped to be able to announce the names of our first Associates at Conference.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

We have been very encouraged by the renewal of interest that is being seen in this area. It is symbolized by the appointment of Mr John Grant as a Youth Worker. Funded by the St. Paul's Trust, Hamilton, John is working basically in the Hamilton and Waikato areas, but he has some responsibilities which take him outside the region.

The National Task Group, based in Auckland, continues to give a helpful lead, and among other things it has worked along with Loyal Gibson in organising a Leadership Training Week-end, a Music Seminar, and a 'Thinking Aloud' Weekend. Members have journeyed to some other parts of the country

to make contact with youth leaders and group members, and a net-work of people interested in this field is again being established.

After a decade without them, and considering the paucity of young adult leadership which we have, the Youth Conference held at Auckland last January was a stimulating event for those who took part in it. It is hoped that the 75 who attended then will grow to 150 - 200 this next January when a further Conference is planned for Rangitikei College, Marton. The Programme, based on the theme "Growing In Faith", is well in hand, as are also the outside resource people who have been asked to share in the leadership. The Presbyterians are holding a similar Conference in Auckland, and we are agreed on encouraging youth from Union and Co-operating Parishes to attend either one or the other.

STEWARDSHIP:

The Stewardship Section has continued to seek to service the needs of the Church. Our policy of using part-time staff has been retained, and our staff of Stewart Collis, Les Maden Cliff Flyger and five Ministers serves the Church well.

Jock Hosking undertook an extensive study tour overseas for fourteen weeks of the winter term. He met Stewardship staff in many countries and participated in seminars in Switzerland, U.S.A. and Canada. In a report presented to the Board he said that in New Zealand "we have neither the extremes of poverty or wealth so blatantly apparent in other parts of the world; we do not have the pressure of gross overpopulation - nor for the most part, the ravages of a raped earth; our air is comparatively unpolluted and we don't think twice about the water we drink or the food we eat; any political pressure we may feel exposed to is infinitesimal in comparison with the oppression both overt and subtle in many nations. Yet in our smug and myopic complacency we complain about our lot!!"

He described some tentative conclusions he had reached concerning the future:-

"The continuing development of more flexible fundraising Stewardship programme models I believe will be of prime importance. This I see to include not only outside directed programmes but also what we have called 'self run' programmes. This is not to say that there will be any diminution in the focus on money but rather that other methods which have been tried and tested can be adapted for use here.

It appears obvious to me that there are significantly new areas into which we ought to venture. Assisting a congregation to husband its resources as a good steward is one area - the whole concept of deferred giving i.e. wills, etc., is a whole new field. Some outstanding models of intensive programmes in this area are available to us.

Some of the denominations I visited have been working for some time on the "boundary fence" of Christian Stewardship. They have published material relating to energy, ecology, life-style, time and talents, values etc., etc. It seems obvious to me that provision of study and resource material appropriate to our own setting ought to be a priority in the future.

I am more than even convinced that the Connexional Budget needs thorough review - in the way it is drawn up - in the categories used - in the decision making process - in the communication of the Budget to the Church at large."

A JOINT METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP SECTION:

On the initiative of the Department of Parish Development and Mission of the Presbyterian Church, conversations have been held during the year to explore the possibility of establishing a Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Stewardship Section.

Agreement has been reached on a broad enough base to enable the Division to request official approval from Conference to establish the Joint Section as from February 1st 1979. General principles agreed to so far are;

- (1) There will be one unified field staff
- (2) The Associate Director (Stewardship) would head the Joint Section, within the present Methodist Education Division.
- (3) Any Presbyterian Staff would be appointed and funded by the Presbyterian Church, but would be immediately responsible to the head of the Joint Section.
- (4) An advisory Group with representatives from the Board of the Methodist Education Division and the Committee of the Department of Parish Development and Mission would be established to enable links to be retained both with the Division and the Department.

Fundamental to the whole venture is a "trust from all parties concerned, which will allow flexibility to be exercised."

RADIO AND T.V. WORK:

Conference last year asked us, in consultation with the

Radio and T.V. Committee, to report on the implications of a proposal to include this work within our area of responsibility. Several meetings took place between representatives of the Division and the Committee. For ourselves we saw the major implications of this to be:-

- a) a change in focus from servicing the needs of local congregations to the wider community. It can be argued either that these are complementary or in opposition;
- b) the Board and Staff of the Education Division would have to cope with another major segment of responsibility.
- c) It is impossible for any of the present staff to accept major radio and T.V. responsibilities as part of their job specification, and if the church is to take more seriously its work in this area then there must be at least a part-time appointment with a request in the vicinity of \$3,000 - \$3,500 to cover salary, travelling, overheads etc.

These implications were taken to Church Council which, because of the increased funding required, rejected the proposal.

Further discussion since Church Council established a way in which a person working in a voluntary capacity might be able to accept such a position within the Division's structure. However, because the service that could be given would amount to nothing more than is at present possible the Radio and T.V. Committee could see no purpose in the matter being further pursued, and the suggestion has reverted to the status quo.

CAMPING POLICY:

Two papers were sent to Synods earlier in the year for discussion and have received fairly favourable comment. In the light of this the Board will be bringing further comment to Conference itself.

We wish however, to acknowledge the leadership of Mr George Forster over a very long period in organising the Family Holiday Camps that are held each summer. A further seven are proposed for this December-January.

STAFF:

Last Conference designated Rev Loyal Gibson for reappointment as Associate Director (Planning and Training) for a period of three years. With unanimity and utter confidence the Board now brings a suitable resolution before the Conference. Loyal has a much-needed contribution to make

both to the Division's work as a whole, and also to his more specific regional responsibilities in the northern half of the North Island. We are well aware of the penetrating awareness that he brings to our own discussions, and of the sensitivity and vision which he shows in all his ministry.

Keith J. Taylor (Chairman) E. Francis I. Hanson (Director)
Loyal J. Gibson (Associate Director - Planning & Training)
John S. Hosking (Associate Director - Stewardship)
R. Glyn Jones (Bookroom Manager)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received
2. That the Rev Loyal Gibson be reappointed Associate Director (Planning and Training) for a period of three years.
3. That Conference adopt in principle the proposals for a new Lay Preachers' Course set out in the Report. These involve among other things:-
 - a) Increasing the minimum period of the Course from one year to two;
 - b) passing the combined assignments/examination in each of five subjects - Old Testament 2, New Testament 2, Theology 2, Church in Society 2, Worship 2.
 - c) establishing regional examining/tutoring teams responsible for marking assignments and examinations in individual subjects.
 - d) placing responsibility for the Course, text-books etc., with the Education Division.
4. That the joint Methodist-Presbyterian Stewardship Section be established within the Methodist Education Division, as from 1st February 1979.
5. That membership of the Board for 1979 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the 1978/79 Year Book.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE-Report to Conference 1978

1. COMBINED METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE: The joint venture with the Presbyterian Committee is now nearing the completion of its second year and the sharing of views and resources continues to be of mutual assistance and stimulus. With one exception, it has been possible, where representations to Government are called for on particular issues, to tender joint submissions. This combined effort gives greater strength in making views known to Government and putting forward proposals for change and reform on questions of public concern. Copies of these submissions are attached as appendices to the report. Of some length in a number of cases, they include the Immigration Amendment Bill 1977 (Appendix I); the Children and Young Persons Amendment Bill 1977 (Appendix II); the Gaming and Lotteries Bill (Appendix III); submissions to the Special Select Committee on Violent Offending (Appendix IV) and an "Open Letter to Members of Parliament, supporting repeal of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977 and the Crimes Amendment Act, 1977 (Appendix V). Also Random Breath Testing (Appendix VI).
2. CHRISTIAN CONCERN AND ENERGY RESOURCES: (Resolutions 3 & 4, Page 38, 1977 Minutes of Conference:)

Throughout the year, there has been continuing concern by the community at large on the question of husbanding of energy resources and energy requirements. The Public Questions Committee formed a sub-group to consider these questions in the light of christian concern, and to report.

Nuclear Power -The Future: The Committee has in the past been concerned with the impact on the environment of power generation proposals. A main recent concern has been the consequences of building nuclear stations to provide for future electric power needs. Arising out of this concern within the community generally, two Government reports have been published. The "Report to the N.Z. Government of the Fact Finding Group on Nuclear Power" - March 1977 and more recently the more extensive "Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Nuclear Power Generation in N.Z.", published April 1978. Both these reports saw certain problems with nuclear stations, but neither ruled them out. However, the Royal Commission report which took account of the possible rate of growth of demand for electricity thought the need for nuclear stations would not arise until 2010 and that a firm decision to proceed was not required until at least 1992 to 1996. There is currently no reason to dispute this conclusion. The rate of growth of power demand over the last few years has been below that assumed long term by the Royal Commission and the issue of nuclear power is currently not a pressing issue as far as New Zealand is concerned.

3. Goals and Guidelines, an Energy Strategy for New Zealand:

Concern has been increasing within the community over how the long-term energy needs of New Zealand are to be supplied. As a result of this, the Ministry of Energy in May 1978 issued a public discussion draft on "Goals and Guidelines, an Energy Strategy for New Zealand." This was an attempt to provide background for the public to participate in determining the future direction and form of the nation's energy strategy and written responses were invited. The goals proposed in the draft are:

1. To ensure that energy supplies are adequate, now and in the future, to enable the community to continue to meet its economic and social objectives.
2. To ensure energy in its various forms is produced and used in the most economic, efficient and reliable manner.
3. To reduce the nation's dependence on imported energy.
4. To ensure a balance between the adverse environmental effects of energy developments and their benefits.

4. Christian Concern with Energy Resources: Should Christians, as such, have any special interest or concern in the modern problems of the use and conservation of energy? We believe we should and for the following reasons:-

1. We affirm that 'the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof'. This means that men are not free to do simply as they like with the earth's resources.
2. We believe that man's relationship to the earth and its resources is one of trusteeship. This involves man in making decisions which have far-reaching implications with respect to the earth. Moreover, man is required to make these decisions in the interests of others even more than for his own self interest.
3. We believe that in the responsible use of the earth's resources in general, and of energy in particular, man is answerable to God, to his contemporaries and to the, as yet, unborn generations which will succeed him.
5. But how is Christian Concern for energy issues to be defined and expressed? The production and distribution of energy, the search for new sources of energy and the economic and other practical aspects of the best way to conserve energy all require technological expertise to which Christians as such, have no special contribution to make. What we can do, however, is to draw attention to the moral and spiritual aspects of the issue and to help mould public opinion by fostering a concerned and responsible attitude. In this respect Christians will need, as in other areas, to practise what they preach by taking a lead both in the many personal decisions which need to be made and also in encouraging support for all community measures designed to husband energy.

6. Recommendations: In view of the problems and controversies likely to arise over the use of energy in our competitive, and often self-orientated society, there are certain basic principles which Christians can set themselves and encourage others to do likewise:

1. To make an intelligent and concerned study of the issue relating to energy.
2. To display and promote an 'energy-concern' consciousness.
3. To develop an 'energy-conscious' life-style.
4. To take steps to avoid all wasteful use of energy.
5. To take steps to ensure that energy from renewable sources is shared equitably, both nationally and internationally, so far as this is practicable.
6. To take steps to ensure that non-renewable energy resources such as fossil fuels, are carefully husbanded with due consideration to the needs of generations to come.

3. REPORTS ON IMMIGRATION, CHRISTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS & HEALTH PRIORITIES IN NEW ZEALAND: (Referred to Synods and Quarterly meetings - Resolution 5 - page 38, 1977 Minutes of Conference.)

IMMIGRATION Although only limited comment has been offered on this report, it has been supportive of the Committee's views. In making submissions in November 1977 on the Immigration Amendment Bill (See Appendix I), opportunity was taken to make the Government aware of the relevant sections of this report; in particular the grounds for suggesting a separate Government Department on Immigration. Regrettably, the Bill was a further instance in which the limited time available for making representations (13 days) created problems for the Committee.

CHRISTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS: From the replies received by the Committee, it is obvious that the report caused considerable discussion in both churches, with agreement at both local and district levels. For the most part the report was well received and considered to be helpful. The various comments indicate a wide range of opinion; particularly on the question of statements being made to the news media by the Committee, on political or public issues. The following excerpts are a sample of the range of views expressed:-

"When making statements on political issues, church bodies should make it quite clear that it is their personal opinion and not that of the church."

"We believe that the Church, either as a body or as individual members of it has a right and responsibility to speak out."

"We fail badly, if as Christians, we do not make our presence felt as the conscience of the community."

"The risk of dividing the church on political issues ought not to inhibit the church from taking a firm stand on important issues. We need to recognise that conflict can be a creative experience and encounter."

"How does a church have an agreed opinion when it is made up of members belonging to several parties and divergent points of view? It would be good to have a statement on this problem. Can any opinion truthfully be called the opinion of the Church and if so, under what circumstances?"

"Have no real reservations, but express a concern that the paper may give the impression that the Church is mainly political, rather than preaching the Gospel, for this is the main purpose of the Church."

"We were wholeheartedly opposed to the contents of the report."

"At times public statements made in the name of the Church by the Public Questions Committee seemed to represent a more radical viewpoint than one would have expected."

"We find it pious and unhelpful to the debate."

"It is not possible for people to opt out of involvement with political issues, nor is it desirable. We found the implications of this section particularly helpful and agreed with it."

From the replies as a whole (in all 115) there are queries as to who determines the mind of the churches on public questions, and to a limited extent, the implication that conservative views did not receive appropriate recognition. This points to a need to spell out afresh, the functions and parameters within which, the two Public Questions Committees work, make pronouncements and are answerable to their respective churches.

These and related aspects receive consideration in a further study under the title:

" THE CHURCH AND INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

The first part of this study "Christian Involvement in Politics" was presented to Assembly and Conference last year. It aroused much discussion and much agreement. One matter however, was frequently raised concerning the right of the Church to be involved in political issues, especially with regard to public statements made in its name. Because of this, the Committee presents this second study document.

It should be made clear at this point that it is the Church's involvement in politics - not in party politics - which is under discussion. Only in exceptional circumstances might the Church align itself with the policies of a particular party.

THE PROBLEM:

Although it is generally agreed that Christians as individuals should be involved, should the Church as a body be also involved? Is it possible for the Church to speak with one voice on any issue? Who would speak for the Church? What can they say on behalf of all the members?

Such questions lead to further questions -who or what constitutes the Church? How can they come to one mind? Does the Church need unanimity before speaking or acting? What is the role of the Church in political matters-to uphold the elected Government or to oppose it?

FALSE DISTINCTIONS:

1. That it is right and proper for Christians to be involved in politics but not the Church.

This presupposes that what is good for Christians to do can be different from what is good for the Church to do.

2. That the Church must speak with one mind and voice in political statements and actions.

But our Church systems do not require unanimity in all or any of their decisions before speaking or acting. Decisions reflect the will of the majority.

3. That "the Church" can be understood only as comprising all members and adherents together.

But in its official image, the Church consists of the decision making courts or councils, Presbytery or Synod, Assembly or Conference, or those duly appointed to act in their name.

THE QUESTIONS:

There are three basic questions to be answered in this issue:-

1. Why should the Church, as the Church, be involved in politics?

This raises the relationship of Christians to the Church, and of the Church to Christ.

2. How should the Church be involved?

This raises the relationship of the Church to the State and the theology of politics.

3. Who should represent the Church in this involvement?

This raises the relationship of the Church to its Committees.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION IN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Biblical authority for the Church's involvement:

(a) Jesus was very much involved with social, economic and political issues of his day. He was concerned for the sick and cared for them, for the poor and fed them, for social and racial outcasts and accepted them, for women and children and gave them equal

worth to men. He spoke a lot about money and power and the corruption both can bring. He set down love, in practical terms of caring for one's neighbours, as the highest principle of action. He respected the law but set the value of a person above the law. The law was made for man, not man for the law. He also pricked the hypocrisy of those who used the law to their own advantage e.g. men's interpretation of divorce. He spoke for those who had no voice or power to speak or act for themselves. In this way he entered the power struggle of the political arena. He did not take sides with any party but acted as a "non-aligned third force", thus angering all parties.

He was prepared to stand against the authorities where he did not agree with them and accept the power of authority against himself in the process, even when it meant death.

(b) Jesus is represented in the world today by the body of his believers, the Church in each place. Individual Christians live and act as members together of that body. Christians are the fingers that belong to the hand, the Church. They take their direction and strength from the Church and represent the Church each in their own place. If therefore it is right for Christians to be involved in politics, this is so because the Church is already involved and giving a lead as Jesus did.

The Church is called by Jesus to continue to be a prophet in society and by its words and actions to call on those in power to "deal justly and love mercy". It should be sensitive to the needs of people and try to find in the light of the Gospel, what are the principles involved in any particular question.

Traditionally, there has been conflict between prophets and the People of God, but with hindsight, it is clear that the prophets ~~were~~ the ones who spoke and acted for God - and the People often acted in accordance with the customs and prejudices of their day. There is, however, no doubt that the People and the Prophets should have spoken and acted together.

The Church is also called to be like Christ the servant of society "to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to set free the oppressed." This also is the work of the whole body and not just of individuals.

2. Different patterns of the relationship of Church and State:

(a) The basic Christian understanding is that the Church and the State are two distinct entities, each with its own particular function. The Church respects the rightful authority of elected representatives to govern and to provide just and merciful law. (Romans 13:1-7.)

There is also another tradition that disassociates itself completely from secular rule as being ungodly.

(b) The basic understanding has different forms, often depending on historical circumstances as well as theological insights. The Church can become dependent on the State and support it without question - the Church can try to dominate the State and make it legislate the Church's teaching and morality - the Church can become passive and let the State do what it likes provided it does not interfere with the Church's work.

(c) The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches present another pattern. While giving all due respect to the powers that be, they remain dependent and uphold the right to monitor their policies and actions, to support or criticise according to biblical truths. In this sense they become "the Christian conscience of the State." For this reason they do not normally give their support to any particular group or party.

3. The right and responsibility to represent the Church in politics.

(a) According to the constitutions of these churches, the authority to exercise such support or criticism resides in Assembly Conference. These bodies must, however, delegate much of their authority to duly appointed committees which work within the guidelines laid down and should represent as far as possible the varying opinions within each Church. To such committees they give responsibility and authority and from them, require annual accountability.

(b) These committees must fulfil their obligations as set down in the orders of reference laid down by Assembly and Conference as follows:-

Methodist:

"The Committee shall consider moral and social questions as they are related to the spiritual welfare of the community and report thereon to Synods and Conference."

Presbyterian:

1. To ascertain the mind of the Church on matters of public interest and concern in moral, social, political, and industrial problems.
2. To give a lead to the Church in such matters.
3. To assist individuals within the Church and Presbyteries where action is desired on matters of public interest.
4. To speak promptly and with clarity on such issues when it is felt to be in the public interest, or is in defence of the Church's position.
5. To consult with leaders of Government and its departments as required.

6. To act as liaison between the Presbyterian Church and
(a) the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs.
(b) the Churches Education Commission.

(c) The right of individual members to dissent from the statements and actions of these committees is understood and accepted to safeguard their freedom of conscience but this does not make the decisions of the Committees any less the mind of the Church. Dissenting opinion has the right to change or try to change the mind of the Church. Dissent, however, should not be used to deny the right of the Churches to be involved in politics or to avoid the consequences of decisions responsibly made.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The Church should be involved as the Church, in politics and all social and economic issues at national, regional and local levels.
2. The Assembly and Conference, and committees duly appointed by them, have the right to speak and act in the name of the Church, always allowing the right of individual members to express their dissent.

4. HEALTH PRIORITIES IN NEW ZEALAND: Last year's report on Health Priorities seems to have been well received within both churches. Such feed-back as has come from Presbyteries, Synods, parishes and quarterly meetings reveals general agreement with the thrust of the report. Particular note was made of the widespread ill health resulting from irresponsible living, the need to step-up considerable expenditure on health education; the importance of greater emphasis on preventive medicine; the desirability of a shift from hospital-based to community-based health care; and the urgency of reorganisation and greater co-ordination of health services.

It is interesting to note that many of the emphases contained in the report have been made recently by others concerned with improvements in the country's health services, e.g. Sir Randal Elliott, President, N.Z. Medical Association in the TV debate with Mr Gordon Dryden. Attention has been drawn to the statement "Health Priorities in N.Z." by the N.Z. Year Book 1978 (page 138). It commends the report for further study. It is the hope of the Combined Committee that various groups and individuals within both the churches will continue to study and discuss the country's health needs and priorities.

In the light of the report's positive emphasis on greater individual responsibility for our health in obvious areas such as smoking, drinking and avoiding accidents by the exercise of greater care on

the roads and elsewhere, it is disappointing to learn of the Government's reported decision to contribute N.Z. aid towards the establishment of a cigarette factory in Western Samoa. Smoking hazards have no respect for person or race and we are disturbed that N.Z. should act in this way.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTIVE PARLIAMENTARIAN AS GOVERNOR GENERAL
(Resolution 6, page 38, 1977 Minutes of Conference)

Information and Comment on the Nature and Purpose of the Office of Governor General and its Relevance for Today.

1. An Historical Note: The Governor General is the officer appointed by the Crown to act as its representative in the Government and administration of N.Z. The office, under its present title dates only from 1917, although its origin can be traced back as far as 1839. The appointment of the Governor General is made formally by the Queen. The preliminary selections, the final choice and the recommendation to the Queen is made by the New Zealand Prime Minister after a series of informal discussions.

2. Authority and Functions: By the general law both of England and New Zealand, a Governor General derives his authority, so far as his legal functions and authority are concerned, exclusively from the express or implied terms of the Commission that is issued to him by the Queen. In other words, the Governor General has only so much authority, or so little as the terms of his Commission from the Queen allow.

The Commission which is issued now a days to a new appointment is fairly standardised, with a general form of authority to exercise the powers and rights of the office in accordance with certain Letters Patent of 1917, together with any Instructions and Orders from the Queen.

The Letters Patent is a document in which the Crown permanently established the office of Governor General and specifically authorises the Governor General to appoint the Executive Council; summon, prorogue, or dissolve the Legislative; appoint, suspend or remove Judges, Commissioners and other Ministers and Officers; act as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of N.Z.; to make grants of land and carry out such other functions as were prescribed by Instructions from the Crown or "by such laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in New Zealand."

The only formal instructions are unchanged from their introduction in 1917; they do not add any further functions; they merely regulate the manner in which some of the existing functions be exercised.

The 'Laws...in force in New Zealand' have in contrast, extended the functions of the Governor General. Many have simply empowered the Governor General to do in particular cases what the

Letters Patent have authorised him to do in general e.g. the appointment of officials. Legislation has added two further functions which are nowadays amongst the most important of that office: first the power given by the New Zealand Constitution Act 1852 (U.K.) to grant consent to Bills passed by the Legislature; and secondly the powers conferred by most principal statutes, nowadays to issue delegated legislation in the form of proclamations, Regulations, Orders-in-Council, to implement the purpose and policy of the statute. Three fields in which neither the Letters Patent nor the laws in force in N.Z. have ever authorised the Governor General to exercise any legal functions are the fields of External Affairs, Religion, and Social Customs. Whilst, obviously, the Governor General does participate in all three areas, the functions he exercises have no compelling legal sanction, and are really functions of a social nature only. Such then are the legal functions of the Governor General, but as we pointed out in our report last year "all depend on the advice of the Prime Minister and Executive Council." A noted constitutional lawyer comments "it would be true to say that the functions and authority formally conferred upon the Governor General have continued to increase over the years. Nevertheless, at the same time there has been a concomitant restriction not upon the scope, but upon the manner of exercise of these functions. Consequently, the personal discretion of the Governor General has been almost entirely removed by the joint interaction of express legal provisions and conventional practice."

It is not difficult to find illustrations of both. For example, the function of summoning, proroguing and dissolving the House of Representatives is now regulated by the Electoral Act, although the decision as to when such action should be taken is still theoretically with the Governor General. Or again, as an example of 'conventional practice' let us cite the appointment of the Executive Council. Since 1856 the accepted convention has been that the Governor General appoints as members of the Executive Council and as Ministers, only those persons who are proposed to him by the acknowledged leader of the majority party in the House. It is also an accepted convention that the Governor General accepts and acts upon the advice of his Ministers in all matters, unless he has substantial reasons for knowing that the advice is not in accord with the majority of the House of Representatives or of the electors. This means in effect, that he has no authority over the working or policies of the Government. He has no right to criticise publically an act of Government. But a Governor General has traditional rights to advise, counsel and warn ministers and these rights have been exercised in the past.

3. Relevance for Today: In answer to the question is the position and power of the Governor General relevant for today, three arguments can be presented.

First: 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. So political scientist Alan Robinson sets out five advantages which are said to flow from the maintenance of this institution. They are:

1. the separation of ceremonial and political functions eases the physical burden on the Prime Minister.
2. the Governor General can be a constitutional watchdog.
3. the institution adds dignity to the political system.
4. the Monarchy is a symbol of political stability.
5. it is for New Zealand a symbol of the country's relationship with Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth.

Secondly: He is a safeguard and check on the legislative process. In short, he stands to prevent Government from acting despotically.

A previous Governor General put it very forcibly:-

"Save in very exceptional circumstances, the Queen can appeal against her responsible advisers to Parliament, or against Parliament to the Electorate, only if she can induce an alternative Minister to accept responsibility for the step contemplated. If the Queen can, it seems clear that her representative can also... It does seem however, that to relegate the Governor General to the status of mere powerless figurehead is to place the whole constitution in the power of a possibly unscrupulous administration. He is emphatically not an "umpire between parties", but I contend that it is still part of his powers, and his bounden duty, to see that the traditional usage of the constitution is observed."

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 at will. Therefore, the constitutional check of the Governor General is seen as being necessary, to be the 'containing walls' of political power.

Thirdly: The Governor General can be called upon 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. This function of the Governor General calls into question the recent appointment of an active politician as Governor General.

It has been an accepted convention that 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?

As we commented last year:-

"The move of the present Government to appoint one of its own members to this position seems clearly to be the use of its powers 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 countryThe 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."

6. THE CHURCH and ALCOHOL PROBLEMS: Resolution 8, pages 38-39, 1977 Minutes of Conference:

The Committee is concerned with the ever increasing alcohol problems in New Zealand. In its annual report to Parliament the Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council draws attention to the latest estimates for consumption in New Zealand. These suggest that the N.Z. per-head consumption is 129.6 litres of beer, 4.4 litres of spirits and 10.4 litres of wine per annum; i.e. 8.1 litres of pure alcohol and this is increasing. The Council's task is to reverse the trend. The educational approach is vital but the Council's preliminary enquiries of secondary school principals suggest there may be increasing drinking among school children at an earlier age. An uphill battle.

There is no easy or obvious answer to this problem. In an attempt to encourage local congregations and groups to do something in their own area, a kitset was issued for Christian Citizenship Sunday. The response to this will be evaluated and the kitset could well prove the value of such an approach to various public questions. It needs to be emphasised that the purpose of the kitset was not to provide all the answers, but to stimulate and encourage discussion at the local level.

Drinking and Driving - Random Breath Testing: Opportunity has been taken by the Joint Committee to make submissions to the Road Safety Committee set up by the Government. They are to be found in Appendix V. Subject to certain safeguards and criteria to ensure that the rights of the individual are not endangered, but balanced in relation to public safety, the Committee's submissions support the case for random breath testing. It also urges adequate consultation on this and related issues, involving the Government, officials, agencies and groups concerned with road accidents and their effects. It should extend to families, employers, the medical services and hospitals throughout New Zealand.

7. SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE: Resolutions 9-10, page 39, 1977 Minutes of Conference:

Discussions have taken place with the Methodist International Affairs Committee and when time and resources are available, this study will be undertaken.

8. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIP COURSES: Resolution 11, page 39, 1977 Minutes of Conference:

The Committee has welcomed the issue of the Johnson report entitled "Growing, Sharing and Learning". While it raises in the main, questions in the sphere of education, it is also concerned with several "touchy" issues for society and seeks to put religious and moral education (also sex education) on a more balanced and integrated basis. This gives it a wider content and thrust than the educative aspect and extends into the area of public questions. The Joint Committee has set up a study group to examine the report and consult with the Education Divisions of the two churches and will be reporting back.

9. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES and PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Resolution 12, page 39, 1977 Minutes of Conference:

In response to this resolution, the N.C.C. Executive considered our representations and has made the following points:-

1. It is felt that the N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs is not an effective body for a variety of reasons, despite the loyal service of many individuals over the years.

2. The N.C.C. has no voice in the NZICCPA. It was set up by the churches, including the Roman Catholic Church and relates directly to the member churches. If the NZICCPA is to be reconsidered, then the member churches of that body must take action themselves. It is therefore a matter for the Methodist delegate to take up the issue with the NZICCPA, if the Methodist Church wants change to take place in that body.

3. There is already growing cooperation between Public Questions Committees of the N.C.C. member churches, with the exchange of minutes etc.

4. The N.C.C. Annual meeting has agreed to set up an independent committee to investigate all aspects of ecumenical work, including cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church, with a view to preventing overlapping and to develop more effective structures. The Committee will no doubt include the NZICCPA within its overall review.

Proposed Seminar - Public Affairs Committees: The N.C.C. proposal to arrange a seminar on 20 Nov. 1978, to discuss the role of church Public Questions Committees, ways of achieving greater coordination and cooperation and associated questions is strongly supported by the Joint Methodist/Presbyterian Committee. From its short experience as a combined committee it believes much is to be gained from wider consultation and collaboration.

10. LEGISLATION:

The Committee's 1977 report drew attention to the difficulties which occur on account of insufficient time in which to make submissions on legislative proposals of a controversial nature, referred to Parliamentary Select Committees. While assurances were given that the Committee's expression of concern would be taken into consideration in the future, subsequent experience has been far from satisfactory. At the end of the 1977 legislative session, 17 days were allowed for making submissions on the Children and Young Persons Amendment Bill, 14 days in the case of the Immigration Amendment Bill and 15 for the Electoral Amendment Bill. As stressed in further overtures to the Government, such limited deadlines make the work of committees and organisations such as our own extremely difficult. Although the Committee renewed its earlier plea for four weeks notice and also again took the opportunity to express its concern that some measures of a controversial nature are not referred at all to Select Committees, the reply from the Prime Minister contained little indication or promise of Government working towards the widened opportunities and safeguards recommended by the Committee.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDARDS: Much concern has been felt within the Committee on account of the trend towards personal attack and invasion of the individual privacy of members of Parliament. Such behaviour, albeit within the privilege of the House, demeans and deprecates the respect in which Parliament should be held.

As an expression of this concern, a letter over the signatures of the Moderator, Presbyterian General Assembly and the President of the Methodist Church of N.Z. was sent to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, urging them to use their influence in caucus, to encourage Members of Parliament to exercise and uphold acceptable standards of debate and conduct in the House. Inter alia, the letter made these points:

1. Allowing for acceptable banter, principles and not personalities should be the object of discussion and debate. In particular, any attack on a member's private life, whether openly or by inference, should not be acceptable.
2. The belief that counter accusations are not acceptable as a defence against personal attack. Where these are resorted to, conflict and confrontation are encouraged and the principal issue is lost sight of and left unanswered.
3. Recognising that in an election year it is not easy for members to at all times control their remarks either in, or outside the House, nevertheless, it is felt that if efforts are not made to set reasonable controls, Parliament could regrettably be brought into disrepute.

4. It concluded with a reminder of the prayer, with which proceedings in the House are commenced each sitting day, that "laying aside all private and personal interests....we may conduct the affairs of this House and of our country to the glory of Thy Holy Name, the maintenance of true religion and justice, the honour of the Queen and the public welfare, peace and tranquillity of New Zealand."

12. MAORI LAND ISSUE: Resolution 13, pages 39-40, 1977 Minutes :

While there has been a great deal of concern felt within the Committee over the Bastion Point and related issues and their implications for New Zealand as a whole, the overriding consideration has been the relationships and pastoral care of the Maori people directly involved in this vexed question. For these reasons, the Committee has deemed it advisable to refrain from making any statement or taking action which may not have helped to the extent desired, those at the heart of this problem, who are concerned to seek reconciliation as well as justice for their people.

13. RACE RELATIONSHIPS: The "Jottings on Good Race Relationships" prepared last year by the Auckland Synod Sub-Committee have been stencilled and distributed to interested individuals and groups. We share the sub-committee's hope that these notes will be used by folk prepared to study and consider what it means to be a Polynesian New Zealander.

14. DRUG LEGISLATION: At the time of writing this report, the promised Government legislation on drug offences which is purported to include life imprisonment for trafficking in drugs, and the Police right, under warrant, to tap telephones and the use of electronic listening devices is about to appear. The Committee is concerned over both matters. Overseas experience shows clearly that harsh and increasingly severe penalties have not restricted drug abuse. Laws unquestionably have their part, but only a part in the total effort of society to protect its members. Too much emphasis on the law and on punishment has not worked and will not work. This approach gives a false sense of security to those who see it as an answer to a problem, which in reality can be solved only by effective education and resultant changes in societal behaviour.

On the question of phone tapping the Committee is awaiting the proposed legislation to see what safeguards are built in and to consider if these are adequate. The Committee views with dismay, the increasing erosion of civil rights and is a little surprised at the Government's insistence that the Police use of phone tapping will be of marked assistance in meeting drug problems in New Zealand. Not only has overseas evidence showed that it is very costly and quite ineffective, but also that many state Police forces do not even use it, in their prosecution of drug

peakers. So, in the U.S.A. there are 29 states (including Pennsylvania, California and Illinois) which do not use electronic listening devices and wire-tapping.

Submissions along these lines are envisaged when the legislation is presented to the House. We hope to have copies of them available at Conference and Assembly.

15. CRIME and VIOLENCE: During the year submissions were made on two matters.

1. The Children & Young Persons Amendment Bill 1977 (See Appendix II): This measure set out to allow a charge of murder or manslaughter to be brought against a child; lowering the present age limit from 14 years to 10. The Committee was of the view that endeavours to extend safeguards of the rights to due process of law to children and young persons should be supported. But in respect of the measures which will permit a child to be charged with murder or manslaughter, reputedly drawn up at the request of the Police, is in the Committee's view regressive, reflecting a desire for more punitive measures within the law. It is considered contrary to the intrinsic objects of the Act, which is to promote the interests and well-being of children and young persons. Young people so charged will come under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department, rather than the Department of Social Welfare and would be liable to mandatory punishment as for adults.

2. Special Select Committee on Violent Offending: (See Appendix IV)

The Committee has emphasised in its submissions that a penal policy alone will never solve the issue. The real answer lies in a positive programme of social action.

16. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD: The Committee has appointed Mrs Carol Rowse, of Wellington, as its representative on the National Commission for the International Year of the Child. Broad themes have been set as a framework for study and discussion and Theme Committees have been established throughout the country. From 1979, each month has been allocated a theme and working committees will provide study material. The Theme Committees' results and recommendations will be provided to regional committees, organisations and individuals, so that as many people as possible become informed and are able to act on the topics.

By 1980, when the National Commission will end its activities, it expects to have recommendations emerging from the I.Y.C on continuing programmes, legislation, structures and attitudes, which should have value for children in New Zealand and New Zealand's role in developing countries.

It is recommended that Methodists join regional committees wherever possible. It would be helpful to receive information concerning

Methodist group activities. These should be sent to Mrs.C.Rowse, c/o the Public Questions Committee.

17. LEGISLATION ON CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION AND ABORTION:

The Committee shared in the feelings of uncertainty, disappointment and ferment which the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977 and the Crimes Amendment Act 1977 engendered within New Zealand and the unsatisfactory manner in which it was enacted by Parliament. The response from the Committee took the form of "An Open Letter to all Members of Parliament" (See Appendix VI), urging repeal of this legislation and a return to the earlier law on abortion, until a more acceptable law can be brought forward.

The letter, which states six grounds as a basis for repeal was sent prior to the more recent amending legislation. While the Crimes Amendment Act 1978 has removed and ameliorated some of basic objections, others however, still remain, including inadequacies in the services in several parts of N.Z. for women seeking abortions.

The Committee welcomed the statement "A Call for Reason and Respect in the Discussion on Abortion" issued towards the end of May 1978 by the Joint Working Committee of the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church. It is included as the final appendix (VII) to this report.

18. GAMBLING: It is at least 15 years since the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches made a statement on gambling. Before the Committee prepares another definitive statement, it is essential that an attempt be made to seek a consensus view of how people feel about gambling, now in 1978. Hence, the outline of a paper which it is proposed to prepare and circulate to Presbyteries and Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Sessions.

1. Gambling - a definition: Gambling is "the determination of the possession of money or money value, by an appeal to an artificially created chance, where the gains of the winners are made at the expense of the losers and the gain is secured without rendering in service or in value, an equivalent of the gains obtained. Gambling may therefore be:

GAMING: playing for money on a game of chance

BETTING: staking money on an event of which the outcome is

LOTTERIES: the distribution of prizes by lot or doubtful chance.

2. The Extent of Gambling in New Zealand: In 1963, the total totalisator turnover for the year was \$104,070,000. In 1976 (the last year for which figures are available) the total totalisator turnover was \$320,500,000. This was made up of \$102,700,000 on on-course betting (a 5.3% increase on the previous year) and \$217,800,000 on off-course betting (a 28.8% increase

on the previous year.) For this, the Government took \$26.7 million in taxation. In the same year, 66 lotteries were held with gross sales of \$11,624,000 and 677 licences were issued for 'Housie' and 28,072 raffles licensed by Internal Affairs.

While it is not possible to obtain exact figures on gambling, it is obvious that it is on the increase. For example, between 1972 and 1976, the increase on T.A.B. betting has been in the vicinity of 89%, from \$108,900,000 to \$217,800,000.

3. Some Questions:

1. Is gambling a moral and social problem in N.Z. today and should the Church continue to be concerned about it?

There would be those who would argue that as a Church, we should be more concerned with more obvious problems such as unemployment, the single income family, the obvious growing limitation of our social welfare state. In reply, it can be stated that the figures given on gambling hide a lot of human misery and degradation. Apart from the obvious cases of fraud and embezzlement, with consequent prison sentences, and all the embarrassment and suffering that can entail, there are many New Zealand families whose standard of living suffers because of the amount of money the wage earner gambles at the T.A.B. Social workers have recently expressed their concern about the financial strains that can be caused by housewives gambling on "housie". We must make up our minds as to whether we still see gambling as a moral and social problem. If history teaches us anything, it is that in the past the Church has often been concerned with some social problems to the almost virtual exclusion of all others.

2. Does 'the traditional view' about gambling really express how we as Church members feel about it?

We know that there is a vocal minority who would strongly affirm it, if the correspondence we receive on gambling is any indication, but what do the vast majority of our members really feel about gambling? Has there been a marked change in attitude on the part of many of them, who now see little harm in taking a 50-cent raffle ticket, with no one likely to suffer significant loss, and often a good charitable cause standing to benefit. How can the Church give ahead on gambling when at least some of its members believe a mild form of gambling is not wrong in itself?

3. Do we see gambling as a misuse of money?

The chief purpose of daily work is that we may get the good things necessary to life, by giving in return something of equivalent value. But in gambling, as we pointed out in our definition, there is no real exchange of goods or services, and we have a fundamental misuse of the purpose of money. Those who support gambling in moderation (i.e. where the gambler

firmly controls his betting) would argue that there are hundreds of New Zealanders whose livelihood is dependent upon the gambling of others, e.g. T.A.B. staff and others involved in the racing industry.

4. Is covetousness the root of the desire to gamble?

It can be argued that the gambling passion is more a desire to make life more significant and more interesting. Gambling creates excitement and gives a spurious significance to events. However, due weight needs to be given to William Barclay's comment, "In the present social structure there is another factor. It is the simple fact that there is hardly any way of becoming really rich other than by one of these immense wins which are publicised..."

5. Does gambling harm the characters of those who indulge in it?

Is it still valid to argue that hard work and industry are speedily undermined by the get-rich-quick and easy mentality of the gambler? "waiting for the big prize to turn up, he is tempted to substitute fantasy for reality, unrealistic wish for steady achievement, gambling for hard work." Or is it the case that most gambling in New Zealand is probably in the form of an occasional ticket in lotteries and raffles, or the odd flutter at the T.A.B. At most, only a dollar or two is involved and from it, the gambler may obtain legitimate enjoyment which adds excitement to life, and does him little harm. As William Lillie comments "the evil consequences are not nearly so obvious and certainly not so great when a man buys a ticket in a sweepstake... Such a petty gambler does not seem to be doing anybody any harm, and may have decided, after deliberation, that he gets ^{more} pleasure from his weekly flutter than he does from a packet of cigarettes or other innocent extravagance..." It may be that the millions of people who gain a little pleasurable excitement from their weekly gamble, enjoy an accumulation of happiness that outweighs the unhappy and even tragic consequences of gambling in other cases..."

Is it also time that we acknowledged that the gambler has a word to say to the moralist. Too often the man who does not gamble is a mean, inadventurous sort, too inclined to hold on cautiously to what he has in his hand.

A close examination of past statements on gambling, revealed a lack of cogent reasons for believing gambling to be wrong. Too often the arguments of the opponents of gambling look like rationalisations; someone does not like gambling and then looks for reasons to justify his opinions.

6. Is it a fact that gambling encourages dishonesty?

Is it true to say, as has been said in the past, that the betting man is in most cases handing out money that belongs to other people? Is it their pleasure, perhaps their food and clothing that he flings away?

7. Do we see gambling as a misuse of our nation's resources?

Does this appalling use of time and effort for unproductive means cut right across the principle of Christian Stewardship?

So can we affirm in 1979, a statement such as this:-

"We may say of gambling that it is:-

(i) a sin against God, since it is a misuse of brains, time money and opportunities for which we shall have to give an account.

(ii) a sin against self, since few vices so rapidly corrupt character, making men and women cruel, selfish and lazy.

(iii) a sin against one's neighbour, since it is an effort to benefit at his expense.

(iv) a sin against society, since it inflicts numerous economic and social evils on the whole community.

Or is your response to this working paper more accurately summed up in words like these:-

"A small stake in a raffle for a worthy cause, for example inflicts no conceivable hardship on the purchaser of the ticket and is motivated by a generous desire to help than by anticipatory greed. In much actual gambling, the element of amusement or harmless excitement is not dominated by cupidity. In short, when the gambler controls his indulgence and is not dominated by it, he may obtain from it legitimate enjoyment, which adds colour and modest excitement to his life."

The Public Questions Committee looks forward to obtaining the honest reaction of the Churches to the questions it has posed on gambling and is hopeful that from them it will be able to make a definitive statement on this issue to Conference and Assembly in 1979.

19. UNEMPLOYMENT:

This increasing social and human problem has been studied by the Committee during the year. As a consequence, an information sheet outlining ways in which local congregations can help those who are unemployed has been sent to all congregations. But we must not think that if every congregation does what it can, that is all that the Church can or must do. Indeed, our study convinces us that there are real questions which need to be asked about the Christian nature of work, the responsibility of the Government and its agencies in preparing for and meeting this problem; also the respective responsibilities of employers and trade unions. We would commend to all our people for their serious study, the following statement by the Auckland Director, of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission:-

" WORK - A HUMAN NEED:

Conditioned as we are by an economic system which sees labour as something which can be bought and sold, it is common for all groups in society to view employment as primarily an economic matter. Thus one frequently hears discussions at government and managerial levels about what might be an 'acceptable' level of unemployment - as if the lives of the thousands of people affected did not matter. It is also a part of this conditioning that workers themselves will accept redundancy philosophically. They see themselves as economic units rather than as human beings who have a right and a need to express themselves in their work and find fulfillment in being creative.

For this is the Christian view of work which is contained in the 'development' theme of Creation and which can be simply stated as follows : -

- That human beings are surrounded by, and inextricably linked to a magnificent physical environment, which we are called on to serve, cherish and replenish.
- That we have also been given the ability to use and develop our environment for the needs of ourselves and others.
- As Creation belongs to all people equally, every individual has the right to an equal share of resources and to participate in using them creatively.
- That it is in this creative work that people are able to express their individuality and satisfy their economic, social and emotional needs.
- It is also in work that people can find purpose and meaning in life, for each person has the opportunity to leave the world a little better than he found it.
- This is the real purpose of work - to bring the world into order, completion and fulfillment and people express their humanity most authentically when they are engaged in this task.

Perhaps this concept is best expressed in the visionary words of the late Pope Paul:-

"... everyone who works is a creator. Bent over a material that resists his efforts, a man by his work, gives his imprint to it, acquiring as he does so, perseverance, skill and a spirit of invention. Further, when work is done in common, when hope, hard-ship, ambition and joy are shared, it brings together and firmly writes the wills, minds and hearts of men. In its accomplishment, men find themselves to be brothers."

Although this theme is stated in Christian terms, it is a concept which can be shared by all people of goodwill and give people a common basis of attitude towards work.

In stressing the human values of work, it is not meant to decry the importance of economics or to deny that any N.Z. Government is going to have a difficult time of it in the years ahead. Unemployment is increasing in all Western countries and would appear to be becoming chronic rather than cyclical. As Mr Jenkins, British Labour leader said at the recent Adelaide seminar on Industrial Democracy:-

"de-cruitment rather than recruitment is the problem of the future."

Instead, what is being suggested, is that there is an urgent need to recognize that employment and work is a human right and a human need, rather than an economic preference and to re-set our national objectives and priorities around this fact.

For this to be accomplished, four things would be required:

1. A genuine Active Labour Market. This has been paid lip service by various governments, but never really attempted.
2. Mobilisation of the unemployed and their own recognition of their real situation. This would provide a healthy pressure point on society and on the Government.
3. Humanisation of work processes in our industries so that work is more appealing to people; particularly the less educated and unskilled.
4. Greater flexibility from management, union and government in regard to working hours, use of family work groups etc. For example 'sacred cows' such as the 40 hour week may have to be knocked aside in favour of a shorter working week in order to allow more people access to work. "

20. FILM CENSORSHIP: Although the Committee has received little response from circuits on this paper to the 1977 Conference, it has in the main been favourable.

21. N.Z. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

The Methodist Public Questions Committee is currently represented on the NZICCPA by Rev. C.D. Clark (who served as its Chairman during 1975-1977) and Mrs. K. Loncar. During 1977, which is the thirty-sixth year since its inception, the Council gave attention to a wide range of issues, which included:-

Code of Ethics in Advertising: The Council conveyed to the N.Z. Broadcasting Council concern about the use of violence in advertisements in children's sessions, that advertisements for liquor and cigarettes be discontinued, and that Sunday advertising should be avoided.

Role of Parliament in the Law-Making Process: A statement was transmitted to all Members of Parliament emphasising the role of public opinion in the law-making process; also that adequate time be allowed for submissions on major legislative proposals.

Continuing Life by Medical Means: This difficult question has been the subject of in-depth study by the Council. It recognises that the definition of "an acceptable state of life" presents major difficulties and points out there is a need for a new legal definition of death, which takes into account more recent knowledge.

Marriage Amendment Bill(1976): The Council's concern about the omission of "Minister of Religion" under this amending legislation has been the subject of further representations to the Minister of Justice. In his view, it is too soon to consider further changes.

Ancillary Liquor Licences and Sports Clubs: Concern has been voiced by the Council to Government over the ancillary liquor licences to sporting and recreation clubs and that this may be used as a lever for opening wholesale and retail outlets on Sundays for liquor sales. An assurance has been given by the Minister of Justice that no enabling legislation is proposed for this purpose.

Criminal Law Reform Report: A special committee of the Council is studying this report and preparing guidelines and areas of action for the Council's consideration.

S.I.S. Bill: Representations were made to the Prime Minister, of the Council's concern over the Security Intelligence Service Bill.

Public Library Facilities for Ethnic Minorities: Approaches have been made to the N.Z. Library Association about library services for non-English speaking people in the N.Z. community. There has been a helpful response and further action is in mind by the Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the reports on Christian Concern & Energy Resources The Church and Involvement in Politics, The Appointment of an Active Parliamentarian as Governor General, Gambling, and Unemployment be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for study and comment.
3. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z. Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be nominated to Conference.
4. That the grant to the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1979/80 be \$500.
5. That the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1979 be nominated to Conference.

John C.F. Mabon - Convener

R.E. Sullivan - Secretary

APPENDIX I

SUBMISSIONS ON THE IMMIGRATION BILL 1977 ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF NEW ZEALAND - NOVEMBER 1977

INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 We regret that little time has been allowed for the preparation of submissions on this important Bill. In correspondence late last year with the Prime Minister we expressed our concern that "when legislation on controversial matters, or where civil liberties are concerned, is introduced and only a fortnight is allowed to prepare submissions.... this makes the position of our Committee quite impossible.... the more time we have to prepare submissions the more thorough can be our preparation.... the more helpful the comments and suggestions we may make."

We must and will continue to reiterate that concern, which we know is shared by many other responsible organisations, until such time as the Government sees fit to give sufficient time for the preparation of written submissions.

- 1.2 However, in the limited time at our disposal, it was possible to have some discussions with representative leaders of our Samoan, Tongan and Fijian congregations, together with representatives of the Pacific Islanders' Advisory Council and members of our Race Relations Committee.

These submissions seek to express some of the concerns stated in these discussions. If more time had been permitted, further discussions on a more representative basis would have taken place.

- 1.3 These submissions are being presented by the above Standing Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of N.Z. It would be impossible to prepare submissions which could express the mind of every member of either church, but the Committee believes that the submissions we are now presenting reflect the concerns of the majority of our church members.

2.1 RE CLAUSE 2 - WORK PERMITS

As we understand it, from reading of various Ministerial statements, this Bill is a further attempt to deal with the problems of overstayers. The question we would want to ask is whether this change in the law, while it acknowledges that large numbers of overstayers have come to New Zealand to seek employment, will make any real contribution towards solving this problem.

Our discussions with Island representatives support us in our view that the first step in dealing with the problem of overstayers is more efficient and effective policing of the present Act by the Immigration Division. Without wanting to appear unduly critical, it needs to be acknowledged that much of our present difficulty can be laid at the door of the Immigration Division.

- 2.2 In a paper on "A New Immigration Policy" presented to the General Assembly and the Methodist Conference 1977 we suggested it may be necessary to create a separate Government Department for Immigration and Resettlement 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."
- 2.3 We would suggest that in the long term, the setting up of such a Department with special responsibilities for education may well make a more positive contribution to the problem of overstayers than the present legislation before the Committee.

3.1 RE CLAUSE 4 - OFFENCE TO EMPLOY PERSONS NOT HOLDING WORK PERMITS

We have genuine doubts as to whether what is suggested here will work. In the first place it transfers some of the responsibility from the Immigration Division to the Employer, who becomes in effect, responsible or at least to some degree, for the policing of the Bill if it becomes an Act. This we believe is a retrograde step. We would prefer to see, as we have previously stated, a more efficient and effective Immigration Department.

- 3.2 The key words in Clause 4 are 'has reason to know'. In the report of a recent Ministerial statement on a Checkpoint programme on 18 November 1977, Mr Gill suggested that employers would not be required to act, unless contacted by the Immigration authorities. But surely 'has reason to know' could be interpreted far more widely than that. Could, for example, information provided by a fellow workmate be regarded as 'reason to know'? One could foresee a situation where as a consequence of a personal disagreement, certain information is speedily passed on to management. This would hardly be conducive to good employer-employee relationships.

- 3.3 While it is being argued that the passing of the present Bill will make little difference to those who came to New Zealand from the Pacific Islands, we believe that many will be disadvantaged when it comes to seeking employment. The severity of the fines which could be imposed will make at least a minority of employers reluctant to employ Pacific Islanders. Rather than take any risk, which may cost them money, they will be tempted to take the easy way out and not employ them.
- 3.4 Indeed, it could be argued that if this Bill becomes law, it could in some cases become discriminatory. Some employers may well refuse to employ any Pacific Islander, even if he has been born in New Zealand, or the Cooks, Niue, or the Tokelaus and therefore exempt from Section 2 of this Bill.
- 3.5 Furthermore, the strict enforcement of this Section of the Bill could well lead to some New Zealand citizens seeking employment being forced to carry identity cards or birth certificates, simply because of the colour of their skin. Identity cards have in the past, been rigorously opposed by most New Zealanders and we believe that this is still so, in this particular case.
- 3.6 We also doubt whether employers will be as strict on their non-Pacific Island labour in their policing of this section of the Bill. To be consistent, they should, but then consistency has not always been the mark of race relations in New Zealand.

4. RE CLAUSE 5 - DEPORTATIONS OF PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS

- 4.1 We have two questions to ask on this section.
- 4.2 Could the person by being made to pay for the cost of his deportation in fact be punished twice? He is already being punished by being deported.
- 4.3 If he is serving a sentence of imprisonment, how is he going to find the money to pay for fares etc? Prison earnings are meagre to say the least.

5. RE CLAUSE 6 - APPEALS TO THE MINISTER AGAINST DEPORTATION

- 5.1 We welcome this clause because of its belated recognition that there may be "exceptional circumstances of a humanitarian nature" which make it 'unduly harsh or unjust' to deport the offender. We would however, prefer to see the appeal considered either by a magistrate, a Supreme Court Judge or an Independent Appeal Tribunal, who after hearing the appeal would make a recommendation to the Minister.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 We would urge that this Bill be deferred in the meantime, until an Immigration Department is set up.
- 6.2 We are opposed to the provision of Clause 4, because in practice, it may prove to be discriminatory.
- 6.3 We would ask that any appeals against deportation, be referred to an Independent Appeal Tribunal.

On behalf of the
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APPENDIX II

SUBMISSIONS ON 'THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS AMENDMENT BILL OF 1977 (No.106 - 1) ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF N.Z.

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Our Committee has expressed concern on previous occasions as to the apparent haste in the introduction and passage of proposed legislation by Parliament this Session. The more so when civil liberties are concerned. We must and will continue to reiterate that concern, which we know is shared by many other responsible organisations, until such time as the Government sees fit to give sufficient time for the preparation of written submissions.
- 1.2 Notwithstanding the pressure of time, we view this proposed legislation of sufficient importance to make submissions.
- 1.3 We take this view, firstly because the Bill, if enacted, will affect family life and secondly, because it will affect children. Today's children, products of our families, are our legacy to tomorrow. They must be jealously safeguarded.
- 1.4 Our submissions, because of time, will be directed primarily to considerations of whether due process in respect of children is entrenched and/or protected by the Bill and secondly, what the consequences of the proposed amendments are and their desirability or acceptability.
- 1.5 These submissions are being presented by the above Standing Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand. It would be impossible to prepare submissions which would express the mind of every member of either church, but the Committee believes that the submissions we are now presenting reflect the concerns of the Church as a whole.
- 1.5 We have not, regrettably, had sufficient time to direct our attention to all the clauses of the Bill - that we do not mention some clauses should not be interpreted as approbation of them.

2. PRESERVATION OF DUE PROCESS

- 2.1 There are in the present Children and Young Persons Act 1974, considerable safeguards for the protection of the rights to due process of law to children and young persons; e.g. s.23(B&C), s.29 especially ss(2),(3),(4),(5), s.30 especially ss(4), s.42 and s.53 and s.54 and s.55.

- 2.2 Our Committee views with approval the endeavours to extend these safeguards in clauses 8 and 12 generally and clauses 13 and 15 specifically of the Bill.
- 2.3 The recent events at Lake Alice Hospital revealed unfortunate loopholes in the legislations which would in the last mentioned two clauses now appear to be overcome. Our Committee assumes that subsection 2 of Clause 15 encompasses electro convulsive therapy but if it does not would urge this to be specifically included in the treatments precluded without one or other of the consents referred to in that provision. We see this as a positive move.
- 2.4 Finally in this context we consider that if clause 5 of the Bill in its present form is subsequently enacted then the Police or social welfare officer proceeding against a child, in any case involving an alleged homicide by a child, be required to utilize subsection 2 (i) of section 27 (as amended by Clause 7.) In such cases the vital safeguards of section 29(2) of the Act apply, namely:
- (1) only evidence ordinarily admissible in a court of law is put before the court, and
 - (2) the court must find the offence proven as if the offence had been laid under the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, and
 - (3) it was satisfied the child knew either that the act or omission constituting the offence was wrong or contrary to law.
- The innocence or guilt of the child would then be established beyond all reasonable doubt.
- 2.5 In cases of homicide, the public interest demands an inquiry into whether or not the homicide was culpable and if so whether equivalent to murder or manslaughter. The child is entitled to the benefit and advantage of those factors mentioned in the preceding paragraph 2.4.
- 2.6 Neither the public interest nor the child's right to due process of law would be satisfied or protected if the police were able to invoke those subsections of the amended s 27 which direct their enquiries to the manner in which the parents or guardians have exercised their duty of care, e.g. s.27 (2) (e) or (f) as amended by clause 7 of the Bill, having regard to e.g. s.29 of the Act.
- 2.7 If it is not to be mandatory to invoke s.27(2) (i) in cases of homicide, then at least it should be encouraged "except in exceptional circumstances".
3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLAUSE FIVE AND THEREFORE ITS DESIRABILITY
- 3.1 We understand clause 5 of the Bill has been included because of a recent Supreme Court decision which held the police could not bring a charge of murder or manslaughter against

a child. It may or may not only be coincidence that there have recently been an unusual spate of apparently culpable homicides and other serious offences committed by children.

- 3.2 We believe the public reaction to these offences and a feeling of an inadequacy existing in the law is due in no small way to ignorance on the part of the public and lack of provision of information on the part of the Justice and /or Social Welfare Departments.
- 3.3 We believe for example that more widespread publicity should be given to the effects and powers of a guardianship order which at present appears to be the maximum penalty following a finding that a complaint has been proven. We discovered in deliberating on this Bill, that members of our committee for example, were not aware that a guardianship order gave the Director General of Social Welfare the powers inter alia to hold children in close custody if the circumstances warranted until the child attained the age of 20 years. It is not therefore a case, necessarily, of children who kill other persons getting away 'scot free' as it were.
- 3.4 We believe that clause five(1) of the Bill is a retrogressive measure akin to proposals to reintroduce the birch for crimes of violence or capital punishment for murder by adults. We do not believe it should be enacted.
- 3.5 Our committee started its deliberations on the Bill by reading sections 3 and 4 of the Act:
"3. Objects of Act: The objects of this Act are
- (a) to promote the well-being of children and young persons by assisting individuals, families, and communities to overcome social problems with which they are confronted;
 - (b) to promote the welfare of the family, to reduce the incidence of disruption of family relationships, and to mitigate the effects of such disruption where it occurs;
 - (c) to assist parents in the discharge of their parental responsibilities;
 - (d) to encourage co-operation between agencies (whether administered by the Crown or not) whose activities directly affect the well-being of the community and its children or young persons;
 - (e) to establish and promote, and to assist in the establishment and promotion of, services within the community designed to advance the well-being of children and young persons; and to co-ordinate the use of such services and facilities.

4. Interests of child or young person paramount:

Any court which, or person who exercises in respect of any child or young person any powers conferred by this Act shall

treat the interests of the child or young person as the first and paramount consideration to the extent that this is consistent with adopting a course calculated to:-

- (a) secure for the child or young person such care, guidance, and correction, as is necessary for the welfare of the child or young person and in the public interest; and
- (b) conserve or promote as far as may be possible a satisfactory relationship between the child or young person and other persons (whether within his family, his domestic environment, or the community at large.)"

We do not believe clause 5 (1) of the Bill is consistent with those provisions.

- 3.6 Our submissions against clause 5(1) are based also to some degree to the inevitable consequences of conviction for murder and manslaughter. Section 172 of the Crimes Act provide mandatory sentences of life imprisonment. Prisoners are not normally eligible for consideration by the Parole Board for 7 years and in practice convicted murderers, we believe, serve between 11 and 14 years imprisonment.
- 3.7 We believe the discretionary powers at present vested in the Court and the Director General of Social Welfare (under a guardianship order) are far more consistent with the provisions of s.3 and s.4 of the Act at no expense to the public interest of keeping offenders out of circulation in the community during or pending their rehabilitation.
- 3.8 We further believe the Social Welfare Department is better experienced and able and in a position in practical terms to deal with child offenders. The Justice Department (who would assume responsibility following any conviction upon any criminal offence) is not. If Parliament is not satisfied with the performance or potential ability of the Social Welfare Department then the answer lies in better and more facilities to that Department, not removal of its responsibilities to the Justice Department. It would be unreasonable to expect the Justice Department to deal with children according to their age and needs. It would be impossible for them to provide what we would regard as proper and adequate facilities. We believe the Social Welfare Department is motivated by therapeutic, not penal considerations. These are in the children's interest whilst protecting the public interest. Really the long term public interest is the complete rehabilitation back into society of the child today as a worthwhile and responsible citizen of tomorrow as soon as is reasonably practicable.

3.9 If Clause 5 of the Bill is passed then it is critical that Sections 172 and 177 of the Crimes Act 1961 be amended, to give the Court discretion in sentencing children on charges of murder and manslaughter. There would need to be no minimum mandatory penalty and no presumption of life imprisonment. Indeed, the sentencing Court should be referred back to the provisions of Section 31 of the Children and Young Persons Act.

3.10 If Clause 5 is to be enacted, the restrictions on publicity arising during the trial in the Supreme Court should be the same as for the preliminary hearing in the Children and Young Person's Court - see Section 25(2A) as inserted by clause 5(2), when read in conjunction with Section 24 of the Act - and Section 24, should be amended accordingly.

4. CONCLUSION:

4.1 In conclusion, for the reasons given, we submit that the amendments proposed by the Bill, with the exception of Clause 5 are adequate to protect the family, the children to whom the Bill will apply from time to time, and the public.

We believe the provisions of Section 31 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1974 are better suited to the promotion of family life and family units than the inevitable disruption caused by imprisonment for life. Mandatory imprisonment, as proposed is not an acceptable satisfactory alternative for children to the discretionary orders of the Children and Young Persons courts and the Department of Social Welfare as exists at present.

4.2 (a) We do not think it appropriate for children to be able to be charged with the offences of murder or manslaughter;

(b) That the complainant be directed to apply s.27(2)(i) (as amended) in all cases of homicide committed by a child, except in exceptional circumstances.

(c) If (a) and (b) be rejected, we consider Section 172 and S. 177 of the Crimes Act need amendment to allow a sentencing judge discretion.

(d) That where a child is charged with murder or manslaughter, suppression of name be extended to the Supreme Court.

APPENDIX III

GAMING & LOTTERIES BILL - REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE, PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

The sub-committee approached the study of this Bill primarily with the purpose of finding whether the new provisions made for either extension of gambling facilities, or in any way encouraged persons to engage in games of chance to a greater degree than is at present legally permissible.

It was the intention that if such proved to be the case, appropriate representations would be made to the Statutes Revision Committee in line with the churches long affirmed opposition to any extension or encouragement of gambling opportunities and the attendant social evils arising from such extension.

The sub-committee found however, little, if any evidence that the Bill promoted that which would cause it concern. Indeed, the proposed legislation appears in many ways to exercise greater control than formerly over this particular form of activity.

It would appear there are two main thrusts to the Bill with which the sub-committee cannot disagree in any marked way. The first is that the proposed legislation regularises what is, and has been the case for many years - namely that small raffles and guessing games used by almost every club and non-trading concerns including churches, for fund raising, need not require official sanction before they are held. Inconvenience and time-wasting are thus avoided.

The Committee can find little fault with this proposal - other than the comment made in para.2 re the churches attitude towards gambling per se.

The second thrust of the Bill appears to be reiteration of the distinction between activities which are conducted for AUTHORISED purposes, i.e. 'any charitable, philanthropic, cultural or party political purpose, or any other purpose that is beneficial to the community or any section of it' - and those activities conducted for personal gain. The Committee cannot disagree with this distinction.

The sub-committee also notes with approval that a stressed aspect of the Bill is to establish and strictly enforce controls over the implementing of this distinction.

Now that 'petty restrictions' on the running of authorised games of chance are to be removed, there can be no excuse for illegal forms of these activities to be practised. The Bill gives firm warning of this in its clauses.

Deliberate promotion and extension of gambling is thus expressly discouraged.

Another point the sub-committee would make is that there is no

relaxation of the strictures on the activity of BOOKMAKING. This is forbidden, as it is now and owners of premises are forbidden to allow such to be used for bookmaking purposes. Betting with a bookmaker either privately or in a public place are also forbidden.

The sub-committee also notes with approval that even where games of chance are permitted strict conditions are laid down under which societies may conduct these, particularly where prize money is involved. There is to be no remuneration for organisers, prizes must not exceed \$50 in value, and the opportunity to participate must not be the only - or principal - reason or inducement to attend the function. The sub-committee hardly feels that these provisions will lead to an increase of, or development of, the urge to gamble.

Where it is desired to increase the amount offered as prizes subject to special conditions, these may be allowed, provided that the amount does not exceed \$500. Strict conditions are attached to these and all details of time, place, purpose must be clearly indicated and supplied to the police. There is again, to be no remuneration for the organisers and tickets are to be issued only on request.

Finally, the Minister has discretionary powers which serve as an additional safeguard in the case of any activity which appears to be an attempt to by-pass the requirements.

What has already been said about Games of Chance also applies to Lotteries. A distinction is made between AUTHORISED and UNAUTHORISED lotteries and substantial penalties are provided for anyone promoting an illegal lottery, (fine of \$5000.) Licensed promoters are permitted, but some rigid controls are imposed on those wishing to apply for such a licence. Undischarged bankrupts may not apply, nor any person convicted of any crime involving dishonesty, nor any person who having been granted a promoter's licence previously, has had it cancelled. Furthermore, a bond of \$10,000 is required. A further safeguard is the power allowed to the police to object within one month of any licence being granted. The accounts of promoters must be operated as Trust Accounts and properly audited. Opportunity is provided for complaints to be made.

With New Zealand lotteries, the proposals involve little change from the previous GAMING AMENDMENT ACT 1962. The financial, distribution and administration provisions are substantially the same, while the Minister is still authorised to increase any prize limit or any entrance fee as prescribed under the previous provisions. His control over overseas lotteries and competitions remains unchanged.

Finally, the sub-committee notes the substantial penal provisions for any breach of the proposals generally. For example, the police may obtain search warrants if they have good reason to suspect that in any building, offences against the Act are being committed. Again, any person found on premises where games of chance are being conducted shall be deemed to be active participants.

The provision for the appointment of Inspectors of Gaming should be acceptable as being a method of ensuring that games of chance and gambling generally are kept under supervision and control, and that the Bill is not being set aside by all sorts of devious and plausible excuses.

In view of the foregoing, the sub-committee feels that there should not be submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on this matter. It is not felt that there should be opposition simply for the sake of opposition, nor comments simply for the sake of commenting.

Finally, the sub-committee repeats its observations: The Bill will not lead to any increase in participation in games of chance or lotteries, by persons generally.

The Bill regularises the present position and more.

The controls and restraints proposed are welcomed and may even lead to an improvement of the present position.

For the Sub-Committee

George Halliday

Convener

SUBMISSIONS TO THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON VIOLENT
OFFENDING - FROM THE METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN PUBLIC
QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

SUMMARY:

That as the first step towards reducing violent offending that a study in depth be undertaken, involving all the disciplines engaged in the study of violence.

1.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Public Questions Committee express their appreciation of the opportunity to make this contribution to the work of the Select Committee.

2. The Public Questions Committees now meet as one Committee and share in their consideration of various matters on which they feel that the Presbyterian and Methodist churches have a view to express on matters of public interest and concern on moral, social, political and industrial problems, not only to the higher courts of the churches, but also to those whose responsibility it is to frame the laws of New Zealand, and to formulate Government policy.

3. Our Committee has in recent years spent a considerable amount of time and research on the subject of criminal violence. Members of the Committee have studied various draft Bills and have made submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on such legislation as the Police Offences Amendment Bill 1976, and the Children and Young Persons Amendment Bill 1977.

4. Our Committee feel that the following extract from its submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on the Police Offences Amendment Bill 1976 are relevant to the Order of Reference of this special Select Committee:

"Criminal violence has increased dramatically in recent years at a frightening rate. Any consequent penal policy must therefore ensure :

1. The protection of the public.

2. That Police have adequate power to handle dangerous and potentially dangerous situations."

We are not as sure as we were in 1976 that the increase in recorded convictions for violent offences necessarily reflects a greater incidence of violent offending in the community. We suspect that, especially for common assault, and this seems to be the most significantly increasing figure, there must be a high number of offences which are committed, but either not reported to the Police, no offender detected, or no prosecution brought to Court. It is possible to argue, that a higher level of moral

values in society, which we would welcome, could lead to a higher rate of reporting, detection and prosecution and thus conversely to a higher incidence of conviction, without any real increase in violent behaviour.

Another factor which could be a major influence in the number of convictions is the age structure of the population. The Justice Department's figures showed that in 1968 Maori males between the ages of 20 and 24 were convicted at a rate per 1000 of nearly 27 by comparison with the lowest age specific rate of less than 1 per 1000 for non-Maori males over the age of 30 years. When one realises that over the next five years, the population of Maori males aged 20-24 will increase by over 70%, then unless there is a drop in the incidence of convictions for this particular group, the sum total of convictions will increase markedly, simply as a result of this population change. We hope that the Select Committee will have access to a more detailed analysis of this sort of factor than we are able to provide.

Although we now have some doubts about the justification for such terms as "dramatic increase", we are still very concerned about the problem of violence in our community.

"In our view the incidence of criminal violence is the result of problems so fundamental there is no easy solution. The factors are many and include:-

- inadequacy and instability of an offender's home;
- the progressive and increasing misuse of alcohol;
- the blatant disregard for common sense on the roads;
- the inadequate education of many people especially young Maori and Polynesian people.
- the constant exposure to violence, crime and anti-social values through television and the news media.
- greedy affluence throughout society, and so on.

Penal policy alone will never solve the issue and it is our strong contention that a vigorous social action programme is the only real answer. Whilst it is not the task of the Statutes Revision Committee to go beyond the ambit of the Police Offences Amendment Bill, the underlying reservation we have of the Bill is that it fails to recognise the causes of the situations it is attempting to stifle. As one writer has tersely stated, "it would be ironic indeed if this problem of violence which vexed Einstein with its intransigence and drove Freud to his most sombre analysis of the human spirit, should in the end be resolved by two dozen young constables in squad cars." (A.J. Dixon.)

5. In 1976 our Committee prepared a paper for submission to the Presbyterian General Assembly and to the Methodist Conference entitled "New Zealand To-day - Criminal Violence. The

Church and Violence - Our Problem? " The text of that paper follows:

"The purpose of this paper is to provide information and promote concern in relation to a problem generated by the increasing number of reports of crimes of violence in this country.

New Zealanders without doubt regard this problem as a matter of prime importance - last year 76.2 per cent of 2000 people interviewed in a Heylen poll rated this as their greatest concern. Recent statistics show real cause for that concern.

"The total numbers of persons convicted of crimes of violence in New Zealand rose from 3,064 in 1970 to 4,432 in 1974, with the 1970 numbers themselves being considerably in excess of those for previous years. Much the greater part of this increase occurred between 1970 and 1972, and indeed there was a very slight fall-off in the total from 1973 to 1974" -Hon. D.Thomson, May 1976.

We consider public concern lies in two main areas:

- (a) Juvenile offenders - official statistics show that the 1971 rate of juvenile delinquency was four times greater than the 1950 rate.
- (b) Group violence - reports of unlawful assembly show the following increase:-

1973	6
1974	19
1975	32

WHY VIOLENT CRIME ? Whether it is inborn or learned, aggressiveness with its ultimate threat of violence -and especially group violence is probably of great survival value, and may even be justified necessary or good. "Even Jesus Christ, who preached a very powerful pacific doctrine, is seen at one point in his life to have erupted into violence when he became angry at seeing the moneychangers in the temple. This, of course, was not group violence and was not widely sanctioned, but it illustrates that for most human doctrines there comes a point where violence is regarded as justified." (Violence in Human Society -J.Gunn.)

The phenomena can be examined under the following headings:-

- (a) Group Violence: We are all members of groups, but some groups have the label "group". The characteristic of that group may be violence - although members may join for the same reason we all join groups who meet for amusement, friendship, excitement, status etc. Only their orientation is different in that "they have a false assurance that they can

defy the law with impunity" (D.J.Sullivan S.M.) Professor Yablonsky sees gang development as arising from a blend of negative physical and social forces - the slums, the overcrowding, the underlying human decay and barrenness. He says, "The violent gangs emerging from this type of asocial community forms a bizarre replica of the community that spawned it."

(b) Juvenile crime: The causes of juvenile crime is a subject about which the experienced worker is still uncertain and the layman more often than not dogmatically confident. For these people crime has simple causes and cures. Subject to the proviso that such human behaviour is not motivated by a single cause but by many, experts say that one of the largest factors contributing to juvenile crime is general inadequacy and instability of the child's home, e.g. socio-economic deprivation and discrimination, lack of parental affection, and discipline. Recent theorising also highlights the factor that some children are endowed with inherited temperamental characteristics which, allied with the above factors increases the risk of offending. The age group 12 to 21 is the raw material of habitual criminality.

(c) Hidden Violence: Much violence occurs in private places - especially domestic settings, where it goes unnoticed, is dealt with informally unless injury is sustained or fails to result in a prosecution. The violence may be emotional and can be extremely severe, wounding and lasting in effects and indeed may have more damaging long-term effects than physical violence. "It is in such conditions that many children go through their earliest and most profound learning experience as one haphazard ferocious generation succeeds another." (D.J.Sullivan S.M.)

(d) Alcohol: "Alcohol would be the fuel that generates most work in the Magistrates Court in its criminal, traffic and domestic jurisdictions... In general the individual New Zealander does not condone drunkenness, but accepts it." (D.J.Sullivan S.M.) Given the pressures of a drinking culture it appears that people have accepted that which they feel incapable of changing.

(e) Traffic Violence: It is a sad, but clear fact that the consumption of alcohol is a major factor in another form of violence - traffic violence. It was recently reported that 96 per cent of drivers involved in motor accidents had alcohol in their blood - 50 per cent of them being over the legal level permissible in drivers. That factor aside, the car is a very dangerous weapon - it is lethal, readily available and violent behaviour with it carries very little stigma or sanction. It is possible to be violent in a car without being obvious that violence is occurring - after all "accidents will happen."

(f) Maori and Polynesian Violence: Numerous explanations have been advanced to account for the racial difference in crime rates. Rapid urbanisation, cultural and ethnic differences (e.g. attitudes to property), socio-economic factors are some of the more important of these opinions. But it has been argued persuasively that the high rate of Polynesian offending may be attributed not to the characteristics of the Polynesians themselves, but to the fact that offending is characteristically the behaviour of the uneducated person. A.J. Nixon contends that the young Maori man is above all uneducated, and that thus "Maori lads break the law because they belong to the social group where law-breaking occurs, and that skin colour has very little to do with the matter."

(g) TV and the News Media: A working paper at the recent United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders recorded "the mass media might act as a conditioning factor with respect to violent behaviour. The media, particularly television, had a strong effect on a broad range of values, norms and patterns of public attitudes and actions." Thus violence is seen as commonplace. The Congress agreed that the problem of violent behaviour should receive priority consideration. In particular, every effort should be made to prevent social conditions conducive to violence. "The family, the education system, community organisations and the mass media (television and newspapers) should take a more effective part in this work of prevention." Will the news media accept that challenge before it's too late? Preliminary results of a 1976 study of viewing habits of 10 year old children in two Christchurch schools indicate that violent programmes figure significantly as children's favourites and that these constitute a major component of their TV viewing.

(h) Economic and Social Factors in Crime: It has been postulated that as affluence increases, so too does crime. Thus as the number and diversity of goods increases, advertising grows more lavish and displays in stores become more attractive. Much of the pressure to possess is aimed at young people; children who may not offend on their own can be all too easily influenced by others who do. Hence temptations are greater today than in the past and probably a good deal harder to resist. Society in turn, bows to wealth, power, propriety and prestige. This polarises those who have and those who have not into groups whose members give each other initial support. If such groups conflict, violent expression is an inevitable result. The evidence is that New Zealand is becoming increasingly stratified. Increasing numbers are living in poverty: they have relative lack of command over resources and access to opportunity and so occupy poorly paid positions - or no job at all. At the other end of the socio-economic scale there is emerging an increasingly wealthy group who tend to monopolise economic activities.

The above factors speak for themselves - inferences can be drawn, but there are no clear answers. The issues raised can be solved only by thought, research and imaginative but responsible experiment. We think the issues polarise into two distinct areas. Social measures, although they will never themselves eliminate crime, will reduce it: secondly, adequate penal measures must complement social innovations.

(i) Penal Policy: During an upsurge of violence, there is an understandable response calling for enlarged police powers and scope in the criminal law. The Attorney-General recently stated "one has to accept that an increase in maximum penalties is unlikely to have a proportionately greater deterrent effect.... The real area for debate is whether prison contributes a great deal to the reformation (or for that matter the deterrence) of violent offenders and here I am afraid there is some cause for scepticism." Mr. Wilkinson considers that prison may provide for the offender "a finishing school in crime"; secondly the building and manning of prisons soaks up substantial resources (for 1974/75 the net cost of maintaining a prisoner was \$4,655). He thus sees education as a desirable means of encouraging the elements of stability in an offender's character and give him a greater sense of purpose and self respect.

So spoke the Minister of Justice in May 1976. His attitude is in line with the policy in N.Z. in recent years that the old negatively deterrent approach has been tried and found wanting. Hard labour, reformatory detention, corrective training and preventative detention have all been abolished. The judicial arsenal has been expanded with the provision of borstal centres, detention centres, classification of adult first offenders, periodic detention and the increased use of fines and probation.

To ensure that such treatments succeed it is of course mandatory that there are sufficient competent staff. Prison and probation services must have more officers who are trained and qualified in such specialist areas as psycho-therapy, psychology, trade training or remedial education.

Secondly, skilled sentencing must prevail. "If the best possible sentence is imposed, it will reduce substantially the number of occasions when the sentence has to be given - the aim of all penal treatment. The award of the right sentence requires both sophisticated, predictive techniques, and adequate and varied facilities."

Sentencing thus becomes a dynamic activity, instead of a stale habit, because the Courts consider the future as well as the past, and the offender as well as the offence.

It is against this background and those trends that any specific

amendments must be considered. It is said that the present Government may introduce legislation which will involve the confiscation of motor bikes, the right to search "bikie" premises, and the tightening of unlawful assembly provisions. Quite apart from the problems of definition and enforcement which would undoubtedly arise, the basic question relates to the effect of such moves. The proposals really involve a clamping down on a specific group, in a manner which is "populist". A Christchurch sociologist recently stated "...the way our society decides to tackle the threat of violence is determined not so much by an assessment of the relative seriousness of the threats themselves, but by consideration of what is politically, socially and economically acceptable. What does seem to be acceptable is a concentration on powerless groups of social outsiders. Being powerless, these groups cannot cause embarrassment when singled out for attention by academics, politicians and policy formulators.

But would the problem really be solved? The Police already have considerable scope with which to deal with offenders of any such group, particularly under the Crimes Act and Police Offences Act; we believe that to simply "toughen" the law may provide an easy short-term solution but would create greater long-term problems, and would certainly fail to reflect the many sociological causes we have represented above.

Finally, it would defy the Minister of Justice's assertion that "an increase in maximum penalties is unlikely to have a proportionately greater deterrent effect."

(j) Social Measures: It has often been said, perhaps so often as to lose impact, that positive social action must begin in the home and the school. This is not to imply that teachers and parents are to be made scapegoats for delinquency.

However, we cannot escape the consistent evidence of case histories and research, that insufficient parental care and affection, an unacceptable code of behaviour derived from parents and/or peers, difficulties in learning that eventually become inability to learn, and lack of training for work and leisure, combine to produce a sense of inadequacy, frustration and resentment.

A.J. Nixon, Criminologist, has written "If there were not families of more than five children, violence would be reduced because so many violent offenders come from families larger than that; if there were not half our population dropping defeated out of the school system by 16, there would be less violence, for convicted violent offending at least does not occur in people who have remained in the education system to 18 years, and so on.

The administrative measures to end these evils might include the free availability of contraceptive procedures to those in danger of pregnancy, with instruction and exhortation to promote their use, and with rewards perhaps for those limiting their families. There would be education and counselling on personal relations; there would be pre-school education for that under-privileged half of the community who most need it; school classes would be limited to perhaps 20 children in the more troublesome schools and curricula would be made more responsive to the needs of the children. The school leaving age would be raised to 18 years.

The importance of the media in, for example, portraying programmes fostering the peaceful settlement of conflict situations has already been stressed.

Obviously, if our society accepts that the problem, as outlined exists, there is much that could and should be done. It may be a change of emphasis would be required on the national level. Central and local Government must work together in determining objectives and then in constructing policies to achieve these objectives.

Those in authority must necessarily demand social justice - for one and all. Disadvantaged groups must be fairly represented in any such negotiation.

All could help, for, at the end of the day it is our attitude to the texture of our society which counts - and such is the conclusion of many specialists. "In the long run no laws or policies can be better than the society in which they exist. The best results will come from the society that is alert, responsive and constructive." (Crime in New Zealand.)

It is no understatement to say that ethical confusion prevails. One of the hideous results is criminal violence. The call to moral sanity and stability is all the more urgent - and one to which we can all reply.

5.(2) A CHRISTIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIAL PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE

Is there a distinctively Christian contribution which the Church has to offer to the problem of violence in society? All would no doubt agree that since this problem vitally affects the well-being of society it cannot be ignored and is therefore a legitimate concern of the church.

But what kind of solution is the church in a position to press for? Churchmen would appear to be found at almost all points in the spectrum which stretches from those at one end and who urge severer penalties and even the return of the birch and capital punishment to those at the other end who are accused of being too soft because they are concerned

only with lenience towards the offenders and appear to ignore those who have been, or may be in danger of being attacked.

Biblical and theological reasons can be offered to support each of a wide variety of approaches, for the Bible includes the criminal codes of ancient Israel, a pre-Christian society. How therefore, is one to judge whether all positions are equally Christian? Of course it can be claimed that the Church must support the rule of law and order and be careful not to undermine it. But is there anything specifically Christian about this stand? Would not any responsible society have the same policy?

If the Church has anything specifically Christian to offer, it is likely to be something over and above the concern for maintaining order and stability in society. The substance of this stems from the way in which the New Testament, in both the Gospels and Pauline teaching, raise the questions of moral behaviour to a higher plane than the legalistic one. In particular, they proclaim the primacy of both love and forgiveness. But how are these to be applied to the causes and effects of violent social behaviour?

The specifically Christian concerns may be outlined as follows:

1. Persons and their full well-being are our primary concern. How a society treats its offenders is an index of this. For example, if we punish thieves severely, it shows we put property before people.
2. We must be concerned equally with those who display violence and those who have been, or stand in danger of being, injured by that violence.
3. We are specifically warned not to be judgmental. This means that with regard to offenders we must continue to express our concern for them as persons. We must not allow our indignation to over-ride this personal concern by resorting to labels such as bikies, drop-outs, hippies, no-hopers, criminals, all of which have a depersonalising effect.
4. We must see all crime as a social problem which we have all helped to produce. "In every crime" said Emil Brunner "the first and chief criminal is society." While all offenders must bear some, and often the major responsibility for their actions, we must refrain from making them the scapegoats for all our social ills. Social offenders not only contribute to a disordered society, but they are also in the first place, a product of a disordered society.
5. The Christian message warns us in particular against the attitude of self righteousness which our righteous indignation so easily engenders. Crimes of violence rightly should disturb

us but they should not make us vindictive. As the episode about the woman taken in adultery so strikingly teaches us, there is none of us without sin.

6. Further, the Christian message has a most unsettling way of turning our commonly accepted moral priorities upside down. We readily become indignant about crimes of violence and sins of the flesh, but are remarkably lenient towards sins of the spirit such as lovelessness, covetousness, self-centredness etc. Jesus evidently saw things the other way round.

7. The specifically Christian concern about crimes of violence does not start with apprehension and punishment of the offender, but with society's self-examination of its own life for the purpose of discovering those hidden causes of which acts of violence are only the undesirable fruit. (In our society this is a very complex issue and requires a vast amount of research. At a time when the social conditions in which men live are both changing rapidly and becoming increasingly complex, we should not be surprised at a striking increase in social misbehaviour; there is every reason to expect it and we may be grateful that it is not larger than it is.)

8. It is against this background of our attempt to deal with the causes of crimes of violence that we should determine the best procedure for dealing with those who have already offended. Here also, the goal of crime prevention and vindictiveness, must also be our chief guide. There is no place for the latter in the treatment of social offenders by a Christian society. The Christian concern is to help people to go right, rather than to punish them for going wrong.

9. There is real doubt in the minds of many today about the general effectiveness of our present legal and penal system in achieving crime prevention. There is much evidence which suggests that our present penal system often produces recidivism rather than moral reformation.

10. A suspension of some or most of the normal freedoms is fully justified as a way of dealing with the offenders and is absolutely essential for the protection of society where there is reason to believe that the offender may continue to break out in violent behaviour. But suspension of freedom need not and should not, be accompanied by treatment which is, in any way of a more impersonal character. Rather, all efforts should be made to show society's personal respect for the offender and, in addition, to encourage his own self respect.

11. Our present penal system has the effect of isolating the offender from society even though it is a sense of isolation which often lies at the root of the problem. Much more needs to be done to integrate the offender into society in a healthy responsible way. The offender must be seen, not in isolation,

but as a member of society at large and often with close marital and family ties, these latter being too often completely neglected in present penal procedure.

12. Our final note must be this - a society must be seen as a complex whole. F.R. Barry wrote, "in the long run a society gets the criminal it deserves." There are no short cuts in dealing with the incidence of violence. It is the moral and spiritual calibre of a society which ultimately determines whether anti-social behaviour is to increase or decrease."

6. It is the hope of our Committee that members of the Select Parliamentary Committee would generally agree with the views expressed in the foregoing paper, and with the specific recommendations set out in the text.
7. Our Committee considers that the following practical recommendations would be helpful in constructing guidelines towards the kind of vigorous social action programme which we feel is essential in trying to deal with violent behaviour and its undesirable results in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Our Committee does not see as part of its role prescribing detailed recommendations re "the adequacy of the law and penalties relating thereto" as mentioned in the Order of Reference of the Select Committee. We also feel that we should not extend still further the many remedies which have been proposed in this very wide field. The Committee therefore confines its recommendations to re-stating some of the comments contained in a report to the Director of Research, Justice Department in 1971, entitled "Violent Offending."

"It is arguable that family size, child-rearing practices, alcohol, limited educational achievement and cultural habits have been consistent factors in violent offending for many years, and while important for the incidence of violence, bear no direct relationship to the increase in convictions. There has been widespread speculation on the relationship between violence and the mass media, but studies of the subject have yielded inconclusive results. Some studies of offending, particularly Maori offending, mention the importance of city stresses, non-acceptance and inability to express anger in any other way than by physical means "the only language they know"...

"Most New Zealand violence appears to be unpremeditated, unthinking and unpredictable, but may be related unconsciously to some factors mentioned above...."

"In few cases of violence can the act be foreseen or the victim protected. The flash point of jealousy, anger, or vengeance is the sudden outcome of so many variables that prediction is impossible. Every man has a threshold of frustration tolerance that will vary from one situation to another. Many violent offenders

initially profess profound remorse for their actions, but on release from prison commit the same kind of violence again..."

"Although strengthening systems of law enforcement by increased manpower and stronger sanctions is sometimes advocated, it is doubtful whether this kind of conduct is really responsive to deterrent sanctions. Explosive behaviour does not dwell on consequences and some countries with the most severe punishments for violence have the highest incidence of violent offending...."

"The law can be applied only after the violent act. The history of punishment, and studies in corporal punishment carried out by the Cadogan Committee and the Canadian Parliament have shown that the type or severity of physical punishment seems to have little bearing on violence..."

"A general all-embracing aetiology of violence is probably an unrealistic goal. But so wide are the differences in philosophies of causation and so enthusiastic are the protagonists of widely varying beliefs, that the situation calls for a study in depth, involving all the disciplines engaged in the study of violence. Only when such a study takes place, but perhaps not even then, will guidelines be given to those entrusted with the care of aggressive offenders..."

Our Committee agrees entirely with the above comments. In calling attention to them we would urge very strongly that a study in depth is the only practicable first step to take in exploring the means of reducing violent crime.

This course was advocated in 1971. It is not known what steps have been authorised or taken, but the present most unsatisfactory situation, when a very large and rapidly increasing amount of public funds is directed towards a police and prisons systems, without significant diminution in the proportion of violent offending, is surely a compelling reason for immediate action to commence an in-depth study of this serious problem.

On behalf of the Committee

J. Mabon

- Convenors

J. Murray

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT
SUPPORTING REPEAL OF THE CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION AND
ABORTION ACT 1977 AND THE CRIMES AMENDMENT ACT 1977 - May 1978

The Joint Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches believes that the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977 (Sections on Abortion 10-46) and the Crimes Amendment Act 1977 is bad legislation and urges their repeal at the earliest opportunity. The intention of this request is to return to the law on abortion that was current before the above legislation was passed, until more acceptable laws can be drafted.

The Joint Public Questions Committee makes this request on the following grounds:-

- (1) It was not possible to implement important provisions of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act before they came into force on 1 April 1978.
- (2) The role of certifying consultant is an inappropriate one for doctors in terms of the integrity of doctor-patient relationships.
- (3) The requirement that the certifying consultants "assessment of cases coming before them will not be coloured by views in relation to abortion generally that are incompatible with the tenor of this Act" is poorly defined and difficult to implement.
- (4) The amendments to the Crimes Act 1961 defining "unlawful" are unsatisfactory.
- (5) The manner in which these Acts were passed undermines respect for the law, and the law-making process.
- (6) The establishment of a politically appointed Supervisory Committee is open to the possibility of abuse.

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1. It was not possible to implement important provisions of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act before they came into force on 1 April 1978.

The Abortion Supervisory Committee reports that in many areas there are insufficient certifying consultants to enable the new abortion procedures to work as the Act provides. This means that in many parts of N.Z. there is no service, or an inadequate service available to women seeking an abortion. Cases have been reported of women having been approved by certifying consultants not being able to find a doctor to perform the operation. Hence the Supervisory Committee has not been able to fulfil its obligation under the Act to ensure "there shall be a sufficient number of appointees practising in each area of N.Z. to ensure that every woman seeking an abortion can have her case considered without involving her in considerable travelling or other inconvenience." S.30(4) 9B.

We believe that the reluctance of the majority of doctors to apply for appointment as certifying consultants is due to the inadequacy of the new legislation. Members of Parliament, in satisfying their "consciences" have created an intolerable situation for many doctors by making it impossible for them to follow their ethical principles in the highly controversial matter of abortion.

If the law cannot be fully implemented to give every woman the same rights, it should be repealed as a matter of urgency.

2. The role of certifying consultant is an inappropriate one for doctors in terms of the integrity of doctor-patient relationships.

A woman seeking an abortion consults her doctor, who may submit in writing, to the certifying consultant, a case for this to be performed. The woman may request to be interviewed by the certifying consultants (accompanied by her doctor if she asks and he agrees.) It is possible that decisions in some cases will depend on the ability of the doctor to communicate effectively to the certifying consultants the reasons for his diagnosis.

Doctors appointed as certifying consultants are neither required, nor permitted to make an independent clinical diagnosis of the patient. In other areas of medicine doctors consider it unethical to make a decision without examining or interviewing the patient. Doctors are naturally reluctant to submit to such requirements in relation to abortion decisions.

As certifying consultants, doctors are obliged to work outside their particular area of competence in making a judgement on the legality of the proposed operation. Hence the role of the certifying consultant is more that of a legal watchdog, rather than that of providing a second medical opinion which is the more appropriate role for the doctor to fill. This is the only area of medicine where doctors are required to act in this way, or submit to such oversight.

3. The requirement that the certifying consultants "assessment of cases coming before them will not be coloured by views in relation to abortion generally that are incompatible with the tenor of this Act" is poorly defined and difficult to implement.

The Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act, s.30(5) lists the following views as "incompatible with the tenor of this Act":-

- (a) that an abortion should not be performed in any circumstance: or
- (b) that the question of whether an abortion should or should not be performed in any case is entirely a matter for the woman and a doctor to decide."

A small number of doctors, on religious grounds, hold to the former position (a), and a significant number of doctors have indicated that they hold the latter (b). In the 1977 survey conducted by the Department of Community Health, Auckland University School of Medicine, of all 4371 doctors currently registered and resident in N.Z. 1.8% (55 doctors) stated their belief that abortion was never justified, and 33.8% (1477 doctors) indicated that they approved of abortion where the woman and her doctor considered it desirable. This restricts considerably the number of doctors eligible to be appointed as certifying consultants. It is difficult to imagine how many doctors could be uncommitted on such an important question or with long term experience as certifying consultants would remain neutral on it.

The fact that a significant number of doctors appointed as certifying consultants are members of SPUC is a matter of considerable concern. It is difficult to see how they can conscientiously agree to recommend some abortions allowable under the Act, but which are not in accordance with the principles of SPUC.

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The amendments to the Crimes Act 1961 defining "unlawful" are unsatisfactory.

The deletions of the provisions from the Bill (Clause 54, lines 31-33) "that there is substantial risk that the child, if born, would be so physically or mentally abnormal as to be seriously handicapped" is unduly restrictive in that it prevents some parents from choosing to bring up a healthy family instead of facing the stresses of caring for a seriously handicapped person.

The deletion of reference to "the social and economic circumstances of the woman or girl concerned" as matters that, while not in themselves grounds for an abortion, "may be taken into account in determining... whether the continuance of the pregnancy would result in serious danger to her life or to her physical health" (Clause 54, line 3) is also unduly restrictive. If an "indications" policy is to be adopted, social and economic circumstances, in some cases, can be long term factors which create strong pressure for a woman seeking an abortion, and ought not to be omitted from the Act.

The addition to the Crimes Act 1961 of the words "the danger cannot be averted by any other means" (s.297A) to define the meaning of "unlawfully" in s.183-186 is vague and confusing. The assurance of the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General that this provision was implicit in the old law is unhelpful when they also acknowledge that only the courts can finally determine the matter. But when offences under the

Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act are the performing of an abortion in an unlicensed place, or without the certificate issued by two certifying consultants (s.37); and when members of the Supervisory Committee and the certifying consultants are protected when acting in good faith (s.40), it is unlikely that the courts will ever be required to make a judgement on the meaning of these words. It is undesirable that the provision of the Crimes Act which sets out what is unlawful in relation to abortions, should be so closely tied to the administrative procedure of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act.

5. The manner in which these acts were passed undermines respect for the law, and the law-making process.

The Committee stages of the Bill relating to abortion were passed through in an all-night sitting. The issues confronting the House were complex and controversial, and it is unreasonable to expect members to give concentrated attention to these matters through many hours of continuous sitting. Some of the more controversial measures were dealt with in the early hours of the morning when a significant number of members were absent from the House. In addition to the 13 members who were ill or out of Wellington, 14 other members were absent from the House when some crucial votes were taken. This means that significant changes to the law were adopted without adequate consultation and by a minority of the total membership of the House. The Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Bill was dealt with in the House by "conscience" votes, without the usual party discipline operating. Amendments were moved independently, without the normal process of separate amendments being co-ordinated in a party caucus, or referred to professional groups for informed comment.

Some of the widespread reaction against the provisions of the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act arises from anger at the hurried and irresponsible manner in which the legislation was finally passed through the House. It is difficult for people to respect the law when they see it being created in a hurried manner.

We reaffirm two points made in the "Open Letter to All Members of Parliament concerning the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Bill" sent to you before the Bill came before Parliament :-

"8) As the issues involved are complex and rushed legislation in the past has proved inadequate, we believe that the Bill and any substantial amendments to it should be referred to a Select Committee.

9) We believe that wise legislation on abortion is an urgent

priority and that this is more important than passing the Bill in a predetermined time."

We believe that it is important for any future proposed legislation on abortion to be brought into the House as a Government measure to ensure that a more co-ordinated Bill is presented. Members could be given a "conscience" vote to oppose or support the proposed Act in response to their personal standards, regardless of party loyalty.

6. The establishment of a politically appointed Supervisory Committee is open to the possibility of abuse.

Traditionally, the law establishes criteria for determining what is legal and what is illegal, and the courts determine when these provisions have been infringed in the specific cases brought before them. In relation to abortion, the Crimes Act 1961 sets out what was unlawful and various court judgments interpreted the law. Under the complex system outlined in the new Act, the Supervisory Committee with its panels of certifying consultants, for practical purposes, will determine how the Crimes Amendment Act is to be interpreted. As the Supervisory Committee is politically appointed there is the possibility of the Government of the day limiting its independence in a manner impossible in the courts.

The other functions of the Supervisory Committee, such as licensing facilities for abortion, collecting statistics etc. is part of the proper function of the Health Department.

It is imperative that the current inadequate legislation on abortion be repealed as a first step in the direction of enacting "a more humane law that recognises the complex moral and human values involved in the abortion debate."

We pray your attention to the case we present.

Signed by the Rev. John C.F. Mabon

Convenor

On behalf of the Joint Committee

RANDOM BREATH TESTING

Submissions to Road Safety Committee by the Joint Public Questions Committee of the Methodist & Presbyterian Churches

27 June 1978

The Joint Methodist and Presbyterian Public Questions Committee understands that the Road Safety Committee is receiving and considering representations concerning the issues involved in random breath testing, as a factor in preventing road accidents.

The Public Questions Committee now meets as one Committee and share in their consideration of various matters on which they feel that the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have a view on moral, social, political and industrial problems, not only to the higher Courts of the Churches but also to those responsible for framing the laws of N.Z. and formulating Government policy.

Our Committee is most concerned at the extent and very serious effects of road accidents in which over-consumption of alcohol is a factor, and is therefore interested in examining any proposal which is thought likely to result in reduction of carnage on our roads. Our Committee feels that while society has also the same concern at the large number of road accidents, fatalities and injuries, there is widespread complacency and lack of real appreciation of the extent to which such unnecessary loss of life is attributable to over-indulgence in alcohol.

The Road Safety Committee no doubt has adequate statistical evidence to account for the increasing road toll, and our Committee does not therefore feel it is necessary to compile similar detailed statistics, but we wish to place on record and emphasise that a high percentage of drivers involved in motor car accidents have had alcohol, and we understand that of these, the majority had consumed over the present legal limit permissible for drivers.

We draw attention to a comment made by Mr. D.J. Sullivan S.M. ... "Alcohol would be the fuel that generates most work in the Magistrates Court in its criminal, traffic and domestic jurisdictions ... In general the individual New Zealander does not condone drunkenness, but accepts it." Given the pressure of a drinking culture, it appears that people have in fact accepted that which they feel incapable of changing.

Despite the wide publicity given to the daily road toll in N.Z. and the various voluntary educational and preventive measures designed to reduce this intolerable state of affairs, our Committee submits that the solution does not wholly lie in programmes of this kind, and that some authoritative action by the State is required, with appropriate penalties against those individuals who transgress the limits arbitrarily fixed by law or regulation. The existing penalties clearly do not appear to have sufficient deterrent effect.

Our committee is of the opinion that the present method of breath and blood testing is not as efficient nor acceptable as it could be. We have noted with concern and dismay the number of cases in which drivers have been able to avoid conviction in the courts through some deficiency or technicality in the law relating to breath and blood testing. Our Committee therefore feel that a revision of the present procedure is a matter of great urgency.

As to the specific question of whether random breath testing should be introduced, our Committee is of the opinion that the freedom of the individual driver is a matter of principle which cannot be lightly be dismissed. After careful consideration however, we believe that public safety overrides an individual's freedom to drive while under the influence of alcohol.

There is a valid case to be made for breath testing, provided the following criteria can be met:-

- (1) The method of taking, recording and dealing with tests to determine the amount of alcohol consumed must be as far as is possible without doubt as to the accuracy of the tests.
- (2) Such tests should be made over a selective broad basis and in circumstances where it may reasonably be assumed that positive tests are likely to result, e.g. near places where alcohol is normally consumed bars, taverns, licensed premises, clubs etc.
- (3) Such tests must be capable of being taken with a minimum of delay to the driver of the vehicle, or the person intending to drive.
- (4) The result of such testing must be available to the traffic officer, and the driver or intending driver, with a minimum of delay.
- (5) The procedure itself, and supporting publicity should be so designed that motor vehicle drivers and the public generally have full confidence in the system, with the ultimate objective of its being socially acceptable as a means of reducing the scale and the effects of road accidents attributable to the consumption of alcohol. In this connection we are encouraged by the increasing general acceptance of smoking as a health hazard. The same attitude to selective random breath testing should be the objective of any new measures recommended by your Committee.

We are aware that the introduction of selective random breath testing could possibly involve a major staffing problem, not only at places where testing is carried out, but also in other areas, e.g. administrative and traffic court proceedings and that to be effective such a system could be very expensive.

Nevertheless, it is fully justified.

Our Committee takes this opportunity to, once again support a reduction in the permissible blood level to 80 mg. of alcohol per 100ml. of blood. We would also support a further reduction for all drivers under 25 years of age.

These submissions are made with full regard to the many issues involved, but our Committee feels that because of the inadequacies of the present system, all these matters should be fully investigated by competent officials and wherever possible discussed with groups or agencies involved directly or indirectly with road accidents and their consequences, not only to those immediately involved, but also to their families, employers and the medical services and hospitals throughout New Zealand.

Rev. John C.F. Mabon
Convenor for Methodist
Church.

Rev John S. Murray
Convenor for Presbyterian
Church.

27 June 1978

APPENDIX VII

STATEMENT AGREED ON BY THE JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE (NCC/RCC)

26 May 1978

A CALL FOR REASON AND RESPECT IN THE DISCUSSION ON ABORTION

The Joint Working Committee of the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church is concerned about the bitterness of the current debate on abortion. This has polarised our community.

We therefore call on all people of goodwill, and especially on the churches, to foster a climate in which people respect the sincerely held convictions of others.

The Joint Working Committee itself is made up of people with differing convictions about abortion. Some of its members are publicly committed to opposed policies. Yet we are one in making this call.

Abortion is a complex question on which there are more than two positions. In the interests of responsible decision-making, the misrepresentation of differing attitudes should be avoided.

There is need for all citizens to become well informed on this issue.

We do not advocate a compromise of anyone's convictions or a lessening of the vigour of the debate. But we do urge that there be genuine listening to one another in a spirit of reason and respect in the discussion.

Together we affirm our reverence for life and our pastoral concern for all who are personally faced with the question of abortion.

We pray that the public discussion will be well informed and reasonable; that the integrity of the participants will be respected; and that the decisions reached will be responsible.

(The Joint Working Committee is a committee of representatives of the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, established for the purpose of discussing theological and social issues.)

QUESTION 38—(b) International Affairs?

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ANZUS ALLIANCE (1977 CONF RES 3(b) PAGE 40)

Conference 1977 asked that Synods have a chance to consider again the implications of New Zealand's withdrawal from the ANZUS Alliance before this action is advocated by Conference 1978. We offer the following statement in support of pressing the New Zealand Government to withdraw from the ANZUS Alliance as an essential first step in a new and more relevant foreign policy.

After World War II the various countries of the world tended to gather under the protection of one or other of the two great powers, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. The theory was that the military power of each would keep a balance in the world, so that neither would be likely to start a war against the other. This was the best way to guard against a third world war with the attendant horror of nuclear bombs and other sophisticated weapons. Thus world peace would be preserved.

This theory has, we believe, been shown to be defective. It is true that a major war has so far been avoided, but there have been many devastating wars throughout the period. The Korean War, the Vietnam War, wars in Africa and the Middle East, are just some of the worst examples. And each one of these wars has been prolonged or escalated by aid imported into the area concerned, by the great powers or their close allies. Indeed the attempt to keep a so-called balance of power has led to making what could have been small local wars into much greater conflicts, some of which could have triggered off a third world war. Apart from the moral issues involved, it should be clear that the world cannot afford wars which are surely the most dangerous of all polluters of the environment. Wasting productive land so that it cannot produce food or energy resources again for years. In a world faced with shortage of food we must face the fact that war is the biggest enemy of man and his environment, and that in warfare everyone loses.

If we are serious in our pursuit of peace we should seriously examine the assumption we have made in the past, that it is necessary for smaller countries to choose a large and powerful country for a protector. This has in fact been the pattern throughout recorded history, and it has always led to war, not peace. It is time to enquire whether smaller states should break out of this recurrent pattern and have the faith to stand alone.

There have already been attempts to break up the polarisation of the world into two large camps. The most obvious example is the group of "non-aligned" states which now include more than 80 countries. However, this grouping itself exhibits some of the characteristics of a power bloc. Moreover many of the group have bilateral treaties with one or other great power. Also, some of its more influential members such as Indonesia pursue policies with which we could not align ourselves.

We feel it is time for New Zealand to pursue a truly neutral foreign policy, offering friendship to all other nations without distinction. We are convinced that a New Zealand which has broken free of military alliances will have less to fear than at present, when our alignment with one great power might make us a military and strategic target.

But this is a negative reason for advocating withdrawal from ANZUS. This positive reasons are more important. We believe it is our duty as members of one world to act positively in friendship with other nations. It may well be the particular responsibility of small nations, which are not expected to exert a traditional protective role over others, to lead the way in this respect, and to show that co-operation and harmony between nations can lead to a fuller life for all.

We believe that by withdrawing from our commitment to ANZUS and letting our trained forces be used for disaster relief in other countries and similar peaceful commitments, we could asset more influence in the world and do our part in ensuring a more secure life for all our descendants.

Synod Responses

Four Synods expressed themselves solidly behind withdrawal from the ANZUS Alliance and a more independent foreign policy.

Four Synods were non-committal or advocated reappraisal of the present ANZUS Treaty toward less military emphasis.

One Synod voted against the adoption of the report by a split vote.

AGENCIES IN NEW ZEALAND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

There are a number of aid agencies in New Zealand making claims on New Zealanders for financial and other assistance to help developing countries. We offer this report in the

hope that it will assist Methodists to decide their priorities in supporting these organisations.

Since the second world war, there has been a great upsurge in the giving of aid by countries of the western world to so-called "Developing Countries". All Christians welcome this expression of compassion for others. Time and experience in this field has shown many people and many agencies that emergency aid of itself does not prevent recurrences, and giving can produce and perpetuate dependence rather than promote development. A new understanding of respect for people as persons has forced Christians into a reappraisal of the way in which we give. This has involved a rethinking of our own motives in giving; a deeper appreciation of the problems of human development, and a realisation that to apply the unmodified technology of the donor culture to the receptor societies is most unwise. Most of us would endorse the finding of a Papua-New Guinea Churches Report:

"Development means for us the liberation of man to be more and more human. Economic development must always be seen as a means to this fuller development. It is therefore clear that a strategy of economic aid or development must always respect human dignity and the deepest ideals of people". (SODEPANG Report 1970).

In this kind of spirit our "Overseas Missions" strategy has been rethought. We now seek to be understanding and helpful partners with churches overseas, receiving as well as giving, allowing the churches overseas to set the pace and the guidelines for our giving. In the same way our aid to the wider community through Christian World Service has been given, increasingly, after consultation with and on the conditions set by the receptor communities. Working out how this should be done, and learning the new approach to aid and development is not easy, and this is witnessed by the agonising reappraisal that has been going on in Corso in recent years.

As a Methodist Church our giving for others beyond our own shores has been channelled through the joint board for Mission Overseas. This is, and must remain, a prime concern for our church. In the wider community, our first responsibility as Methodists is to the Christmas Appeal of the National Council of Churches (Christian World Service) where we, as a church, are involved not so much in the details of the aid programmes, but in determining the underlaying philosophy of giving aid. Beyond that again, the Methodist Church is a constituent member of Corso, and encourages Methodist people

to be involved with financial support and play a full part in the establishment of new strategies and community education programmes on the whole field of human development.

As a church we are committed to these organisations, and we also encourage our people to share in the work of those traditional parachurch agencies which work alongside us at home and abroad; e.g. The Bible Society, The Mission to Lepers and the Leprosy Mission.

During the year, the International Affairs Committee has met with representatives of World Vision, a comparative new-comer to the international aid scene. Some years ago there were serious questions about the relationship of this organisation with certain governments, its high overheads, the apparent lack of consultation with local leaders in overseas communities, and the emphasis on child-centred programmes that appeared superficial. Since then World Vision has learned, as other agencies have learned the need for a partnership approach and for broader based community development programmes. We affirm that many changes have taken place in the whole outlook and practice of World Vision and that these changes are for the better.

We must say, however, that we still find it disturbing that, according to World Vision's own booklet, "Development Aid Projects 1977-78" page 31, final decisions of the projects are made by a small group of westerners, and that western-style accounting of the projects is demanded of non-western countries and organisations. Other questions remain. World Vision has done little to show us in New Zealand that we are part of the problem, and challenge our uncritical attitudes. There are some reservations about their multiple focus on aid, development, evangelism and leadership, and the fact that an agency claiming to help the churches largely ignores the regular structures of the church. Administrative and publicity costs appear high and the disproportionate emphasis on child-care rather than local community development is debatable.

We hope and expect that World Vision will continue to reassess its ways of working in the light of experience gained by other aid agencies and that increasingly more recognition will be given to non-western ways of thinking and acting.

Beyond our church-with-church partnership through our joint board for Mission Overseas, our first priority as Methodists must continue to be with Christian World Service's Christmas Appeal and to Corso, where we have worked out and

will continue to work out our understandings of the true basis for Christian aid in the modern world.

Synods Responses

Six synods expressed themselves in agreement with the direction of the report.

One synod appeared non-committal.

One synod would have preferred the exclusion of the paragraph on World Vision, but apparently supported the rest of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1(a) That this Conference encourage government to follow a positive, more neutral and independent foreign policy, and especially build strong relationships of friendship and support with our near neighbours in the South Pacific and Asia.
- (b) That withdrawal from the ANZUS military alliance form a first step and an essential on-going part of this new foreign policy.
- 2(a) That this Conference reaffirms its support for the aid philosophy and policies espoused by NCC Christian World Service and Corso and encourages Methodist people to give their full support to these two agencies.
- (b) That, as a further step, Methodist people be encouraged to become members of Corso and involved in the local and regional programmes of Corso in New Zealand.
3. That "New Citizen" be invited to report the decisions of this Conference on aid agencies.
4. That Conference congratulate the Rev G.B. Sharp B.Sc. on his election as National Chairman of Corso.

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

- A. GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY
for year ended 30th June 1978.
- B. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE
Annual Report 1978
- C. CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS
Annual Report 1978

SEE QUESTION 43.

QUESTION 40—What is the condition of the various missions, Educational and General Connexional Property Trusts and Investments.

1. THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report for the year ended June 30, 1978.

The net surplus for the year was \$63,692 compared with \$59,586 for the previous year.

The appropriation to the Trinity Theological College for the year was \$30,000 - an increase of \$5,000 on the previous year. \$10,000 was again transferred to the Building Fund.

Advice has been received recently that the proposal for the property (outlined in the Report dated 13 September 1977) will not be proceeded with, as finance has not been arranged. This is a great disappointment especially in view of the problems and cost of decadence and loss of expected increased income.

As at 31 July 1978, the following Trustees resigned:

Reverends E.D. Grounds and E.W.Hames, Dr. J.J. Lewis, Messrs. M.N. Furness, T.L. Hames, F.M. Souster and W.F. Winstone.

The members of the Board now are:-

Mr. G.H. Peak (Chairman),
Reverends S.C. Grant, W.J. Morrison and A.K. Woodley,
Dr. J.J. Janus, Messrs. H.P. Anderson, W.F. Christian,
R.J. Fraser, K.G. Lee, L.V. Riesterer, C.R. Shoosmith and
A.H. Winstone.

W.F. CHRISTIAN, Chairman

F.M. IZZARD, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report be received.

2. PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31ST 1978

The past year has seen continued consolidation of the Trust's resources. Buildings have been upgraded and the property maintained.

All buildings were fully let during the year, however the principle tenant of the Turner Street building, I.B.M. have relocated their facilities elsewhere and relinquished a large proportion of tenancy at the year end.

Net income for the year after all expenses was \$40,637 an increase of \$4,755 over the previous year. Depreciation for the year was as for 1977, \$33,022. Gross rentals received were \$88,532 (1977 \$87,585) yielding a net income after direct expenses of \$47,130, an increase of \$7,374 over 1977. Net income from interest was \$53,214. General expenses were \$1,401 (1977, \$2,088) and borrowing costs \$58,306 (1977,\$62,538)

Investments at the year end were \$495,041 all secured by mortgage on Trustee deposit. Mortgage sinking fund accumulations were \$77,205. This investment matures during 1978 and will yield an estimated surplus after retiring the National Mutual mortgage of \$28,200.

Invested funds held on our behalf by Perpetual Trustees have been reduced by \$98,300 since March 31 1978 and repayment of the balance is expected short term.

Funds borrowed included both the first debenture and deposits of \$468,490. \$72,586 having been repaid as investment terms expense during the year.

Asset values remain as for 1977, subject only to the deduction of depreciation.

Further consideration has been given to the future development of the Trust's assets and the matter has been discussed with members of the Methodist Investment Board Committee. It is hoped that progress can be achieved in this respect during the coming year.

R.F. Clement Chairman
R.A. Barfoote Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report be received.

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 EMSLEY TRUST BOARD

See QUESTION 54

6.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 30TH JUNE 1978

During the past twelve months the Trust has continued to support the Maori Mission in New Plymouth with a grant of \$1011 for the maintenance of property and \$3500 to Rangiatea Maori College. It expects that the calls on the Trust from the Rangiatea College Board may reduce in the future, but the Trust is still committed to support this work to provide for the completion of the education of those girls who had been registered at the Hostel when it was resolved to change to the accommodation of Maori apprenticeship boys.

During the year discussions have been held on the prospect of offering the freehold of the land titles to lessees in order to improve income available from the funds invested in this land. At the present moment the net income available for appropriation, \$11,376, represents less than 1% as a return on the funds involved. To provide a fair return on the capital value for the Church it would be necessary to increase rentals to ten times their present rate. It needs little imagination to visualise the repercussions on the goodwill attached to the Church in the community if a proposal to increase rents to this level was implemented.

The Trustees are faced with this dilemma. They act on behalf of a Church which must be concerned for people.

The Trustees must act in the best interests of the growth of the Church and feel if they are to be responsible stewards they must seek the authority of the Methodist Conference to offer the freehold titles of land to lessees.

G. T. GILBERT

CHAIRMAN

M. H. BURN

SECRETARY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report be received.

7. KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

See QUESTION 54

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 1978.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with its Conference mandate the Division actively encourages and supports development within the Methodist Church in three specific ways. By the allocation of funds; by the use of its staff to facilitate planning; and by the provision of resources to stimulate and support local churches in their efforts to Make Disciples.

The intention of this report is to draw attention to some of the significant areas of development within the church and to illustrate the nature of the Division's support for each of them.

1. MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRIES

Clearly one of the most significant developments within contemporary Methodism has been the growth and consolidation of Ministry among Samoan and Tongan families.

In Auckland and Wellington the multi-cultural character of Methodism is unmistakable. This cultural diversity is not only present within the worshipping congregations but also in the use made of existing church buildings by Pacific Island people whose expression of church life is more varied and explicit than typical European church life.

In the intermediate centres too, Hamilton - Tokoroa - Gisborne - Hastings, the presence of Samoan and Tongan families is also adding to the diversity of church life.

Samoan Ministry

In October 1973 the Rev. Siauala Amituana'i was seconded from the Samoan Conference to give oversight of Ministry among Samoans who placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the N.Z. Conference.

Initially, Rev. Amituana'i worked full time as a staff member of the Development Division with specific reference to Ministry among Samoan families in the Auckland metropolitan area.

From the beginning of 1976 he has been Minister of St. John's Church, Ponsonby, the balance of his Ministry being shared within Auckland and other North Island centres.

In response to submissions made by the Samoan Policy Committee, and in particular the Samoan Methodist Community in Auckland, the Conference last year accepted Mr. Falea'ana Kopelani as a probationer. It recommended that he be stationed in Auckland

to share Ministry among Samoans with Rev. Amituana'i and serve a complementary Ministry alongside Palgi Ministers who have oversight of Samoan families.

To help establish Rev. Kopelani's Ministry the Division used some of its legacy reserves to meet 25% of the costs for the first 12 months. From the 1979/80 Connexional Budget it is requesting funds to meet 50% of the costs of the second Samoan appointment. The balance is being shared by the Auckland District and the Auckland East Circuit, as Rev. Kopelani has specific oversight of the Panmure Samoan Congregation.

Tongan Ministry

The initial proposal was that the Rev. Taniela Moala would work as a self-supporting Minister among the Auckland Methodist Tongan community. However, it soon became apparent that the requests for his Ministry exceeded his availability to Minister.

Through close consultation between the Tongan President of Conference and the Auckland Synod it was agreed that Rev. Moala should work full time under the supervision of the Chairman of the Auckland District.

Financial support for Rev. Moala's Ministry comes from three basis sources:-

44.7% is contributed by the Auckland Methodist Tongan Community. It also meets his travelling costs. 44.2% is contributed by the Development Division. 11.0% is contributed by the Auckland District Synod.

2. ESTABLISHING MINISTRY IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In five significant new residential areas around New Zealand, the Methodist Church is an active partner in fostering the development of congregational life and the formation of community among the residents.

Some of the developing Ministries have been established as Co-operating Parishes - Flaxmere (Hastings) and Parklands (N.E. Christchurch). Others have been designated as "Interim Parishes" because it is by no means clear yet what final organisational shape will be appropriate for the area - Ranui (West Auckland); Tamatea (Napier). Yet another definition "Shared Ministry" is used in the Bell Block area to describe the evolving Ministry there.

Common to all of these Ministries in new residential areas is their need initially for almost total financial support from the participating denominations and the respective parent parishes.

The Development Division commits its funds to an approved new venture for an initial three term. This commitment helps give a

new venture stability as it is assured of Ministry for a significant time. The grants the Division makes to each of the five areas mentioned above range from \$780 to \$1,000 per year.

3. REVIEWING CIRCUIT/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Barry Jones has acted as leader/enabler in six Circuit strategy consultations during this year, (Lower Hutt/Petone - Balclutha - Gore - Paraparaumu - Invercargill - Waitara) and two regional strategy consultations - Wellington and Manawatu.

While the issues that have led Circuits/Regions to systematically review existing strategies and formulate new ones, have not necessarily been the same, there appear to be a range of five factors that have encouraged the reviews:-

(a) Inherited Strategies

The assumption on which past strategies were built upon are now being critically assessed. Custom and tradition alone are not sufficient reason for maintaining programmes and emphasis of Ministry.

(b) A Core of Committed Disciples

Static - declining - aging membership is causing Circuits to re-examine their attitudes to Christian discipleship. Some are recognising the need to develop and maintain a core of people who are committed to express their discipleship through the Methodist Church or a Co-operative Venture in which Methodism is a partner.

(c) Inflation.

Rising costs are putting great strains on Circuit/Parish life. Financial limitations are causing churches to set new priorities in the disbursement of limited income.

(d) Inter-Church Co-operation

The possibility of co-operation with one or more of the negotiating churches raises exciting possibilities in terms of a more effective use of personnel - financial resources - property. Increasingly, the ecumenical option raises questions about the implication of local acts of co-operation upon the life and expression of Regional and National Methodism during the interval until National Organic Union is accomplished.

(e) Mission of the Church

Increasingly questions are being asked as to the fundamental aims of the Christian church and how they can be meaningfully expressed in contemporary society.

4. MAKING DISCIPLES

Through a Task Group centred in Palmerston North and drawing its membership from Wanganui - Manawatu - Hawkes Bay Circuits/Parishes, the Division seeks to support and encourage the Making Disciples Task Groups. What follows is a resumé of the Task

Group's report on activities and the dimensions of evangelism and discipleship it is currently grappling with.

" The Group meets about every two months, and work has been proceeding on several fronts:-

A. SHARING AND CRITICALLY EVALUATING RESOURCES, such as 'Life-Style Evangelism', regarding their usefulness in our Circuits/Parishes; as well as receiving reports of Synod discussions regarding possible involvement in large-scale missions.

B. DEVELOPING RESOURCES to assist Circuits and congregations in both evaluating and planning outreach ventures. The most recent have been a Report/Evaluation form, from which in turn, has developed a "Mission Planner". This incorporates some basic principles which emerged in the process of developing and using the Report/Evaluation. The Task Group encourages Circuits to make use of them.

C. SCHOOL OF MISSION - SEPT.'77 Dr. Kosuke Koyama was the theological resource person, and members of the Task Group, as well as some from the Joint Interim Board for Mission Overseas, had a stimulating time grappling with the issues of mission today. This experience, and its learnings continue to provide the background for the Task Group's thinking and ongoing work.

D. MAKING DISCIPLES ACTION FOLDER. Two folders have been distributed to date. The contents have included 'stories' of outreach activities told by Circuits/congregations; Book reviews; Planning resources; 'Mark on Making Disciples'. The hope is that the telling of local stories will motivate others to be active in 'Making Disciples'.

E. 'MARK - ON MAKING DISCIPLES'. An 'experiential Bible Study', produced in time for Lent 1978, but with an ongoing life and relevance, was devised by N.Z. Methodist Ministers. The idea came from a 'World Methodist Evangelistic Thrust' of which the Lenten study on Mark was felt to be unsuitable for our use. Tremendous help, encouragement, support and technical expertise was received from the Bible Society in N.Z., and we acknowledge our debt and gratitude to the Society. Most of the 5000 copies have now been sold through Epworth Bookrooms and the Development Division. They continue to be used in a wide range of denominational ecumenical, and community settings.

F. WORLD METHODIST MISSION. The Task Group continues to receive material from this project, and to offer to the N.Z. church opportunities to be involved as they see fit. The 'Covenant', as well as the concept of the Lenten Making Disciples Study, emerged from this link. We also continue to forward ideas and resources from our own work.

G. CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM - UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.

Early in August, the Division sent the Convener, Rev. Fred Waine to attend. 105 representatives of the Synods (States) assembled at Vision Valley (N.S.W.) for Bible Study; for Lectures on aspects of Evangelism ('the Gospel in the Australian context'; 'Evangelism in the Local Parish'; 'World Methodist Mission'; World Council of Churches World Conference on Evangelism - Melbourne, 1980); Sharing Reports of Synod activities and resources; Discussion groups, singing etc. A marvellous experience of fine people grappling with issues of mission in Australia now; and appreciation of the Good News which it is our privilege to experience and share. It is a privilege to feel part of the extended Christian family, and to experience the impetus, challenge, enrichment and support that comes from being involved in a world-wide movement. Others have insights and resources which we can evaluate and use here.

However, the main impression is one of strong, warm confirmation of the stance we have taken in N.Z. Methodism, especially since the 'watershed' "Report on Evangelism" to Conference, 1968; and the "Making Disciples Position Paper" from the Development Division in 1975 - affirming that the local church and congregation is the essential place where evangelism and making disciples takes place. The 1968 Report said, "The Church's true life is the Church's true evangelism". group at Vision Valley said it more simply 'The local Church has got to be Good News!'

Our N.Z. Methodist Church has produced a range of resources to enable that to happen which we have overlooked, or undervalued - e.g. 'Shalom'; 'We Plan Together'; 'Building Community'; 'Meeting each other at our Meetings'; 'Creative Listening'; 'Mark on Making Disciples'; the Report, and the Position Paper on Evangelism; Mission Report/Evaluation; Mission Planner.

H. CONTINUING WORK - THE CONTEXT FOR MAKING DISCIPLES

The theme emerging from numerous sources, and providing a cutting edge, and a reference point, is 'The Kingdom of God'. It is the theme of the W.C.C. 1980 Conference, and churches are invited to pray for that, and to be involved in forthcoming Bible Studies,

In 'Agenda for a Biblical People', James Wallis says "To be Christian is to be possessed and dominated by the Kingdom of God. Salvation must not be seen as merely an individual event, but, rather as a world event in which the individual has a part... A central weakness of many contemporary doctrines of salvation is that they produce a sole concern for personal redemption and justification before God, apart from any reference to the Kingdom of God ...

... Evangelism can never take place in a vacuum, in isolation from the critical questions and events that shape the context in which the Gospel must be proclaimed and lived. As sin and death manifest themselves institutionally, politically, and economically, as

well as personally, our evangelism must bring the Gospel into active confrontation with the personal and corporate character and dimensions of sin ...

... the convert does not receive an automatic pass to celestial bliss, but is called to take up a cross and follow in obedience the one who fed the hungry, healed the sick, was a friend to all manner of men and women, most identified with the poor, the oppressed, the weak and broken, blessed the peace-makers, and was executed as a political criminal and subversive..."

This expresses an exciting theology of conversion/evangelism/ making disciples. A theology most clearly related biblically to the concept and the picture of the Kingdom of God - clearly expressed in Jesus' manifesto, announced in the synagogue (Luke 4: 18-21) and illustrated in His parables and stories.

That's a tradition of which Methodism claims to be a guardian and torch-bearer - and N.Z. Methodism continues to make a significant contribution to helping people understand and become involved in working out its implications."

HENRY KITCHINGMAN : CHAIRMAN

BARRY JONES : SUPERINTENDENT

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

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During 1978 the Samoan Policy Committee met twice. In April it met in Hastings and in July it met in Petone.

1. LAY PREACHERS COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS.

It was the wish of the Committee that in future all examinations for Lay Preacher Courses be under the supervision of the New Zealand Methodist Conference.

Discussion with the Education Division revealed that there was no satisfactory way of providing Lay Preacher materials exclusively in the Samoan language. However, it was agreed that provision be made for those who are unable to sit the examinations set in English to be examined in their own language by the Rev. S. Amituana'i and Mr. L. Tupu.

2. SAMOAN MINISTRY

Last year eight Samoan men offered themselves for Ministry to the Conference. One of these, Faleaana Kopelani, was recommended for appointment as probationer providing satisfactory arrangements could be made for his financial support.

The Conference committee on Ministry expressed concern that ways and means be found to enable the remaining candidates to exercise Ministry in some appropriate forms.

At the April meeting of the Samoan Policy Committee a small sub-committee was set up to meet with the Executive of the committee on Ministry to explore ways of using these men for Ministry.

Arising from consultation with the Committee on Ministry and discussions held with the various district Samoan Committees it was recognised that the Self-Supporting Ministry is becoming an acceptable alternative ministry.

At the July meeting of the Samoan Policy Committee it was noted that those men who have offered for the Ministry last year wished to re-affirm their willingness to offer for whatever Ministry the Conference considers appropriate for them.

3. USE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES BY SAMOAN CONGREGATIONS NOT AFFILIATED TO THE NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE.

This matter was discussed at both meetings this year and it was resolved to re-affirm the 1977 Conference resolution that the Samoan Policy Committee act in an advisory capacity to Trust seeking guidance concerning the use of properties by Samoan groups not affiliated with the New Zealand Conference.

4. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND AND THE SAMOAN METHODIST CONFERENCES

This subject again exercised the mind of the Committee. It was finally agreed that the most appropriate way of deepening

relationship would be through exchange of visits by the respective presidents of both Conferences.

5. SAMOAN DIVISION

It was recognised that this issue is still a concern for a significant number of Samoan church members. Extensive discussion held throughout 1977 and early 1978 did not resolve in any conclusive findings for or against the proposition to establish a Samoan Division within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

On the recommendation of the Auckland Samoan District the Policy Committee agreed to defer consideration of the issue until a clearer proposition is received.

6. NATIONAL SAMOAN YOUTH CAMP

The committee agreed that the Camp be held during Easter 1979. A small committee with the help of the Education Division is looking for a suitable site.

7. MATERIALS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

It is a feature of Samoan Church life that during the first week in the new year members of the congregation offer prayers, calling for God's blessing and guidance as they face the unknown future.

A request was received from Petone Samoan Fellowship that suitable materials be prepared as a guide for the week of prayer.

The Policy Committee requested the Rev. S. Amituana'i to prepare material for general use.

8. REV. AMITUANA'I - TRANSFER TO THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Rev. Amituana'i informed the Committee that he is requesting the Samoan Conference that he be transferred to the New Zealand Methodist Conference.

The Committee warmly and unanimously supported Rev. Amituanai's decision to seek a permanent transfer.

9. FUTURE MEETING OF SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Because of the high cost involved in convening the committee in April and July this year, it was agreed to meet once a year in the future. But that the meeting be held over an entire week-end if necessary to do justice to the business.

10. SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

In order to relate to urgent business that arises between meeting of the Policy Committee and to act in an advisory role to the President of the Conference, it was agreed that the committee appoint a small executive. It was resolved that the members of the executive for 1979 be:-

The President; Siauala Amituana'i; Barry Jones; Lani Tupu and Arona Galuvao.

11. REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE 1978:

Mr. S. Tautiaga and Mr. M. Tuimaseve

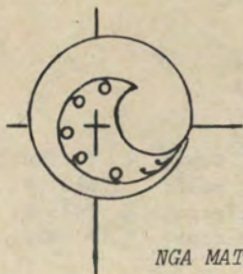
12. MEMBERSHIP FOR 1979:

S. Mike; P. Vaeluaga; I. Taulelei; L. Tupu; T. Tiatia;
J. Matamu; J. Unasa; M. Tuimaseve; L. Loli; L. Tolofua;
E. Maua'i; K. Fono' A. Aiolutopo; M. Kaleopa; T. Folasa;
F. Tugia; S. Tautiaga; S. Ta'ao; S. Matamua; A. Galuvao;
V. Fonoti; F. Kopelani.

CHAIRMAN - J.A. Penman

CONVENER - S.T. Amituana'i

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be received.



TE TAHA MAORI O TE HAAHI WETERIANA

(b) Methodist Maori Division

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NGA MATE KI NGA MATE

- + *He reo tera i te rangi e mea ana: tuhituhia ka hari nga tupaapaku e mate nei i roto i a te Karaiti.*
- + *Na Ihowa i homai na Ihowa i tango, kia whakapaingia te ingoa o Ihowa.*

The year passing has not been without its moments of grief and deep regret. We share our experience of such moments with the wider church family as we remember with respect and gratitude to God:

Kelly Pehi of Taheke;
Wera Couch of Rapaki;
Rotohiko Jones of Otorohanga;
Moerewarewa Rewiti of Hawera;
Tuura Hira of Mangere;
Matu Makiha of Taheke, and
Myra Nathan of Dargaville.

Their years of experience, knowledge, wise leadership and dedicated service to both church and community will be greatly missed. With them we recall others who have died in the course of the year and express our arohanui to the bereaved families.

*Tuia te rangi e tu nei;
Tuia te papa e takoto nei;
Tuia ratou i wehe atu ai ki te ripo,
ki te aoturoa,
ki te ao kumekume,
ki te po tai ngahuru.*

LEADERSHIP

Tuhia i te rangi e kitea; tuhia i te ngakau e kore kitea.
It is impossible to express adequately what is "written in the heart" as we contemplate the retirement of Sister Grace Clement and Sister Betty Yearbury. Both have shared intimately in the joys and sorrows, the disappointments and achievements of Te Taha Maori as it was in past years and as it is now. Theirs has been and will undoubtedly continue to be in retirement, a life of dedication and selfless service to God and his people. We pray for them many years of happy retirement.

Our full-time staff again has had more than its share of demands to try and satisfy, both from among our own members and the community at large. The disproportionate number of staff to members and others claiming their services, leaves little scope for the more creative and equipping aspects of our overall

leadership strategy to be realised. In the circumstances we value the ministry of our Honorary Home Missionaries, and are grateful to Herehere Maaka who continues in his retirement to render full-time service in the Tamaki Circuit. The involvement of Napi Waaka in the Kimiora Fund-raising appeal typifies the close relationship existing between Circuits and their respective local communities.

As well as the benefits derived from our own leadership seminars, we rejoice in the fact that Hana Hauraki and Diana Tana were invited to attend the W.F.M.W. Area Seminar in Tonga, and Napi Waaka, on the nomination of the N.C.C. Maori Section, was accepted by the Christian Conference of Asia for its Bali Consultation of Christian Artists & Carvers. Their experience and learnings will we feel sure add further strength to the leadership within Circuits and the Division as a whole.

FINANCE

The struggle to operate within the limits set by the present financial situation continues. Unfortunately, as our statement of receipts and payments to the 30 June 1978 show, without success. Consequently, as a further measure to obviate this trend it is proposed to reduce present full-time staff to eleven. In view of the fact that fifteen is regarded as a minimum for realising the kind of objectives set by the Division any significant progress within the next two Budget period is unlikely.

PROPERTY

In the midst of people-oriented demands we persist with our programme of upgrading existing properties; assessing local members' views on the possible disposal and future use of land and properties, and exploring the prospects of acquiring new properties in the light of developing needs.

TE ROOPU WAAHINE

This year all members were caught up in the preparation for and participation by some ten or so selected representatives in the W.F.M.W. Area Seminar held in Tonga during August. Included among the Te Roopu Waahine members who attended was Te Arikinui Queen Te Atarairangikaahu. Appreciation is expressed to the Methodist Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Vera Dowie and her organising committee for the initial invitation extended and the facilitating of arrangements that finally led to an enriching experience for all.

HUI RANGATAHI

Opportunity for some of our younger folk from within the Circuits to meet together was again provided over the Queen's Birthday weekend. An encouraging number and staff met and enjoyed a varied programme of learning, fellowship and shared discussion on the marae at Oparure in the Rohe Potae Circuit.

HOSTELS

Te Rahui Tane/Wahine

Another satisfying year is reported with respect to our Hamilton Hostels, although the net deficit resulting from Te Rahui Tane operations for the financial year ending 31 March amounted to \$6,244.52. A subsidy from the Department of Maori Affairs will help cover this deficit. We are grateful too for a legacy of \$600 received during the year from the Estate of Alice Helen Cox.

Te Rahui Tane commenced the year with a 47 trade trainee intake and Te Rahui Wahine began with 15 pre-employment, 10 Polytechnic, and 2 typist trainee young women. We are very fortunate in having the concerned matrons and husbands that we do in each Hostel, together with supporting staff and members of the management committee. As chairman of the committee we record our thanks to Charlie Fenwick for his continuing interest in the Hostels and wish him well in his Vice Presidential year.

Seamer House

Under its matron Robin Peters, her husband and a small committee of oversight and support, the Hostel has continued to operate through the year without causing undue concern. The year began with 29 in residence, the increase requiring several replacement beds and mattresses to be purchased prior to arrival. A long overdue electric stove replacement has been purchased and a very old refrigerator is also to be replaced as funds permit.

Sister Barbara Miller is in weekly contact with the Hostel and assists with regular devotional studies and a monthly Hostel service.

A Bank overdraft of \$8,118.38 at the end of July underlines the area of constant concern. The position, of course, is eased following receipt of the Department of Maori Affairs' subsidy the application for which, however, must await the process of auditing of accounts for the financial year ending the 30 June.

In this context the continuing support that Seamer House receives from the Auckland Savings Bank is of tremendous help. We record again our Board's deep appreciation of A.S.B. grants, this year's amounting to a generous \$500.

Pre-employment Courses: In July we received notice from the Department of Maori Affairs that the courses would cease as from 1979. As Te Rahui Wahine and Seamer House have drawn from this source in past years the decision will have some affect on future recruitment. However, it is felt that providing a similar decision is not envisaged for trade training schemes our Hostels will still be needed to offer the service they do to our young people and the community at large.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Ratana Church

Attendance especially at the annual 25 January celebrations continue. This year with a \$500 grant from the Kai Iwi Trust it

was possible to reinforce our relationship by sending this sum to the Church Trustees as a contribution toward helping restore the cottage erected by the Rev. A.J. Seamer. The Trustees have resided the cottage on their own land and intend using it as a library.

NCC Maori Section

Helpful and often stimulating discussions ensue through our membership of the Section with those of other churches. A Maori theology and the prospects of realising a national Maori church continue as agenda items. Sharing in the oversight and management of Whanaungatanga Hostel in Rotorua is a joy. For some years now June meetings of the Executive have been held at the Hostel. In May a Radio N.Z. seminar was conducted under the auspices of the Section, the success of which has led to the request for others.

From 14-21 November the Section hosts an international workshop being organised by the Urban-Rural Mission committee of the Christian Conference of Asia. Participants will be drawn from minority and cultural groups throughout Asia.

Maori and Pakeha

As far as our own relationship within the Methodist Church family is concerned we continue to believe many positive and encouraging forces are at work. However, as the current social, economic and political climates are revealing we cannot relax our concentration and efforts to work even harder at improving the relationship we now enjoy, as a tangible expression of the mission God has entrusted to us.

Unfortunately, due primarily to financial restrictions and local demands on existing staff it has been necessary to curtail our visits to Districts where the life and work of the Maori Division is not well known. However, we are not losing sight of this basic element in fostering relationships.

In respect to the community at large and issues continuing to occur in the public scene, we remind and draw member's attention to relevant resources and statements contained in the 1970 Minutes of Conference under the Maori Mission, the Public Questions Committee and International Affairs Committee reports. Also Division reports in subsequent years.

Land: During the course of the year we received requests for information and help in understanding something of the dynamics involved in present land claims generally and that of Bastion Point in particular. Although some time has been devoted to the subject we have not been in a position to formulate any firm views at this stage, having need ourselves to research and come to a greater understanding of the land legislation and historical data concerned. A small committee has been set up for this purpose and we await its report.

In the meantime it has become clear that until radical changes occur in attitude and the processes whereby land is acquired and utilised, protest and confrontation will continue.

A salutary lesson arising from the Bastion Point claim is that what may be regarded as legal in our New Zealand setting may not necessarily be just.

All Maori/Pacific Island Radio Station: As this year's Maori language week convincingly demonstrated the actual and potential resources for establishing such a Radio Station have never been better. Consequently we seek the support of all Methodists for the growing movement to have one established as soon as possible.

HUI-A-TAU

For the first time since they commenced in 1959 our annual Hui will be hosted by the Tamaki Circuit on the Mangere marae over Labour Weekend. Its theme will focus on Acts 17 and the programme will follow the pattern of previous years where all have the opportunity to share in worship, discussion, cultural, choral, women's, men's and youth group sessions.

Kaati. Kia piki te ora me te maaramatanga ki a tatou katoa.

Morehu Te Whare

Te Napi Tutewehiwehi Waaka

}
}
} Co-Chairmen

Ruāwai D. Rakena

Tumuaki

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That having been designated, Ruawai D. Rakena be appointed Tumuaki for a second term of up to six years.
3. That Conference convey its appreciation to the Broadcasting authority that facilitated the broadcasting of programmes in Maori from 1YC during Maori language week, and indicate to the Broadcasting Corporation its strong support for the establishing of a Maori/Pacific Island Radio Station.
4. That in the light of present land issues, resolution 6, page 199 of the Minutes of Conference 1973 again be drawn to the attention of Boards and Trusts administering lands originating from early Maori Donors to ensure the appointment of Maori members where applicable.

JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

INTRODUCTION

For the Joint Board 1978 has been very much shaped by the Special Sub-Committee's report to Assembly and Conference 1977 and the decisions of the two Courts concerning that report. The Board appreciates the work put into the report by the Special Sub-Committee, especially the direction given in the Theology of Mission and the contemporary context within which mission takes place. This direction was confirmed by the Assembly and Conference.

However, the recommendation of the Special Sub-Committee regarding the administrative structure did not receive the endorsement of the two Courts. The decision of Assembly and Conference to have two Secretaries to the Board instead of three meant that when the Rev. D.E. Duncan retired in January 1978, he was not replaced. There was a reallocation of tasks between the two remaining Secretaries and the rest of the office staff. This enabled the Board to maintain relationships with overseas churches and with the church in New Zealand on an interim basis until the Secretariat was finalised by the special Committee.

The last function of the Board in 1977 was to farewell the Rev. D.E. Duncan after 15½ years as Secretary to the Presbyterian Committee on Mission Overseas and then 3 years as Secretary to the Joint Board. The Board has placed on record its appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan's contribution to the overseas missionary work of the Church.

The Board is hopeful that, by the time this report reaches Assembly and Conference, the administrative structure will be finalised and the Secretariat appointed. For most of this year, the position has not been clear and this has made it very difficult for the Board and the office staff to give a positive forward thrust at a time when it is needed.

Despite all the uncertainty, there is evidence of a growing team spirit among the office staff, and the Board has functioned well as a unit. In March the Board members spent the whole day together in a deliberate attempt to build the team spirit and this was appreciated by Board members and Secretaries. The Board would want to place on record its appreciation of the work of the two Secretaries during this difficult year.

During the year sub-committees of the Board have continued to meet in between monthly meetings of the full Board, and it is

the sub-committee structure that allows Board members time to consider important issues. All Board members are busy people but they have given fully of their time, attending extra Board meetings in addition to normal monthly meetings and meetings of sub-committees.

In May six Board members took part in a two day Conference on Overseas Mission organised jointly by Mission Boards and Mission Societies throughout New Zealand. This was the first time in recent years that so many people representing different missionary agencies had come together to discuss common concerns. A similar Conference is planned for 1979.

THE BOARD AND THE NEW ZEALAND CHURCH.

The Board and staff are aware of the importance of maintaining contact with the constituency of the two churches, Methodist and Presbyterian. We realise that we must have the confidence and support of the churches at all levels if we are faithfully to represent the New Zealand church in our contact with overseas churches. We are in the age of "church to church" relationships and it is very largely the Joint Board that establishes and maintains these relationships, especially with the churches in Asia and the Pacific. The Secretaries endeavour to keep in touch with Synods/Presbyteries and Parishes/Circuits to help the the New Zealand church understand the importance of our task. Over the past year there has been an obvious reduction in the contact with these courts because there are now two Secretaries and not three.

The Board is aware, too, that it is responsible, along with the Secretaries, for helping to shape attitudes of congregations toward mission overseas. We see our task as not only keeping the church informed of our developing relationships with overseas churches but also helping to educate congregations and shape attitudes so that New Zealand people may have a better understanding of the complexity of those relationships and a healthier attitude towards peoples of other cultures and faiths, both overseas and here in our own land.

In having to work with two churches, we face difficulties not unrelated to those in Union or Co-operating parishes. It is fairly new ground and there are anomalies, but we feel that doing our work together is a positive step and has exciting possibilities.

Region and Parish Relationships.

Although the Secretaries have made deliberate attempts to relate to church courts across the two denominations, our main

contact with church courts continues very much along denominational lines. The Presbyterian staff in the office relate to Presbyterian courts and the Methodist staff to Methodist courts. This is understandable because congregations and Presbyteries/Synods need to feel they can consult with someone in the office who understands their situation. However, in our relationship with Union and Co-operating parishes, these denominational contacts are less important. As there are an increasing number of these parishes, the Joint Board finds it has a distinct advantage in relating to them and the denomination of the Secretary does not appear to matter.

We are hopeful that, once the Secretariat is appointed, an improvement in this relationship with the church at regional and local level will follow, and congregations and Presbyteries/Synods will see the missionary work of the two churches as a joint enterprise. Board members have discovered this in a relatively short time. The Assembly and Conference passed a resolution to the effect that the Board should explore the possibility of using experienced people to do some of its work and also consider a proposal to bring people from overseas to help us develop our communication with the local church here in New Zealand. The Board did employ for a short period two missionaries who had returned to New Zealand on retirement leave. We used their expertise in the area of writing and publicity material. However, the recommendation to bring people from overseas for short periods has not yet been implemented because it very largely depends on the initiative of the Secretariat. With so much confusion in this area, it seemed unwise to pursue such an important venture at this time.

Women's Groups and Associate Parishes

We feel it is true to say that relationships with A.P.W's and M.W.F.'s at the national and local level are reasonably good. The Board recognises the tremendous amount of work done by people in these organisations for mission overseas, not only in raising money but also helping in the education process and the changing of attitudes. A recent example of the latter is the "Mission Possible" Pack prepared by the A.P.W in co-operation with the M.W.F. This is a very good resource pack for any group that wants to up-date its understanding of mission.

Women's groups are always raising money for some project and learning a great deal about the project at the same time. The Ludhiana project was successful mainly because the women of the church were behind it. The M.W.F set a target of \$10,000 for tele-radios for Papua New Guinea and collected \$20,000.

It is in the area of direct communication between mission-

aries and parishes or districts that things could be improved. For Presbyterians, each missionary or Overseas Worker is associated with a particular parish and the Association of Presbyterian Women is responsible for this scheme. For Methodists, the missionary relates to a Women's Fellowship district and this is the responsibility of the National Executive. The Board realises that it will have to take some initiative in establishing a common policy.

The Presbyterian "Overseas Worker" category for people working in other organisations overseas, for example, the Asia Pacific Christian Mission, has not been part of Methodist policy. Again, the Board is aware that it needs to take some initiative in establishing a uniform policy.

Visitation by Secretaries and Missionaries.

In some instances the traditional 'deputation' by Secretaries or missionaries has gone well and all involved have felt some learning has taken place. The most successful occasions seem to be on a Sunday when congregations are prepared to re-structure their programmes to enable dialogue and activity. A recent example was when all Methodist churches in New Plymouth came together in the one church plant from 10 a.m. through to 3 p.m. and went through an activities programme worked out by a very enthusiastic local committee. It seems, however, that few parishes are prepared to experiment with the Sunday programme - the time when you get most of the church family together.

A series of small house group meetings over coffee or lunch are successful and allow for good discussion and also for the participation of a wider group than those normally interested in mission. The Presbyterian parish of Waiuku has held such a week in the last two years.

Assembly and Conference should recognise that with two Secretaries instead of three, the local church is going to see them less often. Very often there are people in the immediate locality who can be used as resource people.

Despite some successful modification of missionary education programmes, there are still too many examples of missionaries on furlough having disheartening programmes. It is very easy to blame someone else when this happens but we do feel there is a need for more imaginative planning in the use of people. The Secretaries have been exploring a more creative use of people's time when they are home on furlough. A good example of a poor response was when invitations were issued to all Presbyterian and Methodist ministers in greater Auckland to attend one of three 2-hour groups with Dr. Cairns (on furlough from Indonesia)

to discuss "The Place of the Old Testament in a Struggle for a Just Society". The three meetings drew no more than a total of 27 people. People with Dr. Cairns' experience in this area are few and far between.

Education and Publicity

The Board is aware that our education and publicity programme lacks direction and impact. To a large degree this is due to the uncertainty surrounding the administrative structure of the Joint Board since 1975. Direction and momentum rely on clear goals and objectives, the enthusiasm of someone to put the ideas into material and the availability of adequate staff and finance to do the task.

The ideas are there and we have plenty of good examples from other countries. With a total budget for education and publicity of \$6,500 (\$3,500 through the Presbyterian budget and \$3,000 in the Methodist budget) little can be achieved. The cost of re-printing the photographic brochure is \$2,500!

Yet, despite our handicaps, there are some positive steps being taken and we do get material through to the church. Through "The Outlook", "New Citizen" and "Mission Together", films slides, photographs (all available from the office in Auckland), congregations are able to be kept informed. We distributed 40,000 copies of the photographic brochures to parishes throughout the country. We have a contact in every Synod and Presbytery who distributes "Mission Together" and organises itineraries for Secretaries or missionaries on furlough.

We have been in regular contact with the Commission for World Mission of the Australian Uniting Church, and with the Council for World Mission (London), and have received valuable material from them that could be adapted for the New Zealand scene. The Board plans to use some of this.

OVERSEAS VISITS AND CONFERENCES

As reported last year, the Rev. Graham Horwell is on the executive of the Council for World Mission and in this capacity has been to two Executive meetings since we reported last. One was in Nairobi in December and the second was in Wales in July. After the Nairobi meeting, Mr. Horwell attended a consultation with the Church in the New Hebrides. This consultation was called to clarify financial commitments to their budget in the light of the developments in Australia over the Uniting Church and the continuing Presbyterian Church. This was having an effect on Australian support for the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides. The problem was resolved with mutual satisfaction.

On his way to and from Wales, Mr. Horwell had discussions with the Church and institutions in both Singapore and Hong Kong. The Board feels it is important that these contacts are maintained.

The Rev. Geoff Tucker and Board member, Mr. Barry Pilkinton, attended a consultation in Papua New Guinea called by the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This was the third such consultation called by the United Church since its inauguration in 1968. As in previous consultations, the main purpose was to continue the process of creating mature relationships, and to clarify the responsibilities of the receiving church and the sending Boards. The consultation was chaired by the Moderator of the United Church, the Rev. Leslie Boseto, and he enabled some frank sharing to take place. The sharing was made possible because all Mission Board personnel had spent some time visiting the Church at the regional and local level and thus were aware of some of the issues facing the Church. The Consultation said something very important about the missionary relationship: "...the importance of missionaries coming to the United Church, not to help and serve us, but to discover with us where God is working in Melanesian society and to stand beside us in our liberation."

Mr. Tucker attended the annual meeting of the Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific in Tonga. This Council provides a forum for the Methodist Churches of Tonga, Samoa and Fiji to consult together. The Australian and New Zealand Churches are present as observers and it enables us to hear what the churches are doing and what they might want to say to us.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Pastor Robert Malau, with his wife, Naomi, and small daughter, from the New Hebrides came to the Glenfield parish in Auckland for three months and this, like similar visits in the past, was very successful.

The Rev. Miss Lee Ching Chee, Education Secretary of the Council for World Mission, London, passed through Auckland on her way to Papua New Guinea, and met with Board members to talk about our involvement with the CWM.

Dr. de Ranitz, who has worked at Bandung Hospital, Indonesia for many years, met with the Board during a short visit to New Zealand, and shared some valuable insights from her experience in Indonesia.

It is hoped that the Rev. Daniel Mastapha, the President of the Methodist Church in Fiji, will be in New Zealand at the time

of Assembly and Conference. We have invited him to New Zealand for a three week visit. Mr. Mastapha is the first Indian President of the Methodist Church in Fiji.

THE BOARD AND OVERSEAS CHURCHES

New Hebrides

The political situation in the New Hebrides is still unsettled although there is evidence that the Vanuaaku Party and the Representative Assembly are moving towards agreement for dates for a new election. This has led to a reduction of tension but if new elections are delayed too long by the Condominium, then tension could rise again. The Board receives regular mailings from various groups in the New Hebrides and so is being kept constantly informed of developments in that country. Although our relationship is primarily with the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides, the Board is concerned about the political situation and the effect this is having on the people of the New Hebrides. The Board also keeps in touch with other informed bodies here in New Zealand that are concerned with the injustices suffered by the New Hebridean people. We pray for a peaceful outcome to the struggles of the New Hebridean people for independence and we will rejoice with them when independence is gained.

A smaller Work Party of 24 members went to the New Hebrides in July of this year. Again this was under the auspices of the New Hebrides Association, and in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides.

The Rev. Ken Calvert, the prime mover in K.I.T.O.W. (Kristen Institute of Technology of Weasisi) was in New Zealand for furlough and many New Zealanders had the opportunity of learning about this scheme for self-reliance and appropriate technology. The success of this approach has led to developments in other parts of the New Hebrides as pastors have initiated community programmes, seeking to promote both economic as well as spiritual growth. The Church is seen to be closely involved in community affairs.

Tonga-Samoa

When Mr. Tucker visited Tonga and Samoa, he also had talks with church leaders in both those countries and has reported that there is opportunity for increased involvement with the churches in Tonga and Samoa if our financial resources permit. However, our income prevents us from being involved to a greater extent than we are now - at the moment we budget for three salaries in these two countries. There is a fourth person available and we are hoping that the Australian Church will cover the cost of

this appointment. As these two countries have a close relationship with New Zealand and the churches here, we feel that we must maintain our involvement, at least at the present level.

The Rev. Ian McKenzie's position at the Piula Theological College in Samoa means he became the first Methodist minister from New Zealand to go to Samoa since 1916. Another new development in Samoa is that we have sent Presbyterians to a Methodist appointment - Mr. & Mrs. Colin Nicholson.

Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands

Mention has already been made of the Consultation, and this was an important event for the United Church and for the Joint Board. The United Church was prepared to spend \$5,000 of its scarce resources to bring its own representatives from different parts of the two countries to meet with representatives of various overseas Boards that are in co-operation with the United Church.

The two New Zealand representatives were able to visit parts of all seven Regions of the United Church and met with all but two of the twenty eight people from New Zealand who are working in that Church. New Zealand missionaries are making a valuable contribution to the work and witness of the church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and the church there is keen to maintain our involvement.

Since last Conference/Assembly, four couples have taken appointments in the United Church and there are possibilities of new appointments in the near future. Secondary school teachers are in short supply, as they are in other Pacific countries, but at the moment there is some uncertainty about tenure of appointment, owing to Government policies on localisation.

Indonesia

A New Zealand staff member in Indonesia, the Rev. Dr. Ian Cairns, was honoured this year by receiving an invitation to be the 1978 Burns Lecturer, Otago University. After delivering the Burns Lecture in Dunedin, Dr. Cairns visited Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, giving parts of his Burns Lecture to theological and University students, plus spending some time relating to church groups. Dr. Cairns is returning to Indonesia for a final two year period.

The possibility of an English teacher going to Indonesia, as mentioned in last year's report, did not come to fruition. There were lengthy delays over the provision of a house, and the applicant concerned was forced to withdraw his offer. Since

then we have been informed that money is available to build a house and once this gets under way we will endeavour to recruit again.

Unfortunately, the health of the Rev. Simon Rae deteriorated and he was forced to withdraw in August, rather than at the end of his time in February 1979. Negotiations are under way with the Karo Batak Church about a possible new appointment in that area, but first there has to be an undertaking on the nature of the job.

India

Last Assembly/Conference learnt of the success of the Ludhiana Appeal and this was a great effort by a dedicated band of people throughout the country. The construction of the new Obstetrics and Gynaecology Block has begun.

The Church of North India has set itself a target of being self-reliant in finance by the end of 1980. This is indeed a step of faith for the church in North India and measures to bring it about are proceeding steadily. A recent document outlining some principles of self-reliance has the following three divisions: "A People's Church; Simplicity of Life Style; Risk-taking". This document could speak to the New Zealand Church.

Hong Kong

During the year Miss Janet McKinlay withdrew from her teaching position at Hoh Tong College, and returned to New Zealand.

Also during the year the Rev. John England and family moved to Hong Kong where John has taken a position with the Christian Study Centre and will be involved with the lay training programme of the Centre and the Hong Kong Christian Council. This relationship with the Study Centre is a new one and will enable John to use the skills he has in this area. Mr. Horwell visited John England and the leaders of the Christian Study Centre in August and this enabled discussions to be held on the development of this new appointment.

Thailand/Singapore/Burma

The one staff member in Singapore, the Rev. Dr. Jim Veitch, left Trinity College early in 1978 and proceeded to Victoria University in Wellington to take up a position in the Religious Studies Department. The Board is endeavouring to maintain a relationship with the College even though we have no staff member there. A grant has been made towards the College funds, and Mr. Horwell visited the Principal and staff in August.

In Thailand, our one staff member, Miss Kathryn Hopkins, married Dr. E. McDaniel, an American missionary there. They are staying in Thailand, where Dr. McDaniel works at a church hospital. Kathryn has resigned from the Overseas Staff but is still doing some work at the College library, and now has Overseas Worker status.

Our contact with the church in Burma has enabled the Board to make a grant for the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Burma to study by correspondence for an M. Theol. at Trinity Theological College, Singapore. The Board considers this tenuous link with the Burmese Church is important.

NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS STAFF

Health has been a problem with quite a few staff people this year. Bad health is very often caused or aggravated by overwork, and this is sometimes inevitable when the number of expatriates in a certain institution or area is reduced.

One or two appointments have had difficult beginnings because the overseas church has not played its part in providing an adequate job description or, in one or two cases, providing misleading information at the time of recruitment.

The Board has been concerned to give adequate preparation and orientation for people proceeding overseas. To this end we have agreed that as far as is possible all appointees should attend a short orientation programme of two weeks being run by the Uniting Church in Australia. These programmes take place in January, June and October of each year. We hope to send our first couple to this course in October 1978.

Now that New Zealand staff are working alongside indigenous staff members, or sometimes under an indigenous leader, this creates a new relationship in which the European must be particularly sensitive. Most staff visited in 1978 were fitting in well with the new relationships that are being established, and the missionary is making a valuable contribution. With the decreasing number of overseas staff in an area, this often means that Europeans are not in close contact with other Europeans and this can create a feeling of isolation. The question of pastoral care has become important in some instances.

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Renewed interest in overseas volunteer service has been evident in the numerous enquiries received. Two volunteers are currently overseas - Margaret Newth, teaching the Whimp and Calvert children in the New Hebrides, and Mr. Cliff Fowler, a

sawmiller also in the New Hebrides. Others who have offered for service have not yet been placed but are maintaining contact with the committee. This sub-committee does its work thoroughly.

ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES

During the year the Board has had correspondence with the Ecumenical Affairs Committee of the Presbyterian Church, and in July the Convener of that Committee, with Mrs. Joan Anderson, spent a day with the Board in Auckland. There were discussions between the Methodist Ecumenical Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Joint Board, and this enabled the Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee to understand how the Ecumenical sub-committee relates to the Board and to the Methodist Church. These discussions were followed by a meeting between some members of the Board and the two representatives of the Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee. The Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee seemed to have serious doubts about an integration with the Board and, with other important matters on the agenda, the Board did not feel that this year was the appropriate time to present a proposal to the Assembly. Discussions will continue in 1979.

There have been no discussions with the International Relations Committees of the two churches in 1978, as the Board considered it would try and deal with the Ecumenical Affairs relationship first. Mr. Horwell is a corresponding member of the Presbyterian International Relations Committee.

PERSONAL RECORD

Obituary The Board paid tribute to Dr. Gerald Houlst who served in the Solomon Islands from 1948 to 1963 and who died towards the end of 1977; Miss Violet Sutherland who served in India from 1927 to 1955, and who died on 4 February 1978; and Mr. Frank Hayman who served in the Solomons in 1928 and who died on 20 April 1978.

Board Members The following completed their service on the Board at last Conference:- Rev. R.F. Clement, P.F. Taylor, M. Te Whare and Mr. B. McKerras. The Rev. Dr. G.A.F. Knight and the Rev. R.L.D. Wiig found it necessary to resign during the year owing to their leaving New Zealand.

The following new members were appointed at last Conference:- Rev. L.C. Clements, J. Roberts, K. Rowe; and the Rev. A.F. Rae and A. Quigley were appointed during the year to replace the Rev. Dr. G.A.F. Knight and the Rev. R.L.D. Wiig.

Overseas Staff Movements

These members of Overseas Staff have completed their over-

seas service during the year, and have been thanked for their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Jobson, after two years at Onesua High School, New Hebrides.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Keith Carley, after 5½ years at Rarongo Theological College, Papua New Guinea.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray Laugesen, after 12 years in India.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Stringer, after 6 years in the Solomon Islands.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James Veitch, after 7 years in Indonesia and Singapore.

Rev. and Mrs. Simon Rae, after 6 years in Indonesia.

Miss Janet McKinlay, after 10 years at Hoh Fuk Tong College, Hong Kong.

Miss Kathryn Hopkins, after 3½ years in Thailand.

New Appointments

Miss Valerie Bristow, Sister in Charge, Silimaui Health Centre, New Hebrides.

Rev. and Mrs. John England, Christian Study Centre, Hong Kong.

Rev. and Mrs. Ian McKenzie, Lecturer, Piula Theological College, Samoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Crane, Deputy Headmaster, Tupou High School, Tonga.

(These are totally or partially funded by the Board.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Carter, Assistant Branch Manager, Menduli Enterprises, Papua New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. David Buchan, Plantation Manager, Wanigela, Papua New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Small, Sawmill Mechanic, Mendi, Papua New Guinea. (since returned)

(These have been funded by the United Church.)

The appointment mentioned in last year's Report of Miss Roslyn Blacklock to India, did not take place as Miss Blacklock withdrew.

Council for World Mission

In pursuance of our membership of the C.W.M., the following people serving in overseas churches related to C.W.M. have been transferred to the Joint Board as the home base, although financial responsibility for them remains with C.W.M. and the appropriate partner church or institution:- Rev. and Mrs. Bruce

Deverell, Drs. Peter and Lin Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPhail, Miss Jennifer Morrison and Miss Ann Carter.

Overseas Workers

People granted "Overseas Worker" status during the year are: Mr. and Mrs. David Mackenzie with the United Church in Papua New Guinea; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cowie with the Sudan Interior Mission in West Africa; Rev. and Mrs. John McKinlay with the Presbyterian Church in Singapore; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Symons with the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Papua New Guinea; Miss Elsie McDonald with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webster with the Africa Inland Mission in Kenya; Miss Laurian Watts with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Indonesia; Miss Heather Dudding with the International Christian Fellowship in Indonesia; Miss Elizabeth Laing with the Wycliffe Translators in Papua New Guinea; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Christie with the World Wide Evangelical Crusade in Colombia.

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W.G. TUCKER	

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.

OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Methodist Church's ecumenical relationships with overseas agencies like the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia are handled by a sub-committee of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas with additional Methodist members. The New Zealand ecumenical relationships are handled by a Christchurch committee that reports separately.

World Council of Churches

In a brief report it is impossible to convey the breadth of the World Council's activities. So many of their programmes never make the headlines but nevertheless make valuable contributions toward understanding and co-operation between all peoples. For example the Council's efforts to stimulate dialogue between people of different faiths, or the Council's efforts in the establishment of an international Co-operative Society are largely unknown in the New Zealand Church. It's not that the World Council keeps this information to itself but rather that their publications are not widely read throughout our Church. It's that communication gap again.

Perhaps the best way to help our Church feel its involvement with the W.C.C. is to personalise that involvement, and so we will tell you of some New Zealanders who have been or are involved in W.C.C. programmes.

We have welcomed back to New Zealand the Rev. Les Clements who was involved in the World Council's Unit on Education and Renewal with particular responsibility for the whole area of Family Ministry. For nine years Mr. Clements was involved in the development of leadership in the field of marriage and the family and he brings a wealth of experience into the New Zealand Church.

The Rev. Alan Brash who has just returned after 8 years with the World Council, latterly as Assistant General Secretary, will be travelling throughout New Zealand during 1979 in his role as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. Methodists should make a special effort to attend services or meetings where Mr. Brash is speaking.

The Rev. John Roberts, a member of the Ecumenical Committee, attended the Graduate School of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva. The Institute exists to promote ecumenism by bringing together potential ecumenical leaders from all confessions to live, study and worship together in Christian community. The graduate session meets annually from October to February. The Institute also provides shorter programmes of a week or two and any New Zealander that intends travelling over-

seas should contact the Ecumenical Committee to see if they could fit their travels around a particular Bossey programme.

The theme of the Graduate School attended by John Roberts was "Power, Church and the State", and two major issues emerged as requiring the attention of the Church. More thought needs to be given to the development of a theology of power and secondly consideration has to be given to appropriate strategies for shaping and influencing government policies. John Roberts will supply a report of his Study Programmes to any who would like a copy.

Three Methodists attended shorter sessions at Bossey during the year. Rev. Len Schroeder and the Rev. Jock Hosking attended a two week seminar on "Can the Church be Renewed" and the Rev. Alan Woodley attended a week long seminar on "Ecumenical Concerns in Relation to Nuclear Energy". Len Schroeder also attended a short seminar in Canada, organised by the United Church of Canada on Worship Services.

The Ecumenical Committee would be pleased to hear of overseas conferences or seminars that people have attended, especially if they re-occur from time to time. This would enable us to help people who are planning overseas study programmes.

The Rev. Peter Glesor is involved in the World Council's Youth Committee. He travelled to New York in September to attend a Youth Committee meeting. The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Guthardt is a member of the Working Committee on Women in the Church and Society Programme of the World Council and also attended a meeting of the committee in New York in August. The Rev. Ruawai Rakena is a member of the Programme to Combat Racism and he also attends an annual meeting of the programme.

The W.C.C. expects member Churches to pay something toward the travel costs of people involved in the continuing programmes of the Council. Our Church is committed to funding Ruawai Rakena's travel to the annual meeting of the P.C.R. and has been unable to offer any assistance to others.

The Rev. Ruawai Rakena keeps the Ecumenical Committee fully informed of the activities of the Programme to Combat Racism and we are satisfied that our Church is justified in making an annual contribution to the Special Fund. In 1977/78 the Special Fund is making grants totalling US\$530,000 whereas in 1970 US\$200,000 was allocated. Half of this year's grants go to the African continent, the largest US\$125,000 going to S.W.A.P.O. (the South West African People's Organisation) in Namibia. The Ecumenical Committee would stress that the Special Fund is made up of contributions especially designated by member Churches for that purpose.

For example the Methodist Church of New Zealand gives \$1,250 to the World Council Budget and \$500 to the Special Fund to Combat Racism.

The Council for World Mission and Evangelism (C.W.M.E) is planning another major world gathering in Australia in 1980. The theme will be "Thy Kingdom Come" and already preliminary material has been made available to member Churches. This will be the first major W.C.C. Conference in our part of the world but that does not necessarily mean that we will be able to send as many people as we would like to.

The World Council continues to pursue the emphases indicated by the last Assembly in Nairobi and reported to Conference 1977.

The Christian Conference of Asia

The C.C.A, through its various programme units, is implementing the programmes agreed to at the 6th Assembly in 1977. New Zealand personnel are involved in the planning of these programmes and some have been able to participate in seminars and other activities organised by the C.C.A.

The Rev. Ruawai Rakena, through his World Council involvement, is also linked with some programmes of the C.C.A especially in the area of Human Rights. The C.C.A. is organising a consultation in New Zealand in November on the whole question of Race & Minority Rights. The seminar will be held in Auckland from 14 - 20 November and 25 - 30 participants from the Asia - Pacific region will be invited. Consultants will come from C.C.A and W.C.C. staff. Mr. Rakena is involved in the planning of this consultation. It is hoped that there will be opportunity for consultants and participants to visit some congregations to help personalise our involvement in the C.C.A.

The Rev. Naapi Waaka and Colin Jamieson attended a meeting of Christian Artists within the Asian region. This meeting has aroused a lot of interest and it provided both men with an experience to take into the New Zealand Consultation on Christian Art in New Zealand. Mrs. Beryl Lewis from Christchurch attended the Asian Ecumenical Centre in August.

The Pacific Conference of Churches

The Methodist Church applied for membership of the P.C.C. some years ago but this was declined for very good reasons. Since then we have kept in touch with officers of the P.C.C. and in 1976 Rev. M. Te Whare attended the Assembly of the Conference in Port Moresby.

In recent conversations with the new General Secretary, Mrs.

Lorine Tevi, we understand that the P.C.C. will be looking at the structure of the Conference and how this relates to member churches and National Councils. We have asked the P.C.C. to keep in mind our interest and commitment to the South Pacific as they look at new forms of relationships within the South Pacific region.

Africa Information Centre

The Ecumenical Committee has been kept informed of the developments here through one of the Trustees, Rev. Ruawai Rakena. This Centre could help our Church in our understanding of the African scene.

World Methodist Council

Even though this relationship is the responsibility of the Administration Division we are kept informed of the activities of the Council through Mrs. Dowie who is a member of the Executive of the W.M.C.

The Ecumenical Committee presented to Church Council 1978 a paper outlining our present priorities in relationships with overseas ecumenical agencies and the World Methodist Council, and Church Council re-affirmed the priorities approved by the 1976 Conference.

Guidelines for the Co-ordination and Financial Support of all Overseas Travel and Study

The Conference in 1977 resolved that the Ecumenical Committee serve as a co-ordinating body for study and travel overseas (1977 Minutes p. 49). The Committee has spent time drawing up guidelines and these were approved by Church Council in May. We would now submit these to the Conference asking that they be accepted as guidelines to help the Committee do its work. All Chairmen of Districts, Secretaries of Church Trusts and Institutions have been consulted and have copies of the guidelines. We will consider having them printed for circulation throughout the Church.

The Guidelines are as follows:-

These guidelines have been prepared by the Ecumenical Committee of the Methodist Church which is also a sub-committee of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. (Membership of the Ecumenical Committee at the moment is: Convenor: Mrs. V. Dowie, Revs. Jones, Rakena, Tucker, Roberts and Robinson. Rev. Max Robinson is a Presbyterian minister familiar with the Asian Churches.)

A. Who is covered by the Guidelines?

1. Ministers seeking overseas travel/study during long service leave or at other times during their ministry.
2. Ministers/lay people invited to attend overseas Conferences or Study Institutes.
3. Ministers/lay people asked by our Church to consider applying for an overseas course.
4. Ministers/lay people involved in continuing programmes of the W.C.C. or the C.C.A and this involvement necessitates overseas travel.
5. Ministers wanting to pursue an overseas degree programme.
6. Lay people travelling overseas on business but wanting to get in some study in an overseas institution or Church.

B. What are the procedures?

Because the circumstances under A are so diverse procedures need to be patterned to each situation. It would be beneficial to follow these procedures even if financial help is not required. This would enable the Ecumenical Committee to offer some suggestions which could help people to obtain more from their overseas experience.

Procedure for 1. Ministers seeking Overseas travel/study.

- (a) Consult with Circuit/Chairman.
- (b) Make initial contact with the Ecumenical Committee to get suggestions re possible courses and programmes. Also consult with Field Worker in Continuing Education.
- (c) Indicate tentative sources of funding if known.
- (d) The Ecumenical Committee will decide the priority of the application according to the criteria.
- (e) Ecumenical Committee will initiate approaches to Trusts etc. for financial assistance if the programme has priority. (It should be realised that limited finance could curtail some aspects of a programme.)
- (f) If the programme is approved then Presidential approval will be needed. (See Law Book)

Procedure for 2. Those invited to attend overseas Conferences etc.

- (a) Consult with Chairman/Circuit re absence from Circuit etc.
- (b) Consult with Ecumenical Committee re priority of particular Conference.
- (c) If the Conference is considered a priority the Ecumenical Committee will make approaches to funding bodies. (Adequate finance may not be obtainable.)
- (d) If attendance is approved then Presidential approval will be needed.

Procedure for 3. Those asked to apply for overseas course.

- (a) Check with Chairman/Circuit whether it is feasible to be absent from the Circuit.
- (b) The Ecumenical Committee will negotiate funding.
- (c) Presidential approval should be sought in the normal way.

Procedure for 4. Involvement in continuing programmes of W.C.C etc.

Ecumenical Committee will liaise with overseas agencies re our financial responsibility. If a person is asked to serve on an overseas programme he/she should consult with the Ecumenical Committee.

Procedure for 5. Overseas degree programme.

Applicants should consult with:

- (a) Field Worker in Continuing Education.
- (b) Principal of Trinity College.
- (c) District Chairman.
- (d) Ecumenical Committee. This committee, with advice from a, b, c will decide on priority and make approaches to funding bodies.

Procedure for 6.

Ministers who are aware of lay people going overseas should encourage them to contact the Ecumenical Committee. The committee could make suggestions of possible courses or contacts to make. Some funding is a possibility. e.g. Fees for a Bossey course.

C. What are the Criteria?

- 1. The Committee would expect early notification of intended overseas travel/study (normally 6 months notice). This will enable the committee to enter discussions with the applicant before he finalises a scheme that could, with negotiation, be improved. Also it will enable the Committee to look at the request for funds in the light of what will be available

from the Connexion over a 2 or 3 year period.

Requests for instant help could expect an instant refusal!

2. The Committee will take into consideration previous overseas experience/study/travel and to what extent Connexional resources were made available. Those who have had financial in the past could not expect further assistance as a priority especially with such limited funds available and so many people eager to proceed overseas.
3. The Committee will consider the relevance of the proposed programme to the ongoing life of the Church.
4. The Committee will consider whether the applicant is in a position to undertake the proposed programme and whether the applicant will be able to make an effective contribution to the life of the New Zealand Church on his/her return.
5. The Committee will give advice as to the extent or the length of the proposed programme.
6. If an overseas Conference is being considered the Committee will endeavour to assess the objectives of that Conference in the light of Methodist needs.

By applying the above criteria the Committee will decide whether to support the application. If it does the Committee will make approaches to the various sources of Connexional funds. The Committee will also supply the names of secular funding agencies to the applicant and he/she will make their own approaches to these agencies.

VERA DOWIE Convener

GEOFF TUCKER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Guidelines for the Co-ordination and Financial Support of all Overseas Travel and Study be approved.

QUESTION 41— (f) Church Union?

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

See QUESTION 54

QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.?
N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

The major task for the M.S.S.A. during the year has been the planning of the Australian and New Zealand Missions and Social Services Conference.

This was held at the University of Canterbury 18-21 August. 120 representatives attended, 30 being from the Australian Missions and Inner City parishes.

Copies of the following papers presented may be obtained from the Convenor at a cost of 30¢ each.

Mr Mervyn Hancock "What is different about Christian Social Services?"

Rev. Keith Rowe "An agenda for field theologians"

Dr John Robson "A review of social work policies with consideration of present trends and what the future calls for"

Rev. George Martin "Poverty and family planning in Australia"

Dr Kevin Clements "Unemployment - a symptom of a deeper crisis"

Miss Margaret Burnett "The Social Work role in situations of injustice in society"

Rev Michael Elliott "The Church's role in community work"

Rev Dr Geoff Scott "The Australian Royal Commission on Human Relations and its implications for the Church"

We believe that the new insights gained at this Conference will have considerable influence in the Community involvement and Social Welfare work of the Church in the future.

The next Conference will be held in Brisbane in August 1980.

Social Work Trainees

Miss Mary Caygill completes her course at Victoria University this year and she has been invited to apply for a position with the Christchurch Central Mission as a Medico-Social Worker under the Community Health Scheme.

Mr Murray Cree is now pursuing his course in the Social Work Department of Canterbury University.

It was agreed at the Annual Meeting that all Social Service and other Connexional Boards be invited to make grants to the Everil Orr Social Workers Training Fund next year.

Masterton Childrens Home

The M.S.S.A. Executive has been consulted by the Board of Homeleigh Childrens Home, Masterton, over the financial

difficulties it has encountered, and the declining need for the kind of accommodation it provides.

Representatives of the M.S.S.A. met the Board in Masterton and were impressed by the realistic approach of the Board members as they faced the possible closure of the Home. We were pleased to learn that while the general consensus was that the Home should close, members were convinced that new and more appropriate methods of Child Care should be investigated and if possible established.

The Annual Meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. concurred with a resolution of the Homeleigh Board "That the Home not remain open in its present form beyond the end of 1978".

Arohanui Family Life Village, Havelock North

The Executive and the Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A. has considered an application for approval of this project. The scheme is an imaginative one. It plans to provide, in a community, units for parents, retired couples, family homes, caravan park, church centre and play centre. Its aim is to encourage spiritual renewal and a living faith in God.

The President, Convenor of the M.S.S.A. and Rev. Bruce Mackie representing the Central Districts Area Committee, were asked to meet the organising committee in Hastings to examine the scheme in detail.

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.

Circuit Involvement in Social Services

The M.S.S.A. Committee studying Circuit involvement in Social Services will bring a report to Synods early in 1979.

The report will include a comprehensive survey of Circuits and parishes which are involved in Social Services. It will outline proposals for a partnership between the Central Missions and Social Service agencies and the circuits and will provide new insights on the themes which were presented to the Australian and New Zealand Missions and Social Services Conference.

Resolutions

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be adopted.
2. That the Rev. Wilf E. Falkingham be re-appointed as

- Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. That M.E. Lloyd be re-appointed Treasurer.

QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

AGED CARE:

Rest Homes and their failings have been a happy hunting-ground for many critics in Auckland during this past year and while some of the criticism is justified, much of it is unsubstantiated and reflects unfavourably on many good private rest homes and many of those run by church and charitable organisations.

Many of the problems arise through inadequate staffing and the failure of some people in charge to realise the necessity for residents to be helped to live an interesting life and not merely a passive existence.

We have always endeavoured to help people to live life as fully as they are able, at our various Homes and Hospitals. Our chaplains take regular services and provide pastoral care. Many interesting groups visit to entertain residents and patients, but more importantly, there is an extensive Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy programme where people are encouraged to help themselves. Our task in aged care is to make life worth living to the end.

In our Everil Orr Homes a new Physiotherapy block has been completed, Tyler House has been thoroughly renovated and a sprinkler system installed.

Our day care centre has functioned satisfactorily on one day a week. At present extensive renovations are taking place at St. Margaret's Church Hall adjoining the Home and when these are completed our day care programme will be greatly increased enabling a number of frail people from the community to avail themselves of our services.

The Franklin Eventide Home continues to serve the needs particularly of the frail aged in the Franklin County and Pukekohe town. The debt on the Home was reduced by a further \$22,000 this year, largely through local effort.

Kamo Home in Whangarei continues to provide an excellent standard of care and at present 12 flats are being built in the grounds.

During the past year the Tamahere Eventide Home at

Hamilton has continued to operate effectively and efficiently for the benefit of its 63 residents. Staffing has been stable while health and morale have been excellent. A new laundry has just been completed.

After many setbacks we were able to call tenders for O Rongo Home where we received a very favourable price and we trust will be able to complete the Home within the Government subsidy. The Lions' Clubs of the North Shore have raised more than \$80,000 towards the cost of furnishing.

Aldersgate Flats have now been a community for over a year. We believe the community spirit is making Aldersgate a fine model for retirement care.

Wesley Hospital - During the year a new 30 bed extension was added to Wesley Hospital.

In the Auckland M.S.S.A. area we now care for 277 people in residential beds, 61 in flats and 102 hospital patients.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Two houses purchased a few years ago for Lone Women are still fulfilling a need. Consideration is being given to the future use of facilities in the Open Circle as well as an extension of our Friday Forum programme.

CHILD CARE:

Our Board has been gratified with the high quality of work which is being carried out by our Child Care Division. We have three highly qualified and dedicated social workers whose work is mainly in the preventive field and who are supervised by the Assistant Director of Anglican Methodist Social Services.

This year we have concentrated on expanding our foster care programme which is becoming a model for other Child Care Agencies.

A number of children are cared for in our three family homes at Takapuna, Manurewa and in a new one recently opened at New Lynn.

At Takanini, in a house leased from the Housing Corporation, we have established a family care unit where a residential social worker gives in depth care for short term to families at risk.

THE OPEN CIRCLE:

The Open Circle Social Service Building has now be operational for over a year, and is finding increasing use

by the community in the centre of Auckland City.

ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES:

This joint effort continues its community work in the city and suburbs. The financial share in this project for the Mission for 1977 was \$51,607.

A.M.S.S. has community workers based in Auckland City, West Auckland, North Shore, Mangere and the Manukau City Centre. They continue to be available to the Church and to the local community. Our research and resources unit is available to church and community groups as a source of information.

FINANCE:

The total operating costs of the Mission for the year ending 31 March 1978 were \$1,566,000. In our Aged Care field we made the largest loss in history with a total deficit in our Homes and Hospitals of \$97,000. After deducting depreciation our cash loss was \$37,000. This came about largely through an increased staff to care for residents who are frail and need increased attention. This deficit and grants to Anglican Methodist Social Services for our social work and other organisations including various Methodist Church groups were met by grants from the surplus of our office building amounting to \$114,193. We believe the extensions to Wesley Hospital and certain improvements to the Everil Orr Homes and the frail aged subsidy will make our aged care work more viable. In addition the Board has instituted budget control which it will carefully monitor.

We are continually grateful to the many people who remember us with gifts and legacies, and organisations which have made grants.

CONCLUSION:

A great number of people are part of our organisation and we are grateful to all. Board members willingly give of their skills and time. Many staff members in all departments, as well as volunteers, find a true vocation in their work. We want the Mission to be a place of caring concern where people, in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, join others in giving service and love.

D.B. Gordon, Superintendent.
M.L. Dine, Assistant Superintendent.
I.R. Souster, Secretary.
H.T. Garlick, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine be appointed for a further term of four years as Assistant Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.
3. That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1979 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 DISTRICT AREA M.S.S.A.

See QUESTION 54

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE
CENTRE

A Division of the Palmerston North Parish

Under new direction the Centre, now fifteen years old, is entering a new stage of development. Although the problem of financial resources is always with us the future looks bright. The Centre continues to stand high in the Palmerston North Community.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Although there has been an understandable fall-off in referrals following Roy Bowden's departure and the establishment of other counselling facilities in the city, a steady stream of people receive personal and family assistance in this way. Firm links exist with other professional agencies resulting, we trust, in benefits for all concerned.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICE

The work of Miss Bertha Zurcher, who spends most of her time living with families under stress and in crisis, is now renowned throughout the country. Requests continue to far outnumber those we can satisfy. Without doubt we need to employ another worker and to this end we have undertaken a research project of the service.

SOCIAL EDUCATION

Always an important component of the Centre's work, staff continue to be involved as resource people and consultants for various adult and youth education events. In addition their own ongoing education and professional development is encouraged and facilitated by the Committee.

COMMUNITY WORK

A desire to work alongside people in the community has led this year to co-operative work with Community Volunteers Inc. and the establishment of a 'drop-in' centre adjacent to our Highbury House 'opportunity' shop, long used by local folk as a place to meet and talk. It is likely that the community development philosophy will significantly shape our action in the future.

NEW DIRECTIONS

Further to the comments above, our Committee has decided to withdraw from the West St. Probation Hostel project and to explore new avenues of service of a more specifically preventive nature. A number of alternatives are possible including work with immigrants, the elderly, unattached youth and young husbands and fathers.

NEW DIRECTOR

In February of this year, Mr Philip McConkey took up the duties

of Director of the Centre. This was after lengthy negotiations with the State Services Commission and the Social Welfare Dept. where Philip had been working.

He comes to us with the practical experience in counselling, social work and community work. These the Management Committee sees as important skills required of its Director. The past few months while Philip has been settling into the position assessing the Centre, the city's needs, the resources the church has to offer, getting to know people involved with the Council of Christian Social Services, and the M.S.S.A. have confirmed our confidence in the appointment, and we look forward to many years of service to the community under Philip's guidance.

THANKS

Without the continued support of the Management Committee, volunteer workers, financial supporters, Community Trusts and Church members, this work would not continue. Thank you to all for the support you give.

- KEN FAY
Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That this Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1978/79 will be:

Director:	Mr P.A.H. McConkey, Dip.Soc.Wk.
Social Worker:	Mrs J. James
Home Support Worker:	Miss B. Zurcher, R.N. R.M.
Chairman:	Mr K.M. Fay
Treasurer:	Mr M.O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.
Secretary:	Mrs V.M. Osborne
Parish reps:	Mr J. Andrew Mr N. Bird Mr M. Hancock Mr D. Petersen
Synod Lay rep:	Mr B. Passey
Synod Ministerial rep:	Rev E. Trask
Congregational Church rep:	Mrs R. Gordon
Presbyterian rep:	Mrs A.W. Gillies
Corresponding rep:	Mr C.B. Radcliffe

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

It is with a sense of gratitude that we acknowledge the privilege and responsibility the Church has given us as its agent in the Social Service work of the Church in the northern area of the South Island.

We express appreciation of the support received from Circuits, Womens Fellowships, Youth Groups and individual Methodists.

New Developments

Firstly, we report on new developments.

Erewhat This former therapeutic community for young adults has now changed its function. The Anglican and Methodist Missions have joined forces to use the premises for emergency accommodation for women and families facing housing problems. Erewhat is the only place where families under stress can be accommodated in Christchurch.

Goodwill Stores A new Goodwill Store has been opened in the city and the main city store has been enlarged by the incorporation of an adjoining shop.

Rehua Dining Hall The Rehua Old Boys are building a dining hall for the Meeting House. This project which will include a modern kitchen, dressing rooms for Maori cultural parties and ablution facilities, will in fact be a completion of the Meeting House which was opened in 1960.

Maori Reservation The Central Mission Board have taken action through the Maori Land Court to have the land on which the Meeting House and Dining Hall stand gazetted as a Maori Reservation. The Trustees will be representatives of the Ngai-tahu people, the Rehua Old Boys and the Central Mission Board.

Wesley House Extensions The new wing at Wesley House, Picton, has now been completed and was dedicated by the President of the Conference, the Rev. J.A. Penman, on Saturday 9 September. This 18 bed wing brings our total accommodation to 40.

Child Care Work to be Amalgamated For the past 43 years the child care work of the Methodist Church has been administered by the South Island Methodist Childrens Home Board.

Decisions have now been reached by this Board and the Central Mission Board for the child care work of the Church to be amalgamated with the Mission.

When the agreement has been approved by the legal advisor it will be submitted to the President for approval.

Domiciliary Care The Mission has applied for funding from the Government's Community Health fund to employ 2 Medico-Social workers to work in the community mainly in the interests of aged people. They will not only relate to the 600 on the Mission's register for aged care, with the cooperation of suburban churches they will run workshops and training courses to motivate and train lay people to become involved in caring for aged people in their own neighbourhood.

Future use of Woolston Methodist Property As a result of negotiations with the South East Christchurch Union Parish the Mission Board has agreed to purchase the former Woolston Methodist Church, Hall and Bible Class rooms.

It is intended to transfer the Goodwill Bulk Store to the Woolston Site and provide there a further retail outlet for the Goodwill operations. It is planned also to move into the re-conditioning and recycling field and to employ retired tradesmen and some handicapped people who could not compete in a normal factory situation.

It is also envisaged that in cooperation with the Union Parish a community development worker may be employed to serve the area with his base at the Woolston property.

Residential Club The Residential Club project has been reported for a number of years now. It was first approved as a pilot scheme by the Government in 1972.

Delays in approval and escalating costs have caused the abandonment of two sketch plans. A new sketch plan has recently been approved architecturally by the Department of Health. If there are no undue delays work should commence early next year. If delays occur again the scheme may have to be abandoned because of the financial margin between subsidy and the estimated cost.

South Haven

This family Home for the handicapped situated in the former St Marks Parsonage, Barrington Street, has demonstrated the value of this form of service.

The Social Affairs Committee of the Mission is convinced however, that more suitable premises should be sought.

Life Line

On 28 March this year the Life Line Counsellor said in response to a call "This is Life Line, may we help you". There was nothing unusual about the response. What was significant

was that this caller brought the total of calls since Life Line started in 1964 to 50,000.

This year 7,700 calls for help have been received. This is an increase of 696 on last year and the largest number of calls in any of the 14 years of Life Line's service.

Aged Care

Miss Ina Macadam of Wesley Lodge and Hospital, completed 21 years of service this year. She has indicated her intention to retire next year.

At Fairhaven an attractive sitting-out area facing Harewood Road has been enclosed with metal windows and doors. The former Matron's House is now being converted at a cost of \$12,300 to provide accommodation for 3 aged people.

During the year our medico-social worker, Mrs Eleanor McGlinn organised a Seminar for Aged Care Staff. We express thanks for the cooperation and participation of the Anglican and Presbyterian staffs. Music Therapy, which was a subject of the Seminar, was ably led by Mrs Springer, matron of Green Gables, Nelson. It is encouraging to witness the Music Therapy sessions now established at Wesley and Fairhaven as a result.

We acknowledge with gratitude the services of Dr Stewart C. Peddie who has served as medical advisor from the inception of the Mission's aged care work. Dr Peddie died suddenly on 25 April.

Creative Leisure Centre

Creative Leisure, now in its third year, provides teaching in a great variety of crafts. The aim is to provide opportunity for people to use their leisure time creatively to prevent or relieve boredom and loneliness.

As well as the craft classes there are courses in human relationships. These provide opportunities for people to deal with their hang-ups and personality weaknesses, to build on their strengths, and to grow in self awareness and the ability to relate in meaningful ways to others.

The Rev. Lew Bowen has served as interim Director this year and we thank him for his leadership.

Last year the enrolments averaged 90. For the first term this year 325 people enrolled.

There is now urgent need for the appointment of a full-time Director. The Board is investigating the possibility of making such an appointment later this year.

Rehua Hostel

During the year Mrs Emma Keenan retired as Matron of Rehua Hostel after 9 years of service. Mrs J. Wipiti also resigned as Assistant Matron. The Board thanks them for their leadership over many years.

Mrs Joe and Elizabeth Maaka have been appointed as Master and Matron and it is already evident that they will make a distinctive contribution in this area of the Mission's work.

Finance

Our operating costs were:	\$
For Aged Care	702,414
Rehua Maori Boys Hostel	96,520
Counselling	18,500
Field Officers	20,000
Administration	13,991
Property and Plant Maintenance	15,487
Social Concern	9,937
Youth Hostel	8,944
Life Line (net cost)	5,066
	<hr/> <hr/> \$890,859

Our Revenue was received from:

Board - Aged Care	456,894
Govt. Subsidies - Aged Care	257,467
Rehua Maori Boys Hostel - Boarding Fees	38,667
Rehua Maori Boys Hostel - Govt. Subsidies	56,118
Board - Youth Hostel	6,520
Interest, Dividends, Goodwill Stores	54,906
Appeals	9,605
Rents, Laundry, Books, Sundry	9,377
Grants and Donations	4,015
	<hr/> <hr/> \$893,569

Net surplus on year's operations	\$2,710
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We received legacies for development work as follows, during the year:

For Aged Care	\$26,500
General Social Concern Purposes	\$8,000

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge generous donations from many individuals, Local Bodies, Trusts and Business firms during the year. We would like to acknowledge financial assistance from the following: Sutherland Self Help Trust Board, J.R. McKenzie Trust, Canterbury Savings Bank, Christchurch City Council, Waimairi County Council, Paparua County Council, Maurice Carter Trust, J & M Ferrier Trust, Hyman Marks Trust, Robert Clark Trust, Dudding Trust, Crothall Trust, C. Butterfield Trust, Christchurch Citizens Benevolent Association, Christchurch West Rotary Club, Midland Coachlines Ltd., Bon Brushes Ltd., Schumacher Estate.

Thanks

The work of the Mission would be impossible without the financial support received from churches, charitable trusts, business firms, and individuals. We also acknowledge that some work could not be contemplated or continued without Government subsidies.

But money alone is not enough. People are needed. People with gifts and skills and Christian insight and dedication are needed to plan, to serve and in effect to translate their Faith into loving service for people.

The Mission has such people serving in Executive roles, as Matrons, Supervisors, and Social Workers. To these and all who work with them in menial or major jobs we say "Thank You".

And we give thanks to God, who in Christ has called us all "To serve the present age our calling to fulfil".

Wilf E. Falkingham (Superintendent)
Ian H. Blair (Secretary)
Mal E. Lloyd (Treasurer)

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QUESTION 42-(c) Children's Homes?

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

See QUESTION 54.



REPORT OF

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION - 1978

People have many needs - spiritual, material and physical. It is the task of the 'Mission' to endeavour to meet these with understanding and compassion.

WORSHIP



On Feb 1 we merged with the Dunedin Circuit to form the Dunedin Methodist Mission. Our staff now have responsibility for the new Trinity congregation which meets in the former BCNZ News Room ("the Good News Room") in the Mission building. A stimulating fellowship is developing.

Reallocation of Executive staff duties has freed the Superintendent for extended ministry in community building, education and worship areas. He has been appointed to the Home Budgeting Advisory Committee of the Social Welfare Department, and continues to assist budgeting services in Otago-Southland and Australia.

WELFARE



AGED CARE



The acquisition of a mini-bus has made possible visits and outings for a large number of our residents. We have moved occupational therapy out into the lounges and this together with a developing physiotherapy programme is catching up more of our residents in social and recreational activity.

For many years we have planned a new rest home complex on our Wesley Manor site. Recent changes in legislation have caused the Board of Management to review their policy.

Following the successful conclusion of our Wesley Court Flats project, we are now assisting St. Peter's, Invercargill in erecting fourteen flats on land adjoining their church.

The children and staff are now housed CHILD CARE in premises which we feel must be the equal of any in the country.



TRADING We have recently appointed Mr. Allan Doig as Manager of our Goodwill Services and look forward to a successful year's trading. A second shop has been opened in the centre city area.



"My wife gave them
to Central Mission"

The Amenities Block costing approximately \$70,000 has improved considerably the facilities at our Holiday Camp, especially for Group Bookings and our own programmes at the Camp. KAWARAU FALLS



PROPERTY Alterations in the area occupied by the B.C.N.Z. who are the major tenants in our building have enabled us to create a social service centre on the ground floor thus bringing us closer to the street and to the people we seek to serve.



D.S. Mullan

D.S. Mullan
Superintendent

F.W. Wilson

F.W. Wilson
Secretary.

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

(a) The Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

A. IN BRIEF.....

- * The Board of Administration was incorporated under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on 27 April 1978.
- * The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee is now a Committee of the Board of Administration. The Board is responsible for policy e.g. Coordinated Loan Policy, and the proposals related to property in this report. The Committee implements the policy on a day to day basis.
- * The General Secretary, Alan K. Woodley, was given eleven weeks study leave and visited Churches in several countries including Australia, Malaysia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Visits to ecumenical centres - Christian Conference of Asia, Singapore, and World Council of Churches, Geneva - were included together with a visit to the Secretariat of Christian Unity in Rome.
- * The Board records its appreciation to the work of Mr Cedric Radcliffe who acted so effectively as Acting General Secretary.

B. INTRODUCTION

This 1978 report to Conference focuses upon several major policy matters as well as proposals of a more minor nature. During the year all Synods were consulted on the proposals and the Board has seriously considered all resolutions and comments. These have proved helpful to the Board in the preparation of its report and recommendations to Conference. A full schedule of responses from the Synods is being presented to the Conference Committee of Detail.

C. ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Conference requested (1977 Resolutions, p.63, nos 3/4):

" ... the Board of Administration ... review the whole method for the conduct of Conference and its business ... "

It is accepted that there is a continuing need to review the methods by which the Conference conducts its business and the Board intends to engage in this long term task. However, at

this time it assigns a greater priority to

" ... the question of suspending or amending ... the 1979 Conference ... "

and

" ... the future of Annual Conferences ... "

The Board asked a Dunedin based "Research Task Group" to prepare a report, the substance of which was forwarded to Synods for their response.

The Board considered that these two matters hung together. It therefore requested Synods to respond to the possibility of suspending Conference in 1979 as part of a planned programme of evaluating the significance of Conferences and some alternative methods for providing for the Conference's role. Attention was drawn to the following aspects:-

1. The functions of Conference may be seen as:-
 - (a)
 - i. the governing body of the Methodist Church
 - ii. interpreting and guarding the faith
 - iii. exercising pastoral care and rule according to the doctrines and disciplines of the Connexion
 - iv. giving oversight to the whole life of the Church
 - (b) strengthening Connexional fellowship and inspiration
i.e. "keeping the dream alive".
2. These intentions are not contradictory but some people clearly give greater weight to one set than the other, e.g.:-
 - (a) Some critics argue that the sheer size of Conference and the highly varying ability of its members to grapple with the issues at stake contribute to inefficiency and lack of creativity in decision-making.
 - (b) On the other hand, for many people, the memorable moments of Conferences past relate not to the business at all but to inspirational rallies, services, and social functions. The contribution of these kinds of events may become more important in the immediate future.
3. Others argue that a mere reduction in the size of Conference, (as was almost accepted ten years ago) will not result in much direct saving to the Church as all the present 'fare-paid' leaders will presumably still attend. There would be some saving in indirect costs and the business might be done a little more efficiently.

Synods were asked to consider some alternatives to our present system. The possibilities that could be explored

included:-

1. The use of smaller centres for a live-in Executive Conference with local 'inspirational' participation in certain activities.
2. The enhancement of the role of Synods in guiding Standing Committees of Conference.
3. Occasional major informal Conferences of Methodists on a family holiday basis without major business functions.

The responses of Synods indicated that a basic change in the present representative nature of Conference was not supported at this time. The Board understands that the following factors have been significant in reaching this view:-

1. The present ecumenical climate and the need for the Methodist Church to function in a viable and effective way.
2. The role of Conference as being an important place where all sections of the Church meet together, make decisions and give oversight to the work of the Church.
3. Reduced representation at this time, would adversely affect the efforts of the Church to deal with the critical issues facing it in the present situation.

Consequently, the Board would not recommend any change at this time to suspend or amend the form of business of the 1979 Conference.

Synods generally supported suggestions for a review of the method of the conduct of Conference and its business. The Board will continue its study and report to Conference 1979.

One Synod reaffirmed its desire to have a further live-in Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration continue its review on the method for the conduct of the business of Conference and report to Synods and Conference 1979.

D. STANDARD PARSONAGES AND CONFERENCE QUESTION 25

1977 Conference Resolutions, page 11, Question 25 reads:-

"That the Administration Division reports to Synods and Conference 1978 on the effectiveness of the procedures to meet the intention of Question 25 of the Conference Reports."

Question 25 of the Conference Agenda on page 63 of the Law Book reads:-

"What Circuits are due to provide standard parsonages?"

Question 29 in the August Synod Agenda reads:-

"(i) Are Conference standard parsonages provided for all appointments?

(ii) Are all parsonages adequately maintained?"

A Task Group reported to the Board that it soon became involved in questions wider than the appropriateness or possible rewording of a Question of the Conference Agenda. It became concerned with:-

1. Whether the standard requirements for a parsonage were still appropriate as the Church buys or builds parsonages for the 1980's.
2. Finding effective ways by which appropriate housing may be provided.

The Board is aware that the requirements of other Churches impinge upon the provisions of housing for members in Union and Cooperating Parishes. It intends seeking clarification from partner Churches involved in these Parishes with a view to establishing common requirements as to:-

- (a) standard requirements of a parsonage/manse
- (b) furnishings.

It is considered:-

1. That the standard requirements for a parsonage should be the norm (subject to agreement with partner Churches in Union and Cooperating Parishes).
2. That flexibility in providing adequate housing and accommodation is met by the discretionary factors currently and in the future taken into account by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration when considering any application for exemption.

This will especially apply to:-

- (a) Size of Study in the parsonage and necessity for same -
 - i. is there a satisfactory office in the Church?
 - ii. what is the proximity of the parsonage to the Church?
- (b) Provision of the fourth bedroom:
 - i. the number and suitability of other parsonages in the Circuit
 - ii. the location of the Circuit and the need for the minister to provide Church hospitality.

(c) Social and community economic factors:

The appropriateness of a 4 bedroom plus study home in specific new or existing housing areas e.g. where the standard of the area is significantly different.

(d) Whether the house is being built/purchased/rented for a "Specific" or term ministry and the number of persons to occupy the house during the term.

Consideration will also be given to the situation where the standard parsonage is too large for a particular ministry. A case can be made where with the approval of Synod a smaller house could be rented for the duration of that ministry.

The Board supports the view that Conference Agenda Question 25 should be discontinued. The intention of the Question would be fulfilled if Synods, having established that a parsonage is inappropriate or inadequate, would initiate action to rectify the position.

The Board recommends that the District Synods' Property Advisory Committees include in their Agenda an annual review of the adequacy of all parsonages in their District and initiate appropriate action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference Question 25 be discontinued.
3. That Conference:-
 - (a) encourages the flexibility in the interpretation of the standard requirements for a parsonage as set out in the report, and
 - (b) supports the Board of Administration in its efforts to secure agreement on standard requirements for parsonages in Union/Cooperating Parishes and cooperative ventures.
4. That District Property Advisory Committees annually review all parsonages and be encouraged to initiate action with a view to providing appropriate and adequate parsonages for all ministers.

E. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

1. FURNITURE GRANTS

A furniture grant paid on superannuating currently remains within the provisions of the Fund. As it is now some years since ministers owned their own furniture during their ministry this provision is outdated. The grant is currently \$20 for each year of contribution. At the time of the next Actuarial review

in 1979 the financial provisions for this grant can be incorporated into the revised rates for pensions.

2. DEATH BENEFITS

In 1973 a death benefit of \$4,000 paid to the widow of a minister dying in the active work was introduced. The Board considers that an increase in excess of the inflationary effects on the present grant, is appropriate. The Actuary has confirmed that a grant of \$10,000 is within the capacity of the Fund. A grant of \$10,000 will be a significant nucleus towards the cost of a home for the widow.

Synods were unanimous in supporting the proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the payment of furniture grants to superannuating ministers shall cease as from 1 February 1980.
2. That the death benefit paid to the widow of a minister who dies in the active work be increased from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

F. PROPERTY RETURNS

The Board, in terms of Conference resolution 1, page 42, Question 39, asked a Task Group to investigate and report on several aspects of property returns. The Task Group has submitted an interim report and is continuing its work. The property returns used this year are regarded as "interim". It is hoped that as far as Union and Cooperating Parishes are concerned, one set of returns can be designed which is acceptable to all partner Churches in these Parishes.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

G. FIRE INSURANCE

THE DILEMMA

In its report to the 1977 Conference the Board stated that it set itself the following objectives:-

1. Proper Risk Management
2. Good service to Trusts and others 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's Consultant reported widespread under insurance on churches, halls and parsonages, and inadequate and incomplete cover on some commercial and quasi-commercial properties. The Board considered 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 situation. There is no Fund in the Church which could meet the 'gap' in a major fire loss or for any uncovered loss for that matter.

The Conference resolved to authorise the Board of Administration to investigate insuring adequately all Methodist property where possible and to report to Synods and Conference 1978. Following this Conference resolution the Board's Consultant has continued his work researching various aspects and possibilities. After careful study and investigation the Board now reports its proposals and recommendations.

OUR PROPOSAL: ONE FIRE POLICY FOR METHODIST PROPERTY

The Board considers that the adequate insurance cover at reasonable cost, which we desire, could only be obtained when it is being negotiated for all Methodist property: one policy only, providing adequate cover at the lowest possible rate. The 1977 Conference was informed that this radical step could be the way forward out of a dilemma situation. The proposed method of insurance is on this basis. It is proposed that all Methodist property, buildings and contents be insured on the same conditions, being basically fire and extraneous perils. Schedules prepared in each District would classify buildings into those needing:-

1. Replacement of building cover
2. Indemnity cover
3. Demolition and removal of debris only cover.

The decision as to classification would be taken in accordance with the strategy of the Church, as it would relate to the need of the Church for suitable property after a loss by fire in the particular area. It is for this reason that the schedules in each District should be prepared in the first instance by the District Property Advisory Committee, which would consult with all concerned. It is intended to prepare guidelines and a questionnaire setting out the characteristics of each classification to assist the District Property Advisory Committee in its task to assess the situation and decide on the correct classification. The Board, in consultation with each Synod, could engage an insurance consultant to further assist with classification and values and to ensure that the insured value is appropriate and valid in case of a claim.

THE PROPOSAL IN ITS APPLICATION

Three year policy

The Board of Administration would contract with the Insurer on the basis of a 3 year contract. All Methodist property in N.Z. would be insured against fire and extraneous perils on this one policy.

Schedules

The schedules prepared for each District would be the basis for the three covers:-

- Replacement
- Indemnity
- Demolition costs

Premium

Our initial inquiries reveal that by combining all cover for the Churches under only one policy we could obtain for the same premium as paid now, 150% of the present cover. This is the key point; the Church is now generally underinsured; premiums are too high. The rate of premium would be averaged and the same percentage would apply all over New Zealand and for each classification.

Levying Premiums to Trusts

Premiums would be charged to each Circuit, which on the basis of the schedule, can spread this premium over the Trust(s) concerned. This should substantially reduce the administrative costs involved. In calculating the premium charges to the Circuit, the cost of the additional covers such as public liability and money or whatever other insurances are purchased, could be added to the total fire cost and computed in proportion.

Capital Additions Clause

The possibility to build in a "capital additions clause" providing for the automatic inclusion of additions to buildings in the schedule will be pursued. This would ensure adequate cover for additions during the year without any change in premium.

Documentation

The insurer will supply a printed certificate of insurance which would indicate the extent and conditions of the cover under one policy. Each Trust would therefore have a document indicating the risks insured.

Earthquake and War Damage Insurance

Cover of earthquake risk would be limited to that offered by the Earthquake and War Damage Commission which would be for indemnity value only. Any buildings insured for replacement value would be insured for indemnity value only as far as earthquake risk is concerned, thus reducing the premium, unless otherwise decided on. At 0.7% premium earthquake insurance is a costly item.

Miscellaneous Covers

The principal miscellaneous cover is public liability which at present is covered under five policies relating to the principal activities of the Church with different limits of indemnity up to \$200,000. In addition, various other Trusts, particularly those with quasi-commercial activities, also have public liability cover. All could be embraced under one contract with a limit of \$500,000. We have been offered this cover at a much reduced premium. Other covers could include glass, burglary, and all risks, which also could be brought under one policy.

Valuations

The cost of valuations would be for the individual Trusts but may be reduced by using consultants on a District basis.

Claims

It is envisaged that all claims would be handled by the Insurance Company. The Fire Insurance Fund would be advised of major claims and also would be provided with a list of claims and sums paid out on a quarterly basis.

Advantages

- * One master policy instead of many.
- * One premium payment by Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
- * Workload for Administration Division restricted to the organising of the schedules of insured properties, the charging of premiums and receipts of premiums under a simplified procedure.
- * Fifty percent more cover for the same premium as presently paid or where present cover is adequate a reduced premium.
- * An end to a substantial reduction in the under-insurance situation which has been of major concern to the Church. This is the main advantage of the proposed scheme.
- * Overall simplification with commensurate cost reductions.

Disadvantage

The Fire Insurance Fund which as an agent of the Insurance Company earned a commission would no longer do so. The commission would be reduced in value to a small administration charge. This can be minimal as the insurance work in the Administration Division would be much reduced. In the past the amount available to the Fire Insurance Fund from commission after expenses had been met, was partly distributed and partly used to finance low interest loans to Parishes. This would no longer be possible.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Administration, having made a thorough study of the present situation and the needs of the Church, the wishes expressed by Trusts and Circuits in recent years, and mindful that the duty to exercise good stewardship is the aim of all concerned, confidently recommends that the changes outlined above be made. Synods were unanimous in supporting the direction of these proposals. The Board now requests Conference for the authority to implement these proposals on the basis as set out in the report. The Board recognises that arrangements for the insurance of some commercial or quasi-commercial property will require flexibility in implementation within the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Conference endorses the direction of the report and authorises the Board of Administration to arrange for the Insurance of all Methodist property on the basis as set out in the report.
2. That the distributable surplus of \$18,267.56 from the Fire Insurance Fund for the 1976/77 financial year be allocated as follows:-

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| (a) Investment Board (as per Conference Budget approval) for 1978/79 | \$10,000.00 |
| (b) The cost of investigation consultancy fees and introduction of the new Fire Insurance proposals | \$8,267.56 |
| (c) If all the sum allocated for (b) above is not required, then the balance remain in the Appropriation Account for future allocation. | |

H. GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE, page 59, Resolution 3. reads:-

"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."

The Board is mindful of its ethical and moral responsibilities in the investment of funds and looks forward to the Public Questions Committee's report dealing with this matter.

The Investment Board at its various meetings has laid down guidelines for investment. These guidelines comprise:-

1. Guidelines for an overall target for all Connexional funds combined.
2. Guidelines for the M.T.A. for short-term and long-term investment of the funds entrusted to the M.T.A. in its formative years.

The Investment Board recognises that for the Church to secure the best return on the funds which are available for investment, these funds need to be directed into the following categories:-

Real Estate; primarily commercial property.

Other Investments such as 3 year mortgages, short-term investments in the money market and term deposits with the Trustee Savings Banks.

Share Equities which is another growth asset.

While the characteristics of each Fund must be taken into account when determining the type of investment for that particular Fund by far the greater part of the funds available will be invested in Real Estate.

The Investment Board has set up Investment Panels in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland, and another is being formed in Hamilton and it may be that other Panels will be set up in other Centres.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

I. THE HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY

The Board of Administration sought a report from the President's Legal Adviser, Mr G.H. Peak, on several aspects related to the holding of title to Methodist property. The substance and recommendations of his report are incorporated into this report to Conference.

The manner in which real property is held by the Methodist Church, except where the holding body is an incorporated Board (e.g. Auckland Methodist Central Mission), is by a group of trustees under "The Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand, 1887". As a consequence nearly all property in local Circuits, including Union and Cooperating Parishes, held on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is vested in a number of trustees in terms of that Model Deed. Legally the system is unique among New Zealand landholding methods and consequently difficult for those, even lawyers, outside the Methodist Church to understand. It is also apparent from some of the enquiries which have been received by the Legal Adviser that the system is far from fully understood by Methodists generally and, sometimes, even by firms of lawyers purportedly acting for Methodist Trusts. It tends to be unwieldy in requiring a majority of the current trustees of any one trust to sign any document, a process which often takes time and causes someone a deal of trouble in obtaining the necessary number of signatures.

SOME PROBLEMS

Over recent years, however, with the formation of Union and Cooperating Parishes, the system has caused some heart-ache and difficulty due to unfamiliarity with this unusual system of both laymen and ministers of other denominations who have necessarily had to come to terms with this peculiarity of Methodism. In some cases real difficulties have arisen when a Methodist Trust continues to hold property contributed to a Union or Cooperating Parish and the personnel of the trust has not seen eye to eye with the Union Parish regarding the use of the property concerned by the Parish. In other cases trust personnel has not been kept up and with trustees leaving the Parish or by deaths, difficulty has been experienced in the execution of documents. It is probably true to say that were it not for the Church Union negotiations which have been proceeding, with, until recently, hopes pinned on the Plan for Union, some method of improving the system would have been evolved many years ago and it seems to the Board of Administration that the time has certainly now come to look at ways of improving it.

As the main problems are being experienced in Union and Cooperating Parishes it seems logical that any change should first meet the difficulties being found in these Parishes.

SUGGESTED SOLUTION

One of the sister Churches has a system of one Board holding all property with Boards of Management administering such property at local level. This type of model could and would be used with some modification to suit the Methodist ethos. It may be that the present local trust should then be more appropriately renamed as, e.g. the Property Management and Policy Committee, which could be a committee of the Leaders Meeting. Such a committee would be responsible for the day by day management of property in the local Church. It is envisaged that the role of the Board of Administration would be restricted to acting as the legal holder of property and it would be involved, after advice from the local Church and the District Property Advisory Committee, in sales or purchases and in the erecting or alteration of buildings or any type of financing - the last necessarily as any mortgage or security would have to be given by the registered owner which would be the Board. This function of acting for the Church in these legal matters is what is envisaged. It would obviate the cumbersome and time consuming and costly procedure described in paragraph 2 of this report. These changes to the Holding of Title will in no way diminish local responsibility. The functions of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration are an altogether different matter and the two should not be confused.

Until the incorporation of the Board of Administration as a body duly incorporated under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1957, there was no one Methodist body which had the power and suitable persons forming it to act as the holding body for all Methodist property. Now, however, this Board has been incorporated with a broad constitution and New Zealand wide representation in its membership. In terms of the Charitable Trusts Act, property can be held by it under its registered name and documents affecting property are executed by the affixing of its Common Seal witnessed by any three members of the Board. It is suggested that the Board now represents the ideal vehicle to hold property on behalf of the Methodist Church for these mechanical reasons, quite apart from the fact that the Board has as its task the whole central administration of our Church.

THE HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY IN UNION AND CO-OPERATING PARISHES

It is suggested that Methodist property no longer held or used exclusively for Methodist purposes - i.e. property now used for Cooperating, Union or other cooperative venture purposes -

should be vested in the Board of Administration. It is further suggested that local oversight should be by the appropriate committee of the Parish as provided in the Parish Agreement and that this committee relate to the Board of Administration through its Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, Joint Regional Committees and District Property Committees. In the case of such joint ventures the spheres of responsibility would have to be carefully determined.

Since most difficulties are occurring at present where property is held by Methodist trustees but is being used by some form of cooperative venture, it is suggested that the method of holding of such property should first be put in order. Further, if the system is changed at all, then all such property should be dealt with in the same manner and at the same time.

It is accordingly recommended that the title to all real property now vested in Methodist Trustees under the Model Deed which is held, used for or contributed to any form of cooperative venture should be vested in the Board of Administration, this to be attended to after appropriate resolutions are passed by Conference 1978.

THE HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY UNDER THE MODEL DEED OF 1887 (EXCEPT PROPERTY USED IN UNION AND COOPERATING PARISHES AND COOPERATIVE VENTURES)

The Board is encouraged by the response of Synods to its suggestion that it is time for the Holding of Title of all Methodist property under the Model Deed, 1887, not yet transferred to the Board of Administration to be so transferred. Recommendation 4. below provides for the matter to be thoroughly discussed before this is proceeded with.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That all trustees holding property now or at any time hereafter under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 on behalf of the Church which is now held, used for or contributed in terms of any Union or Cooperating Parish Agreement to any type of cooperative venture, be required by the Conference to transfer the Title to such property to the Board of Administration.
3. That the Board of Administration, in consultation with the Development Division, prepare and bring to Conference 1979, for approval, suitable guidelines for the further administration of all property in Union and Cooperating Parishes and cooperative ventures specifying the respective spheres of responsibility of the Board of Administration, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration, the District Property Advisory Committees, the Joint Regional Committees and local Parish Councils.

4. That the Board of Administration consults with Trustees and Synods in 1979 on the proposal that all Trustees holding property under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 on behalf of the Church and not yet transferred be required by the Conference to transfer the Title of such property to the Board of Administration, and report to August Synods and Conference 1979; the report to include guidelines as in 3. above.

J. DEACONESS RETIREMENT FUND

Resolution 1, page 8, Resolutions of Conference 1977 reads:-

"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 1978."

The Board has consulted the Deaconess Board and members of the Deaconess Order. Two issues require solution:-

1. the needs of the 14 members of the Fund, and
2. the need for a revision of the Fund.

As the present membership of the Deaconess Order is small it is proposed that the needs of existing Deaconesses be considered on an individual basis. The Board of Administration will work with the Deaconess Board and the Deaconesses concerned with a view to an adequate provision for retirement needs.

The Board and the Deaconess Board will give further study to adequate retirement provisions for members of the Diaconate.

The Board will make a further report to Synods and Conference 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

K. THE PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Mr Geoffrey H. Peak, LL.B., be President's Legal Adviser.

L. MINISTERS MOVING TO NEW APPOINTMENTS REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

In the last few years the cost of ministers moving to new appointments has increased at an alarming rate. So much so, that the provisions in the Connexional Budget for the last financial year (1977-78) were inadequate. The increased allocation in the 1978-79 Budget will help to remedy the position.

Conference 1977 made a large number of changes to stationing resulting in pressure on available finance in the Removal Expenses Fund.

After consultation within the Board it was agreed that by obtaining a contract with one Company for the majority of removals savings could be expected. It has worked well and it is envisaged that this arrangement will continue. Several comments were received from ministers that the compulsory removal date, due to the Contractor's schedule, meant that the provision of the Law Book, page 17, no.127, was not fulfilled:

"A Minister or Probationer may terminate his work in a Circuit immediately after the last Sunday in January, in which case he shall make provision for the proper conduct of Circuit affairs until his successor is due to arrive. A Minister or Probationer shall take up his duties in a new Circuit between the first and second Sundays in February, but the financial responsibility of the Circuit for each appointment shall date from the first of February."

In recent years many ministers with school age children have shifted after 20 January and taken up their appointments on the second Sunday of February. The matter needs to be regularised, and interpreted and implemented with appropriate flexibility. It is proposed that Conference be requested to amend Law Book, page 17, no.127 to read:

"That the financial responsibility for Conference appointments shall transfer on 31 January. Ministers shall be moved between appointments and shall be inducted as soon as practicable after that date. One Sunday shall be left free of duties during the removal period. The District Chairman shall approve all necessary arrangements for the conduct of Circuit affairs during the removal period."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Law Book, page 17, no.127 be amended to read:-
"That the financial responsibility for Conference appointments shall transfer on 31 January. Ministers shall be moved between appointments and shall be inducted as soon as practicable after that date. One Sunday shall be left free of duties during the removal period. The District Chairman shall approve all necessary arrangements for the conduct of Circuit affairs during the removal period."

M. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Resolution 6 on page 64 of the Resolutions of Conference 1977 reads:-

"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."

The Board set up a Task Group to consider the issues raised by the Resolution. The Task Group has the matter under study and the Board will report to Synods and Conference 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

N. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME FROM CONNEXIONAL AND NON-CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS

Resolution 7, page 64, Resolutions of Conference 1977 reads:-

"That following the recent Conference moves to assist the wider utilisation of Trust funds and other capital resources throughout New Zealand, Conference 1977 requests 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."

The Task Group set up by the Board of Administration has not finished its work and the Board is therefore unable to report to this Conference. A report will be made to Synods and Conference 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

O. RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND - \$150,000 APPEAL

The 1974 Conference authorised the Supernumerary Fund Board to initiate a Retirement Housing Fund Appeal and invite the Church to contribute \$150,000 over a period of three years. The monies raised would be used to provide supplementary loan finance for retiring ministers to assist meeting anticipated difficulties in obtaining their retirement home. It was intended that this Fund would meet an immediate need for those who in the past were unable, because of the stipend level, to provide adequately for their retirement.

The results of the Appeal are as follows:-

(From December 1974 to 31 August 1978)	Target
\$	\$
Northland	3,570
Auckland	32,040
Waikato- Bay of Plenty	21,090
Taranaki-Wanganui	11,130
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	15,840
Wellington	18,180
Nelson	7,710
North Canterbury	25,170
South Canterbury	6,450
Otago-Southland	8,820
Individual and "Unidentified"	
2,726.15	
98,163.15	150,000
Fire Insurance Fund	14,500.00
Interest	5,480.32
TOTAL	118,143.47

(The target figure for each District was based upon each District's share of the Connexional Budget for the Budget year 1975-76.)

Each Synod has been supplied with details of its results. Sufficient copies have been prepared for each Circuit, Union or Cooperating Parish so that a report can be made to the next Quarterly Meeting/Parish Council.

The Appeal will close on 31 December 1978. Each District and Circuit/Union/Cooperating Parish still has a chance to reach its target and ensure that the Connexional goal of \$150,000 is achieved.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

There has been a great upsurge of interest in the preservation and location of historical data. The importance of archives is being realised. Archives preserve in permanent form the written, graphic and oral records which enshrine our cultural heritage. The Church is the best agent to encourage the preservation of the material that belongs to its own heritage.

Many factors have contributed to the need for the Church to examine closely its policy on the collection, preservation, storage and classification of its historical material.

- i. Numbers of societies have merged with others or ceased.
- ii. Union and Cooperating Parishes are providing a new identity for congregations.
- iii. Existing congregations do not always value the records they hold.
- iv. There is a danger of valuable material being lost by fire, or accident, as well as through lack of supervision.
- v. We are faced with decisions on the type of material to be preserved.
- vi. Consideration is also to be given to the most suitable location for its storage and subsequent use.

Major uses of Church Archives are:-

1. Internal Church requirements - regular statistical comparison, evaluation of usefulness of programmes through statistics and people's reactions, supplying information for the compilation of local Church histories.
2. Government or legal information - baptisms as proof of birthdate in period prior to the setting up of the Registry in New Zealand, early marriage records.
3. Historical and sociological research by Church historians and University graduates.
4. Genealogical research.

The Smith report commissioned by the Archives and Records Association of New Zealand and its consultation held in Wellington in September are forward steps for archives generally.

The appointment of Mrs Jan Heppelthwaite as Archivist/Librarian in the Administration Division (part-time) is a move forward for our Church. Work is proceeding with the cataloguing of material held in the Administration Division. It is

envisaged that the Division's catalogue will include historical material stored in other parts of the Connexion.

Very limited funds for Methodist archives will mean that progress will continue to be slow. The case for financial assistance with records that share a wider significance than the Methodist Church must be made. The most immediate assistance from non Church sources is likely to be for the training of archivists.

The Wesley Historical Society, Trinity Theological College and other interested parties as well as interested persons are being consulted with a view to -

- (a) an assessment of the present position in the Methodist Church
- (b) a reappraisal of existing policy
- (c) new guidelines on the selecting, storage and access to historical records.

A consultation of people currently concerned with and having some knowledge of the scope of Methodist archival material is proposed for 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

Q. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The N.C.C. continues to have a busy programme of activity as it acts as the Churches ecumenical agency and coordinates many of the newer inter-Church ventures. This throws a heavy administrative load on the officers of the Council as well as a demand for openness and sensitivity in dealing with a wide range of differing expectations and requests.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Brian Turner has settled down well as the new Director of C.W.S. and the 1977 Christmas Appeal produced a gratifying increase in giving of 23%, but still under the target of \$250,000. All congregations are urged to support the Christmas Appeal as this is the official aid programme of our Church and the only one which is directly responsible to the Churches. This is specially important at a time when there is a continuing barrage of new para-Church aid agencies of one sort or another who are not responsible to our Churches at all. The C.W.S. Committee is looking at ways of reaching our young people with the challenge of helping in the struggle for justice and development overseas. It is also offering the Church an opportunity to share with the Roman Catholic Church in 1979 on a joint Lenten Programme to understand more about development issues.

ECUMENICAL SECRETARIAT ON DEVELOPMENT: This is a joint N.C.C./R.C. programme to arouse our awareness of development issues and Michael Elliot has undertaken a comprehensive programme on the basis of showing that development issues overseas have their counterpart in New Zealand. One of the best ways of helping is to create a more just society here.

MAORI SECTION: continues to challenge the whole church with the need for unity and is in the process of revising its Constitution to give greater emphasis to the Maori contribution to the life of the Churches.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: continues to monitor this question and to take action on some of the many assaults on human rights that come to its attention.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMISSION: continues working on a wide range of issues and this year has reached into three new areas, namely, unemployment, Bastion Point and a new outreach ministry for young adults. Conference and congregations are asked to study the report on Maori land issues and Bastion Point produced by the Commission.

CHAPLAINCIES: The N.C.C. continues its close involvement in the work in prisons, hospitals and industry.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: continues to be active and is preparing special studies on the place of "Men and Women in the Church".

INTER-CHURCH COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION: continues to widen the Churches understanding about the issues of immigration as well as acting on our behalf in organising the bringing in and settlement of refugees from various parts of the world - especially Vietnam and Chile.

THE WORLD CHURCH: The N.C.C. keeps a brotherly contact with the W.C.C. and the C.C.A. although membership in these bodies is held not by the N.C.C. but by the member Churches themselves. It is a pity that the N.C.C. still gets left to do the defending of the W.C.C. rather than our Conference.

N.C.C./R.C. JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE: This group continues theological discussion between the W.C.C. and the R.C. Church and produces important reports outlining areas of broad agreement as well as defining areas of differences.

OTHER MATTERS: An Ecumenical Youth Conference is being planned for 1980 possibly on a Maori Marae. W.C.C. scholarships are still available for ministers and key lay people wanting relevant overseas study. The N.C.C. has helped in the setting up of the African Information Service which ought to serve a useful purpose of giving us an African voice in New Zealand.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference commends the N.C.C. (Christian World Service) Christmas Appeal to congregations for active and sacrificial support.
3. That Conference gives general support to the proposed Lenten Ecumenical Programme on Development and encourages congregations to be involved as actively as they can.
4. That Conference encourages Circuits and individuals to study the paper from the Church and Society Commission on "the Churches and Maori Land".
5. That Conference commends the work of the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and reminds congregations that they can give practical support by being willing to sponsor refugee families.
6. That the Methodist Church representatives be:-
N.C.C.: Revs. R.D. Rakena, A.A. Grundy, L. Wall,
Mr T. Finau, Dr. G. Cant and Mrs B.C. Teague
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: Medames M. Chambers, R. Turner and
N. Hoddinott
MAORI COMMITTEE: - see Maori Division report.

R. PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN "EN BLOC"

The Welfare of the Church Committee was asked by Conference 1977:-

"That in the light of experience the en bloc procedures be revised ... "

The Committee recommends no changes to the procedures adopted by last Conference.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following en bloc procedures be used by Conference and the Standing Orders interpreted accordingly:-

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

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".

S. 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 1979, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (*).

NORTHLAND

(1082) KAMO: Church and Hall, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.*

(1092) TE KOPURU: Parsonage, 961 sq.m., \$14,000.

(1111) PAPAROA: Parsonage, \$33,000.

Lot 1, D.P. 4158 sub-division, \$3,500.

Section no.8 of old sub-division, \$4,900.

AUCKLAND

- (2021) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION: Freeholding of properties at Epsom, lots 1, 2, 7, 8.*
(2022/1) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION: Freeholding of lot 15, \$15,000.
(2041) PANMURE: Parsonage, \$21,000.
(2071) GLEN INNES: St. Timothy's Church building.*
St. Timothy's sections; lot 8, 28.3 perches, \$11,500;
lot 7, \$11,500.
(2223) WEYMOUTH: Section, \$26,500.
(2224) WOODSIDE CEMETERY (WIRI): \$117,000.
(2830) WESLEY COLLEGE: Waikowhai Park Estate - continuation of freeholding of properties.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

- (3021) NGATEA: Exchange of land on which present Methodist Church and Hall are situated for land adjacent to the new Church Centre.
(3041) WAIHI: Strip of land, \$1,175.
(3151) PUTARURU: Church Hall, \$12,000; Parsonage, 1012 sq.m.*
(3221) WHAKATANE: Parsonage, 926 sq.m., \$38,000.
F.W. WALTERS TRUST FARM: 42.6184 ha., \$115,000.
W.F. WALTERS FAMILY TRUST FARM: 24.3570 ha., 40.797 ha., \$195,000.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

- (4101) TAIHAPE: Parsonage, \$13,400.
(4011) WHITELEY, NEW PLYMOUTH: 809 sq.m., \$18,000.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

- (5022) ST. LEONARDS, HASTINGS: Church and Parsonage, \$108,000.
(5025) WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU: Church section.*
(5091) PAHIATUA: Parsonage.*

WELLINGTON

- (6042) WELLINGTON EAST: Parsonage, \$36,500.
(6131) TAITA: Pomare Hall, 628 sq.m., \$20,000.
(6241) PARAPARAUMU: land, \$44,000.
(6800) EDUCATION DIVISION: Tawa Parsonage, \$38,500.

NELSON

- (7020) ST. LUKE'S, NELSON: 807 sq.m., \$42,250.
(7071) BLENHEIM: Canvastown section.*
(7075) CARLUKE: Section, 4047 sq.m.*

NORTH CANTERBURY

- (8041) NEW BRIGHTON: Parsonage, 784 sq.m., \$20,500
(8101) ADDINGTON: Parsonage, 829 sq.m.*

(8010) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION: Designation of land at
79 Springfield Rd., Christchurch as a Maori Reservation.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

(8381) ASHBURTON: Parsonage, 1012 sq.m., \$34,000.
(8301) ALLENTON: Manse, 1 rood, 0.2 perches, \$31,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

(9010) DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: 12 foot wide strip of land,
(Glenwood Home) \$500.
(9010) DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: Concord Parsonage, \$35,000.
(9102) MATAURA: Sunday School building.*

PURCHASES

The following purchases have been approved:-

AUCKLAND

(2020) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION: 2 roods, 11.1 perches,
\$25,000 (9 Brandon Road, Glen Eden).
(2500) MAORI DIVISION: Parsonage, 27.7 perches, \$44,950
(446 Innes Road, Christchurch).

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

(3171) ROTORUA: Properties in Old Taupo Road, \$40,000 -
2423 sq.m. (Konene Street), 809 sq.m. (187 Old Taupo Rd.).
(3211) TE PUKE: 13.4 perches, \$16,000 (Jocelyn Street).

NELSON

(7020) ST. LUKE'S, NELSON: Parsonage, 842 sq.m., \$43,000,
(226 Vanguard Street).

WELLINGTON

(6042) WELLINGTON EAST: Parsonage, \$33,500 (70 Duncan Street).
(6800) EDUCATION DIVISION: Parsonage, \$50,000 (44 Garden Road).

NORTH CANTERBURY

(8041) NEW BRIGHTON: Parsonage, 1045 sq.m., \$23,950
(107 Estuary Road).
(8091) BECKENHAM: 647 sq.m., \$21,000 (114 Birdwood Avenue).
(8101) ADDINGTON: 823 sq.m., \$17,000 (40 Somerset Crescent).

SOUTH CANTERBURY

(8381) ASHBURTON: Parsonage, 961 sq.m., \$42,000 (89 Eton St.).

BUILDINGS

Erections (E), Additions and Alterations (A).

Final Costs not known (*). Would the Trusts concerned please advise the Administration Division of the final costs.

NORTHLAND

- (1040) KAEO-KERIKERI: Church Centre (E).*
- (1082) KAMO, WHANGAREI: Church Centre (E).*
- (1111) PAPAROA: Parsonage, \$31,800.

AUCKLAND

- (2008) CAMP MORLEY: Redevelopment project, (E), \$28,500, Stage 1.
- (2014) PONSONBY: St. John's Samoan Cultural and Community Centre, (E), \$125,277.
- (2022/1) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION, CHILD CARE DIVISION: Titirangi Home (E), \$96,000.
- (2027) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION: Kamo Home (Whangarei), (E), \$244,000.
- (2031) BALMORAL-ROSKILL, DOMINION ROAD: Church Hall alterations, (A).*
- (2101) HENDERSON: Alterations to 4 Lincoln Road (A), \$6,419.
- (2102) GLEN EDEN: Toilet Block, (E), \$2,200, Stage 4.
- (2144) WAIAKE: Extensions to Church, (A), \$5,000.
- (2171) BIRKDALE-BEACH HAVEN: Extensions to Church Hall, (A).*
- (2224) WIRI: Inter-Church Centre, (E), \$550,000 (a joint project).
- (2241) PUKEKOHE: New Hall, (E), \$25,000.
- (2830) WESLEY COLLEGE: Chaplain's residence, (E), \$40,000.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

- (3021) NGATEA: Resiting of Schultz Hall in new Church Centre.
- (3031) PAEROA: Centennial Hall, (A). *
- (3071) CAMBRIDGE: Church Centre, (E).*
- (3161) TOKOROA: Garage (E).*

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

- (4071) OPUNAKE: Church Centre, (E).*
- (4096) CASTLECLIFF, WANGANUI: Extension work to St. Stephen's Church, (A), \$9,274.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

- (5091) PAHIATUA: Church Centre, (E), \$135,000.

WELLINGTON

- (6061) NGAIO: Church Centre, (E).*
- (6111) TAWA: Extensions incorporating Church and Hall, (A).*
- (6141) UPPER HUTT: Brown Owl, (E).*

NELSON

(7101) BULLER: New Church building, (E).*

NORTH CANTERBURY

(8006) LEIGH CAMP: Hall and buildings (A).*

(8051) SUMNER: Alterations and additions to St. Paul's Church and Hall, (A).*

Improvements to Manse, (A), \$2,130.

(8071) LYTTTELTON: New Manse, (E).*

(8101) ADDINGTON: Parsonage, (E).*

(8122) UPPER RICCARTON: Extensions to Parsonage, (A).*

(8123) MASHAM, ST. STEPHENS: Extension to Parsonage, (A).*

(8144) SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME: Day Care Centre, (E), \$41,670.

(8181) KAIAPOI: Flats for the Elderly, (E).*

(8033) WAINONI: Toilet Block, \$1,700.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

(8321) WOODLANDS STREET, TIMARU: Alteration to front of Church to have a Memorial Window installed, (A).*

(8391) ALLENTON: New Church House, (E), \$47,782.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

(9007) WESLEYDALE CAMPSITE: Erection of a shearing shed and installation of power at Campsite, (E).*

(9028) ST. KILDA, DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: Renovations to Church, (A).*

(9035) KAWARAU FALLS HOLIDAY CAMP, DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: Accommodation facilities, (E).*

(9070) GRANTS BRAES: Alterations to Church (A).*

(9112) ST. PETERS, INVERCARGILL: Flats, (E).*

(9170) ALEXANDRA-CLYDE: New Lounge, (E), and Church renovations, (A).*

LOANS

At 31 May 1978, there were 180 loans current (183 last year).

Northland	9	Wellington	21
Auckland	54	Nelson	7
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	21	North Canterbury	27
Taranaki-Wanganui	3	South Canterbury	9
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	14	Otago-Southland	12

NEW LOANS

Eleven new loans totalling \$74,700 were advanced during the year as follows:-

AUCKLAND

Camp Morley: \$5,000
Tongan Parsonage: \$5,000
Henderson: \$12,700
Otara: \$8,000
Pukekohe: \$10,000

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Camp Epworth: \$5,000
Taupo: \$10,000

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Wairoa: \$4,000

WELLINGTON

Carterton: \$5,000

NORTH CANTERBURY

Leigh Camp: \$5,000
Kaiapoi: \$5,000

LOANS REPAID

Sixteen loans were paid off during the year.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

During the year the following grants were made:-

Parklands, Christchurch, \$7,680
Manakau City Centre, \$6,000
Tamatea Community Centre, \$1,500.

For special training projects the sum of \$500 was made available by way of grants. At 31 May 1978 the balances of the Funds were as follows:-

Development Fund	\$14,084.90
Special Travel Fund	\$11,862.50

SECTOR MINISTRIES FUND

During the year no grants were made from the Fund. At 30 June 1978 the balance of the Fund was \$30,359.01.

SITES FUND

During the year grants were made as follows:-

Sydenham, Christchurch, \$1,000
Wiri Project, \$3,000.

At 31 May 1978 the balance in the Fund was \$10,634.29.

LEGACIES AND GRANTS TO THE FUND

During the year the following legacies were received:-

M.B. Gilmore Estate	\$378.84
A.H. Hayman Estate	\$900.00
F.W. Walters Trust	\$10,795.04
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	\$12,073.88

A gift of \$140 was received from the Woodville Union Parish and Trust.

The Board acknowledges with sincere appreciation these gifts to the Capital Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

T. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:-

- (a) Board of Administration
- (b) Church Building and Loan Fund
- (c) Supernumerary and Allied Funds
- (d) General Purposes Trust Fund
- (e) Transport Trust Fund
- (f) Connexional Expenses Fund
- (g) Removal Expenses Fund
- (h) Fire Insurance Fund, 1977 and 1978
- (i) Connexional Budget

2. That the Board of Administration for 1979 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the Year Book.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SYNODS ON BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Auckland Ministerial Synod Resolution re Supernumerary Fund:-

- "(a) That the principles of compulsory membership of, and equal contribution to, the Church's Superannuation Fund for all ministers 'in active work' (see Law Book para.513, 13a, pages 109-110) be reviewed with particular reference to the purchase of a house either during or at the completion of ministry.
- "(b) That in considering these principles the Board of Administration be requested -
- i. to consult with the Committee on Ministry
 - and ii. to gather information from ministers.

Additional Resolution passed by the Auckland Synod:-

"That Synod recommends to Conference that in order to benefit the whole Connexion with the income from the various revenue producing Trusts, the Administration Division consider an Annual Lévy (of say 5%) on any surplus income be made by the Conference for the Connexional Budget on those Trusts whose investment is held for the benefit of the Church, and report to Synods and Conference 1979."

QUESTION 43-(i) The Investment Board.

A. METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1978

In the five meetings held this year, the Investment Board as an Advisory Body to Methodist Boards and Trusts occupied itself with discussing the situation of some of the long established Trusts in the Church. These Trusts have considerable assets in the form of aging buildings and/or sites available for development.

Progress has been made towards co-ordination and an amalgamation of property management. The exploration of development potential, by using the resources provided by present investment, especially in land, and those made available through the activities of the Methodist Trust Association points to new and exciting possibilities in the life of the Church.

Merging of property Trusts in some areas might of necessity result.

The Board updated its guidelines for investment. Present criteria call for increased investment in commercial and industrial real estate, reduction in investment in mortgages and some investment in shares. This is the overall view. Therefore it does not apply to each individual Fund, as the characteristics of each Fund must influence the investment policy of the Fund concerned. As some members of the Investment Board are also members of the Board of Administration, which administers various Church Funds, a continual liaison between both Boards exists in matters of investment and coordination of policy is assured.

The Investment Board invites Boards and Trusts to seek its guidance, so that available experience, expertise and professional staffing can be used to the Church's best advantage. Investment plans can so be directed, coordinated, merged or pooled. Capital development now needs resources which more often than not are completely outside the scope of individual Trusts.

The Investment Board is looking forward to increased responsibilities and activities in the service of the Church.

G.H. PEAK, Chairman

A.K. WOODLEY, Secretary

D.J. JANUS, Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Investment Board for 1979 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the 1978/79 Year Book.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 43-(i)

B. NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

After the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association was incorporated on 23rd August 1977 operations started with a publicity campaign. Pamphlets and Circulars brought the object and advantages of investing in and through the Methodist Trust Association to the attention of Trusts and Funds and the Church generally was alerted to another possibility of finding strength in working together.

Deposits by Trusts to balance date, 31st March, the date which will be the end of each financial year, amounted to \$1,116,100, split up as follows:

Short Term Fund "A"	\$	360,101
"B"		49,393
Long Term Fund "A"		328,791
"B"		<u>377,815</u>
		\$1,116,100

This was a good initial response. As reported last year, Investments by the Methodist Trust Association were in the beginning all Short-Term either as term deposit with the Trading Banks, in Transferable Certificates of Deposit, or Deposits secured against Government Stock.

In February 1978 the Board decided on an Investment of part of Long Term Fund "B" in a Commercial property in Auckland (North Shore). The building is leased for a term of 27 years to a wellknown, sound tenant. The Rental will be reviewed and also the building will be revalued every three years. Growth in income and asset value will protect depositors as much as possible against inflation. Earnings till 31st March from investment, as reported in the Annual Accounts, provided \$35,119 for distribution to depositing Trusts and Funds. For the amount and days of their investment to that date the respective depositors have been credited with the following percentages of earnings:

Short Term Fund "A"	8%
"B"	10%
Long Term Fund "A"	11.2%
"B"	11.2%

In addition depositors in the Long Term Funds can expect some capital accretion in the future. The Board believes that Trusts will be well satisfied with these results.

The aim to pool resources to the greatest advantage of the Mission of the Church will best be realised by all round participation by Trusts in making deposits with the Methodist Trust Association.

The authority to use the Association was given by the Conference in its 1976 Resolution which encouraged Trustees

to transfer funds and investments to the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and authorised Trusts, Incorporated Bodies and Societies, not under the Methodist Model Deed 1887 to amend their Constitution to enable them to do so.

The Association has ample proof in its growth in recent months of its wider acceptance with consequently greater ability to serve the Church.

It may be useful to re-iterate the arguments in favour of participation of our Methodist Trusts in the Association: Investment activities are merged in a sizeable operation, which is able to employ, on a continuous basis, professional skills, both for Investment of Short Term funds and Long Term investment in properties.

By pooling, Trusts assist each other. Together, through the Methodist Trust Association, they can concentrate on the best investments. Property can be bought and sold to best advantage, instead of individual Trusts holding them for years and then find themselves without the resources to deal with inevitable problems. By pooling, risks are spread, resources activated, problems diminished and more easily solved, continuation of experience is assured, and better administration all round achieved. A greater cash flow enables withdrawals to be made, generally without upsetting investment patterns and yields.

Trustees by investing in and through the Methodist Trust Association, whilst losing direct involvement in identifiable assets, will thus be able to concentrate on the use of the income from the pooled investment. Most will agree that this shift from the more mundane to the more pastoral side of their Trusteeship will reap its own reward.

G.H. PEAK, Chairman
A.K. WOODLEY, Secretary
D.J. JANUS, Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Methodist Trust Association Board for 1979 be the members of the Investment Board for 1979.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 44—

(a) REPORT ON THE 1977-78
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

See QUESTION 54

(b) REPORT ON THE 1978-79
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

See Question 54

QUESTION 45—What is the Report of Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1978

PERSONNEL

Early in the year, resignations were received from Mrs E.R. Tibble, because of additional connexional responsibilities, and Dr. W.R.G. Loader, in view of his appointment as Lecturer in New Testament Studies at Perth Theological Hall. The Council is grateful to these people for the service they have given. With the consent of the President, the former Chairman, the Rev. A.K. Petch, agreed to continue as a member of the Council and the Rev. D.T. Woodfield was appointed to the Council.

WESLEY LECTURESHIP

Following last Conference, the position of Lecturer in Systematic Theology was re-advertised widely throughout the world and seventeen applications were received. A short list of two was established and the persons concerned were brought to New Zealand for interview. The Council reports that the joint Executive has not been able to make an appointment to the Wesley Lectureship in Systematic Theology. The initiative in this matter remains with the Methodist Church.

STAFFING

We are glad to learn that the Reverend J. Silvester is able to maintain his contribution to the Department of Theology for a further year. He is available to come as a Supply appointment for two mornings weekly.

The Council has received an indication from Dr. J.J. Lewis that he wishes to superannuate at the end of 1980. Conference 1979 will need to designate a Principal for appointment at Conference 1980.

Within the near future, we will need a full compliment of two, or preferably three, full-time Methodist staff. Mr Rowe will become Ranston Lecturer as from February, 1980, having been so designated by Conference 1977.

LAY TRAINING

Further progress has been made towards the establishing of a Lay Training Centre in the Auckland area

The Council has promised Financial assistance and the Rev. B.K. Rowe has been appointed as its representative on the planning committee. Premises are available and it is hoped that a director can be appointed before long. It is envisaged that the centre will provide training and help in such areas as:

- (a) Disciplined study in traditional biblical and theological areas.
- (b) Courses for people in preparation for and reflection upon their activity in the mission of the Church.
- (c) Opportunities for people in personal and spiritual development.
- (d) Courses and training for people for specific tasks in the life of the Church e.g. youth leaders, lay visitors etc.
- (e) An enquiry centre for those currently outside the life of the Church.

LECTURESHIP AND RESEARCH GRANT

The Council has asked the Council of Mission to give thought to taking the initiative in the establishing of an ecumenical lectureship which would give opportunity to New Zealanders to present to the churches statements arising from research in the life, practice and mission of the Church. It is envisaged that such a lecture would be given biennially and the Council has indicated its willingness to give some financial support.

The Council has also offered support, as it may be able to give it, to research projects in and for the mission of the Church and this has been reported to the Development, Maori, Overseas, Education and Administration Divisions and to the M.S.S.A.

TRINITY COLLEGE PROPERTY

The Auckland Technical Institute has now decided to build elsewhere and will not be seeking to purchase the Trinity College property. The present lease expires at the end of this year, but is renewable for a further three years. Negotiations concerning the renewal are in hand.

An arrangement has been entered into whereby the Antiochian Orthodox Catholic Church is using the Trinity College Chapel for worship services.

SIZE OF COUNCIL

A restructuring of the Council to meet the new situation in the College is being considered by the Council.

THE JOINT VENTURE IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

This is the sixth year of the combined College venture. Through it much has been achieved and it carries the full confidence of both Churches. The Council is committed to the continuing combined training at St. John's College as an enterprise of considerable ecumenical significance.

D.B. Gordon

Chairman

T.L. Bennett

Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

That the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council for 1979 be:

The Revs. D.B. Gordon [Chairman], J.J. Lewis [Principal], R.F. Clement, E.W. Hames, J. Silvester, D.O. Williams, R.D. Rakena, P.F. Taylor, A.K. Petch, J.H. Osborne, O.T. Woodfield, B.E. Jones, W.G. Tucker and T.L. Bennett [Secretary]; Messrs A.M. McKerras, A.W. Neal, J.R. Osborne, L.W. Peak, F.M. Souster, W.F. Winstone, L.V. Riesterer [Treasurer], S.G. Brooker and a Methodist Student Representative.

THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 1978

Of a College of 66 students this year, 18 are Methodist. Others have come as private students, including Mrs Heather Grant (nee Smith). Mrs Edith Little spent three weeks in studies as part of the course for the Diaconate. For a similar period, the Reverend Falea'ana Kopelani was attached to the College. The Reverend D.C. Carrington, at Anglican invitation, has continued this year as a Senior Associate member. The College felt deeply the death of Joy Carrington. She was remarkable in courage and character. Orientation week began

the College year early in February and it concludes with the Five week period of supervised, intensive practical work in Circuits and Institutions in November. Mr David Bush has given effective leadership as Vice-President of the Student Association. Mr David Arrowsmith gained his M.A. degree with honours.

STAFF

The Reverend John Silvester has been lecturing two mornings weekly in the Theology Department. We are glad that he is available to continue this contribution for a further year.

Mr Rowe's major work is in Continuing Education where he has the support of his National Committee. He teaches within the College in Ministry, Homiletics and Christian Education. He has also conducted the Methodism class. One of his classes is shared with Dr. Creagh.

The Biblical Department has been strengthened with the arrival in the second term of the Reverend Francis Foulkes. He has taken over the work in Hebrew. The Principal retains the examining for the Otago B.D. degree and the remainder of the Old Testament work, plus administration.

The College maintains a very full and varied programme, much of it outside the classroom. Different types of programme co-exist, students choosing one of several options.

Emphasis is given to the place of the Women's Association. The life and work of the College is fully open to student wives. They have arranged in addition special programmes.

MARAE VISIT

About 40 staff and students spent a week-end at Te Takinga Marae in Rotorua. Members of the Anglican Maori Auxiliary Ministry also were present. The experience was again most valuable and has become integral to the College life and work.

GIFTS

We have received several gifts, the gown of the late Reverend J.S. Olds, Bibles through the Reverend G.I. Laurensen, 19th Century Hymnbooks through Sister Beverley Taylor, autographs and books that

belonged to Mrs Hannah Morley through Mr H. Denton. These are much appreciated. The Wesley Historical Society has most generously offered graduating students each a set of the 150th Anniversary Histories.

VISITORS

The visit of the President of Conference, the Reverend J.A. Penman has been a highlight. It has been very helpful to the College to have him living on the campus.

We have been fortunate to have the stimulus of lectures from Professor Ernest Kasemann of Tübingen, Dr. Ben Reist from San Francisco, and Dr. Ian Cairns from Indonesia. The Selwyn Lecturer for next year will be the Rt. Reverend Dr. J.A.T. Robinson from Cambridge.

ANGLICAN-METHODIST CO-OPERATION

This is the sixth year of full co-operation. So much has been achieved in so short a time that it can easily be taken for granted. Methodists share at all levels of planning and discussion. This will be furthered through General Synod decision to make possible Methodist representation on the Board of Governors.

The Trinity Council is represented on the Future Development Committee which is exploring the possible future of the College as well as the meaning of an extended College. Discussions are at a preliminary stage. Issues arising have been taken up by the College Staff. Proposals are in hand to involve the Council, the Committee on Ministry, A.N.Z.A.T.S. the Anglican Board of Theological Studies in discussions on theological training leading to a planned consultation possibly next year. This is very much a joint ecumenical venture.

The St. John's Board of Governors has offered to include Methodist graduates in the post-graduate Scholarship programme, a most generous gesture. It is our hope that, as funds increase, it may be possible to make a similar offer to Anglicans.

It is in the common life and worship of the College that there is a cross-fertilisation and enrichment of understanding. The movement towards unification of Ministry adds to the hope that, in time, those

who train together will be ordained together.

LAY STUDIES

Negotiations are continuing with the Presbyterian and Anglican churches for the development of a centre of Lay Studies near to the College. The intention is that this should be contextual in approach and that it should not inhibit similar developments elsewhere.

COUNCIL GRANTS

Further grants have been made to assist in overseas study programmes and educational projects for the ordained Ministry. This is in line with Conference approved guidelines for the use of Trinity College funds. We have acted on the principles that

- (a) it is open to any Minister in the Church to apply
- (b) that where justified, as much help is given as is possible, having in mind other calls on the funds
- (c) that help is given to as many as possible.

THE PRESIDENT

We are most grateful to the Reverend D.B. Gordon for his leadership in this first year of Council Chairmanship and extend to him greetings as he assumed the Presidency.

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 1978

The Deaconess Board has been considering the alterations to the Constitution following the decision of the 1977 Conference to establish the Diaconate.

TRAINEES Chris Edith Little is the first trainee for the new concept of the Diaconate. Her training is being undertaken mainly in Wellington. Chris Little has been working mainly in three different areas. Firstly with the Chillean migrants in Wellington, secondly counsellor training in Clinical, Pastoral and Education course at Porirua Hospital and thirdly with the social services Trust Board at Wesleyhaven. During the year Chris Little has also spent three weeks at St Johns College.

PROBATIONERS Mrs J.M. Bouchier is serving her probation in the Raglan Union Parish. Reports of her work are highly satisfactory.

DEACONESSSES Sister Diana Tana was ordained and received into Deaconess Order at Conference, 1977. Sister Pamela Beaumont has returned to Papua, New Guinea to work with an independent Christian Group. Sister Edna Jenkin has returned to New Zealand after completing two terms as a missionary in Borneo. Sister Edna wishes to seek an appointment in the Deaconess work in New Zealand for next year.

RETIREMENTS Sisters Grace Clement and Betty Yearbury will be retiring at the coming Conference. They have spent many years working in the Maori Division and their services have been greatly appreciated.

CONVOCATION Convocation was held in the Baptist College, Auckland. Rev. Graham Brazendale led the Bible Studies. Speakers included Rev. Rua Rakena, Mrs Joyce Divers and Rev. Frank Parker. The Deaconesses also had a meeting with the Woman's Fellowship and the main speakers were Sisters Shirley Ungemuth, Joan Wedding and Mrs Verna Mossong and Margaret Gordon. Their subject was the work of Deaconesses and lay people in the Church.

Convocation considered the changes of Constitution sent by the Deaconess Board and after consideration, forwarded to the Board a suggested amendment to one of the paragraphs. The Board subsequently approved of the amendment. List of Officers -

President - Sister Joan Wedding
Secretary - Sister Hana Hauaki
Treasurer - Mrs Francis Winiata

Proposed change of name and extension of function of Deaconess Board.

Conference has recognized the ministry of presbyters and

Deacons and various forms of self-supporting and community ministries are now possible.

The Deaconess Order is giving serious thought to changing the name of the Order and making it possible for others, male and female, presbyter and deacon, to become members.

While all this is happening and to allow time for exploration of possible ministries, it is proposed to change the name of the Deaconess Board to the Committee for the Diaconate. The Board already works in association with the Committee on Ministry and this is seen as a logical procedure.

In due course some more precise regulations will be required but it is felt that the resolution below will allow for continuity and experimentation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the name of the Deaconess Board be changed to Committee for the Diaconate.
 - (a) It shall be the legal successor to the Deaconess Board and shall carry out all functions and responsibilities set out in the Constitution of the Deaconess Order.
 - (b) It shall fulfil on behalf of the Conference those responsibilities relating to selection, training and ordination of Deacons assigned to it by the Committee on Ministry.
 - (c) It shall continue to appoint a Warden who shall exercise pastoral care of all those in the Diaconate.
 - (d) An annual report shall be made to the Conference through the Committee on Ministry.

Chairman - Rev. J. H. Osborne
Secretary - Mrs. M. R. Robertson
Treasurer - Mr. J. L. Crawford
Warden - Rev. G. Brazendale

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting College, Schools and Hostels?

WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA

(A)

Report of the Trust Board 1978

At the time of the negotiations for integration of the College into the State education system, it was anticipated that the immediate financial benefit would accrue to Parents or Guardians by way of reduction of fees and that the overall revenue position of the Trust Board would approximate the previous level. It is pleasing to report that this expectation was achieved in the first year of integration.

Financial

The rearrangement of invested funds has continued and the forecast income position was such that the Board could approve the recommendations of the Principal to award an increase in assistance by way of bursaries or grants to enrolled pupils by an amount exceeding 20% on that previously granted, taking the total so granted from Board funds to \$35,650, of which over \$27,000 was to Maori pupils.

Recognising the responsibility for the ultimate replacement of school and other buildings at Paerata, a change of procedure was adopted in that depreciation at the average rate of 2% on the indemnity values for insurance purposes, as independently assessed by Registered Valuers at the commencement of the accounting year, was taken to charge against revenue while the current worth of the investment in buildings, as independently assessed by Registered Valuers at the close of the accounting year, was incorporated by crediting the increase in value to Capital Account. The depreciation charge is to be separately funded each year to provide for the replacement programme, with the first such transfer being \$23,159.

Integration

Our experience to date reinforces the correctness of the decision for Wesley College to integrate when it did and the Special Character of the School has been enhanced under the dual administration rather than being diminished as some may have feared. Continued co-operation has been received from the Department of Education district office and to date any problems arising from the separate administration of the

School have been amicably solved. Apart from certain ground works which have been delayed by adverse winter weather conditions, all the requirements and undertakings given to the Department to upgrade the buildings and improve facilities have been completed and, being programmed in stages, this position has been accomplished without the need for the Board to enter substantial debt.

Ministerial Visit

On 21 March 1978 the Minister of Education, the Hon. L. W. Gandar, visited the College for the first time since its integration for an inspection of the School complex and the official opening of the Technical Drawing and Woodwork Block. A fine day complemented a most enjoyable visit during which gifts were exchanged in the traditional manner. The day reflected the harmonious relationships existing in the College and with the various parties who are responsible for its administration.

Philosophy of Wesley

At the request of the Board, during the year the Principal submitted a comprehensive report on the Present Philosophy of Education at Wesley College. This was accepted as a personal statement but was supported in full by the Board which, as a result of the report, has a deepened sense of regard for the Principal in the manner in which he is discharging his responsibilities at the College and feels assured of the continued provision of sound education within a framework of Christian principles.

Appreciation

Sincere thanks are recorded for the continuing support received in the provision of scholarships which has enabled the amount of \$6,500 being awarded to pupils in the current year. Most of these funds come from endowed investments but annual donations were again received from the Auckland Savings Bank and Fletcher Holdings Limited. A dis-appointment was that no award of the Gisborne Circuit Fijian Scholarship could be made but the funds have been separately invested with the income earned being added to those funds for future use. General support has been received from many quarters which again included the Estate of Percy Rushton.

Farm

Although the dry summer conditions gave some concern to our able Manager, Mr O. F. Reeve, Grafton Downs completed the year with a good performance, as a result of which the daily quota for the Town Milk Supply was increased to 1603 litres. Tree clearance has been continued to enable the renewal of fences which are now in top order, while the replacement tree planting programme was carried a stage further.

Properties

Since last reporting, 15 leases at Waikowhai Park Estate became due for renewal and in response to the scheme offered by the Board 4 of those sections were freeholded and greatly enhanced rentals agreed for those leases renewed. The opportunity was taken to open a Freeholding Scheme for other leases as a result of which a further 10 sections were freeholded. The Mount Roskill subdivision was affected by the general property downturn but another 8 sections were sold to leave a balance of 8 sections which it is hoped will sell over the summer period when Government measures to free up on finance may take effect. One of our objectives of the current year was to overcome the frustrations of the proper development of our assets caused by the Town Planning procedures of the various Local Bodies in whose areas our land lies. To date only small progress has been made but efforts are being continued. Quarrying operations have ceased at Mt Wellington and scheme plans for industrial development submitted to the two respective Councils.

Principal's Report

The following extracts have been taken from the Principal's Report to the Board:

"Utilising the advantages offered by integration, the School has enjoyed a full roll, sound staffing, improved facilities and increased confidence. After 18 months under the new agreement I believe the special character has been strengthened. The Trust Board and the Board of Governors have developed a very harmonious relationship. In a full roll of 220 boarders and 55 day boys, the non-European roll is 112 (40%) including 80 Maori boys. The College lost a real stalwart when Mr Henry Hartridge retired from the grounds staff. He had filled many roles at the School since 1937.

"1977 saw sound standards in School Certificate, University Entrance and Bursary examinations maintained. All boys continue to take part in organised team games. This year the College has entered 4 cricket, 2 softball, 1 tennis, 8 rugby, 3 hockey, and 3 soccer grades. Performance continues to improve particularly in swimming and athletics while there is pleasing enthusiasm for life saving, table tennis, badminton, rowing, yachting, boxing, chess, golf and bridge. The Polynesian Club is now recognised as one of the leading College groups in the country, particularly in the exposition of traditional hakas and songs. This reflects the fine influence Mr TeWhare Turuwhenua is having on all aspects of Maori teaching at the School.

"Debating and speech making standards are being maintained. There is an upsurge in interest in Drama and I hope we can soon stage a production. Our traditional interest in Agriculture is as strong as ever, with the Young Farmers' Club thriving. Music in the College is very satisfying. Visitors always remark on the high standard of singing in the Chapel while our choir was once again the strongest group at the Manukau Music Festival for secondary schools.

"There are constant requests for the boys to help agencies with concern for others and their call is always answered. Last year our students assisted in 23 occasions. Growing emphasis is seen in educational circles for increased training in outdoor education and Wesley is no exception. This year we moved to a new camp on the northern shores of the Manukau Harbour and our courses were extended to include fourth form students.

"1978 has been an exceptional year for improvements to the School buildings and grounds. All classrooms have been upgraded to State standards. A new technical block has been completed, with the original woodwork room converted for Art and Craft. The hall has been structurally strengthened and completely renovated. A new Hockey and Soccer Field has been developed, while a confidence course and children's playground area has been formed.

"Improvements in the hostel included upgrading of the music suite, waterblasting and repainting the

Junior and Intermediate dormitories, carpeting of the Intermediate lounge, repainting of the kitchen and dining room, improving dining room furniture, new laundry equipment, and additional street lighting. The Trust Board and Board of Governors have started on an extensive programme of tree planting to replace gum plantations and further beautify the College grounds.

"In May, 40 students accompanied by 10 staff and parents travelled to Australia for a sporting and educational trip. Although this was an expensive undertaking, the benefit to the boys, particularly the underprivileged, was well worthwhile. A new group composed of parents, teachers, Old Boys, Board members and supporters of the College, has been formed and I am confident this Association of Friends of Wesley will be very beneficial to the School.

"My thanks are due to our Chaplain for his devoted service to the School. The Chapel and associated courses and classes remain the vital focus of College life. The strength comes from Mr Chessum's leadership. It is pleasing to report that a new Chaplain's residence, sited alongside the Chapel, is nearing completion."

Chaplaincy

In his report to the Board the Chaplain said ten boys were confirmed in 1977 when St Andrew's Anglican Parish joined with the College in the Chapel and the Methodist District Chairman and the Anglican Bishop were both present. This year's class is eight: 7 boys, including the previous Chaplain's son, and the daughter of the Farm Manager.

Referring to music, he comments that Class Music and School Singing are both satisfactory. Instrumental music is well supported - piano and guitar have 17 pupils each, and over 20 boys are taught brass and woodwind instruments. A continuing choir group is a new experiment for recent years. Building on the growing dramatic interest in the English Department and with the skills of some newer staff members, he hoped a musical stage production might be possible in the future.

Concluding, Mr Chessum said as ever, his strongest ties in the College were with the Principal and the staff in every department, without whose help any work would be difficult or impossible and to whom sincere thanks were expressed.

Board appreciation of the services of the Rev. A. W. Chessum continues and our thanks for his good work are recorded. We submit our request that he be reappointed as Chaplain to Wesley College for a further three year term as from 1 February 1979.

H. M. Denton, Chairman

G.C.B. Minogue, Secretary

Recommendations

1. That the Report be received
2. That Conference reappoint Rev. W. A. Chessum as Chaplain of Wesley College for a period of three years from 1 February 1979
3. That the membership of Wesley College Trust Board for 1979 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.

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RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Change has been the keynote for 1977/78 with the transition from a girls Hostel to a Boys Trade Training Hostel in association with Government through Maori Affairs Department, plus Taranaki Polytechnic. The welcome and powhiri on Sunday 12 February was well organised and received. The attendance of Maori Affairs Officers, Church representatives and Polytechnic staff was greatly appreciated.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF GIRLS

The first task undertaken by the Board was the placement of girls who remained in Rangiatea at the end of the school year and who wished to continue their education. The Board gratefully acknowledges the High Schools Board help in accepting the girls into 'Scotlands' where they have settled in to their studies well. 14 girls were accepted and 2 others were received into Te Aana House run by the North Taranaki Committee under the Rev. M. Couch. Special thanks to Mrs. Brunning (Principal New Plymouth Girls High School) for her patience and understanding in the face of many difficulties.

The Grey Trust, Kai Iwi Trust and Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust have continued to give financial support to the girls from the Hostel in the continuing education.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION

A fine closing service was held where opportunity was given to the girls to say a special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and other staff.

RE-ORGANISATION

The second major task involved the re-arrangement of Board and Committee functions including:-

- (a) Selection and appointment of staff to cope with the new arrangements and increased population of Rangiatea.
- (b) Delegation of day to day responsibilities for Hostel operation to a Management Committee (meeting monthly) of some Board Members, plus co-opted members from Maori Community and Taranaki Polytechnic.
- (c) Establishing new relationship with Taranaki Polytechnic Council and staff.
- (d) Renovations and provision of additional facilities to meet needs of male students (largely financed with special grant from Maori Affairs Department).

ADMINISTRATION

The Board terminated its relationship with Messrs. Burn and Worsley and expressed appreciation to Mr. Max Burn for his long and valued service to the Board, as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. L. Fox was appointed as his successor and the Board is most grateful to him for the many patient hours given to the Board in setting up the new administration arrangements.

As office assistant we welcome Mrs. M. Kitchingman who now handles many of the day to day tasks of management and the accounting work of the Hostel.

STAFF

With the exception of the cook and laundress, new staff were appointed. The Matron, Mrs. E. Ashford and her husband have given unstintingly of their time and energy in setting up the new situation.

The Assistant Matron appointed, Mrs. Broughton, with her husband also gave unstintingly to the Hostel and students. Mrs. Broughton at the end of her initial six months trial period, resigned the position which is deeply regretted by the Board.

TRADE TRAINEES

56 boys and 3 girls (at Te Aana House) have settled into the hostel and apart from minor problems have begun to discover themselves in new relationships of sport, learning and culture. There have been some disciplinary problems but the Hostel rules have been revised to deal with the situation.

PROPERTY

The students have in general acted responsibly, in the care of furniture and fixtures, although there have been some acts of irresponsibility. Under supervision of their Polytechnic tutors the trainees in painting and paperhanging made a very worthwhile contribution to the re-decoration of several rooms as part of their course activity.

Agreement has been reached with New Plymouth High Schools Board on a rental of \$2000 per annum for the additional area to be leased to the Board for additional playing fields. Final approval from Education Department is awaited.

CONSTITUTION

The revised board membership basis approved at Conference 1977 including the election of Mr. George Koea to Life Membership.

Revision of the constitution is under action by the Secretary in view of the changes made to administration matters under the trade trainee set up.

FINANCE

There have been teething troubles in this area but the situation is now settling down with the recent payment of Government subsidy for the 5 months ended 31 May 1978. The overdraft assistance from the Connexional Office has enabled us to maintain liquidity during 1978.

TARANAKI POLYTECHNIC/MAORI AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

The Board expresses its appreciation to the help and advice given by the Principal of Polytechnic Mr. A. Wilson and his staff and also to the Maori Affairs officers in particular, the Trade Training Officer, Mr. Lindsay McLeod; and Mr. R. Ashford's contribution as Master in supporting the Matron.

G.T. GILBERT, Chairman

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

MATRON'S REPORT

RANGIATEA AND THE TRADE TRAINEES 1978

INTRODUCTION

We started our year with 56 Trade Trainees, aged from fifteen to eighteen years. The numbers now stand at 54, with one having his course terminated and the other obtaining his apprenticeship contract in his desired trade.

HOUSE

Finding a Hostel routine has taken a long time of trial, error and adjustment. Until we have run a full years activities, patterns to routine living cannot be finally set. The trainees are coping with each new adjustment that we have found necessary to make. Unlike similar groups of girls the boys have to be encouraged 'often' to do their housework with the results being far short of the spic-n-span of girls but adequate, with help from cleaning staff to maintain a good standard for living.

HEALTH

Earlier in the year they suffered a lot of injury due to over exuberant play out of doors on very hard grounds. With the coming of the rain and softening of the grounds more indoor activities were indulged in, lessening the injury rate. The usual sore throat colds, 'flu, the odd tummy bug, cut fingers and bruising being treated at home in the Hostel. Those needing the attentions of a doctor are sent to Doctor David Han who has agreed to act as the Hostel medical advisor. All our emergency cases are sent direct to the Accident/Emergency department of the Taranaki Base Hospital. Those in need of dental treatment are sent to the first dental surgeon willing to give them an appointment.

ACTIVITIES

- (i) Religious Worship: Each of the four Sundays per month finds us with a different chaplain to take us for our once weekly karakia. A full Maori mission service is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. Attendance at service

is irregular with as many as a full house for some services and only two or three at others. The latter is in danger of being a frustrating waste of time for our visiting chaplains. I feel that we, the adults, can see the needs of the Trade Trainees far better than they themselves and suggest that perhaps some thought could be given to making attendance at karakia compulsory for the 1979 intake.

(ii) Educational: The Trainees are transported daily to and from the Polytechnic by special bus. Attendance was poor in the first term settling down to average in the second. Each Wednesday evening, compulsory night classes are held at the Hostel, with tutors in basic maths, English, calculations, Maori language and Maori culture, with separate classes in separate rooms. There is ample time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for study and writing home, etc. Monday evenings are lecture evenings with a dual purpose:-

- (a) To educate our boys to a variety of subjects outside the usual school curriculum.
- (b) To give contact from our 'home' to as many different people as possible.

(iii) Cultural: Under the guidance of the Reverend Couch, Polytechnic Tutor Mr. Glen Katu, Advisors Mr. McLeod and Mr. Ashford, the Trainees cultural development has not been neglected. They are fast becoming a good (not expert) but good Haka team. Maori language tutors, Mr. and Mrs. Lou McDonald have brought the trainees oral Maori to the 'KORERO' (conversation) level.

(iv) Sports: The trainees appear to be very good at their sport. The Hostel has produced one 'B' Grade Indoor Basketball team - two Volleyball teams - one Fourth Grade Rugby team who play for the Spotswood Old Boys Club. We also contribute players to Star Rugby Fifth Grade and Tukapa Rugby Fourths. Trainees have been selected for Taranaki Rep teams in Rugby and Indoor Basketball in their respective grades. Week nights are fully occupied with sporting competitions and practices.

(v) Other Activities: A Boarders' House Committee was formed with sport support, fund raising, activity planning, disciplinary action as its main objectives. This year to date has found the committee involved in the planning and running to disco's; hosting a visit to Rangiatea by the Wesley College seniors 12 pupils and 2 tutors, the cooking of a hangi with approximately 200 invited guests. A visit as guests of the Porirua Multicultural group was made to the Manukorihi Pa at Waitara. As a result of their fund raising activities, repayable loans have been made to the Hostel sporting teams for the purchase of equipment, uniforms, payments of fees etc.

(vi) Discipline: Observance of Hostel rules is good - exceptions being the No Smoking in bedrooms (difficult to catch culprits) - the marking of clothes (only when losses occur do they see the necessity) - the 10.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. lights out ruling. Heavy penalties, gating and fining are disciplinary measures taken for control of these problems. Recommendation that smoking be banned throughout this Hostel for the 1979 intake is being considered.

CONCLUSION

The year has been a very busy one with a lot of effort being put into upholding the aims of Rangiatea to create a good family lifestyle for our Trainees whilst they are under our care. We hope that the next six months will prove even more successful than the first.

Kia ora koutou katoa.

E.M. ASHFORD, Matron

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a new Clause (k) be added to the Board Constitution (1977 Minutes P.77)

"(k) Life Members appointed by Methodist Conference:-

1977 Mr George Koea - New Plymouth."

2. With reference to Resolution 2(a) P.77 1977 Minutes the Board considers the present demand for secondary education and trade training for girls in New Plymouth does not justify setting up a separate hostel but the question is being kept under review.

3. That the members of the Board be:-

the Revs G.T. Gilbert (Chairman), M. Couch, J.A. Penman, L.F. Bycroft, M. Te Whare, Mesdames R. Fenton, J. Armstrong, Miss J.Bishop, Mr G. Koea (Life Member), Messrs L.J. Fordyce, G.A. Hutton, K.M. Okey, E. Tamati, M. Ahie, P. Rakena, C.B. Fenwick, M. Karena, A.L. Fox with two District Synod representatives to be named at Conference.

Secretary/Administrator: A.L. Fox

QUESTION 48 - What are the recommendations of the Conference in regard to :

(A)

BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

Report for 1977 / 78

The New Citizen Board looks back over a year of extraordinary developments in the life of our paper. Under our new Editor, Rev. Ewing Stevens, the paper has endeavoured to broaden the base of its readership inside and outside the church. This effort has met with mixed success, but reflects the continuing effort of the Board to keep the paper viable in the face of changing social patterns and increasing production costs.

In December, following the authorization of the Conference, three members of the board attended a meeting of the Presbyterian Communications Committee in Wellington to discuss the possibility of producing a joint paper on behalf of the two churches. No firm proposals came from this meeting and the Presbyterians advised that at this stage they would only be able to continue discussions on an informal basis.

With the authority of the Anglican Archbishop, we have written to all Anglican Dioceses suggesting that Anglican Churches take the New Citizen on a paid basis. This has met with a positive response from Waikato, Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland Dioceses and we hope for further cooperation in due course.

A charge of defamation against the New Citizen by an offended party during the year emphasised the new vulnerability of institutions such as ours and could serve as a warning to other sections of the church that we face a new social climate in the area of public comment. This matter is still pending and further comment would be inappropriate at this stage.

Our attempts to broaden the base of the paper produced at one stage a number of strong statements from within the church asking for a more Methodist emphasis.

Efforts have continued in this area and a President's Diary has been instituted to emphasise the connexional nature of the church. The Board has, however, sensed the need for a reconsideration of the original aims in setting up the paper and accordingly asked the President to set up a commission to hear representations from the church and wider community to assist in setting guidelines for the future of the paper. With the Commission still pending at the time of writing this report the Board awaits the outcome of its deliberations with keen interest.

Membership of the Board has suffered from a number of resignations during the year and the Board regretted losing the valued services of Mr. D. Grounds as accountant. Mr Grounds laid the basis of sound financial management of the paper during his term and we are deeply in his debt. Our new accountant Mr. W. Mallett B.Com. has proven a great help in assessing our

current financial trends.

Efforts to improve our financial position have included a new freight distribution system, a move to new premises, increased emphasis on Partners-in-Print donations and advertising, the review of the subscribers lists, dropping of the full time editorial position to part time and an interim decision to omit every alternate issue of the paper until the end of the year.

Throughout all this effort we have appreciated the constant advice and encouragement of the Administration Division through the Finance Manager and the General Secretary.

With the uncertainty about the result of the New Citizen Commission's deliberations the Board is understandably reluctant to predict future progress. Nevertheless, we look back over a year of many problems and some successes with a sense of gratitude at having the privilege of speaking to the church through the printed word.

ERIC H. LAURENSEN.
Chairman of the Board.

WILLIAM MALLETT.
Treasurer.

(C) METHODIST RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Communications Proposal (1976 Minutes p 262 res 3,
1977 Minutes p 258 res 1,2,3,)

Education Division and Church Council will be reporting independently on the outcome of consultation between the Education Division Board and this Committee. It is sufficient to say that this Committee accepts the Recommendation of Church Council that it would not be realistic for the Methodist Church to extend its work in Radio and T.V. media at this time. The Committee considers it has acted responsibly in bringing before the Church the challenge to use these media for the proclamation of the Gospel, and will continue to do so.

The Churches and Private Radio.

During the year Rev Peter Davis presented a report on the Churches and Private Radio for discussion by the Churches Committee on Broadcasting. The Methodist Committee considers that there are some important points made in these notes and wishes to draw attention to some that may assist church people in places where local community radio and private stations operate.

- " 6.1 Facing the Facts: The Churches do not have a good pool of commercial broadcasters who understand or are involved with commercial radio to any great extent. I believe, however, that significant developments could be realised by an appraisal of existing facilities, contacts and talent in the main centres.
- 6.2 Most of the major Churches have regional/diocesan offices in centres where there are private stations: news at least may be fed directly from these sources. As with most things in private radio, "informal" and personal liaison generally produces better results than formal, written material.
- 6.3 Most private stations are pretty small affairs: decision making is done by a handful of people. Establishing friendships and keeping contact with stations is not a great task; experience is that such measures produce dividends in terms of access.
- 6.4 The Churches should at least attempt a few pilot recordings for free offer, - perhaps related initially to a seasonal or special occasion.
- 6.5 It is always better to present a station with recorded/edited material than to suggest ideas which only involve others in more work. Offering a station manager a 30 second package of thoughts about Christmas by local leading Churchmen, for example, is more realistic than

"suggesting he have a look at the idea."

- 6.6 Few station managers or personalities can afford to ignore the goodwill aspect of valid "community contributions" to their programme; I believe most managements would eagerly co-operate with any Churches who are prepared to learn what commercial radio is all about. "

Anyone interested in developing this area of ministry would benefit from reading the full report. One way of gaining samples of this type of Broadcast would be to contact the local station for sample tapes.

Resources:

The continuing job of this Committee is to keep feeding Radio New Zealand, T.V.1, and T.V.2, religious units with people and ideas. We ask that Synods continue to feed us with names of potential Broadcaster's from laity and clergy, and to feed news, information and programme ideas to the religious units through Synod Liaison Officers.

R.S. Andrews, (Chairman)

I.H. Robertson, (Convenor)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Radio and T.V. Committee for 1979 be:
Rev's I.H. Robertson, R.S. Andrews, K.C. Griffith,
M.W. Greer, R.J. Hendry, I.C. Norwell, R.L. George,
Mrs. E.J. Little, Mrs. B. McNicol, Mrs. J. Taylor,
Mr. A. Alcorn, Mr. B. Jamieson.

QUESTION 49—What is the Report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE - Annual Report 1978

The Committee was given a sizeable agenda at the 1977 Conference to which was added, in response to a request from the President, the task of compiling the Methodist response to a research questionnaire from Massey University concerning beliefs and practices.

Considerable progress has been made on most issues, but their very nature require further work before presenting the results to Synods and Conference.

Some items, however, have been completed.

1. Alternative Order of Holy Communion.
(Res. 6(f), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolutions)

Having re-examined this Order, we have made the following appraisal:

"During the years it has been in use this order of service would appear to have had considerable use especially in the less formal and smaller meetings of the church such as evening services, groups and camps.

It has certain strengths. The language is informal and communion, as the commentary notes, "is treated as a family meal, a common meeting ground for the discussion that follows. It follows the natural outline of a meal; welcome, grace, the meal, conversation." It has contemporary reference especially in the intercessions which follow the Discussion. It is Christocentric and the words of institution are followed by an act of remembrance of Christ. The main elements of the communion service are given expression briefly. The order is experimental and unusual in that the communion is completed before the scripture lesson and the suggested discussion, sermon or business meeting, and concludes with an act of intercession.

There are certain weaknesses to the order also; the reading and possible preaching of the Word are not embodied in the main action but 'tacked on' with the intercessions after the natural climax of the service in the administration of the elements. There has been some controversy about some of the content, e.g. 'with heretics and statesmen of the church ...with tragic men who killed and tortured in your name....' Such language may have a place in an occasional service but becomes stereotyped and tedious if used often. The service does not appear to have theological depth and the commentary seems of doubtful validity in places, e.g., 'the service centres on the crucifixion, seen as a rough lesson of history.....' surely a very 'low' view of the cross. Also,

'We express our faith in our own terms. Our confession deals with human responsibilities, not divine commands.' This seems to make the service very subjective in emphasis. Used as intended, occasionally and experimentally, the service has been of benefit to the church.

Because of its brevity and informality it would seem it has sometimes been used as a suitable regular alternative to the standard service in the main worship of the church. The committee feels this is inappropriate for the reasons listed above and because the service omits important elements that are found in the standard service."

Our recommendations concerning this follow at the end of the Report.

2. The Church's voice in Politics.
(Res. 6(b), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolutions)

Preamble: This topic was placed on the agenda of the Faith and Order Committee of 1978 for the following reasons:

- the church comes under fire from without for making statement pertaining to politics and political issues.
- likewise the church tends to be torn from within when this happens.
- this year is a General Election year.
- there appears to be a need for the church to be able to know why and how it should address the life of politics.
- this should be seen and understood by the members of the church in order that the distinction between personal political prejudice and the authentic challenging and disturbing word of the Gospel is clearly recognised.

The committee was aware that the Public Questions Committee had addressed this issue within its own report (Conference Year Book 1977, p.130ff). However, we reserved the right to address ourselves to the issue from the perspective of the Faith and Order of the church. Our contention is that insofar as the church, through the Conference, the standing committees, the elected and appointed leaders, exercises a "voice" within the political arena of our society, then this is a matter of Faith. And insofar as the church finds itself divided and confused over the exercise of this "voice" then it is a matter of Order.

I The Faith and Order Committee endorses the statement made by the Public Questions Committee. In developing further a theological statement concerning the Church and Politics - which, after all, indicates but one of the ways in which the Church is called to be in the world - we would make the following points.

(1) The significance of the Christian understanding of God as Creator lies in the awareness that God continues to relate to His Creation: He is within creation - the world - not only in some sense of "cosmological" sustainer but as the very ground of the reality of the life of the created world. This relationship between God and World is signified by our awareness of God as "Heavenly Father"; whose being is love; who reveals who He is through the humanity of His Son and through the humanity of His Church; who desires for the world of His making the fullness of life which he has offered by the work of salvation wrought by his Son.

(2) Thus the work of God - the redemption of Man and his world - is not a calling out of, but a thrusting into, the very realities and vicissitudes of the created world. By responding to God's offer of salvation man finds meaning and purpose to human existence. It is not the case that the Christian and the Christian Church finds salvation by engaging in social and political issues, but rather that in finding the salvation offered by the Creator God the Christian and the Church is bound then to be thrust into the world-into God's creation.

(3) Christian faith, in response to God's action in Creation and History is both an individual and a corporate commitment to God: to doing God's will; to living a life guided by love and forgiveness; to affirming the reality of God's initiative and activity within the world; to confessing that, through Jesus Christ, God brings all things to fulfillment; in short, a commitment to "the Kingdom of God". As Huns Kung would put it, we are, as Christians committed to "God's cause". But God's cause is man's cause. God's will is for man, not against him. Hence the necessary juxtaposition of the two "great commandments"; to love God and to love our neighbour as ourself go hand-in-glove. For God's concern is with total human life and history, with the moral issues in the life of the individual and the whole body politic.

(4) God is to the world both Creator and Redeemer, and to His people he is known in the relationship of Father and Judge. The witness of the biblical experience and tradition is that God deals both with the body corporate and the individual. Who we are and what we are matters to God. What we do with His World, how we relate to His creation - and thus to God himself, - whether individually or corporately, is of concern to God. To be engaged in the world in the cause of man is to be engaged in God's cause, to be in the Kingdom of God. Thus the supreme question for each generation is, "Where do I stand with God HERE and NOW?" Christians are in this world; it can be their calling to act in the life of the world in many areas, including politics.

II Whilst the foregoing is by no means exhaustive, and certainly much more could be written, it nonetheless points us towards, and reinforces, the inevitable involvement of Christians and the Church in political activity. Having thus given some general "theological reinforcement" to this issue, we now turn to giving a measure of local "contextualisation". In other words, what specifically is the context, what are the broad issues which face us and to which we address the Word of the Gospel?

We suggest the context is that of the power-struggles in our society. The use of power, the concept of power, the approach to power, the value placed in the powerful leader or group, the desire to have power. All these facets of the problem of power are not only common to both the life of the Church and the life of the State, but, in fact, form the context of the political activity of our society which attracts the Word of Judgement, the Word of Grace, the disturbing and challenging Word of the Gospel.

What has the Christian Church to say about the exercise of power?

What is the Word of the Mighty God to the might of man?

- Where mankind looks for power and might, God offers Himself on a Cross.
- Where men and women look for the strong Messiah, the leader who wields a powerful arm, God presents His Son riding a donkey, preaching love and forgiveness.
- Where the people look to a power which overcomes their adversities and gives them what they want, God offers the Suffering Servant who embraces pain and sorrow, whose true power lies in his apparent powerlessness.

Much of the social and political issues that beset our society could be seen in terms of the power-dynamics they manifest, and, as such, attract the proper attention of the Christian Church. Power, and the exercise of it, is not necessarily negative and demonic - although we know it can easily be so. It could be said of power within the political context that, just as it finds negative expression in situations of polarization, antagonism, and oppression, so it may find positive expression through conciliation, co-operation, and the affirming of human rights. To exercise power truly and justly requires the guidance of a grasp of Truth and Justice. And if the voice of the Church is not exercised in matters of Truth and Justice, then its very silence will be its self-condemnation.

III The context, then of the Church's Voice in Politics is the arena of power; the ways in which man relates to his neighbour.

Three specific broad issues which confront the Church, and are manifestations of the power context are, we suggest:

1. The question of Democracy itself.

2. The question of conflict and confrontation.
3. The question of preaching and politics.

There is nothing necessarily sacrosanct about New Zealand's form of democratic government. But if democratic rights and freedoms are perceived as being consonant with Christian values and view of man-in-the-world, then this is the very reason why the Church must keep a critical caring eye on the actual workings of our political system. Surely we would affirm that the Word of the God of Judgement and Righteousness, the God of Love and Compassion, has not been exhausted as far as the structure and practice of our political life is concerned? Do we truly have democracy in New Zealand? And when we talk about "involvement in politics" why do we usually mean national politics and only controversial issues? Is not activity in and through the local church, the local P.T.A., the local council, trade unions etc. a very necessary and worthwhile "involvement in politics"? The dynamics of 'Power' and the theology of the Incarnation suggest a broader scope for the Christian voice in politics than we tend to presume.

The climate of today's political power struggles raises the question of conflict and confrontation. There is need to give careful attention to how we match Christian tolerance and understanding with strong conviction and intervention in the public sphere. Whilst much is being done in the area of human relations concerning the handling of conflict, we have yet to reach the point of accepting clash and conflict in the healthy way which enables substantive issues to be grappled with. There is, today, a tendency within our church life to be irenic almost to the point of apathy and inaction. We lean over backwards in the attempt to eliminate conflict and the possibility of pain from church and society, and then we wonder why we continue to fall flat on our face in terms of effective action and witness to the 'social' gospel. How easily we forget that Jesus did not come to "bring peace"; and that the Way - the way of the cross - is a road of pain and bruises.

The "nitty gritty" problem in our church life, which raises for the church some specific questions about power and authority, is the relationship between preaching and politics. What is the true prophetic task? - to raise the issues? to hold them up in the light of the gospel, to "give a lead", endeavouring to give a specifically Christian viewpoint and implicit (or explicit) implications thereof? Is the preacher to remain astutely impartial? Or does he risk becoming partisan?

Once again we see in the background the context of "power". The power of the Word: the struggle of the preacher to do justice to that power. The danger that the preacher assumes the power of his own voice is the power of the Word; the danger that that the congregation ignores the power of the Word by confusing it with the power of the preacher's voice

CONCLUSION:

We have offered some theological background to the issue of the Church's Voice in Politics; we have focussed on the broad context and three issues which manifest that context in order to deepen our understanding of how and why the Church exercises its Voice.

Politics is Power. The Word of God is Power. The Word of God is not merely a vocal utterance, it is incarnate action. The Church will not be true to the Word of the Gospel if it understands the exercise of its 'voice' as merely making 'verbal utterances'. Resolutions of Conference have their place, but are notoriously ineffective in terms of direct influence and action. For the Word to address political life it must engage in political activity, it must become incarnate in political action. And this challenges us to think in terms of strategies and policies of action and influence - not just judgement and statement. But the task of elucidating possible strategies and policies lies not with this report, nor, indeed within the scope of the brief of the Faith and Order Committee.

We affirm the rightful place and role of the Church's Voice in Politics as a chief means whereby the Word of God - the Word of Action; the Word of Justice and Judgement; the effective Word of Life revealed in Jesus Christ - breaks through to confront, challenge and encourage man in his political relationships and activities. It is the task of the Church as a whole to further and deepen its involvement and engagement in man's cause; after all, man's cause is God's cause. The focus of the Kingdom of God is the well-being of man in all his relationships.

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We would also report that Conference instructions with respect to the 'parity of stipends' statement; the 'Communion Wine' paper; establishing contacts with the comparable committees of the negotiating Churches; and encouraging the various ethnic groups within the church to prepare a statement on 'The Faith' as they experience and understand it, have been actioned. (Res. 3, 4, 6(g), p.80 & 8, p 81, 1977 Conference Resolutions).

Work continues on the following items:

1. The examination of Section IV of the Law Book. (Res. 2, p.79, 1977 Conference Resolutions).
2. A statement of guidelines re "the discipline of the Church". (Res. 5, p. 80, 1977 Conference Resolution).
3. A statement concerning the quest for "Religious Experience". (Res. 6(a), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolution)
4. Revision of the "Order of Service for a Funeral". (Res.6(c), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolution). Considerable progress has been made on this task. The results of a limited survey confirmed the need for work to be done both on elucidating a theology of the Funeral - in terms of both meaning and

intention - and on devising a suitable and flexible Service format that would meet real pastoral needs & situations. Work is continuing on this issue, with particular attention being given to format, structure and content of a possible revision or replacement of the current Order of Service.

5. An "ecumenically oriented" lectionary. (Res. 6 (d), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolution). In terms of investigation and research into requirements and resources, much work has been done on this issue. The Faith and Order Committee is confident of producing, at least in an "experimental" form, a new lectionary to commence in 1980. Clearly work is to continue on this and the main line of approach is with the lectionary of the Uniting Church of Australia which is an adaptation of the widely recognised and used 3-year cycle Roman Catholic Lectionary, and is already to be involved in forthcoming C.L.C. material.

It was noted that the 1979/80 Methodist Lectionary will be the 25th prepared by Rev. Gordon Peterson, and that he has signified his willingness for this to be his last now that the Faith and Order Committee are taking up the initiative. The committee resolved that appreciative acknowledgement be made of Rev. G. Peterson's work. (See recommendation at end of report).

6. The place of children in the Communion Service. (Res. 6 (e), p.80, 1977 Conference Resolution).

The committee affirms the place of the child, indeed the whole family, within the Communion Service. However, mindful of the question of preparation etc., we will continue our investigations into this issue.

7. The preparation of a theological study per Res. 9, p.81, 1977 Conference Resolution.

J.J. Lewis, Chairperson.

G.C. Pratt, Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. The Alternative Order of Holy Communion.
 - (i) That the Order be withdrawn as an "authorised alternative" the 10-year experiment is over.
 - (ii) That the "Blue Book" order of Holy Communion be affirmed as the central and authorized Eucharistic Liturgy of the Methodist Church of N.Z.
 - (iii) That recognising practical and pastoral needs for alternative forms of Holy Communion the Faith and Order Committee be given permission to formulate a set of "guidelines" for the construction of alternative eucharistic liturgies.
 - (iv) That recognising the usefulness of having ready-made

printed alternative orders of service, this issue be looked at in conjunction with the "guidelines".

3. That Conference expresses to the Rev. Gordon Peterson its warm thanks and deep appreciation for the faithful and commendable effort in preparing the lectionary for the church over the past twenty-five years.
4. That Conference endorse the continuation of the unfinished work as per the report.
5. That in noting the resignation of Rev. E.W. Hames from active membership on the Committee, Conference recalls to mind that Mr. Hames was the first chairman of the Faith and Order Committee and retired from this capacity after twenty years of distinguished service. Since then he has maintained a lively interest in the work of the committee, attending and participating whenever he could. Conference records again its deep appreciation for the service rendered by the Rev. E.W. Hames in this area of Connexional life and work.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

"THE THEOLOGY OF THE OFFERTORY"

(Ref: Resolution 8, p.41, Resolutions of Conference, 1977).

Theological reflection upon the offertory or "freewill offering" involves the theology of Stewardship. In the service of worship the offertory is the liturgical moment at which the stewardship of the church is made manifest both symbolically and really. The root of our understanding and practice of stewardship, and in particular the offertory, go back to the early church and beyond that, to the witness of Old Testament traditions. In the days of the first Christian congregations the theological significance of the collections of money involved, on the one hand, and expression of Christian charity, and on the other, the expression and preservation of Christian Unity.

The theological dynamics of the offertory embrace a reciprocity of grace. That which we offer to God is used as a means of grace, as the tools of ministry, by which Christ ministers to his own as well as, through them, to the world.

Today a theology of the offertory must take account of four factors. First, the attitude of the giver: Is the offering perceived truly as a freewill act, or is it more akin to a conditional subscription? Second, it is the Church that must steward the resources which accrue from the offertory. A theology of the offertory requires a theology of the church. Third, the theology of the offertory touches on the issues of authority, churchmanship and the discipline of the church. Surely churchmanship and the exercise of authority and discipline within the church are to be understood from the viewpoint of mutual account-

ability. And the context of such accountability is that the church stands under the grace of God as a forgiven and redeemed people, charged to exercise the marks of forgiveness, redemption, & love, both in its witness to the world and "as members one of another". The fourth factor is the question: To whom is the gift given? It is given to God, it is given to the work and purpose of His kingdom, it is given to the church, which is the agent of His work and purposes.

The offertory involves the self-offering of persons: it is the opportunity whereby the worshipper responds to the gospel of Christ, not only with material wealth, but with his/her very being. Thus the offertory focuses on response and responsibility, on the use of resources both material and personal. The theology of the offertory speaks to us of giving; of our attitudes toward the church and our understanding of churchmanship. It reminds us that we belong to a corporate body - the church; and that the church is called to embody the life of Christ and to be engaged in the exercise of his mission to the world.

Through the offertory we focus our engagement in that life and our involvement in that mission. The offertory is not the collection of subscriptions, it is the free giving by and of those who experience the freely given grace of God in their individual and corporate existence. Responsibility for our personal involvement in the life and mission of the church is not discharged by the offering itself. By the very fact that through it we offer our money and ourselves, we are bound the more firmly to Christ and his purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Conference adopts the statement entitled "The Theology of the Offertory".
2. That Conference affirms that the President of the Church shall be a Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, who is in full connexion with the church; and the Vice-President may be a layperson from within the Church or a member of the Diaconate.

QUESTION 50 - What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Chaplaincy matters?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE
Report for the year ended 30th June 1978

The Committee has met twice during the year, its meetings coinciding with those of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, of which the Rev. R.F. Clement continues to serve as chairman.

The Rev. JOHN MANIHERA, (Chaplain to the Forces) continues to serve as Army Chaplain at Waiouru Camp, with responsibility for service to the Armed Services personnel in the camp and to the civilian population also. In addition to his ministry to army cadets through services, Padre's Hours and personal counselling, Chaplain Manihera is minister of what could be described as a "co-operating parish" of St James' Chapel, Waiouru. He has settled into a ministry of good acceptance, and is growing in the experience. An important aspect of his ministry has been his association with the Maori community at their marae in Waiouru, as well as with other service and civilian organisations.

The committee of St James' Church has initiated a review of the Constitution under which the Chapel was established a little more than ten years ago.

An opportunity exists for Methodist ministers to offer for service in the Armed Forces Chaplaincy. There could be an opening in the Regular Force (Army or Air Force) and offers of service with the Territorial Force (Army) would be welcomed by the Senior Chaplain.

REGINALD THORPE, Chairman.
HARRY F. HART, Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the chaplains for 1978 be:
 - (a) Full-time: The Rev. J.I. Manihera (Army)
 - (b) Part-time: The Rev. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), the Revs. S.C. Grant, J.S. Hosking, Ian C. Norwell, Keith J. Taylor, and Napi Waaka.
3. That the Methodist representatives on Chaplains Advisory Committees be:

NORTHERN: The Rev. R.F. Clement
CENTRAL: The Rev. J.S. Hosking
SOUTHERN: The Rev. S.C. Grant
4. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1979 be: Group-Captain R. Thorpe (Chairman), H.F. Hart (Secretary), Revs. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), R.J. Hamlin, J.S. Hosking, J.I. Manihera, H.I. Shaw, K.J. Taylor, Messrs V.H. Cresswell, J.B. McKinney and D.J. Sellens.

QUESTION 51: What is the Report of

(a) WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

Proceedings:

During the year there have been two issues of Proceedings circulated to members:

Vol. 31: Nos 1-2: "The Life and Work of Isaac Harding" by Alex. Harding

Vol. 31: Nos 3-4: "The Trinity College Story" by J.J.Lewis, M.A., Ph.D.

The 1979 programme of publications will probably include the following:

No. 32: "Methodist Research Material in the Turnbull Library Collections" by J. E. Traue.

No. 33: "James Watkin - Pioneer Missionary" by Roy Belmer.

No. 34: "The Prince Albert College Story" by E. W. Hames, M. A.

N. B.: The method of numbering is to be altered at the suggestion of an experienced librarian.

Mangungu Mission House:

When it was discovered that the name of the Rev. Gideon Smales had been inadvertently left off the Roll of Honour of Hokianga missionaries on the Mangungu Monument, a Hamilton artist Ms Pamela Watson was commissioned to paint a portrait in oils, from an old post-card. The result was very pleasing indeed, and the portrait has been framed by the N.Z. Historic Places Trust and hung in the Mission House.

World Methodist Historical Society

Our New Zealand Society was represented at the (July) 1978 Regional Conference at Selly Oak, Birmingham, by the Rev. Norman Brookes, who is currently supplying at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

(Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) is officially represented on the W.M.H.S. Executive by the Revs L.R.M. Gilmore and W. A. Chambers.

Wesley's Chapel, London

We are delighted to hear that the "mother church" of World Methodism will be re-opened for worship in a thoroughly restored state on 1st November this year. New Zealand Methodism will be represented at the celebrations by Miss Audrey Heath of Nelson. Fittingly, her uncle, the late Mr Jabez Heath, was formerly the representative in New Zealand of the Friends of the Wesley Chapel. Grateful thanks are expressed to members and

friends who have contributed generously to the Restoration Fund.

1978 Annual Meeting and Lecture

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Salvation Army Centre, London Street, Hamilton on Saturday, 4 November at 4 p.m.; Tea (5.30 p.m.) and Lecture (6 p.m.).

Following tea, the Rev J. J. Lewis, M. A., Ph.D. will lecture on "Further Light on the Trinity College Story".

G. I. Laurenson

PRESIDENT

L.R.M. Gilmore

SECRETARY

QUESTION 51—(b) Custodian of Early Records?

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF EARLY RECORDS

See Question 43.

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

In recent years Conference has made changes of policy on many matters that are subsequently incorporated into the laws and regulations of the Church. There are a significant number of examples where boards and committees have for practical and other accepted reasons operated on an amended basis to that set out in the Law Book. The Committee recognises that it is difficult for the Church to quickly and accurately establish our present practice on several matters e.g. the work of the Committee on Ministry. A consolidation and subsequent revision of several sections of the Law Book is appropriate. It is proposed that a revision of Part 2. 'the Ministry' be commenced in 1979. The revision of other sections could follow. A future edition of the Laws and Regulations could be produced in a loose leaf format which would simplify additions, amendments, deletions and corrections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference authorises the progressive revision of the Law Book and subsequent printing in a loose leaf format.
3. That the Committee for 1979 be:- the Legal Adviser, the General Secretary, the Rev. E.R. Hornblow, LL.B., David Graham Smith.

QUESTION 52—(b) Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?

Mr Geoffrey H. Peak, LL.B.

QUESTION 53— What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Committees?

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS 1978

STIPEND MINIMA

On 3 May 1978 the Committee considered a paper working out the assessment for stipends from 1 July 1978 based on wage movement - 0.8% deficiency in the April 1977 estimate supplemented by 9.3% for the year to April 1978 gave a movement of 10.2% which added to \$6,990 gave a new minimum of \$7,704.

It was agreed that from 1 July 1978 the minimum stipend for ministers be \$7,704, for home missionaries \$7,012 and for deaconesses \$6,370; that the General Secretary be advised for implementation in consultation with the President; and that Church Council be advised for information only.

Subsequently on 1 June 1978 the Committee considered a paper on stipends and allowances prepared by a research group for the Board of Administration. The set of recommendations had been accepted by the Board with certain provisos and referred to the Stipends Committee as a working paper. Some of the recommendations had meantime been the subject of similar decision by the Committee or were under action; others had been investigated in the past, including one rejected by Conference 1976; others the Committee felt it could not support for consideration by Synods and Conference.

BOOK AND HOSPITALITY ALLOWANCE

The Committee has studied a paper showing movements in the costs of books and hospitality over a five-year period. It was agreed to recommend to Conference that the annual book allowance be increased from \$80 to \$155 and that the hospitality allowance be increased from \$120 to \$180 from 1 December 1978.

PRINCIPLE OF PARITY

The Committee has further considered the principle of parity in relation to the ordained ministry. Parity implies like work with the same study qualifications, etc.; where qualification and function are different then suitable relativity should apply as in other occupations. The Committee re-affirms its previous conclusions; in its view circumstances have not changed since its comprehensive examination of the position in September 1976.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON FINANCIAL POSITION OF MINISTERS

Any survey of the financial position is not likely to produce information that is significantly different from the household surveys undertaken by the Department of Statistics. Household expenditure is a managed process depending on the age of

and composition of the family and the income of all members of the family. Ministers do not pay rent from their stipend, but equivalent expenditure on housing by persons in other occupations (about 20% of income) should normally be set aside for provision of housing on retirement.

As the level of stipends is related to other wage and salary earners on an express formula, information from a questionnaire would not be of any practical relevance, and could be regarded by ministers as an invasion of privacy, the Committee does not recommend a questionnaire.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the annual minimum stipend rates be confirmed from 1 July 1978 to be: ministers \$7,704; home missionaries \$7,012; deaconesses \$6,370.
3. That the annual book and hospitality allowance be increased from \$180 to \$335 from 1 December 1978.
4. That the Central Committee on stipends for 1979 be: Rev.J.A. Penman (Chairman), Messrs. C.A. Blazey, G.C. Burton, C. Davis, 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 54— What are the Resolutions of the Conference on any other matter?

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WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

STAFFING:

The year has seen a strengthening and consolidation of staffing in both the Board's institutions and its administrative staff. In the appointment of Mrs S. Cheals as Matron-in-Chief of the several units at Wesleyhaven, we have been fortunate in obtaining the services of a widely experienced person who has brought particular skills and graces to the task. Likewise, in the management at Epworth House, Mr and Mrs S. Tuhakaraina have demonstrated their capabilities as Master and Matron.

Administrative Staff:

The all too persistent problem in the past over the Board's accounting services has been largely resolved with the appointment of Mr D. Hallett as Accountant on 21 March 1978. He quickly gained a working grasp of the Board's operations and has produced the year's accounts promptly and efficiently. Back-up clerical and accounting assistance has also been strengthened in the Board's office.

Following his return from overseas, Mr P. Clark resumed duty with the Board as from August 1977 as the Wesleyhaven Admissions Officer and Public Relations Organiser. We are glad to retain the benefit of his experience and ability.

Staff Relationships and Staff Training:

The importance and value of regular staff meetings for institutional and administrative staff is recognised and is being provided for. Active encouragement is given to staff to attend refresher and short training courses wherever practicable.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY:

"Day Care and Day and Night Care"

In keeping with its developing policy of aiding families and relatives to care for elderly relatives living in the community, the Board has commenced two schemes to assist in this way. 'Under the Day Care scheme, an elderly person from the community may be cared for at Strand Home, Wesleyhaven, one-day weekly, within the normal life of the Home. An extension of this is Day and Night Care whereby residential home care is provided for 24 hours, one day weekly, from 9.30 a.m. until the next morning.

STRAND HOME AND VILLAS:

Increases in staff have been necessary on account of greater dependency among home and villa residents. The average age of the 52 residents at Strand is 84 years and for the 28 villa occupants - 78 years.

The interior painting of Strand Home and some other refurbishing work has been undertaken with pleasing results. Plans for a redesign of the kitchen are underway. They will make good several marked deficiencies, including much-needed space in certain areas, a costly but essential task.

DECKSTON HOME:

Following several senior staff changes during the year the staffing position at Deckston Home has stabilised. There is a good liaison with the Matron-in-Chief and this has made for greater rationalisation in several areas. The Board is continuing its consultations with the Jewish Care of the Aged Society on some policy issues.

RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE:

This active group includes both home and villa residents. In addition to operating a shop for residents and patients at the settlement, it has taken the initiative in making useful suggestions on several aspects of Wesleyhaven affairs, encouraging visitors to the community and fostering regular worship services.

Government Assistance for Residential Homes - Staff Subsidy:

The Board is appreciative of the Government's announcement to make available assistance towards the operating costs of old people's residential homes (effective as from 1 September 1978) in the form of a staff subsidy. Earlier in the year a questionnaire from the Department of Health seeking information from organisations for this purpose caused some disquiet to the Board on account of the statements it contained as to the role and purpose of residential homes. While recognising the points made as to the need to establish the dependence of residents admitted to homes, it was felt that social consideration did not receive sufficient emphasis in making assessments.

Outside Assessment of Wesleyhaven:

A survey of Strand Home and Wesleyhaven Hospital was undertaken early in the year by an experienced licensee of a private hospital and old people's home. From this assessment several worthwhile suggestions and recommendations were adopted, ranging over the full spectrum of operations -

Wesleyhaven Hospital:

Although an additional bed has increased the capacity for short-term patients, the extent to which beds can be made available for residents from Strand Home, Deckston and the villas in need of nursing care, is limited. Ways and means of making better provision for this need, also rehabilitation therapy for home residents, are of continuing concern to the Board.

The impact of increasing costs, especially in salaries and wages, continues to emphasize the need to keep patients' charges under close surveillance. In addition to six-monthly increases in fees, adjustments in other charges have been necessary throughout the year.

Good liaison has been maintained with the Wellington Hospital Board and staff in the assessment and admission of patients. This coordinated approach assists towards achieving the optimum utilisation of beds at Wesleyhaven Hospital for the elderly sick needing longer-term nursing care. In turn, the availability of a subsidy towards patients' fees under the Geriatric Hospital Assistance Scheme, ensures reasonable protection against financial loss in providing nursing care to assessed patients.

Medical and Ancillary Services:

The employment of two approved medical officers on a sessional basis (each "three-tenths" weekly), with salary subsidy from the Department of Health, has provided a satisfactory method of affording medical services for patients at Wesleyhaven Hospital. In addition to the medical coverage, it assists in developing a team approach to the overall care of patients. A visiting physiotherapist is also a valuable member of the therapeutic team.

Transport:

A vehicle adapted for use as a mini-bus has recently been put into service at Wesleyhaven. It will provide for the transport of residents for outings, shopping, hospital out-patient attendances, the transport of stores, and the needs of our Goodwill Stores. In an area where public transport services are minimal a vehicle with this flexibility is a welcome amenity.

Wesleyhaven Fair:

In raising a net surplus of \$6486 at this year's Fair, the hard-working and devoted Committee is commended and warmly thanked for the contribution it makes to the needs of Wesleyhaven.

EPWORTH HOUSE:

The hostel re-opened mid-January 1978 with an occupancy of 35 Maori boys undertaking occupational training and employment in Wellington. Stronger liaison with the Department of Maori Affairs has resulted in a better appreciation of the problems experienced in achieving financial viability in this undertaking. The hostel is well served by the Housemaster and Matron, Mr and Mrs S. Tuhakaraina, and also an active Management Committee. Mrs Mavis Gilling, a member of the committee since its inception in 1959, retired during the year and it is desired to record appreciation of her long and valuable contribution. As this report is being written, advice of a change in Government policy regarding future vocational training for young Maoris indicates that the future of Epworth House may again become subject to review.

GOODWILL STORES:

Our two Goodwill Shops in Willis Street, Wellington, and Taita, Hutt Valley, continue to provide a much-needed community service and a necessary supplement to the Board's income. Current economic factors have given emphasis to the place of this service in the community. The Board is mindful of the opportunities and potential for development and to this end it has commenced operations in used furniture, albeit on a modest scale at this stage. It is on the lookout for larger and more suitable premises as a means for extending its involvement in goodwill store activities as part of its overall social welfare policy and programme.

FINANCIAL:

The use of data processing techniques have been introduced to the Board's accounting system and these are now satisfactorily established. They are proving of value in furnishing regular information on the Board's operating costs, budget comparisons, and expenditure control. Along with the re-classification of accounts, as adopted a year ago, and the strengthening of the accounting staff, most of the problems which arose in the past over the availability and presentation of up-to-date accounts should now be overcome.

The net cash deficit on the year's operations is considered satisfactory having regard for the current economic situation and the several unpredictable factors which impinge on the operating costs of the Board's several institutions of care.

SOME FUTURE POSSIBILITIES AND HOPES:

Additional Villas at Wesleyhaven: Some further flats are

envisaged at Wesleyhaven - with possibilities for the elderly who are in need of the services and security which the settlement offers and who are able to contribute to the capital cost of a unit. This is a level of need which should not be lost sight of in our overall policy.

Institute of Pastoral Care:

The area of involvement for such an Institute would be the Central Districts of the New Zealand Methodist Social Service Association. Its objectives would be to assist individuals to attain their true potential enabling them to undertake programmes of pastoral and social value and to serve the church and community to greater purpose. It is not intended that programmes be imposed on churches but for the Institute to respond to requests from churches, organisations, or individuals.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

For the many people who contribute voluntarily in a wide variety of ways to the work and services of the Board we express sincere thanks for the great well of response, of love and concern, on which the Board depends. This is a great experience in sharing and for it, in all its richness and possibilities, we give thanks to God.

B. E. Mackie
Director

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1979 be

Rev. J.A. Penman (Chairman)
Rev. K.J. Taylor
Dr P. Roberts
Miss D. Anstiss
Mr R.D. Evison
Mr H.F. Gardiner
Mr L.E.M. Grace
Mr J.J. Gray
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B SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

ANNUAL REPORT 1978

Brief History

April 1914	First House opened to care for 12 children
1934	Present site in Harewood Road bought
November 1934	Present buildings opened
1965	Present buildings extensively renovated and divided into family units
August 1967	Barrington Street Family Home opened
August 1978	New Day Care Centre opened

Numbers of Children in Care

In "family units" at Harewood Road	..	48
In Barrington Street Cottage Home	..	8
In foster care	23
In the Day Care Centre	13
TOTAL		92

(Note: These figures are taken from the monthly reports for the period August 1977 to July 1978. Peak monthly numbers are 51 + 8 + 31 + 17 = 107).

Movement of Residents

During the year 80 other children have come under the care of the Board for limited periods. These children have been placed in one of the "family units", or in a foster home. This makes the number of children contacts 187, involving approximately 400 people.

Preventive Work

Sister Rona Collins, Social Worker, has been counselling and supporting 20 families in which 50 children are at risk. The trend today is towards suicide - parents who are not able to cope with their children. The presenting problem is a request for help for a child with behaviour problems. It soon becomes apparent that parents cannot cope with their own emotional tensions.

Administration

Two members left the Board during the year, Mrs. Barbara Surtees and the Reverend Bob Widdup. Their resignations were received with regret and with great appreciation of their work.

Negotiations towards close association of child care work and other social services have now reached a stage where an Agreement for amalgamation of the Children's Home and the Christchurch Central Mission has been accepted by the Boards and Trustees and by the North Canterbury Synod and has been referred to the President's Legal Advisor in readiness for Presidential approval.

Throughout the discussions this Board's primary concerns have been the quality of child care and its maintenance or improvement; and the confidence of staff in their work. In the Agreement the Home's work will be administered by a Child Care Committee under the Central Mission's Board of Management, and assets will be safeguarded for supporting social work amongst children and young people, in present and developing patterns.

Staff

At this stage we record with pride and pleasure the skilled and willing work of the staff in the Homes, and note once again the favourable comments of visiting departmental officers upon the quality of care provided both in residential homes and in preventive work.

Advantage is taken of training courses where possible. In particular we note the successful "Seminar on Child Care in the Late 1970's and 1980's", led on 24-25 May by Mr. Keith Hayes, Dip.Soc.Sc., of Auckland. This was attended by 40 - 50 Board and staff members from our own and other child care agencies.

New Developments

This month has seen the opening of the new Day Care Centre, a pleasant building, well designed for day care needs, with excellent provision for supervision, openness to the sun, and wind protection. It will provide for a roll of 24, and this number already includes several pre-school children referred to us because of their own or their parent's special needs. There is a heavy demand for such centres at present, and the roll could easily be filled several times over. However, should the need decrease, this building could easily be converted, with minimum alterations, into two self-contained flats.

Plans are under consideration for a strong but attractive, re-locatable room to be used as a Recreation Room for older child-rent - a place for games, especially in wet weather, and a place where pent-up energies can be released.

Costs

Again, in the year ended 31 March 1978, the operating costs of our Homes exceeded income, this year by \$22,783.04. This deficit could only be met by drawing on capital funds intended for developmental work - a process which can not continue for long! The fact that our costs per child are amongst the lowest for residential homes reflects in part the devoted attitude of staff members, whose work loads and rates of payment are currently being reviewed by the Board. Representations by the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services, coupled with departmental/church surveys of some residential homes, have provided a basis on which the Government has greatly increased the capitation subsidies as from 1 April - an action very warmly appreciated by this Board. There are no denominational restrictions in accepting children; the child's need is the criterion for admission into care. The Government's use of public funds to support church institutions

recognizes that the work is undertaken for the community at large.

Nevertheless, there are many church members who see this service as a Christian response to the needs of some children, and who gladly give us practical, moral and financial help. Publicity leaflets describing the activities of the Home have been distributed to South Island Circuits, to legal firms, to individuals, business houses and charitable trusts, inviting donations and bequests to support the general work, and particularly seeking help in erecting the new Day Care Centre and Recreation Room.

We gratefully acknowledge generous donations from many individuals and church groups, from the combined Christchurch Children's Homes Appeal Trust Board and the -

J.R. McKenzie Trust
Todd Foundation
Christchurch North Lions Club
Hyman Marks Trust
Canterbury Masonic Trust

W.A. Chambers, Chairman
N.P. Alcorn, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

1. That this Report be received.

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(a) REPORT ON THE 1977-78
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 of New Zealand on behalf of Union Parishes. The date at which late payments ceased was 8th August.

PAYMENTS to Divisions and Funds

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 95.52% of allocations.

Comparative figures with previous years are:

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage paid to</u> <u>Non-Guaranteed</u>
	\$	\$	%
1977-8	201,627	334,448	95.52
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	99.00

Receipts from Circuit and Union Parishes (including District Expenses):-

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$	\$	%
1977-8	573,708	555,584	96.84
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

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	81	56	24	19
1976-7	86	51	17	18
1975-6	88	45	20	19
1974-5	91	39	22	24
1973-4	97	40	22	13

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached:

	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
	%	%
1977-8	97.52	94.02
1976-7	98.70	93.36
1975-6	96.27	88.88
1974-5	97.37	84.46
1973-4	98.16	90.35

RECOMMENDATION

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

(b) REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1979-80

1. BACKGROUND

The task to prepare a realistic budget for the Church for its new financial year asks for the availability of certain information and knowledge of indication to ensure that needs and ability to pay are well matched. To this end this year again a survey has been prepared which supplies information on congregational giving levels, circuit income and the disposal of circuit income, for the year ended 30 June 1978.

This survey shows that despite difficulties, Church members have met the challenge of rising costs, resulting from continuing inflation, and have again provided the Church with the means to fulfil its responsibilities.

The response to recent year's budgets indicates a general awareness of the effects of inflation on the needs of the Church and a willingness to shoulder the burden. Though what we pay for remains the same the outlay increases in terms of money volume.

2. BUDGET EXERCISE

- (A) The Council of Mission, where Divisional Management meets to examine the Budget submissions of the Divisions, recommend priorities and prepare policy proposals reported to Church Council as usual.

It suggested adjustments to the budgets of the Maori Division and Development Division.

It considered the effect of inflation on the Church and what level of budget figure was reasonable and could be sustained whilst meeting the needs of the Church.

An increase of between 15% and 16% was finally recommended. This meant a reduction of around \$45,000 from the askings of \$775,000. The recommendation to Church Council reflects the minimum figure within which it is considered the Divisions can function.

(B) CHURCH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIONS

The meeting of Church Council and of the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail held in Wellington on October 3rd and 4th received the Division's Budget requirements for 1979/80 and the Report of the Council of Mission. Church Council determined priorities affecting the Connexional Budget and policy in general.

The Survey of Circuit and Union Parish Financial statistics for the year 1977/78 which was presented, showed that

Giving per member had increased	14.09%
Circuit income was up by	16.07%
Non offering income increased by	15.61%
Pledged Giving and loose offerings increased	12.52%

Comparing these increases with the inflation rate, based on the Consumer Price Index - all groups - for the year ended 30th June 1978, which was 12.2%, it is satisfying to note that giving and income kept up with inflation. It is in the interest of the Church that it stays on this course.

In this connection the survey mentioned that the inflation rate for the year ended 30th June 1977 was 14.4% and for the year ended 30th June 1976 17.7%, an average of 14.75% over the last 3 years.

Total Circuits' Expenditure.

The following table shows a trend of improvements, in that more circuit income remains available for local use.

	Actual <u>1975/76</u> %	Actual <u>1976/77</u> %	Actual <u>1977/78</u> %
Stipends and Allowance	54.35	53.16	51.33
Connexional Budget Payments	23.74	23.08	23.79
Local Expenses, Local Trusts	21.91	23.76	24.88

(C) FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF DETAIL'S DELIBERATIONS.

After examination of the proposed Budget and making adjustments thereto a Budget figure of \$732,500 was recommended, a 15.39% increase over the preceding year.

It was also decided to increase the preceding year's District allocations with this percentage.

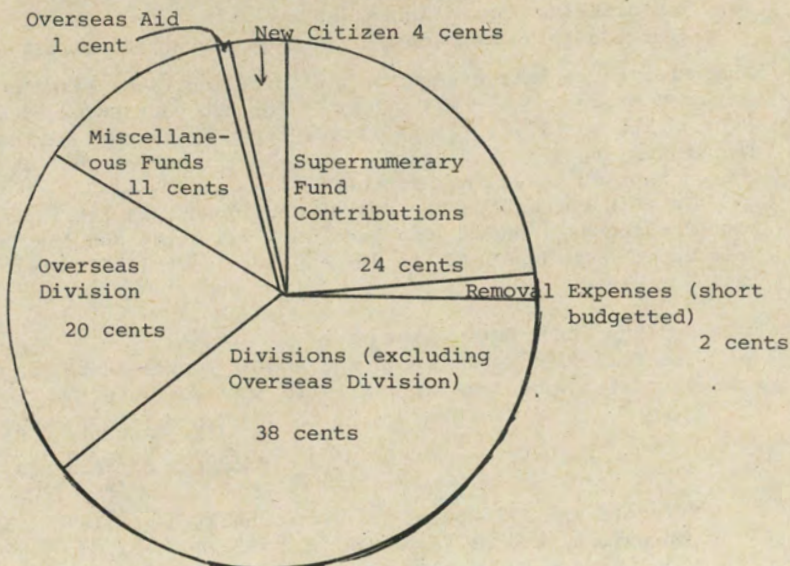
The list of District Allocations consented to is attached:

3. BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE CHURCH

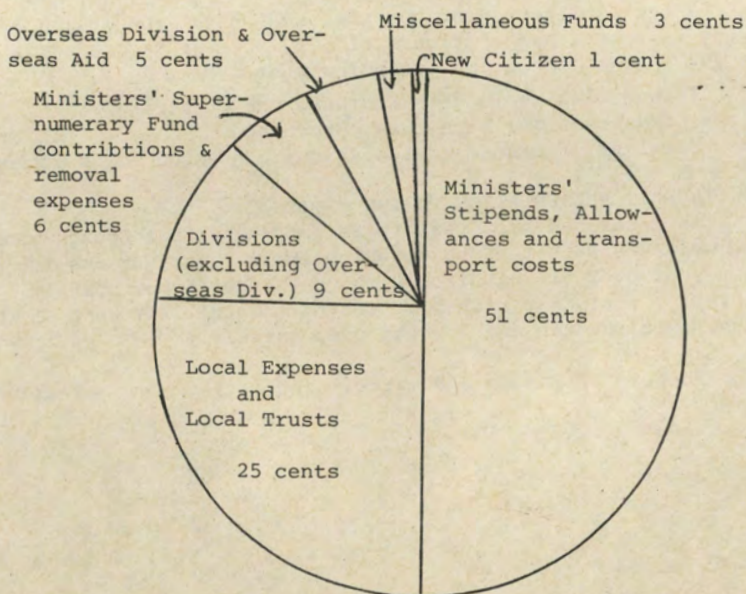
As mentioned last year it is important that Church members are well aware of the use to which their contributions are put. Last year over 51% of Circuit income financed the cost of ministry, including transport costs. Nearly 24% went to the Connexional Budget and 25% was used locally.

The use of Budget and Circuit income is shown hereunder:

HOW IS EACH CONNEXIONAL BUDGET DOLLAR USED?
(1977-78 basis)



HOW IS EACH CIRCUIT INCOME DOLLAR USED?
(1977-78 basis)



Average giving per member

The average giving per member for 1977-78 was \$84.58. The target for the current year 1978-79 is \$95.91, and for 1979-80 \$111 per member.

These inflation related increases will not provide for much, if any, extension of the Church activities financed from the Budget.

J.S. HOSKING
D.J. JANUS

Joint
Conveners

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1979-80 be \$732,500 to be allocated as follows:

1978-79 <u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>DIVISION OR FUND</u>	\$ 1979-80 <u>RECOMMENDED</u>	\$ 1979-80 <u>REQUESTED</u>
	<u>Guaranteed Funds</u>		
141,242	Supernumerary Fund	155,479	155,479
4,150	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	3,920	3,920
5,373	Deaconess Retiring Fund	5,255	5,255
506	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	430	430
33,819	Removal Expenses Fund	27,573	27,573
42,497	Connexional Expenses Fund	66,104	69,854
	<u>Non-Guaranteed Funds</u>		
53,029	Education Division	63,450	63,950
	Education Division (Budget Promotion)	1,500	1,500
28,655	Board of Administration	42,950	45,450
13,260	Development Fund	12,700	12,700
97,078	Maori Division	108,937	108,937
127,048	Overseas Division	137,987	142,987
25,000	"New Citizen"	25,000	39,020
42,219	Development Division	57,090	60,090
	<u>Miscellaneous Funds</u>		
6,348	1% Overseas Aid	7,462	7,753
6,590	National Council of Churches	8,508	8,508
1,250	World Council of Churches	2,000	2,000
4,000	Churches' Education Commission	4,326	4,326
6,120	NCC University Chaplaincies	7,742	7,742
2,000	Overseas Travel Fund	2,000	2,000
1,750	Overseas Travel Prog. Unit W.C.C.	1,900	1,900
2,250	J.C.C.U.	2,250	2,250
450	Christian Conference of Asia	500	500
300	Pacific Conference of Churches	400	400

\$ 1978-79 <u>ALLOCATION</u>		\$ 1979-80 <u>RECOMMENDED</u>	\$ 1979-80 <u>REQUESTED</u>
500	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
--	National Anti Apartheid Comm.	250	250
<u>646,934</u>		<u>746,213</u>	<u>775,274</u>
	Less Grant from Special Account		
12,134	Administration Division	13,713	-
<u>634,800</u>		<u>732,500</u>	<u>775,274</u>

3. That the District allocations be:

Northland	\$ 17,372
Auckland	162,764
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	106,223
Taranaki-Wanganui	56,605
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	79,682
Wellington	85,453
Nelson	33,527
North Canterbury	118,916
South Canterbury	29,200
Otago-Southland	42,758
	<u>\$732,500</u>

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EMILY (EMMIE) M. SMITH

Mrs. Emmie Smith, known throughout New Zealand and in other countries as a champion of the Christian faith and of the Bible Society in particular, died in Tauranga recently.

Unusually gifted, she made an indelible impression on all who knew her.

She was born on 3rd June, 1909, in Blaris, County Antrim, Ireland, to Rev. & Mrs. William T. Cairns. Under the itinerant system of the Methodist Church, her father moved to a variety of appointments in different parts of Ireland, as a result there developed in Emmie a love of the Emerald Isle that only deepened with time.

Passionately fond of music, she was trained as a singer and pianist and taught music in schools before her marriage to Desmond Smith, another ardent Methodist, whose grandfather was also a Methodist Minister. A fine scholar and an athlete, Desmond was stricken with tuberculosis and it became clear that another Irish winter would end his days.

They were advised to go to New Zealand where the clean air of Cromwell, Central Otago, combined with Emmie's devoted nursing, healed the deep-seated hurt and gave Desmond 19 years of rich life in this country.

Emmie's abounding energy, soaring imagination, eloquence, tremendous zest for life, and delight in friendship made her a figure of note.

Not only were the Smiths an inspiration to the local Methodist Church, but they spearheaded adult education in the area. Her work in the community was recognised in that she was made a Justice of the Peace.

When her husband's accountancy job ended with the closing down of the gold dredge, the Smiths shifted to Rotorua, where their influence was soon felt in this wider community.

After Desmond's death she removed to Tauranga where she became secretary for the Bible Society in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty district.

To this role she brought an unrivalled range of gifts, a dynamic intelligence, a phenomenal capacity for organisation and for inspiration, a superb talent for vivid, arresting presentation of the Christian message, a contagious love of life and an uninhibited enjoyment of good music, pictures, books, humour and fellowship.

On retirement from this work she was invited to teach English and liberal studies at Otumoetai College. For four years her originality and natural genius for teaching made a unique impact on her students.

Above all, she was unusually gifted and effective speaker, and in this she excelled whether in a small meeting or on a public platform, or in the pulpit. Had she belonged to today's genera-

tion of youth she would undoubtedly have found her place in the Methodist Ministry. Indeed, Emmie, looked wistfully and longingly at the new opportunities opening out for women, both in Church and community, knowing that at her time of life, these were denied her, and it was not surprising to find that her latest vocation was work close to her heart, as a voluntary lay pastor in Wesley Church, Tauranga. As hospital visitor, counsellor to the young and comforter to the elderly, and lay preacher she spent herself unreservedly in their service. They will not soon forget her devoted ministry.

Her death came suddenly after a series of heart attacks. We thank God upon every remembrance of her.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Church was established in Tonga and New Zealand in the same missionary period over 150 years ago. Some of the missionaries served in both countries. The fact that, in later years, the New Zealand Church had particular responsibilities in the Solomon Islands, Papua-New Guinea, and the Australian Church in Samoa, Fiji and Tonga, has meant that we have had to make special efforts to establish a relationship helpful to the large number of Tongans now permanent or temporary residents in New Zealand.

The Tongan Conference has resisted pressures to establish itself in New Zealand; rather it has offered all possible help and encouragement to the New Zealand Church. The Rev. Taniele Moala was made available and is completing his third year as Tongan Minister, working under the Auckland District Chairman. He is supported by contributions from the District Tongan Fellowship, the Development Division and the Auckland District. It is imperative that he continue for a further term.

Fellowships or caring communities have been established in twelve parts of Auckland and wide-ranging religious and cultural activities are pursued. There are five Tongan language Sunday Schools, eight groups working with youth, several devotional/prayer meetings, regular lay preacher classes and an Easter camp drawing over 300 participants. There are over 100 lay preachers and upwards of 1,000 persons under pastoral care.

Rev. Moala's task takes him to hospitals, factories, schools, prisons, courts and Justice Department, Welfare & Immigration. The basement of the Dominion Road Church Hall is being developed into a District Methodist Tongan Centre. Occasional visits are made to Hamilton and Wellington.

The present economic climate has caused an almost complete cessation of the work permit scheme, but the many Tongans who are now permanent residents of New Zealand, and the constant stream of people with visitors permits, means that the need for specialised assistance in this field of ministry and caring will continue. Many members are actively involved in worship and leadership in the regular English-language Services, an involvement which must be encouraged, strengthened and reciprocated. The whole church is the richer for the devoted, yet colourful commitment of our Tongan members.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1.7.77 TO 30.6.78

Balance at Bank 1.7.77	1,277.93	1,277.93
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RECEIPTS

Bulk Travel	1,112.90	
Connexional Budget	50,018.00	
Car Park	142.64	
Council of Mission	76.13	
Donations	525.00	
Making Disciples	447.75	
Equipment	146.25	
Going Places	164.34	
Hospital Chaplaincy Grants	1,228.39	
Hospital Chaplaincy Auckland	5,402.00	
Interest etc.	2,553.42	
Income Tax	(920.14)	
Invested short term	4,000.00	
Debenture Repaid	2,773.18	
Kopelani Ministry	100.00	
Miscellaneous	3,648.12	
Office Expenses	200.16	
Postage	1,230.15	
Printing & Stationery	2,171.42	
St. Johns	5,654.00	
Samoan Car Costs	2.00	
Samoan Car Sale	3,900.00	
Samoan Sundries	363.56	
Superintendent's Telephone	10.99	
Superintendent's Travelling	218.18	
J.R.C. Research Scheme	2,500.00	
Superannuation	(874.15)	
Supply Ministry	100.00	
Telephones	490.16	
		87,384.45
		88,662.38

PAYMENTS

Circuit Grants	17,147.52	
Ministerial supply	407.32	
Ministerial grant	125.00	
Presidential supply	1,891.65	19,571.49

SUPERINTENDENT - ADMINISTRATION

Stipend	7,389.96	
Car allowance	887.27	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Telephone	159.68	
Travelling	575.68	
Rent	600.00	9,762.59

SAMOAN MINISTRY

Stipend	6,990.00	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Travel	293.42	
Car Running	1,504.18	
Furniture	527.68	
Telephone	197.37	
Rent	1,200.00	

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1.7.77 to 30.6.78

(continued)

Stationery & Postage	53.89	
Car	2,937.05	
Clerical	446.76	
Sundries	<u>392.06</u>	14,692.41
OFFICE EXPENSES		
Accident Levy Compensation	35.14	
Audit	110.00	
Bulk Travel	2,800.00	
Car Park	292.61	
Council of Mission	62.00	
Making Disciples	1,012.10	
Equipment	243.75	
" Maintenance	20.40	
Interest	13.29	
Inter-Divisional consultation	12.60	
Tax	871.81	
Invested - short term	4,000.00	
Kopelani Ministry	520.98	
M.W.F. Special objective	213.95	
Miscellaneous	3,831.81	
Office Expenses	268.81	
Office Salaries	4,258.32	
Petty Cash	440.00	
Postage	1,742.71	
Printing & Stationery	2,819.55	
Rates	519.64	
J.R.C. Research Scheme	2,500.00	
Superannuation	522.32	
Telephones	1,337.70	
Light, Power & Cleaning	<u>377.00</u>	28,826.49
MISCELLANEOUS		
Invested 11.10.78	900.00	
Invested 6.12.78 (M.W.F.)	<u>1,020.00</u>	1,920.00
CHAPLAINCIES		
Grants	13,914.39	
Auckland District	<u>2,272.48</u>	16,186.87
Balance at Bank	(2,297.47)	(2,297.47)
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		88,662.38
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METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

SURPLUS AND RESERVES

Accumulated Funds 1.7.77	5,493.80	
Plus - Transfers	1,852.83	7,346.63
E.W. Blackwell Trust 1.7.77	3,135.32	3,135.32
Bulk Travel	200.00	200.00
Income Tax	48.33	48.33
Wesley Circulating Library	421.06	<u>421.06</u>
Total Surplus & Reserves		<u>11,151.34</u>

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at Bank	(2,297.47)	
Plus Amount not paid in(Budget)	3,900.00	
" " " " " "	2,872.59	4,475.12

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	763.78	
Furniture (Samoan)	1,229.20	
Loan Epworth Bookroom	421.06	
Debentures 11.10.78	900.00	
Debentures 6.12.78	1,020.00	
Hospital Chaplaincy (ASB 30902-08)	628.18	
Going Places	649.65	
Making Disciples	564.35	
Samoan Return Fare 24.5.80)	500.00	6,676.22
		<u>\$11,151.23</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.

July, 1978.

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

Capital	309,160.94	309,160.94
Legacy Disbursement	14,521.47	14,521.47

TRUST & OTHER FUNDS

Gerard Grounds	784.67	
E.M. Rishworth	500.00	
T.G. Brooke	11,634.93	
T. Buddle	200.00	
Rev. & Mrs. Geo Buddle	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	22,016.72	39,611.94

CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Seamer House	50,253.20	
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	27,176.03	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	124,712.87	
Maori Centres	19,688.85	
Maori Parsonages	13,270.00	
Maori Deaconess Cottages	5,586.59	
Property Sales	45,549.34	
Samoan Parsonage	50.00	286,297.88

RESERVES

Sinking Fund Balance 30.6.77	71,398.68	
Add Current Transfers	3,673.14	
Distribution RSVE (Rects Pay)	32,355.10	107,426.92

HOSTEL PAINTING RESERVES

Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	200.00
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	150.00
General Reserve	800.00

\$758,169.15

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Bank B.N.Z.	19,246.85	
Sundry Debtors	3,339.82	22,586.68

FIXED ASSETS - LAND & BUILDINGS

Seamer House	69,736.61	
Te Rahui (W) Hamilton	30,881.94	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	140,696.28	
Maori Parsonages	151,421.80	
Deaconess Cottages	21,938.01	
Maori Centres	29,948.00	
Maori Property	28,900.87	
Other Parsonages	42,118.37	
Office Space	24,725.46	530,367.34

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978 (continued)

INVESTMENTS

Car Loans	16,428.55	
Furniture Loans	930.95	
Debenture Kaoe	13,600.00	
Debenture (Gen. RSVES)	14,500.00	
Debenture Deaconess Board	2,000.00	
Debenture Whangaparoa	5,000.00	
Debenture M. Springet	2,138.63	
Debenture Devonport	9,500.00	
Debenture (Gen. RSVES)	3,000.00	
Debenture Sinking Funds	55,000.00	
Legacy Disbursement B.N.Z.	118.12	
Debenture Legacy Disbursement	5,000.00	
Loan - Hamilton Trust	4,927.39	
Loans- To Circuits	200,645.82	
Loan - Salisbury Youth Conference	420.00	
Loan - Franking Machine	224.46	
Mortgage	6,500.00	
Winstones	13,678.00	
N.Z.I.	3,483.00	
Astley	2,821.00	
C.S.R.	337.00	
Watties	3,235.50	
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. (780275)	66.14	
P.O.S.B. (782076)	53.38	372,626.16

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - AUCKLAND

Residence	21,865.41	
A.S.B. A/C 30902-11	6.00	21,871.31
		846,451.59

LESS - LIABILITIES

Loans at Call	134,501.51	
Creditors Maintenance A/C (M.W.F.)	1,024.76	135,526.27
Suspense		195.34

LOANS & CBL FUND

Auckland Hospital Chaplains House	9,218.51	
" " " "	2,250.00	
Te Rahui (T) Hamilton	5,609.52	
" " " "	1,050.00	
Innes Road ChCh Canterbury S.B.	26,057.80	
" " " C.B. & L.	5,000.00	
Samoan Parsonage	3,375.00	52,560.83
		188,282.44
		\$758,169.15

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 shows a true and fair view of the results and transactions, as at that date.

July, 1978

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1978

LAST YEAR

98,187	Sales		105,466.18
	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales		
25,741	Stock 1.7.77	20,025.10	
75,457	Purchases	72,565.39	
91,198		92,530.49	
20,025	<u>Less:</u> Stock on Hand 30.6.78	21,389.40	71,141.09
	Gross Profit		34,325.09
	<u>Less:</u> Expenses.		
	Accident Compensation Levy	63.11	
	Accountancy	2,317.34	
	Advertising	263.64	
	Audit	200.00	
	Bank Charges	21.45	
	Bank Interest	497.94	
	Car Park	260.04	
	Depreciation	468.66	
	Freight	156.63	
	Insurance	232.29	
	Interest on Loans	239.20	
	Miscellaneous	535.60	
	Power, Light & Cleaning	563.11	
	Printing & Stationery	346.12	
	Rent & Rates	4,228.56	
	Salaries - Wages & Super.	20,275.85	
	Subscription	76.50	
	Super. Subsidy	731.84	
27,756	Telephones & Stamps	1,277.65	32,765.53
742.65 LOSS	NET PROFIT		\$1,559.56

EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
4,163	Bank Overdraft	3,974.83	
5,609	Sundry Creditors	6,153.10	10,127.93
	<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>		
3,843	Balance 1.7.77	3,100.65	
	Plus Adjustments	4,083.67	
<u>742</u> (Loss)	Plus - Profit	<u>1,550.31</u>	8,734.63
	<u>GRANTS & LOANS</u>		
5,300	Loan Reserve	5,300.00	
2,000	Board of Publications	2,000.00	
2,500	Anglican Church	2,500.00	
421	Home Mission	421.06	10,221.06
27,593			<u>\$29,083.62</u>
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
4,528	Sundry Debtors	3,439.98	
3	Cash on Hand	36.28	
20,025	Stock on Hand	21,389.40	24,865.66
24,556			
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
	Furniture & Fittings	3,037.00	
	Plus Additions	1,649.62	
		4,686.62	
	Less- Depreciation	468.66	4,217.96
27,593			<u>\$29,083.62</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.

3rd July, 1978

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

FOR 12 MONTHS FROM 1.7.77 TO 30.6.78

Gross rents received		12,193.76
LESS - Depreciation Reserve	550.00	
Insurance	429.54	
Rates	1,431.62	
Miscellaneous	157.80	2,568.96
		<u>\$9,624.80</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME

Capital	1,864.96	
Maintenance Reserve	300.00	
Investment Funds Board	3,729.92	
Development Division	1,243.30	
Maori Division	2,486.62	
		<u>\$9,624.80</u>

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

CAPITAL & RESERVES

Capital Balance 1.7.77	47,408.74	
Add- Transfer from Interest	1,367.68	
Add - Transfer from Income	<u>1,864.96</u>	50,641.38

DEPRECIATION RESERVE

Balance 1.7.77	29,534.55	
Add - Transfer from Interest	1,804.19	
Add - Transfer from Income	<u>550.00</u>	31,888.74

MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Balance 1.7.77	4,406.53	
Add - Transfer from Interest	230.34	
Add - Transfer from Income	<u>300.00</u>	
	4,576.87	
Less - Maintenance Incurred	<u>626.96</u>	3,949.91

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Investment Funds Board	(507.58)	
Development Division	(270.45)	
Maori Division	<u>2,472.87</u>	1,794.84
		<u>88,274.87</u>

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at Bank	1,743.35
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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	1,375.17	
P.O.S.B. A/C	72.69	
Harbour Bridge Authority 1979	5,000.00	
A.R.A. 1.9.80	5,000.00	
Debenture 30.10.80	5,000.00	
Short Term Debenture	27,000.00	
Loan	<u>4,850.00</u>	58,097.86
		<u>88,274.87</u>

We have examined the books and records of the EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions, as at that date.

July, 1978

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FROM 1.7.77 TO 30.6.78

BALANCE AT BANK 1.7.77	7,422.64	7,422.64
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PLUS INCOME

Board Meeting costs	235.00	
Car Loans	560.00	
Connexional Budget	56,228.00	
Circuit Contributions	7,771.00	
Car Park	59.40	
Conference Costs	169.60	
Donations	2,652.52	
Debtors	41.94	
Grant (A.S.B.)	300.00	
Hymns & Service Books	50.50	
Interest Etc.	6,652.09	
Investment (Short term)	35,000.00	
Loan Repaid	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	621.60	
Office Salaries	600.00	
Office Rates (shared)	519.64	
Printing & Stationery	49.78	
Postage	76.28	
Rent	687.67	
Superannuation	(737.07)	
Telephones	227.58	
Tumuaki Travel	372.80	
Tumuaki Telephone	19.86	
Tumuaki Travel Overseas	398.70	
		117,556.89

124,979.53

LESS EXPENDITURE

Audit	110.00	
Accident Compensation Levy	212.84	
Board Meeting Costs	100.00	
Car Loans	560.00	
Circuit Travel	9,660.90	
Deaconess Cars	139.28	
Car Park	128.19	
Conference Costs	108.64	
Donations	500.00	
House Allowance	(945.24)	
Interest etc.	126.75	
Invested (short term)	20,000.00	
Miscellaneous	2,524.01	
Office Cleaning	141.38	
Office Equipment	48.75	
Office Expenses	149.60	
Office Salaries	3,206.52	
Office Rates	1,039.29	
Printing & Stationery	1,085.10	
Postage	162.07	
Rent	3,565.25	
Stipends (Staff)	84,772.87	
Superannuation	578.10	
Subscriptions to N.C.C.	170.00	
Subscriptions to other	10.00	
Telephones	849.41	
Tumuaki's Car	16.74	
Tumuaki's Stipend	6,990.00	
Tumuaki's Car Allowance	887.27	
Tumuaki's Rent	600.00	
Tumuaki's Travel	1,511.72	
Tumuaki's Telephone	174.05	
Tumuaki's Travel (overseas)	398.70	
Tumuaki's Residence	15.15	
		139,597.29

Less Balance at Bank

(14,617.76)

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

Accumulated Funds 1.7.77	14,285.19	
Deduct Loss	<u>33,528.70</u>	14,243.51 DR
<u>Reserves and Other Funds</u>		
Cars - Capital 1.7.77	6,659.76	
Less - Depreciation	<u>833.51</u>	5,826.25
Christian Educational Material	957.49	
Hymns & Service Books	1,981.28	
History	<u>96.15</u>	3,034.92
		5,382.34 DR
<u>Represented by Current Assets</u>		
Balance at Bank B.N.Z.	(14,617.76)	
Less - Amount not banked	581.50	
" " " "	<u>4,245.00</u>	
	4,726.50	
Balance at A.S.B.	60.22	
Sundry Debtors	<u>200.00</u>	(9,631.04)
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Motor Vehicles	3,411.74	
Office Equipment	<u>436.46</u>	3,848.70
		(5,782.34)
<u>Less</u>		
Circuit Contribution Suspense		<u>400.00</u>
		(5,382.34)

We have examined the books and records of the METHODIST MAORI DIVISION, and in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and annexed Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the results and transactions, as at that date.

July, 1977

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

SEAMER HOUSE

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 1.7.77 to 30.6.78

BANK as at 30.6.77	2,982.04	CR	
<u>LESS:</u> Board Allowance	1,429.00		
Dept. Subsidy	<u>3,558.74</u>	<u>4,987.74</u>	2,005.70
<u>LESS:</u> Payments			
Audit	55.00		
Accident Compensation Levy	7.44		
Accounting	600.00		
Licence (Boarding Home)	24.00		
Interest to Bank	327.15		
Light, Power & Gas	2,051.18		
Maintenance	12.50		
Salary	2,973.08		
Miscellaneous	4.56		
Provisions	1,179.06		
Rates	1,101.56		
Telephone	65.09		8,400.62
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DEFICIT:			6,394.92
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METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

SEAMER HOUSE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 1.7.77 TO 30.6.78

BANK as at 30.6.77		2,982.04	CR
<u>LESS Income</u>			
Board Allowance	1,429.00		
Department Subsidy	3,558.74		
A.S.B. Grant	500.00	5,487.74	
			2,505.70

LESS: Payments

Audit	55.00		
Accident Compensation Levy	7.44		
Accounting	600.00		
Licence (Boarding Home)	24.00		
Interest to Bank	327.15		
Light, Power and Gas	2,051.18		
Maintenance	12.50		
Matrons Salary	2,973.08		
Miscellaneous	4.56		
Provisions	1,179.06		
Rates	1,101.56		
Telephones	65.09		
	8,400.62		
LESS: Bank 30.6.78	6,623.92	CR	
	1,776.70		
Plus not yet banked	729.00		
			2,505.70

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978

Accumulated Funds at 1.7.77	2,982.04	
PLUS: Deficit	2,912.88	
	<u>5,894.92</u>	
Overdraft at Bank		6,623.92
LESS: Board Fee Suspense		<u>729.00</u>
		<u>5,894.92</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.

July, 1978

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

<u>1977</u>		
24011	Board Receipts	28867.79
145	Donations	10.00
11	Interest Received	3.79
123	Receipts from Youth Hostel Association	-
-	Fines	271.13
24290		<u>29152.71</u>
	<u>Less EXPENSES</u>	
16020	Provisions	18195.15
2790	Repairs & Maintenance	5112.07
8811	Wages	13636.27
113	General Expenses	101.72
1185	Linen Hire	1260.76
263	Telephones	337.14
101	Water Rates	310.94
3011	Power	3841.00
298	Fire Prevention	64.31
66	ACC Levy	69.60
94	Interest & Insurance	333.19
131	Bin Hire	61.50
157	Audit Fee	140.30
-	Pest Control	115.00
-	Secretarial Fees	750.00
33040		<u>44328.95</u>
8750	<u>CASH DEFICIT</u>	<u>15176.24</u>
165	Depreciation	154.00
8915	<u>NET DEFICIT for Year</u>	<u>15230.24</u>
7715	Reimbursement previous Deficit	9085.72
1200	<u>NET DEFICIT</u>	<u>\$6244.52</u>

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Depreciation Claimed</u>		<u>Book Value</u>
	<u>at 31.3.77</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>at 31.3.78</u>
Polishers (2)	336.00	10% DV	34.00	302
Slicer	246.00	10% DV	25.00	221
Typewriter (½)	38.00	20% DV	8.00	30
Heaters	25.00	10% DV	3.00	22
Washing Machines (2)	165.00	10% DV	17.00	148
Garage	807.00	4% CP	35.00	772
Cake Mixer	59.00	10% DV	6.00	53
Sterilizer	262.00	10% DV	26.00	236
	\$1938.00		154.00	1784

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 1978

1977

CURRENT ASSETS

10 Cash on Hand 10.00

50 Debtor -

60 10.00

Less CURRENT LIABILITIES

3616 Bank 8612.07

2901 Sundry Creditors 3825.86

1000 Advance Methodist Maori Division 1000.00

7517 13437.93

7547 WORKING CAPITAL - Deficit 13427.93

1938 FIXED ASSETS - As per Schedule 1784.00

5519 \$11643.93

Represented by:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance 1 April 1977 5519.41

Net Deficit 6244.52

5519 11763.93

- Less HEATING FUND 120.00

5519 \$11643.93

We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Te Rahui (T) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31 March 1978 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 1978.

MALINS, YOUNG, JOHNS & CO.

TE RAHUI (W) METHODIST CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

<u>1977</u>		
14647	Board Receipts	17803.59
116	Interest Received	64.59
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14763		17868.18
 <u>Less EXPENSES</u>		
5652	Wages	6558.10
6930	Provisions	7123.88
2086	Repairs & Maintenance	1384.62
80	General Expenses	140.88
1483	Heating & Lighting	2119.11
208	Telephone & Tolls	297.69
1304	Rent and Rates	1770.34
34	ACC Levy	45.60
90	Audit Fee	77.42
-	Secretarial Fee	500.00
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17867		20017.64
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3104	<u>CASH DEFICIT</u>	2149.46
152	Depreciation	149.00
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(3256)		2298.46
-	Reimbursement previous Deficit	3371.68
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(3256)	<u>NET SURPLUS</u>	\$ 1073.22
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TE RAHUI (W) METHODIST CENTRE

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION CLAIMED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1978

<u>ASSET</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u> <u>AT 31.3.77</u>	<u>DEPRECIATION CLAIMED</u>		<u>BOOK VALUE</u> <u>AT 31.3.78</u>
		<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Dishmaster	486.00	10% DV	49.00	437
Filing Cabinet	3.00	20% DV	1.00	2
Refrigerator	73.00	10% DV	7.00	66
TV Set	76.00	20% DV	15.00	61
Typewriter (½)	47.00	20% DV	5.00	42
Slicer	66.00	10% DV	7.00	59
Gas Stove	279.00	10% DV	28.00	251
Freezer	162.00	10% DV	16.00	146
Showers	516.00	4% CP	21.00	495
\$1708.00			149.00	1559

TE RAHUI (W) METHODIST CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 1978

1977

	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
1323	Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.	2750.84
142	Waikato Savings Bank	145.73
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1465		1896.57
	<u>Less CURRENT LIABILITY</u>	
1499	Sundry Creditors	1708.59
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(34)	<u>WORKING CAPITAL</u>	1187.98
1708	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u> (As per Schedule)	1559.00
		<hr/>
1674		\$2746.98
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Represented by:-

	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	
4930	Balance 1 April 1977	1673.76
(3256)	Net Surplus	1073.22
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1674		\$2746.98
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We have prepared the above Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Re Rahui (W) Methodist Maori Centre for the year ended 31 March 1978 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 1978.

MALINS, YOUNG, JOHNS & CO.

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1.7.77 TO 30.6.78

Balance at Bank as at 30.6.77	14,674.56	14,674.56
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RECEIPTS

Connexional Budget	98,452.91	
Interests & Dividends	19,675.29	
Donations	8,113.56	
Connexional Office	<u>6,866.00</u>	133,107.76
Building & Special Projects	5,769.41	
Pacific Projects	<u>3,863.90</u>	9,633.31
Deputation and Publicity	4.00	
General Secretary's Travel (N.Z.)	128.00	
General Secretary's Travel (O/Seas)	93.35	
General Secretary's Residence	136.14	
Gifts and Grants	13,857.36	
Investments (Short term)	176,000.00	
Dinghy Account	1,015.00 Cr.	
Loan Repaid	2,000.00	
M.W. Fellowship	20,315.35	
Mortgage (Eason)	908.00	
Miscellaneous	3,954.70	
Office Salaries	11,222.60	
Office Salaries Supplementary	2,973.18	
Printing, Stationery & Publicity	35.43	
Publicity	4.00	
Rent of Office	452.30	
M.W.F. Special Objective	10,708.00	
Super P.H.A.	995.28	
Bob Springet Fund	4,488.14	
Tonga Church	159.00	
U.C. Fares	<u>2,288.66</u>	249,708.49
		407,124.12

PAYMENTS - UNITED CHURCH

Grant	45,000.00	
Staff	8,421.82	
Medical	3,999.96	
Fares	9,377.45	
Freight	2,919.11	
N.Z. Allowance	26,915.06	
Deferred Stipends	2,000.00	
National Prov. Fund	1,166.87	
National Prov. Fund	1,721.18 Cr.	
Furniture Allowance	402.00	
Dinghy Account	2,853.99	
Dr. Scown Support	3,600.00	
Group Insurance	300.00	
Samoa	1,770.74	
Tonga	<u>4,574.78</u>	111,580.60

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1.7.77 to 30.6.78 (continued)

ADMINISTRATION

General Secretary (Stipend All.)	7,539.96	
General Secretary (Travel N.Z.)	582.37	
General Secretary (Travel O/Seas)	1,810.81	
Motor Cycle Running	528.21	
Residence	949.36	11,410.71

OFFICE EXPENSES

Audit	440.00	
Accident Compensation Levy	71.59	
Bob Springet (Ex Christchurch)	1,847.82	
Springet Fund	6,213.15	
Deputation and Publicity	784.73	
Donations	1,376.92	
Gifts and Grants	12,505.84	
Interest (Brokerage)	21.45	
Invested Short Term	166,000.00	
Tax	1,302.36	
Tax	1,293.14	Cr.
Loan	2,000.00	
M.W. Fellowship	20,315.35	
Miscellaneous	4,676.09	
Salaries	21,953.59	
General Expenses	65.40	
Equipment	48.75	
Postage	153.40	
Printing, Stationery & Publicity	941.71	
Publicity	354.25	
Publicity Supplementary	200.00	
S. & A. Fund	180.53	
S. & A. Fund	263.75	Cr.
Debentures	30,000.00	
Super & H/A	1,611.83	
Super & H/A	247.73	Cr.
Telephones	624.05	
Subscriptions	67.55	271,951.74
		394,943.05
Balance at Bank	12,181.07	12,181.07

\$407,124.12

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

CAPITAL FUNDS

Medical Fund	92,000.00	92,000.00
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TRUST FUNDS

E.M. Rushworth	500.00	
H.E. Vanes	937.97	
A. Woodnutt	<u>2,000.00</u>	3,437.97

REPLACEMENT FUNDS

General Secretary's Residence S/Fund	5,841.77	
Add - Appropriation	<u>600.00</u>	6,441.77
General Secretary's Motor Cycle	3,767.33	
Add - Appropriation	<u>628.00</u>	4,395.33

EXPENDABLE FUNDS

Vanes Bequest	460.54	
Discretionary Fund	232.85	
Sol. Isles History RSVE	<u>180.62</u>	874.01
Sickness & Accident 30.6.77	5,967.27	
Add - Contributions	<u>263.75</u>	
	6,231.02	
Less - Benefits paid out	<u>180.03</u>	6,050.99
Accumulated Funds 30.6.78	129,108.27	
Add - Surpluses	<u>9,429.39</u>	138,537.66
Building & Special Projects	5,769.41	5,769.41
Pacific Projects	<u>3,863.90</u>	3,863.90
		<u>\$261,371.04</u>

REPRESENTED BY - CURRENT ASSETS

Bank R.N.Z.	12,181.07	
Bank Sydney	373.93	
Not Yet Banked	<u>7,468.00</u>	20,023.00
United Church Freight & Fares	3,988.46	3,988.46
" " Dinghy	2,853.99	2,853.99
" " Suspense Balance	385.86	385.86

FIXED ASSETS

Office Equipment	1,475.79	
Office Equipment Joint Use	666.58	
Gen. Secretary's Residence	42,475.89	
Gen. Secretary's Motor-Cycle	2,325.30	
Space - Central Mission	<u>19,907.09</u>	66,850.65

METHODIST OVERSEAS DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978 (continued)

INVESTMENTS

Prince Albert Trust (Butland)	7,862.69	
Vane's Bequest (ASB A/C)	449.20	
Astley Holdings	2,820.60	
Auckland Gas Company	2,933.00	
C.S.R.	2,800.00	
Farmers Trading	845.40	
Henderson & Pollard	3,364.14	
N.Z. Insurance	3,483.00	
Wattie Industries	2,668.00	
Winstones	400.00	
		27,626.03

DEBENTURES

Short Term	15,000.00	
Auckland Gas Company	4,619.99	
Auckland Hospital Board 1.6.80	14,000.00	
Central Mission	500.00	
Watties	1,100.00	
Broadlands Ltd.	120,000.00	
		155,219.99
		\$276,947.98

LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES

Loan at Call	3,600.00	
Springett	817.94	
Overseas Mission - Australia	68.64	
Gifts & Grants for Transfer	382.36	
Special Objectives M.W.F.	10,708.00	
		15,576.94
		261,371.04

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, 1978

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Auditors.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

1977		1978	1977		1978
\$		\$	\$		\$
25	Audit Fee	25.00		ADMINISTRATION CHARGES:	
908	Cleaning	915.12			
1,243	General Expenses	1,099.47	12,820	Church Building and Loan Fund	13,000.00
86	Insurance	91.73	16,250	Fire Insurance Fund	25,293.00
1,229	Interest	953.00	16,250	General Purposes Fund	15,249.50
205	Lighting & Heating	322.94	2,500	Investment Board	650.00
4,913	Office Rent	4,922.33	3,790	South Island Children's Home	3,800.00
--	Printing Costs	7,960.23	16,250	Supernumerary & Allied Funds	17,500.00
1,074	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	381.96	2,400	Transport Trust Fund	2,026.00
68,366	Salaries & Wages	73,374.41	70,260		
178	Staff Advertising	387.45	88	Bank Interest	77,518.50
2,302	Stationery	2,571.42	13,853	Connexional Budget	39.73
1,814	Telephones, Tolls & Postage	2,069.93	114	Commission & Sundry Income	17,193.00
1,779	Travelling Expenses	1,814.73	--	Grant Received - Historical Records	120.88
424	Depreciation - Equipment Furnishings		--	Printery Receipts	500.00
1,909	& Renovations	2,497.77	613	Rent Received - House Property	15,049.66
	House Property Account		2,972	Excess Expenditure over Income	
	Depreciation House Property				
509	and Furnishings	1,018.00			
	Mortgage Interest, Insurance				
1,360	Rates and Repairs	3,260.91	4,278.91		
	Excess Income over Expenditure	6,755.37			
87,900		110,421.77	87,900		110,421.77

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>
	Balance as at 1st July 1978	5,816.25			Excess Income over Expenditure	6,755.37
2,845	Carried Forward to Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1976				Special Income available for Distribution to Connexion	10,810.96
2,971	Excess Expenditure over Income as at 30th June, 1977			5,816	Carried Forward to Balance Sheet at 30th June 1977	
	Balance transferred to Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1978	11,750.08				
<u>5,816</u>		<u>17,566.33</u>		<u>5,816</u>		<u>17,566.33</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978	
\$		\$	\$	\$	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
7,032	Sundry Creditors	12,700.05	50	Cash in Hand	50.00
	Bank of New Zealand - Special Account (Note 3)	409,315.02	1,091	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1,111.08
7,647	Removal Fund		3,174	Sundry Debtors	6,896.19
	Investment Board	<u>2,456.60</u>	800	Investment Board	-- --
		424,471.67		Removal Fund	<u>63.70</u>
14,679			5,115		8,120.97
<u>DEPOSITS HELD FOR OTHER FUNDS</u>					
8	North Canterbury Camp Trusts	-- --			
<u>LOANS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
6,000	General Purposes Trust Board	10,000.00		Special Loans (Note 3)	426,065.38
20,000	Supernumerary Fund	<u>20,000.00</u>		Printery	<u>2,500.00</u>
26,000		30,000.00			428,565.38
<u>CAPITAL</u>					
6,870	Balance at 1 July 1977	36,383.60			
29,513	ADD Capital Profit- House Realisation	-- --			
36,383		<u>36,383.60</u>			
<u>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:</u>					
-5,816	Excess Income over Expenditure 939.12				
	Income available for Distribution	<u>10,810.96</u>			
30,567		<u>11,750.08</u>			
		48,133.68			

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>Cost</u> <u>or</u> <u>Valuation</u>	<u>Depreciation</u> <u>to Date</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>
			<u>FIXED ASSETS (Note 1)</u>			
			House Property - (Note 2)			
		53,051	32 Ambleside Drive, Christchurch	53,500.00	1,347.00	52,153.00
			House Furnishings			
		742	32 Ambleside Drive, Christchurch	802.20	180.20	622.00
			Office Furnishings			
		2,680	Valuation 1/7/1976	3,147.55	939.55	2,208.00
			Office Equipment			
			Valuation			
			1/7/1976	6,163.64		
		5,444	<u>ADD Additions</u>	<u>3,454.19</u>		
			Office Renovations			
		4,222	Valuation 1/7/1976	4,943.81	1,463.81	3,480.00
<u>71,254</u>	<u>502,605.35</u>	<u>71,254</u>				<u>502,605.35</u>

Chairman:

Secretary:

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

1. Fixed Assets: Assets held at 1 July 1976 have been valued at Book Value.
2. House Property: Government Valuation of House Property \$50,000.
3. The Board of Administration - Special Account has been amalgamated in the presentation of these Financial Statements.
4. 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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1978

1977		1978	1977		1978
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
400,463	Loans at beginning of year	429,093.24	62,335	Repayments of Principal and Working Expenses	80,454.69
7,315	Working Expenses charged for year	16,244.00	429,093	Loans at end of year	439,645.05
83,650	New Loans Advanced	74,762.50			
491,428		520,099.74	491,428		520,099.74

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1978

1,000	Grants made	4,000.00	14,810	Balance at beginning of year	14,229.29
14,229	Balance at end of year	10,634.29	419	Interest received	405.00
15,229		14,634.29	15,229		14,634.29

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1978

	Grants made: Parklands (Christchurch)	7,680.00	9,977	Balance at beginning of year	16,739.90
	Manakau City	6,000.00	13,437	Contributions from the Budget	12,525.00
	Tamatea	1,500.00	3,326	" " " " Thorndon Trust	-- --
10,000		15,180.00			
16,740	Balance at end of year	14,084.90			
26,740		29,264.90	26,740		29,264.90

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MAY, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
700	Grants made : Roberts, J.	500.00	4,409	Balance at beginning of year	8,187.50
8,188	Balance at end of year	11,862.50	4,479	Contributions from the Budget	4,175.00
8,888		12,362.50	8,888		12,362.50

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1978

12,820	Administration Expenses	13,789.00	7,315	Working Expenses received	16,244.00
--	Interest Paid on Deposits	216.06	2,272	Interest REceived	1,270.23
173	Advertising	29.40	79	Commission received	-- --
293	Audit and General Expenses	933.82	409	Dividends received	427.47
168	Postages	153.09	10,075		17,941.70
923	Stationery and telephone	518.69		Excess expenditure transferred to	
263	Travelling	603.88	4,565	Accumulated Funds	-- --
		16,243.94			
--	Excess Income transferred to				
	Accumulated Funds	1,697.76			
14,640		17,941.70	14,640		17,941.70

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978
\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>	
337	Sundry Creditors	2,382.62	4,547	Cash at Bank - Current Account 62,132.10
			12,000	- on Deposit -- --
			460	Interest Accrued 522.67
14,229	Sites Fund 10,634.29		419	Sundry Debtors -- --
16,740	Development Fund (for Church Extension) 14,084.90		6,000	General Purposes Trust (Sites) 6,000.00
8,188	Special Projects Fund 11,862.50		10,000	Transferable Certificate of Deposit -- --
--	Deposits 32,399.03		33,426	
39,157		68,980.72		68,654.77
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		429,093	<u>LOANS CURRENT</u> 439,645.05
419,664	(i) Capital at beginning of year 430,929.42			
454	ADD: Legacies and Donations:			<u>INVESTMENTS:</u>
2,000	M.B.Gilmour Estate 378.84			Shares bequeathed to Fund:
3,811	A.H.Hayman Estate 900.00			(a) Preference Shares
5,000	F.W.Walters Trust 10,795.04		2,000	(unlisted Company) 2,000.00
11,265	Others 140.00			(b) Ordinary Shares (listed
430,929	12,213.88		3,300	Company) (note 1) 3,300.00
	443,143.30		5,300	5,300.00
	(ii) Administration Funds:			
1,961	Balance at beginning of year -2,604.58			
-4,565	ADD excess income			
-2,604	for year 1,697.76			
428,325	-906.82	442,236.48		
467,819		513,599.82	467,819	513,599.82

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1978

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Investments - Ordinary Shares in a Listed Company estimated Market Value at 31st May 1978 \$3,528.25

Chairman: R.H. Allen

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, 1978. 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 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

31st July, 1978.
Christchurch.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1978

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. 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.
2. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

INVESTMENTS:

- A. (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 1978 \$3,528.25
- B. Loans - have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
	<u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL</u>		28,000	Connexional Budget	33,470.00
1,549	Equalisation Fund	1,576.20	190	Interest Received	316.04
2,175	Office Representatives	<u>2,120.40</u>			
3,724		3,696.60	1,728	Sale of Printed Matter	
	<u>CONFERENCE PRINTING & GENERAL</u>			Grant to assist Presidential Expenses	2,000.00
	<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Conference Reports, Resolutions			Conference Arrangements and Collections	46.82
11,348	& Year Book	10,617.38	2,050		
400	Station Sheets	-- --			
	Secretarial Platform and				
922	other Expenses	<u>727.89</u>			
12,670		11,345.27	2,977	Excess Expenditure over Income	3,037.09
	<u>CONNEXIONAL PAYMENTS</u>				
1,378	Presidents Travel & Expenses	1,276.72			
391	Vice-Presidents Travel and				
	Expenses	<u>322.69</u>			
1,769		1,599.41			
	<u>CONNEXIONAL PRINTING</u>				
	Confirmation Certificates &				
44	Membership Cards	211.69			
	<u>CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES</u>				
1,492	Church Council	3,710.78			
7,566	District Expenses	8,568.92			
5,078	Standing Committees of Conference	3,746.56			
1,416	Synod Expenses	<u>2,728.34</u>			
15,552		18,764.60			

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</u>				
	Audit Fee - General Expenses,			
586	Stationery & Postage	1,002.38		
600	Interest Paid	<u>750.00</u>		
1,186		1,752.38		
	Litigation Costs - "New Citizen"	1,500.00		
		<u>38,869.95</u>	<u>34,945</u>	<u>38,869.95</u>
<u>34,945</u>				

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

	<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1977</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
1,573	Sundry Creditors	2,756.56	6,789	Bank of New Zealand	8,620.35
			4,218	Sundry Debtors	<u>3,634.23</u>
<u>LOAN</u>			11,007		12,254.58
10,000	General Purposes Trust Fund	10,000.00			
<u>BALANCES DUE TO DISTRICT SYNODS</u>			<u>BALANCE DUE FROM DISTRICT SYNODS</u>		
762	Northland	761.64	217	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	
253	Auckland	198.82	34	North Canterbury	<u>135.03</u>
--	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	472.40	251		135.03
--	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	323.67			
660	Taranaki-Wanganui	852.12			
436 1,399	Wellington	2,379.15	6,127	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra)	9,164.17
206	Nelson	-- --			
--	North Canterbury	-- --			
1,912	South Canterbury	1,154.71			
620	Otago-Southland	<u>2,654.71</u>			
5,812		8,797.22			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>					
(3,150)	Deficit Balance as at 1/7/1977	6,127.08			
	Add Excess Expenditure over				
(2,977)	Income	<u>3,037.09</u>			
(6,127)	Deficit Balance (see Contra)	<u>9,164.17</u>			
17,385		21,553.78	17,385		21,553.78

Chairman:

Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. 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.
2. The specific accounting policies adopted in the account which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT
for year ended 31 May, 1977

1976		1977	1976		1977
\$		\$	\$		\$
8,500	Administration Charges	14,895.00	26,066	Net Commissions Earned before charging	
350	Audit Fee	550.00		Cost of Re-insurance borne	
--	Commission	122.32		by the Fund	31,883.36
7,766	Rebate Allowed	8,682.28			
1,045	Stationery & General Expenses	1,112.01		Interest Earnings:	
22,322	Profit for year before charging		833	Bank, Deposits, Bills	1,249.56
	cost of Re-insurance borne by Fund	21,954.30	2,253	Loans to Churches & Departments	2,446.37
			539	Local Body Stock	348.82
			10,292	Mortgages	11,387.80
					15,432.55
39,983		47,315.91	39,983		47,315.91

PROFIT & LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT
for year ended 31 May 1977

2,800	Transfer to Capital	2,800.00	1,916	Balance at 31st May 1976	1,662.80
	Cost of Re-insurance borne by Fund:		22,322	Profit for year	21,954.30
	Public Liability				
255	- Camps, Retreats	86.39			
	- Churches, Halls, Preaching				
2,213	Places and Parsonages	2,171.00			
307	- Money Insurance	292.15			
2,775			2,549.54		
17,000	Provision for Grants				
1,663	Balance carried forward		18,267.56		
24,238			23,617.10	24,238	23,617.10

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 May 1977

1976 \$		1977 \$	1976 \$		1977 \$
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			CURRENT ASSETS:		
30,525	Sums due to Re-insurers	71,217.46		Bank	7,157.34
600	Sundry Creditors	5,309.28		Premiums from Trusts	
11,806	Bank Overdraft	- - -	68,544	due to Fund	98,214.36
42,931			76,526.74	LESS Provision for	
				Rebate	7,121.00
				5,051	
				63,493	91,093.36
				320	692.31
				2,600	3,638.28
PROVISIONS:				Sundry Debtors	
17,000	Provisions for Grants		66,413	Interest Accrued	
23,487	Unearned Commission	23,833.15			
40,487			23,833.15		
RESERVES:			INVESTMENTS:		
600	Doubtful Debts Reserve	600.00	127,500	Mortgages (including Contributory	
3,118	Natural Calamities Fund	3,117.88	58,053	Mortgages)	124,500.00
8,109	Investment Contingency Res.	8,109.20	8,607	Loans to Churches & Trusts	64,166.12
11,827			194,160	Local Body Stock	5,672.00
			11,827.08		194,338.12
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:					
160,865	Balance at 31 May 1976	163,664.88			
	ADD Transfer from				
2,800	Appropriation Account	2,800.00			
163,665		166,464.88			
	Profit & Loss				
1,663	Appropriation Account	18,267.56			
165,328			184,732.44		
260,573			296,919.41	260,573	296,919.41

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 May 1977

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

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) Premiums due from Trusts and Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.
- (ii) Investments: All investments have been valued at cost.

Chairman:

Secretary:

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
110,498	Interest Allowed to Trusts and Depositors	105,842.30		<u>INTEREST EARNED</u>	
16,250	Administration Charges	15,250.00		Local Body Stock and	
1,250	General Expenses	1,461.92	12,699	Company Debentures	10,946.11
3,143	Commission to Investment Board	1,350.39	42,338	Mortgages	43,750.19
			12,229	Loans	13,036.15
			14,466	Bank and Other	13,772.12
			<u>37,665</u>	Greenock House Property	<u>36,504.50</u>
			119,397		118,009.07
			351	Commissions Received	1,759.69
			1,723	Dividends Received	1,578.07
			4,506	Greenock House Rents received	650.82
			5,164	Excess Expenditure over Income	1,906.96
<u>131,141</u>		<u>123,904.61</u>	<u>131,141</u>		<u>123,904.61</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

5,164	Net Excess of Expenditure for year	<u>\$1,906.96</u>	5,164	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	<u>\$1,906.96</u>
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

1977 \$		1978 \$	1977 \$		1978 \$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
2,683	Sundry Creditors	5,104.21	23,131	Bank of N.Z.-Current Account	97,229.99
			60,000	Bank of N.Z.-Term Deposit	----
			95,000	Transferable Certificates of Deposit	-- --
			26,000	Sundry Loans to Connexional Funds	36,000.00
6,000	<u>SHORT TERM DEPOSITS</u> Church Sites Fund	6,000.00		Sundry Debtors	35,494.59
10,000	S.I.Children's Home Investment Board	10,000.00	6,662	Interest Accrued	9,361.10
16,000			14,077		
		16,000.00	224,870		178,085.68
	<u>LOAN - WALTER'S FARM TRUST</u>		<u>INVESTMENTS AND LOANS</u>		
3,581	Home Mission Department	-- --	456,599	First Mortgages	372,500.00
			52,650	Loan - Supernumerary Fund (Papatoetoe Property)	-- --
1,231,137	<u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u> Sundry Church & other Deposits	1,042,150.02		Loan - Supernumerary Fund (Special Loan)	-- --
	Depositors holding specific investments	32,276.41	50,000	Sundry/ Loans to Church Trusts	55,559.82
58,400			48,138	Loan to Walter's Trust	-- --
1,289,537		1,074,426.43	6,000	Methodist Trust Association	255,974.16
	<u>TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u>		--	Local Body Stock	87,841.00
188,982	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund	197,057.65	97,255	Debentures in Public Companies	53,370.00
209,509	Sundry other Trusts	303,399.15	57,046	Debentures in Dunedin Central Mission	12,000.00
398,491		500,456.80	12,000	Shares in Public Companies (See Note 1)	21,286.33
			20,585	Specific Assets held for Trusts	32,276.41
			58,400	Loan - Presbyterian Church Property Trustees	525,385.68
			--		1,416,193.40
			858,673		

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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<u>1977</u> \$		<u>1978</u> \$	<u>1977</u> \$		
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</u>			<u>WELLINGTON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT</u>	
25,047	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	19,998.60	606,797	Greenock House	-- --
115	<u>ADD:</u> Profit on repayment of Preference Shares	-- --	27,800	<u>LOANS TO TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD</u>	
-5,164	<u>ADD:</u> Balance from Appropriation Account	-1,906.96		incl. from Winstone Fund and Methven	27,800.00
19,998		18,091.64	20,150	<u>WALTERS' TRUST</u>	
8,000	General Reserve	8,000.00		additional land - at cost	--
27,998					
		26,091.64			
1,738,290		1,622,079.08	1,738,290		1,622,079.08

Chairman:

Secretary:

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS.

Note 1. The Market Value of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$20,213.42

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. 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.
2. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which affect the results and financial position disclosed are:

(a) Investments:

Investments in Local Body Stock and Debentures have been valued at Cost Price.

- (b) Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.

LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
67,548 Loans at beginning of year	72,589.84	39,312	Loan Repayments
26,627 New Loans Advanced	41,600.00	72,590	Balance at end of year
<u>17,727</u> Interest charged for full term of loans	<u>8,320.15</u>		
<u>111,902</u>	<u>122,509.99</u>	<u>111,902</u>	<u>122,509.99</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

2,400 Administration Charges	2,797.38	7,472	Interest Received	6,713.71
3,763 Interest Paid	3,359.47			
286 General Expenses	488.60			
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6,449	6,645.45			
1,023 Excess Income over Expenditure	68.26			
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7,472	6,713.71	7,472		6,713.71
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

1977			1977		1978
\$			\$		\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>				
2,005	Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	9,779.80	72,590	Secured Advances	83,417.25
1,919	Sundry Creditors	3,217.23	--	Sundry Debtors	120.00
3,924		12,997.03			
10,255	<u>UNEARNED INTEREST ON LOANS</u>	11,861.14			
	<u>LOANS:</u>				
10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	10,000.00			
6,000	General Purposes Trust	6,000.00			
	General Purposes Trust				
20,000	Winstone Fund	20,000.00			
	General Purposes Trust				
1,800	Methven Trust	1,800.00			
1,000	Te Awamutu Trust	1,000.00			
	Wellington Methodist Charitable & Educational Endowment Trust	1,000.00			
1,000					
39,800		39,800.00			
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
15,588	Balance at beginning of year	18,610.82			
2,000	ADD: Grant from Fire Insurance Fund	-- --			
	Donation from P. & E.F. Rushton Memorial Trust	200.00			
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1,023	NETT income for year	68.26			
18,611		18,879.08			
72,590		83,537.25	72,590		83,537.25

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978.

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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, 1978. 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, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

CHRISTCHURCH.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE.
Chartered Accountants.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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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 and Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>1977</u> \$		<u>1978</u> \$		<u>1977</u> \$		<u>1978</u> \$
18,855	Removal Costs Paid	18,596.64		13,000	Connexional Budget	11,000.00
- 126	LESS Reimbursements Received	-- --				
18,729		18,596.64		6,380	Excess Expenditure over Income	8,673.40
167	Audit, General Expenses & Stationery	114.78				
484	Interest	961.98				
<u>19,380</u>		<u>19,673.40</u>		<u>19,380</u>		<u>19,673.40</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
2,726	Sundry Creditors	608.21	660	Sundry Debtors	3,579.57
	The Board of Administration	<u>63.70</u>	7,647	Deposit with The Board of Administration	<u>-- --</u>
			8,307		3,579.57
<u>LOANS</u>					
10,000	General Purposes Trust Fund	16,000.00			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>			4,419	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra)	13,092.34
1,961	Deficit Balance 1st July 1977	4,418.94			
(6,380)	ADD Excess Expenditure over Income	<u>8,673.40</u>			
4,419	Deficit (see Contra)	<u>13,092.34</u>			
<u>12,726</u>		<u>16,671.91</u>	<u>12,726</u>		<u>16,671.91</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978 - continued

<u>ANALYSIS OF REMOVAL FUND</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Average Cost</u>	<u>1976/77 Average Cost</u>
North Island	24	\$14,050.70	\$585.45	\$170
South Island	2	121.18	60.59	191
Inter Island	4	<u>4,424.76</u>	1,106.19	1,464
		<u>\$18,596.64</u>		

Chairman:

Secretary:

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:-

Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1978.

1977			1978	1977		1978
\$			\$	\$		\$
	<u>CHARGES</u>				<u>FUND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
13,120	Administration Charges	11,958.00		83,668	Personal	90,914.55
	Stationery, General			77,621	Subsidies: from Connexional Budget	82,092.79
3,681	Expenses & Audit Fee	2,626.98			" Other Agencies and individuals	8,821.76
16,801			14,584.98	9,907		
				171,196		
	<u>INTEREST PAID</u>				<u>COMMISSION EARNED</u>	
30,498	Allied Funds	36,425.08		101		-- --
--	Other	700.00				
30,498			37,125.08		<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	
	<u>FUND DISBURSEMENTS</u>			18,969	Bank and other deposit interest	35,125.52
59,238	Annuities	71,948.87		4,606	Local Body Stock & Debenture Int.	3,633.85
8,480	Furniture Grants	3,820.00			Mortgage interest	23,120.68
1,682	Refunds of contributions	7,037.83			<u>ADD</u> adjustment on Earthquake & War Damage insurance	73.38
69,400			82,806.70	22,172		23,194.06
				8,461	Company Dividends & Interest	8,909.07
	Architects fees on abandoned project		-- --	54,208		70,862.50
6,299					<u>PROPERTY INCOME</u>	
--	Commission paid to Investment Bd.	3,019.48	44,634		<u>Epworth Chambers</u> - Rent	51,277.16
			-22,641		<u>LESS</u> Expenses	23,722.87
					" Provision for Maintenance	10,000.00
				--		33,722.87
	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds		21,993			17,554.29
146,528			9,643		<u>Century Property</u> - Rent	9,742.69
			- 110		<u>LESS</u> Interest	-- --
			9,533			9,742.69
			20,500		<u>Papatoetoe Property</u> - Rent	20,499.96
			-3,369		<u>LESS</u> Expenses	3,125.10
			-4,636		" Interest	3,948.74
			12,495			7073.84
						13,426.12
				44,021		
						40,723.10
269,526			293,414.70	269,526		293,414.70

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

1977	1978	1977	1978
\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES		CURRENT ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors 4,052.71		Bank of N.Z.-Current A/c. 148,377.08	
<u>ADD General Purposes</u>		<u>ADD General Purposes Trust</u>	
Trust - Contra 63,150.00 67,202.71		- Contra 63,150.00	211,527.08
Subscriptions Prepaid 634.70		Bank of N.Z.-Term Deposit 90,000.00	
	67,837.41	Methodist Trust Assn. Deposit 50,000.00	
DEPOSITS BY ALLIED FUNDS		Transferable Certificates of Deposit 137,275.81	
Benevolent Fund 5,352.85		Contributory Mortgage 50,000.00	
Deaconess Retiring Fund 97,944.99		Loan to Board of Administration -- --	
Deferred Stipend Fund 24,858.95		Subscriptions due 8,022.42	
Home Acquisition Fund 236,970.15		Subsidies due 786.57	
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund 19,981.45		Interest accrued 12,963.28	
Lay Workers Retiring Fund 39,400.27		Sundry Debtors 14,987.01	
Retired Ministerial Housing Fund 35,601.48			
	460,110.14		575,562.17
LOANS		DEFERRED CHARGES	
<u>GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u>		Papatoetoe Property - for maintenance 2,058.00	
-Morley House Loan 50,000.00		Epworth Chambers - alteration and Maintenance 4,782.00	
-Papatoetoe property Loan 52,650.00			6,840.00
<u>CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND</u>		INVESTMENTS	
-Papatoetoe property Loan 10,000.00		Local Body Stocks 2,647.00	
<u>CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND</u>		Debentures 47,833.00	
	112,650	First Mortgages 217,962.62	
ACCUMULATED FUNDS, RESERVE		Company Shares & Convertible Notes 109,236.34	
<u>and SPECIAL FUNDS</u>			377,678.96
<u>PROVISIONS AND RESERVES:</u>		FIXED ASSETS - AT COST	
Investment Fluctuation Reserve 10,000.00		Papatoetoe Property (1970) 201,000.80	
Provision for Building Mainten. 13,000.00		Century Property (1968) 87,310.32	
	23,000	<u>PLUS additions -at cost</u> 9,329.92	
SPECIAL FUNDS for Widows' Benefits 10,255.17			96,640.24
<u>ADD Interest</u> 669.14		Epworth Chambers @ Valuation (1966)	
	10,924.31	-plus additions at cost 213,080.29	
LESS Payments 4,000.00			
	6,924.31		

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

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1977		1978	1977		1978
\$		\$	\$		\$
				Morley House Property	
			50,000	(1973)	50,000.00
			2,000	PLUS Architects Fees	2,000.00
65,021	SPECIAL APPEAL \$150,000			" Rates & Interest	
	Retirement Housing Fund	97,104.67		on loan to date	22,589.36
27,980	LESS Special loans to Supernumeraries on retirement	33,380.00	17,179		74,589.36
37,041			69,179	LESS Rent received to date	430.00
		63,724.67	310		74,159.36
			68,869		
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		579,590		
726,589	Balance at beginning of year	716,128.56			584,880.69
1,720	ADD Capital Profit on sale of shares	107.85			
2,760	" Grants received	-- --			
	" transfer from Income and Expenditure Account				
146,528		155,878.46			
877,597		872,114.87			
161,468	LESS Annuities compounded	61,399.58			
716,129		810,715.29			
1,455,798		1,544,961.82	1455,798		1,544,961.82

Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1978. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund, as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible Notes at Balance Date amounted to \$110,445.
2. Government Valuation at 1974 of Properties

	Capital	Value of	Unimproved
	Value	Improvements	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	<u>328,000</u>	162,000	166,000
	<u>\$956,000</u>		

3. Bank Balance needed for Commutations and Supernumerary Payments early 1978.
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. Capital Commitment:

(a) Maintenance Programme:-		
Epworth Chambers Property		\$22,400
(Maintenance provided for within the Accounts \$13,000)		
(b) Morley House Property:		
Cost of Demolition	\$1,400	
Car Park Development	<u>6,600</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		<u>\$30,400</u>

7. 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.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BENEVOLENT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st January, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
392	Grants Paid	450.00	416	Interest Received on Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	408.00
24	Excess Income over Expenditure	-- --	--	Excess Expenditure over Income	42.00
<u>416</u>		<u>450.00</u>	<u>416</u>		<u>450.00</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1978

1,230	Balance at beginning of year	1,206.20	24	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	-- --
--	Transfer from Income and Expenditure A/c	42.00	1,206	Balance at end of year	1,248.20
<u>1,230</u>		<u>1,248.20</u>	<u>1,230</u>		<u>1,248.20</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

6,601	Capital at beginning of year	6,601.05	5,395	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	5,352.85
1,206	<u>LESS Appropriation Account</u>	<u>1,248.20</u>	5,352.85		
<u>5,395</u>		<u>5,352.85</u>	<u>5,395</u>		<u>5,352.85</u>

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1978. 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 state of the Fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Chairman: G.E.Hill

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND

Contributors Account for year ended 31st January 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$		\$	
71,446	Balance at end of year	87,350.61	59,012	Balance at beginning of year	71,445.75
				<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED</u>	
			3,746	Personal	4,594.24
			3,911	Subsidy	<u>4,608.71</u>
			4,777	Interest Received Personal Deposits	9,202.95
					6,701.91
<u>71,446</u>		<u>87,350.61</u>	<u>71,446</u>		<u>87,350.61</u>

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

850	Administration Charges	970.00	1,017	Donation from Mabel Morley Trust	238.47
4,777	Interest Paid on Personal Deposits	6,701.91	5,789	Interest received on Deposit	6,857.00
120	Stationery & General Expenses	50.00	--	Excess Expenditure over Income	626.44
1,059	Excess Income over Expenditure	-- --			
<u>6,806</u>		<u>7,721.91</u>	<u>6,806</u>		<u>7,721.91</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

--	Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c	626.44	1,004	Balance at beginning of year	2,170.34
2,170	Balance at end of year	1,543.90	107	Transferred from Bonus Allocation Account	-- --
			1,059	" " " Income & Expenditure A/c	-- --
<u>2,170</u>		<u>2,170.34</u>	<u>2,170</u>		<u>2,170.34</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$	\$
594	Sundry Creditors	1,311.98	80,932	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund
71,446	Contributors Account	87,350.61	1,017	Sundry Debtors
650	Grants Reserve Account	650.00		
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
6,530	Capital at beginning of year	7,088.50		
559	ADD Donation received	-- --		
7,089		7,088.50		
2,170	ADD Appropriation Account	1,543.90		
9,259		8,632.40		
81,949		97,944.99	81,949	97,944.99

Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the Books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deaconess Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January 1978. 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, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountant.

Christchurch.
24th April, 1978.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

Depositors Account for the year ended 31st January, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978
\$		\$		\$
7,525	Subscriptions Refunded	1,992.87	22,305	Balance at beginning of year
21,342	Balance at end of year	24,986.18	4,910	Deposits
			1,652	Interest Received - Personal Deposits
28,867		26,979.05	28,867	26,979.05

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978.

180	Administration charges	205.00	1,839	Interest Received - Deposit with Super. Fund	1,774.00
1,652	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	1,569.62	33	Excess Expenditure over Income	15.62
40	Stationery and supplies	15.00			
1,872		1,789.62	1,872		1,789.62

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY 1978

79	Balance at beginning of year	111.61	112	Balance at end of year	127.23
33	Transferred from Income and Expenditure A/c	15.62			
112		127.23	112		127.23

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
21,342	Contributors Deposits	24,986.18	21,230	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	24,858.95
			112	Appropriation Account	127.23
<u>21,342</u>		<u>24,986.18</u>	<u>21,342</u>		<u>24,986.18</u>

461 Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1978. 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, Appropriation Account, and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

1977		1978	1977		1978
\$		\$	\$		\$
30,218	Subscriptions Refunded	37,917.94	159,832	Balance at beginning of year	202,349.90
202,350	Balance at end of year	234,835.82	26,386	CONTRIBUTIONS:	
				Personal subscriptions	27,484.60
			8,232	Personal additional amounts	
			26,386	paid into Fund	1,013.31
			11,732	Subsidies	28,497.91
				Interest Received - Personal Deposits	27,484.60
232,568		272,753.76	232,568		14,421.35
					272,753.76

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

462	1,215	Administration Charges	1,385.00	Interest Received on Deposit with	
	11,732	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	14,421.35	Supernumerary Fund	16,418.00
	524	Stationery & General Expenses	226.64		
	8	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Revenue	385.01		
	13,479		16,418.00		16,418.00

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

2,987	Balance at end of year	3,371.59	2,979	Balance at beginning of year	2,986.58
			8	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	385.01
2,987		3,371.59	2,987		3,371.59

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978
\$		\$	\$	\$
2,392	Fire Insurance Subsidy Balance	208,467	208,467	236,970.15
202,350	Contributors Account	234,835.82	--	1,976.01
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
90	Capital at beginning of year	738.75		
649	ADD Donation received	-- --		
739		738.75		
2,986	Appropriation Account	3,371.59		
		4,110.34		
208,467		238,946.16	208,467	238,946.16

Chairman: G.E.Hill

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquisition Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1978. 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, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

MCCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978
\$		\$	\$	\$
2,179	Subscription Refunded	4,017.70	10,886	Balance at beginning of year
15,561	Balance at end of year	18,962.05		CONTRIBUTIONS
			3,116	Personal
			2,838	Subsidy
				3,297.54
				2,908.10
			900	Interest Received - Personal Deposits
17,740		22,979.75	17,740	

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

464	900	Administration Expenses	170.00	929	Interest Received on Deposit with Super. Fund	1,417.00
	150	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	1,212.77	171	Grant from General Purposes Trust Board	-- --
	51	Stationery & General Expenses	20.28	1	Excess Expenditure over Income	-- --
		Excess Income over Expenditure	13.95			
	1,101		1,417.00	1,101		1,417.00

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

45	Balance at beginning of year	45.99	--	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	13.95
1	Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c	--	46	Balance at end of year	32.04
46		45.99	46		45.99

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
15,562	Contributors Account	18,962.05	408	Sundry Debtors	8.73
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		16,168	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	19,981.45
1,060	Capital				
- 46	LESS Appropriation A/c	1,060.17			
		32.04			
1,014		1,028.13			
16,576		19,990.18	16,576		19,990.18

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, 1978. 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, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
12,111	Subscriptions Refunded	8,987.39	29,058	Balance at beginning of year	33,276.40
33,276	Balance at end of year	38,917.72		<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
			12,895	Personal and Subsidies	11,943.85
				Budget Subsidies (Staff of	
			810	Overseas Division)	358.87
					12,302.72
			2,624	Interest Received on Personal Deposits	2,325.99
45,387		47,905.11	45,387		47,905.11

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1978

466	235	Administration charges	270.00	2,619	Interest Received - Deposit with Super. Fund	2,598.00
	2,624	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	2,325.49	360	Excess Expenditure over Income	47.99
	120	Stationery and General Expenses	50.50			
	2,979		2,645.99	2,979		2,645.99

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1978

360	Transfer from Income & Expenditure A/c	47.99	463	Balance at beginning of year	102.92
103	Balance at end of year	54.93			
463		102.92	463		102.92

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1978

1977		1978	1977	1978
\$		\$	\$	\$
113	Sundry Creditors	-- --	33,989	39,400.27
33,276	Contributors Account	38,917.72	104	173.38
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
430	Capital			
171	<u>ADD</u> Donation received			
		601.00		
		-- --		
		601.00		
103	<u>ADD</u> Appropriation Account	54.93		
704				
		655.93		
34,093		39,573.65	34,093	39,573.65

Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers' Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1978. 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, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the fund as at 31st January, 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch.
24th April 1978.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

INVESTMENT BOARD

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

1977		1978		1977		1978
\$		\$		\$		\$
2,500	Administration Charge	650.00		8,045	Commission Received	13,052.65
159	General Office Expenses	1,016.16				
11,572	Salaries	15,108.06		9,862	Connexional Budget	9,705.00
2,302	Travelling Expenses	1,119.42				
1,374	Excess Income over Expenditure	4,864.01				
17,907		22,757.65		17,907		22,757.65

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS		
339	Sundry Creditors	612.92	1,487	Sundry Debtors	3,368.35
800	Board of Administration	-- --	--	Deposit with The Board of Administration	2,456.60
					5,824.95
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
	Balance at 1 July 1977	348.02			
348	ADD Excess Income over Expenditure	4,864.01			
		5,212.03			
1,487		5,824.95	1,487		5,824.95

Chairman:

Secretary:

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

INVESTMENT BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

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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:-

Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for 9 months ended 31 March 1978.

	<u>1978</u>		<u>1978</u>
	\$		\$
Administration Fee (Note 1)	4,066.90	Interest Received on Investments	40,097.38
Audit Fee	200.00	Rental Received	1,266.21
Interest Paid	726.26		
Legal Fees	153.00		
Property Valuation Fees	49.00		
Telephone and Tolls	27.34		
Travelling Expenses	275.75		
Stationery and Postages	747.52		
Excess Income over Expenditure	35,117.82		
	<u>41,363.59</u>		<u>41,363.59</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

for period ended 31 March 1978

Dividends Paid - Short Term Depositors	10,350.95	Income available for Distribution	35,117.82
Dividends Paid - Long Term Depositors (Note 2)	24,766.87		
	<u>35,117.82</u>		<u>35,117.82</u>

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1978

	<u>1978</u>		<u>1978</u>
	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>	
Sundry Creditors	6,206.94	Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	2,249.33
		Interest Accrued	<u>13,532.73</u>
			15,782.06
<u>TERM DEPOSITS:</u>		<u>INVESTMENTS</u> at cost	
Short Term Deposits	414,644.96	Short Term:-	
Long Term Deposits	<u>736,373.31</u>	Transferable Certificates	
	1,151,018.27	of Deposits	810,355.53
		Term Deposits - Trading	
<u>FIXED TERM LIABILITIES:</u>		Banks	<u>150,000.00</u>
Mortgage - Peak, Longland Nominees Ltd.	100,000.00	Long Term:-	960,355.53
Secured on Matthews Building - Auckland		Term Deposits - Savings	
		banks	<u>80,000.00</u>
			1,040,355.53
		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u> at Cost	
		Matthews Building - Auckland	<u>201,087.62</u>
	<u>1,257,225.21</u>		<u>1,257,225.21</u>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

- Note 1. The administration fee charged is related to investment activities and accounting work involved.
- Note 2. Dividends have been calculated on the basis of income derived from investments made by the Short Term Fund and Long Term Fund less expenses, allocated equally over the participants in these funds by using both days and amount of investment in respective funds.

Chairman: G.H. Peak

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1978

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (1) 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.
- (2) The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
 - (a) Comparative Figures - No Comparative Figures are available as commencement of operations of this Fund took effect at 1st July 1977.
 - (b) Depreciation - No Depreciation on the Matthews Building has been provided for as title was transferred on 10th March 1978.

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND
WARDEN'S AND TRAINEES ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1978

Warden's Honorarium	150.00		Credit Balance 1.7.77.		7,085.72
" Expenses	<u>286.00</u>	436.00	Interest Received:		
Trainees Allowance	463.00		National Bank of N.Z. on Deposit	65.00	
" Book Allowance	150.00		Bank of N.Z. on current Account	12.14	
" Cost of Courses	25.00		Prince Albert College Trust	240.00	
" Travelling Expenses	<u>82.00</u>	720.00	Home Mission Investment Funds Board	55.00	
			General Purposes Trust Board	<u>2,880.14</u>	3,252.28
<u>Special Grants:</u>					
Deaconess Association for					
Convocation Exs.	300.00				
J.M. Bouchier for Exs.	50.00				
H. Grant for Expenses	<u>200.00</u>	550.00			
<u>Travelling Expenses:</u>					
Conference Rep.	114.40				
M. Te Whare	<u>40.00</u>	154.80			
<u>Secretary's Expenses:</u>					
Conference Minutes	7.00				
Petty Cash & Stationery	<u>20.00</u>	27.00			
		1,887.80			
Balance 30.6.78		<u>8,450.20</u>			
		\$10,338.00			\$10,338.00

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND
 TRAINEES EMERGENCY FUND

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Balance 30.6.78

1,544.60

Balance 1.7.77

1,463.30

Interest:

Bank of N.Z.

11.30

Prince Albert College Trust

80.00

91.30

\$1,554.60

\$1,554.60

MAORI LIBRARY FUND

Balance 30.6.78

127.49

Balance 1.7.77

124.85

Interest Bank of N.Z.

2.64

\$127.49

\$127.49

LENNA BUTTON FUND

Balance 30.6.78

106.02

Balance 1.7.77

97.23

Interest:

Bank of N.Z.

2.04

General Purposes Trust Fund

6.75

8.75

\$106.02

\$106.02

ESTATE LILY WHITE

Balance 30.6.78

94.31

Balance 1.7.77

92.35

Interest Bank of N.Z.

1.96

\$94.31

\$94.31

THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD, AUCKLAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

LIABILITIES

Warden's & Trainees Account	8,450.20
Trainees Emergency Fund	1,554.60
Maori Library Fund	127.49
Lenna Button Fund	106.02
Estate Lily White	94.31
Accumulated Funds - Share of Proceeds Morley House	41,666.67

\$51,999.29

ASSETS

Bank of New Zealand Current Account	1,962.90
Deposits with Prince Albert College Trust	4,000.00
Deposit with Home Mission Investment Fund Board	3,000.00
Deposit with N.Z. Methodist Trust Association	43,036.39

\$51,999.29

Chairman: J.H. Osborne, M.A.

Treasurer: J.L. Crawford, A.C.A.

Audited and found correct:
A. Turner, A.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

NEW CITIZEN

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 30.6.78

INCOME

30.6.77		30.6.78
8,537	Partners in Print	7,219
20,710	Connexional Budget	20,494
939	Subscriptions	1,258
8,720	Advertising	9,309
38,906		38,280

EXPENDITURE

8,447	Editor' Salary & Superannuation	9,275
4,152	Assistant Editor & Contributors	4,858
2,406	Office Assistant	3,341
904	Travel	853
	Accountant	125
912	Rent	1,738
2,446	General Expenses & Depreciation	3,941
18,386	Printing Costs & Photos	22,404
2,688	Freight Costs	2,905
40,341		49,442
1,435	Excess Expenditure over Income	11,162

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1978

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Bank	30.6.78	30.6.77
Overdraft	9,539	2,162
Sundry		
Creditors	4,479	2,372
Total Current		
Liabilities	14,018	4,534

CURRENT ASSETS

Sundry	30.6.78	30.6.77
Debtors	2,719	4,398

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance	
1/7/77	487
Less Excess	
Expenditure	10,676
Balance	
30/6/78	10,676

FIXED ASSETS

Office		
Equipment	623	692
		69
	3,342	5021

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 30th June, 1978

1977 \$		1978 \$	1977 \$		1978 \$
456,360	Payments to Divisions and Funds	536,075.16	404,991	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	
12,904	Expenses collected through Connexional Budget and refunded to Districts	21,263.00	45,127	Methodist Circuits	469,115.34
			15,799	Union Parishes-General	63,744.55
			60,926	Union Parishes-Retiring Funds	22,723.65
			465,917		86,468.20
					555,583.54
				REFUNDS FROM DIVISIONS AND FUNDS	
			4,586	Supernumerary Fund	379.86
			--	Home Acquirement Fund	473.99
			- 363	Home Missionary Retiring Fund	417.57
					1,271.42
			-1,210	Deaconess Retiring Fund	-120.48
			- 72	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	-211.32
					331.80
			2,941		939.62
			406	Contributions for previous years received this year	815.00
469,264	TOTAL PAYMENTS	557,338.16	469,264	TOTAL RECEIPTS	557,338.16
343	Stationery, Postages, Tolls, Travel and General Expenses	443.69	274	Bank interest received	285.89
469,607		557,781.85	69	Excess of Expenditure over Income	157.80
					557,781.85

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978.

1977 \$		1978 \$	1977 \$		1978 \$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
1,314	Contributions received in advance	1,623.70	24,091	Cash at Bank of New Zealand	24,286.04
28	Sundry Creditors	93.27			
	Final Payments due to Districts and			Payments for this year, received	
27,210	to Non-Guaranteed Funds and Divisions	36,893.91	5,737	after Balance Date	15,442.69
28,552					
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
1,345	Balance at beginning of year	1,275.65			
	Balance from Income and				
- 69	Expenditure Account	- 157.80			
478 1,276			1,117.85		
29,828		39,728.73	29,828		39,728.73

Chairman:

Secretary:

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 JOINT COMMISSION ON

CHURCH UNION

R E P O R T

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION 1978

ROLL OF MEMBERS, 1 SEPTEMBER 1978

Anglican: The Right Rev P. W. Mann (Convener), The Right Rev P. A. Reeves, The Ven E. G. Buckle, The Rev Canon J. T. Tamahori, The Ven R. J. Whitty, Miss M. E. Brown, Mr D. M. Wylie, Proxies: The Right Rev E. K. Norman, 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: Mrs G. M. Barton (Convener).

Methodist: The Rev W. J. Morrision (Convener), The Rev B. E. Jones, The Rev R. D. Rakena, The Rev B. K. Rowe, Mr E. G. Heggie, Mr G. H. Peak, Proxies: The Rev C. D. Clark, The Rev A. K. Woodley.

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, The Rev Dr H. C. Swadling.

Chairman, The Maori Council on Church Union: The Rev M. Te Whare.

Interim Secretary: The Rev R. G. Weeks.

FOURTEENTH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

The Joint Commission on Church Union in New Zealand submits this, its Fourteenth Report to the negotiating Churches, dated 1 September 1978.

The Report comprises the following sections:

I. THE COMMISSION

II. THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

IV. FINANCE.

I. THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission met at St Stephen's Church Hall, Lower Hutt on 18-19 April 1978. The Chairman, the Rev W. A. Best presided, 17 members and the Chairman of the J.N.C.C.E. the Very Rev W. B. Watt being present. Apologies for absence due to disruption of travel facilities were received from six members. The Commission adjourned to the Church for the Communion Service, the Chairman presiding and being assisted by members.

2. The Commission agreed that the next meeting be held on 7 September 1978. However, advice was received that several Anglican members would be overseas at that date, so in order to enable them to be present, the Executive decided that the meeting be held 24-25 October thus giving the opportunity of a joint meeting with the J.N.C.C.E.

3. The Executive met on 15 December 1977. It reported fully to the Commission.

4. The lease of the office accommodation from B.P. (N.Z.) Ltd ended in December. This lease provided accommodation for the 12 months at very reasonable rental. The use of a room in Wesley Church Hall was made available by the Wesley Church Trust for the first half of 1978. This timely assistance was greatly appreciated and the thanks of the Commission have been expressed to the Trust.

5. Last year's Report in section I (6) mentioned that consideration had been given at the meeting 6-7 September to the future functioning of the Commission and the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. The J.N.C.C.E. was asked to consult "with appropriate bodies in the Churches

with a view to making recommendations to the Churches through the J.C.C.U."

The Report of the J.N.C.C.E. was presented to the April meeting by the Chairman, the Very Rev W. B. Watt. The Commission referred the report to Church Union Committees for consideration in consultation as appropriate. It was anticipated that the replies from Church Union Committees would be considered at the September meeting, thus allowing for recommendations to the Churches to be included in this report. However, with the postponement of the meeting to 24 October, it may be necessary for specific proposals to be conveyed to the Churches separately.

The Report on the Future Function of the J.N.C.C.E. is as follows:

THE FUTURE FUNCTION OF THE J.N.C.C.E. CONSIDERED 18-19 APRIL 1978

The J.C.C.U. at its September meeting, in considering the future objectives and functions of the J.C.C.U. also considered how these might be related to the future function of the J.N.C.C.E. It considered a suggestion of the J.C.C.U. Executive that:

"The J.N.C.C.E. 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" (13th Report, p.2.).

A number of points concerning this suggestion which arose in the discussion were referred to the J.N.C.C.E. "for discussion and consultation with appropriate bodies in the negotiating Churches with a view to making recommendations to the negotiating Churches through the J.C.C.U."

The J.N.C.C.E. considered these matters at its November meeting, and formulated a preliminary outline of approach which would result in the formation of a Joint Council for Mission to fulfil the general function mentioned above. A preliminary reaction was sought from the appropriate Church bodies, and with their general approval in principle, the Committee gave detailed consideration to the matter at its meeting on 14-15 March. It was agreed that the points listed in the discussion should be the basis of the following report to the J.C.C.U.

The J.N.C.C.E. recommends:

- A. That there should be a Joint Council for Mission to continue the work of the J.N.C.C.E.
- B. That steps be taken to form the Joint Council for Mission with the following objectives and structure:

I. Objectives

1. The Joint Council for Mission shall have the following objectives:
 - (i) Maintain existing tasks (J.N.C.C.E.).
 - (ii) Foster and facilitate co-operation in ministry and mission by:
 - (a) Motivating church courts, JRCs, etc., in various forms of Christian outreach (new as well as accepted).
 - (b) Encouraging JRCs to expand role to encompass mission objectives.
 - (c) Helping Churches focus on changing patterns of ministry.
 - (d) Indicating place of "traditional" ministry.
 - (e) Assisting Churches to come to terms with economic dimensions of ministry (people and plant).
 - (iii) Initiate study into context of mission (also reflect on critical issues).
 - (iv) Co-ordinate and facilitate the outreach of the negotiating Churches through

- (a) The sharing of information and insights between Churches regarding such things as the development of parish life, evangelism, programmes, social service etc.
 - (b) Dissemination of overseas information and insights.
 - (c) Liaison with para-church agencies of mission (e.g., ITIM, UTC).
 - (d) Evaluate new experiments in ministry.
2. Maintain relationship with JRCs as of critical importance, encouraging them to fulfil the role of the J.C.M. in regional areas.
 3. To maintain effective relationships with parishes through the JRCs.

II. Structures

Council—12 to 20 members with executive officer.

Appropriate representation.

Denominational representation: representatives appointed by their Church (generalists rather than specialists).

Some specialists to be co-opted by J.C.M.

Widely representative.

Meet say 3 or 4 times each year.

Appoint small executive.

Use work groups to make use of specialist knowledge (possibly regional for geographical spread).

III. Functions

To act in the realisation of the primary objectives as outlined in Section I, 1, in the following ways: to receive, evaluate, initiate, delegate, encourage, disseminate.

IV Executive Officer

Tasks:

- secretarial
- co-ordinating
- interpreting
- public relations
- maintain overseas contacts

Gifts:

- administrative ability
- engender trust
- theological insight
- ability to motivate people
- communicator (including editorial ability)

Location:

Desirable locate officer in close proximity to centres of Church life.

V. Budget

A budget for 1979 including provision for publicity material and adequate travel will require a 50 percent increase on the current budget of \$15,211, i.e., approx \$20,500.

(Note: An adequate budget for 1979 would require approximately \$27,000).

6. At the April meeting, it was agreed that the Executive should arrange for the secretarial work of the J.C.C.U. to be continued until decisions are made on the future of the J.N.C.C.E. The Rev R. J. Weeks was requested to do this in conjunction with his work for the J.N.C.C.E. until the end of 1978. Provision for the future will be considered at the meeting on 24 October.

II. THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES

1. Decisions of the Churches

Last year's Report (II, 1) advised that it was anticipated that decisions on acceptance of the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministries would 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.

At the April meeting, the Commission was advised of the decisions as follows:

(a) Associated Churches of Christ

The annual conference was held 20-24 October. The Conference adopted "Part I Our Present Position" of the Covenant. Decision was deferred on the remainder of the Covenant and the Unification of the Ministries until the Conference Council had ascertained the views of the individual congregations and reported this to the Department of Union. The Department of Union is to decide what further steps will be taken to enable the Annual Conference to come to a decision on the matter.

(b) The Congregational Union

At the Assembly in October, because of doubts whether a majority of congregations will ultimately wish to go into Church union, no decision on the covenant was made, but the Unification of Ministries was unanimously supported in principle.

(c) Presbyterian

The General Assembly 3-9 November 1977 resolved to "adopt the Covenant with its proposals for the Unification of Ministries as printed in the body of this report and send it to Presbyteries under the Barrier Act for report to the Assembly Executive Secretary by 30 June 1978" (Carried 177/67).

The request for consideration of two amendments (conveyed 1 September 1977) was confirmed as follows:

Re Covenant and Unification

As a result of its recent consideration of the replies of Presbyteries. Sessions and others to the proposed Covenant and Unification of Ministries, the Presbyterian Church Union Committee asks the Joint Commission on Church Union to consider two amendments, one relating to the "Provisional wording" of Para 9 ii under the Unification of Ministries, and the other to the "Draft Outline of Elements" in para 12 (i) 3.

They are:

9(a)ii: That the sentence reading: "I acknowledge that by reason of our separation from God and from one another all our ministries lack the fullness God desires us to have" be deleted; and that the word 'the' before 'fullness' in the 3rd line below that point, be changed to 'a'.

12(i)3. That the paragraph be replaced with the following:

"Within the total ministry of the people of God, the Churches recognise an ordained ministry for service in the Church. This ministry is acknowledged to have three essential forms or elements: oversight, ministry of Word, Sacraments and pastoral care, and selfless service. It is further agreed that in the covenanting churches these elements are expressed in different ways."

(d) Methodist

The Conference, 5-10 November 1977 resolved:

- (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."

(e) Anglican

The General Synod, 1-7 April 1978 passed a series of motions, set out below in two sections numbered 1 and 2:

- 1 referring to the Covenant, and
- 2 referring to the Unification of the Ministries.

1. That the Church of the Province of New Zealand do enter into the Covenant between the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand as contained in the 12th Report of the J.C.C.U. and authorises the Primate to sign on behalf of the Church.

2. Consequent upon that decision a bill intituled "A Statute to Amend the Preface to the Ordinal" was passed. This statute is deemed to be a proposal under the Church of England Empowering Act. The Statute has the proposed Service of the Unification of the Ministries attached to it as a schedule.

Two amendments were made to the Preface to the Ordinal.

- i. The insertion in the first paragraph after the words "the form hereafter following" of the words "or according to any other form duly adopted and confirmed by the Church of the Province of New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928."
- ii. The addition of a further paragraph to the end of the first paragraph, namely "If a person be not so accounted he shall not execute any of the said function unless he has taken part in a Service of the Unification of the Ministries approved by the Church of the Province of New Zealand, or, pursuant to a Covenant to which the Church of the Province is a party, has been ordained according to the form of one of the churches also party to such Covenant in which a Bishop has taken part in the laying on of hands with prayer."

The following amendments were made to the first part of the Schedule containing the Service for the Unification of the Ministries (refer to 12th Report J.C.C.U. p. 135 Clause 7).

- i. A new paragraph was inserted at the beginning, namely, "This Service shall be for ministers of those of the five Churches, namely, the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, which shall have signed the Covenant and shall have agreed on the Statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union as providing an adequate theological basis for the unification of ministries.
- ii. The following sentence was inserted after the end of the sentence ending "appointed by that Church"—"The one appointed by the Church of the Province of New Zealand shall be a Bishop".
- iii. The following words were added to the sentence "ministers taking part in the service"—"at least one of whom shall be a Bishop".
- iv. A further paragraph was inserted: "Those ministers who have been declared presbyters in the Church of God in this Service shall be accounted or taken to be priests and deacons by the Church of the Province

of New Zealand whether or not they have been previously so accounted or so taken to be.

- v. It is a recommendation from the General Synod that the following words be omitted from the declaration made by ministers participating in the Service—"I acknowledge that by reason of our separation from God and from one another all our ministries lack the fullness God desires us to have", with the consequent change of "the fullness" to read "a fullness" (Refer to 12th Report J.C.C.U. p. 136 9 ii).
- vi. The General Synod judged the prayer to be used by officiating ministers after the laying on of hands (12th Report J.C.C.U. p. 136) to be that used for a Bishop as well as a presbyter with the insertion of the word "Bishop" in the prayer. In the case of deacons it was suggested that an appropriate prayer be used.

The General Synod asked that it be conveyed to the other Negotiating Churches that the alterations made to Clause 7 of the Schedule B of the 12th Report J.C.C.U. (p. 135) are to meet the constitutional requirements of the Church of the Province of New Zealand. The General Synod refers to the J.C.C.U. the amendments incorporated into the Service of Unification for further consideration.

2. Amendments to the Provisions for Unification

The Commission considered the replies from the Churches and agreed as follows:

A. First, with regard to the two additions made by General Synod to section 7 of the Unification provisions, the Commission noted the information given that they were made "to meet the constitutional requirements of the Church of the Province of New Zealand."

The Commission considered that it was sufficient for the other Churches simply to note these provisions. Accordingly the J.C.C.U. *agreed that the two following should be noted and Church Union Committees advised:*

- 1. In the paragraph beginning "At each service", (the words "It is envisaged" being omitted) after the words "appointed by that Church", General Synod had inserted as the second sentence: "The one appointed by the Church of the Province of New Zealand shall be a Bishop," and also at the end of the paragraph the words "at least one of whom shall be a Bishop," had been added.
- 2. As a further paragraph, General Synod had added:
"Those ministers who have been declared presbyters in the Church of God in this service shall be accounted or taken to be priests and deacons by the Church of the Province of New Zealand whether or not they have been previously so accounted or so taken to be."

B. Second, the Commission agreed on the following alterations to the provisions and that they be sent to Church Union Committees for confirmation and reply to the next meeting.

- 1. The following paragraph *at the beginning of section 7* be added:
This Service shall be for ministers of those of the five Churches, namely the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, which shall have signed the Covenant and shall have agreed on the Statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union 1971 as providing an adequate theological basis for the unification of the ministries.
- 2. **The first clause of the last sentence in 8(ii)** to read:
"This special ministry involving oversight, the Word, the Sacraments,

pastoral care and selfless service expresses . . ."

3. The first part of 8(v) to read:

"We therefore call on all who have served as ordained ministers in separation . . ."

4. In 9(ii), the words "I acknowledge that by reason of our separation from God and from one another, all our ministries lack the fullness God desires us to have" be deleted, and in the sentence "So may our ministries receive . . .", "a fullness" be substituted for "the fullness".

5. In 10(ii) in the prayer "Heavenly Father, give your Holy Spirit . . ." the word "bishop" be inserted before "presbyter", and both words be printed in italics.

6. In 10(ii) the following be inserted after the prayer for "bishop/presbyter":
 "In the case of deacons the following prayer shall be used:
 Heavenly Father, give your Holy Spirit anew to these your servants for the office and work of a deacon in the Church of God, to serve Christ's Church, caring for God's people and his world."

7. In 12(i)3, the paragraph to read:

"Within the total ministry of the people of God, the Churches recognise an ordained ministry for service in the Church. This ministry is acknowledged to have three essential forms or elements: oversight, ministry of Word, Sacraments and pastoral care, and selfless service. It is further agreed that in the covenanting Churches these elements are expressed in different ways."

3. The Covenant and Unification of Ministries as Revised

The text of The Covenant and the Unification of the Ministries as approved by the Commission 18-19 April 1978 is as follows:

THE COVENANT

COVENANT BETWEEN

THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW ZEALAND
 THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW ZEALAND
 THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW ZEALAND
 THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
 THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Recognising the compulsion of the Holy Spirit towards unity, confessing our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and renewing our will to better serve his mission in the world, we acknowledge that our several Churches since entering into the Act of Commitment 1967 have been brought into a new relationship.

Part I Our Present Position

1. In "The Faith We Affirm Together" we are already at one in understanding and confessing our faith centred in Jesus Christ.
2. We recognise the actions of our Churches in making possible a freedom to join together in Holy Communion, opening up new possibilities of worship and fellowship.
3. We have commenced sharing such resources as land and buildings, theological education and training, christian education, social services, chaplaincies in hospitals, universities and prisons, and qualified people in an increasing number of spheres.
4. There is developing co-ordination through the Joint National Committee on Church Extension and Joint Regional Committees, increasing sen-

sitivity to each other's structures and a desire to modify these where necessary.

5. We have already experienced some of the richness of our differing patterns of worship and look for continued creative diversity within unity so that the whole life of the Church is further enriched.
6. At all levels, and increasingly in local congregations, we are praying together, listening to one another, experiencing together the witness and practice of our various traditions and sharing our strengths and the riches entrusted to us in separation.
7. We note with thanksgiving the considerable number of Union Parishes, Co-operating Parishes and other types of co-operative ventures already in existence. We acknowledge them to be a visible sign of our compulsion to move into a closer and more effective relationship.

We give thanks for all that we have been enabled to achieve and make known our understanding of the obedience to which we are now called.

Part II Our Immediate Commitment

1. We declare to each other as Churches, and to the world, that we accept and acknowledge each other as belonging to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
2. By virtue of our common baptism, we recognise our members as members of Christ, called to participate in the ministry of the whole Church. We accept that membership in any one communion is fully acceptable and recognised in each of the others.
3. We accept each other's ministries as real ministries of the Word and Sacraments, given by Christ to his Church, and yet showing distinctive marks, emphases and differences.
4. Because we are not satisfied that divided and separate ministries are an adequate expression of the will of Christ for his Church, we commit ourselves to a unification of our ministries to serve and foster the unity of the Church.
5. Following the unification of ministries, we shall conduct our ordinations with appropriate representatives of each Church participating and in such a way that those ordained are fully acceptable in each of our five Churches.

Part III Our Declared Intention

1. We determine to seek together better ways to serve the pastoral and administrative needs of the Churches by establishing councils for corporate decision at local, regional and national levels of responsibility.
2. In pastoral care of parishioners, in regional structures and in unifying ministries we will move to develop our present forms of oversight both personal and corporate where relevant to the newly emerging patterns of church life.
3. We will assist people of various backgrounds, traditions and cultures to pursue styles of co-operation suitable to their particular needs and expressing their various gifts.
4. We pledge ourselves to continue to work for the union of our five Churches.
5. The unity of the Church will not be completed by such a union. As this Covenant is in no sense meant to be exclusive, we also pledge ourselves to continue to work for the wider unity of Christ's Church.

Accordingly we enter now into this solemn Covenant before God and with one another, to work and pray in common obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ

in order that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one visible Church to serve together in mission to the glory of God the Father.

III. UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRIES

The Commission agreed to recommend the following provisions for the unification of the ministries:

1. We recognise each other's ministries to be real ministries of the Word and Sacraments, given by Christ to his Church, and yet showing distinctive marks, emphases and differences.

2. We nevertheless acknowledge that we are not satisfied that divided and separate ministries are an adequate expression of the will of Christ for his Church. We believe that our ministries should be reconciled into an integrated fellowship better to serve and foster the unity of the Church.

3. We recommend that provision be made for the unification of the ministries of the negotiating (covenanting) Churches, so that, as far as possible, all may minister in any of the Churches wherever they may be duly called and appointed so to do.

4. A Service of Unification should include as many members of the ministries as possible, and take place as soon as possible. Although the Churches may decide to unify their ministries, it may be that, for a variety of reasons, some ministers may find difficulty in sharing in this service. They are to be assured that they remain ministers in full standing in their own Churches.

5. The form of Service may be required for later use in special circumstances.

6. The Service of Unification will contain the following essential elements:

- (a) A Preface and Statement of Intention.
- (b) Declarations to be made by all the ministers participating in the Service.
- (c) Prayers declarations and other acts especially associated with the unification.

7. This Service shall be for ministers of those of the five Churches, namely the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand which shall have signed the Covenant and shall have agreed on the statement on Ministry in the Plan for Union 1971 as providing an adequate theological basis for the unification of the ministries.

The Service will be held at a representative, national level, followed by similar services at local or regional level.

At each service of unification of the ministry there will be a group of officiating ministers, one from each Church appointed by that Church. They will first preside over the unification of the ministries of the other ministers present, including the laying on of hands in silence. When this is concluded, the officiating ministers (unless they have previously taken part in a service of unification) will themselves be received in a similar act of unification by a second group of representative ministers appointed by each Church from among the ministers taking part in the service.

8. (a) **The Preface and Statement of Intention** shall be as follows:

- i. "The ministry of God's servant people, the whole Body of Christ, is a ministry in, to and for the world, a ministry of witness to a divided world of the saving and reconciling purpose of God. It is this by proclaiming the gospel of reconciliation, by manifesting in its own life the reality of God's reconciling power, and by loving concern for the life of a world divided against itself.

- ii. "Within the ministry of the whole people of God there is and has been from the beginning a special ministry representative of God who calls and of the Church which ordains. This ministry originates in Christ's command to his Apostles and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, continues to derive its authority from the living Christ. Its members are to lead the mission of the Church and to help equip God's people to share in the Church's total service. This special ministry involving oversight, the Word, the Sacraments, pastoral care and selfless service expresses, represents and serves the redemptive work of Christ through his Church in a particular but not exclusive way within the ministry of the whole people of God.
- iii. "Christ continues his apostolic ministry to the world in and through his Body the Church. The manner by which his power and authority is exercised in our different traditions has been diversified in the course of history and by the struggles of the past.
- iv. "It is now our intention by this act to initiate through the ordained ministry an expression of the Covenant we have made together; to develop our separated ministries into one integrated fellowship of service; and to remove any reservations which may be held as to the full acceptance amongst us of our separate ministries as being undoubted ministries of the Church of God as we look forward to the complete unity of Christ's Church on earth.
- v. We therefore call on all who have served as ordained ministers in separation humbly to share in this act of unification, that henceforth all can accept their right to minister wherever they are duly called and authorised so to do."

9 (a) Declarations to be made by all the ministers participating in the Service:
(Provisional wording only).

- i. *Officiating ministers:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we call on those who have been ordained to the ministry of the Church of God within the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to offer themselves anew with complete trust in the reconciling power of God that they may be ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God in the one ministry.
- ii. *All ministers offering themselves say together:* That God may be glorified in his Church I seek with all my heart to receive gladly from him whatever he wills for me and for my fellow ministers of the covenanting Churches. Having been ordained to the ministry of the Church of God under the authority of my own Church I praise him for all he has bestowed on me for his service. I offer myself to God that grace may be given me according to the measure of Christ's gift that we might all be reconciled to God and to one another. So may our ministries receive a fullness we have lacked in separation. I do this in faith that our ministries may now be used in all our Churches, and as far as possible beyond them. So may we grow towards the visible unity of all God's people and proclaim the mission to which Christ calls his Church.

10 (c) Prayers, declarations and other acts:

- i. **Prayer in the Act of Unification:** Eternal God, you called your Church into being to be one fellowship of your own people so that the world may believe. Through your Son Jesus Christ you have called and sent the ordained ministry to be servants of the servants of God. We thank you for

all you have given us in our separation and that your mercies have never failed us. We bring to you our penitence, faith and hope, praying that by your Holy Spirit you will sustain, renew and invigorate us all. From your abundance grant as you will to these your servants all that each may need to minister as a bishop, presbyter or deacon. May Christ be in all for the building up of His Body, for the strengthening of the unity and mission of his Church, and for the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

ii. **The Declaration, the Laying on of Hands, and the Right Hand of Fellowship.**

The ministers take their place before the officiating ministers.

The ministers kneel.

The officiating ministers say: "God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, confirm and renew your ordination to the ministry of the Church of God."

The officiating ministers together lay their hands in silence on each of the ministers.

After the laying on of hands, the ministers still kneeling, the officiating ministers say: "Heavenly Father, give your Holy Spirit anew to these your servants for the office and work of a *bishop/presbyter* in the Church of God, to minister your Word and Sacraments, to declare your forgiveness and to be a shepherd of your people."

In the case of deacons the following prayer shall be used: Heavenly Father, give your Holy Spirit anew to these your servants for the office and work of a deacon in the Church of God, to serve Christ's Church, caring for God's people and his world.

The ministers stand.

The officiating ministers say: "Receive our commission to preach the Gospel of Christ and to minister the Sacraments within our Churches."

The officiating ministers give to each minister, and each gives to his neighbour, the right hand of fellowship.

11. Ordinations in Common

Following the Unification of the Ministries, subsequent ordinations in the covenanting Churches shall be conducted with appropriate representatives of each Church participating and in such a way that those ordained are fully acceptable in each of our five Churches.

The forms of ordination shall continue to be those at present in use in the Churches, but with minimal changes at appropriate points to ensure the inclusion of the following necessary common elements:

1. Preface and Statement of Intention such as to ensure mutual acceptability of ministers. (See Draft Outline of Elements for a Service for Common Ordinations (i).)
2. Worship with appropriate Scripture readings, examination of candidates, and ordination with collegial prayer. (See Draft Outline, (ii).)

12. DRAFT OUTLINE OF ELEMENTS FOR A SERVICE FOR COMMON ORDINATIONS

(i) Synopsis of Preface and Statement of Intention

1. The unification of the Ministries of the Negotiating Churches has taken place on the assumption that all future ordinations within these Churches shall contain common necessary elements and thereby ensure that every person so ordained is acceptable in the fullest sense in the ordained ministry of each Church should he or she be invited to exercise that ministry.
2. The Churches accept a doctrine of the Ministry which recognises that Jesus Christ, as only Head of the Church, is the source of all its ministry

and that He gives power and authority in and through the Church to continue this ministry to the world.

3. Within the total ministry of the people of God, the Churches recognise an ordained ministry for service in the Church. This ministry is acknowledged to have three essential forms or elements: oversight, ministry of Word, Sacraments and pastoral care, and selfless service. It is further agreed that in the covenanting Churches these elements are expressed in different ways.
4. While some Churches in Christendom have required ordination to the Office of Deacon as a pre-requisite for ordination to the Presbyterate, it is agreed that such a pre-requisite should not be mandatory for those Churches which will continue to have only one order of Ministry.
5. The intention in common ordinations is to continue the historic ordained ministry in the Churches and to this end, the authorised representative of each of the Churches shall participate in every ordination.
- ii. **Common necessary elements for the service**
 1. The opening section of the Service of Holy Communion.
 2. The presentation of the candidates to the presiding bishop or minister and a public assurance that they are fit persons for ordination to the particular office.
 3. Scripture readings appropriate for the particular office.
 4. After the Gospel the examination of the candidates in which the following subjects are dealt with:
 - (a) A question relating to the inward call of the candidates.
 - (b) A question relating to the belief in Scripture and the teachings of the Church.
 - (c) A question relating to the intention of the candidate to model his/her life on that of Christ.
 - (d) A question relating to the desire on the part of the candidate to exercise a ministry.
 - (e) A question requiring obedience to the authority of the Church and its Officers into which the candidate is being ordained.
 - (f) A further question asking if the candidate is willing to accept the discipline and authority of the other Churches should he/she accept an invitation to serve in one or more of them.
 5. The Ordination.
 - (a) A collegial prayer in which God is asked to provide grace and the gifts of the Spirit for the work of the office to which the candidate is to be admitted.
 - (b) The laying on of hands by the presiding minister and the other authorised representatives of the Churches on the head of each candidate.
 - (c) A prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the office and work of the person being ordained. (To be said by the presiding minister and the other authorised representatives.)
 - (d) The presiding minister declares the candidate as being received into the particular office of ministry and a copy of the Scriptures is given to the candidate.
 - (e) A prayer of blessing for the ministry of those who have been ordained.
 6. Continuation of the Service of Holy Communion.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. **Hymnbook Supplement**

Following the detailed information given in the 13th report it was indicated

that "the Commission will make a final decision later". The Commission at its April meeting reluctantly came to the decision that it was impracticable to proceed with the hymnbook. A word of appreciation is expressed to the Rev John S. Murray and all who assisted him in the exploratory work regarding compilation and publication.

2. Joint Committee on Christian Education (NZ).

In February the Rev K. Pearson attended a meeting of the Committee. As a Director of the Joint Board he was able to discuss the plans of the Board and programmes being prepared. He was visiting New Zealand to collect information and New Zealand attitudes that would help the Joint Board as it moves towards preparing resource material for Confirmation Training, Intergenerational programmes, and a new series on Learning linked with worship.

The main work of the Committee this year has been the planning and running of a Staff Training Event for staff of the member churches. The event was held in Wallis House 18-21 July, and the Rev David Merritt, Executive Director of the Joint Board was the main resource person. Included in the training event were sections on skill training in preparing educational programmes for parishes, and examining the concept of the Community of Faith.

The Committee has received reports on the re-establishment of the Inter-Church Laboratory Committee, and its new series of training events being planned.

3. The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations in the Negotiating Churches. Annual Report, August 1978.

At the meeting of the J.C.W.O. in March the Guide Lines for Women's Groups in Union or Co-operating Parishes were finally approved for distribution to the member churches.

We were interested in the progress being made in the Waikato where the Guide Lines have been used in the setting up of a Regional Committee for the Women's Organisations and we are following the development with great interest.

When the J.N.C.C.E. met at Wallis House in May, I was privileged to attend. At this meeting the members agreed to include the "Guide Lines" in the Guide to Procedures and to send them to Church Courts, J.C.R.'s and to Union and Co-operating Parishes. The J.N.C.C.E. is to invite a member of our Committee to attend future meetings and this will be a very valuable contact.

We have also urged all our members to be fully involved in programmes for I.Y.C. and to be interested and informed on current Legislation that affects the family.

JOAN GREGORY, President J.C.W.O.

4. The Conference on Overseas Mission

In the last paragraph of the 1977 report of the Negotiating Churches Committee on Overseas Mission, it is mentioned that "considerable thought has been given to the name of the Committee and to the scope of its work", and there is reference to discussions to be held between the Negotiating Churches Committee and other missionary agencies, involving "the possibility of extending our membership and the scope of our work." These discussions have taken place and there is now an organising committee that meets to prepare an annual Conference on Missions. The first of these Conferences was held in May of this year and the second on the theme, "Thy Kingdom Come", will be held in May 1979.

Present at these Conferences are Mission Board personnel from the Negotiating Churches together with representatives of various other missionary agencies. A portion of the two day Conference is set aside for sharing of information between the Boards and agencies, so that mutual learning can occur. The organising committee does not include official representatives from each Church Mission Board, but is made up of five individuals elected to carry out the specific task of arranging the next Conference. The first Conference was quite successful, and all people present saw the value of meeting together to learn and reflect on our common tasks. Those from the negotiating Churches do not see any necessity, at this time, to continue a Negotiating Committee separate from other missionary agencies.

GEOFF TUCKER, Convener.

5. Joint Board of Theological Studies Annual Report to the Churches 1978

The work of providing the L.Th. as a basic theological qualification continues to be the most important task of the Joint Board. 102 candidates sat in 1977, of whom 40 were extra-mural. The S.Th. continues to provide opportunity for more advanced work and the commencement of the Diploma in Ministry in Auckland and Dunedin, involving at least a three-year course under supervision is a milestone in continuing education.

The discussion of a draft constitution for a N.Z. Association of Theological Schools is continuing and it is our hope that it will be presented for discussion to member churches in 1979 to ensure that relations with church courts remain as close as possible. This could be a way of widening co-operation in theological education beyond the framework of the J.C.C.U., including Baptists and Roman Catholics, as well as Pacific churches.

The Joint Assessment Committee dealt with seven Presbyterian and two Methodist applicants at Christchurch, and 10 Presbyterian and 12 Methodist applicants at Otaki. The Rev D. S. Mullan has begun work on a Manual of Procedures, so that assessment can be undertaken by a wider group. Staff reports on candidates were supplied to the relevant authorities of participating churches.

I. BREWARD, Chairman.

W. E. LIMBRICK, Secretary.

JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

This year has seen a steady expansion and consolidation of the work undertaken by the J.N.C.C.E.M. and of the field worker in continuing education.

Mr Rowe has continued to be active in leadership of large and small gatherings of ministers, both denominational and ecumenical. Research into the needs of clergy continues, and the attention of church courts has been drawn to the needs of clergy approaching and following retirement. The Diploma of Ministry programme will offer a framework within which ministers may engage in serious, disciplined, and supervised continuing education. An encouraging number of people have indicated their desire to be part of this programme. The magazine "Ministry in New Zealand" is meeting a need and many appreciative letters are received. More detailed reports, cataloguing specific activities of the field worker, are made available to denominational committees on ministry.

During the year links have been made through the field worker with the Uniting Church in Australia and Mr Rowe has acted in a consultative

capacity to assist the Australian Churches develop an effective continuing education programme. There is great interest in our New Zealand approach to continuing education and discussions are proceeding as to how cross Tasman sharing of resources may proceed. There is particular interest in "Ministry in New Zealand", the Diploma of Ministry, and the possibility of a joint development of educational resources for use in clergy groups.

The committee has welcomed the appointment of Mrs Margaret Nolan as Director of the Urban Training Centre in Wellington. We look forward to the development of the U.T.C. as a lively and significant part of the continuing education network.

The decision of the Presbyterian Church to take the initiative in the appointment of a South Island field worker based on Knox College is very good news. There is much to be done and the appointment of a suitable person in the South Island will be of significance for the whole church and ministry.

DAVID COLES, Chairman.

KEITH ROWE, Field Worker.

THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

The Annual Report to the Negotiating
Churches and the J.C.C.U. 1978

1. The Committee

The Committee met on 16-17 November 1977, and 14-15 March and 30-31 May 1978.

The membership of the Committee at 1 September 1978 was as follows:

Anglican: The Ven E. G. Buckle, The Ven M. C. Welch, The Rev A. G. Georgantis, Miss M. E. Brown, Mr R. S. Jebson.

Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev H. C. Bischoff, The Rev E. R. Vickery.

Congregational Union: Mrs G. M. Barton.

Methodist: The Rev C. D. Clark, The Rev B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie.

Presbyterian: The Very Rev W. B. Watt (Chairman), The Rev W. A. Best, The Rev R. J. Weeks (Secretary), Mr A. B. Robertson, The Rev E. W. Body.

J.C.W.O.: Mrs J. Gregory.

In March 1975, Mr E. G. Heggie was appointed Chairman for a term of two years. At the meeting 16-17 November the Very Rev W. B. Watt was appointed Chairman. The meeting recorded the appreciation of members for the service given by Mr Heggie during his term.

During the last two years, the Committee has become increasingly aware of its responsibilities in implementing its terms of reference as approved in 1975 (Annual Report 1975, section 1, paragraphs (2) and (3)), at the same time, the J.C.C.U. has been considering its responsibilities.

Arising from the J.C.C.U. discussion 6-7 September 1977, certain suggestions regarding strengthening the membership and resources of the J.N.C.C.E. were referred to the Committee for consideration and consultation with the appropriate Church Committees. The Committee has reported to the J.C.C.U. recommending that steps be taken to enable the Committee to discharge its increasing responsibilities.

Following the retirement of the Secretary of the Committee, the Rev J. E. Stewart, and pending the decisions on the future of the J.N.C.C.E. the Committee decided to seek a part-time appointment for the period 1 July to 31 December. An approach was made to the Ministry Committee of the

Presbyterian Church asking if the Rev R. J. Weeks could be seconded for this period. The Ministry Committee agreed that his services would be available "on a strictly limited basis for the period 1 July to 31 December, provided that independent secretarial assistance was available." The J.N.C.C.E. expressed its thanks to the Ministry Committee for this co-operation and to Mr Weeks for his willingness to serve.

2. Co-operative Development in New Areas

The Committee has given attention to situations of rapid development in new areas where traditional denominational patterns and structures are not present. A basic presupposition underlying the proposals for Co-operating Parishes was that the parties to the agreement would be fully established parishes with reasonably common boundaries. A draft statement has been prepared on the basis of a modified joint use agreement, providing for a co-operative venture to promote development toward united action in all aspects of parish life and mission. The statement has been forwarded to Church Union Committee for information and comment.

3. Guide to Procedures

Since the issue in May 1975 of the Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parishes a large number of copies have been issued to Joint Regional Committees and parishes. A second edition was issued in December that year. A number of amendments and additions have been approved during the last three years and it is proposed to issue a third edition, probably about mid-November.

The Committee wished to make an assessment of this collection of documents. Enquiries were made of several parishes to learn from their experience of its effectiveness as an aid in the formation of their co-operative venture. The replies confirmed the value of the collection when used in the formative stages. One reply stated:

"The booklet was used initially in the formation of a Joint Use of Buildings scheme. Prior to the formation of the Co-operating Parish, it was studied extensively to ensure that the proper procedures were followed and that the Agreement itself was in line with the accepted patterns of such a Parish."

4. Guidelines for Women's Groups

The Joint Committee of Women's organisations in the negotiating Churches furnished the following statement on Guidelines for Women's Groups which had been submitted to the member organisations. The J.N.C.C.E. decided that it should be included in the third edition of Guide to Procedures and sent to Church Courts, J.R.C.'s, Regional Women's Committees and Union and Co-operating Parishes.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GUIDELINES FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS IN A NEGOTIATING, UNION OR CO-OPERATING PARISH.

Women's groups entering a situation of co-operation and unity, believing that the Church is one in Jesus Christ and asking God's guidance, should put much of the past behind them, meeting together in a spirit of understanding, tolerance and humility. They need to welcome differences, to value and rejoice in them, to develop the discipline of love, forgiveness and openness with one another, letting themselves grow in these qualities as they build towards a new future.

Aim: To develop and strengthen the spiritual life and fellowship of its members by uniting them in prayer, study and service in order that they may

make a strong, vital Christian witness in home, church and community and share in the world-wide mission of the church.

Membership: Open to all women. Officers to be preferably members of a church.

Organisation: The uniting associations can consist of any number of groups, but to facilitate discussion and decisions common to all, they would be guided by an overall executive, fully representative of the various groups. However, where possible groups should be encouraged to combine.

Officers of the overall executive: An annual meeting of members (including the officers) must be held at which the following will be elected who should not hold office for more than three consecutive years:

President (who should not hold office in any other parish group).

Two Vice-Presidents (these could be the presidents of two groups).

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Two representatives from each group (President and Secretary or elected substitutes).

Convener of any special committee (e.g., Education, Missions, Social Service) if not already members of the executive in other capacities may be ex officio members of the committee. It may not be advisable for the President and Secretary to go out of office at the same time.

The Executive would receive all literature and correspondence from parent bodies and community organisations, and act as a "sorting house" for this material seeing that each group receives what it should.

It is advisable that minutes of executive meetings be recorded, representatives to be responsible for giving summarised reports to their groups. When a group is not represented, the secretary would ensure that it receives a report. Any policy decisions made at the executive meeting should be circulated to members of all groups. A parish newsletter is a good medium, circulating reports and giving notice of coming events.

Finance: An affiliation fee of 50 cents has been agreed by the J.C.W.O.

Suggestions for division of fees to parent bodies:

1. The affiliation fee could be divided according to the proportions agreed upon by the Union/Co-operating parish for its parish finances;
2. The affiliation fee could be divided according to the membership of the women's group or groups in the parish, this being assessed annually;
3. The affiliation fee could be divided as in two, but the membership of the women's group or groups could be assessed every four or five years. The first suggestion would be preferred.

Special projects, stamps, etc.: On-going collections e.g., stamps, tea coupons, etc should be distributed to parent bodies on the same basis as the affiliation fees.

Special projects and budget commitments should be discussed each year and a decision made that suits the individual parish.

Suggested alternatives:

1. Division of money in the same way as affiliation fees (see Finance above);
2. Spending portion of the year on each project;
3. Doing one parent body's project each year.

Handling of material from parent bodies. In the first instance the secretary of the overall executive would receive all the material. There are two alternatives following that:

1. A senior representative of each denomination receives her own organisation's material from the secretary and each representative is given *1 or 2 minutes* at meetings to outline important matters;

2. The secretary reads all the material and ensures that all groups know of the most important matters concerning the parent bodies.

All material should be available at meetings for those who wish to read it. It is important that there should be some regular method evolved in each parish for sifting and editing material before it is passed on.

Parish Council: Representation on the Parish Council is desirable.

District Activities: The uniting groups need to be affiliated with the parent district groups and this affiliation needs to be maintained. District meetings are normally open to all, giving the opportunity for wider sharing and fellowship. However, the right to vote is governed by the Constitutions of the parent bodies. Voting representatives should be appointed. Local groups need to keep in mind the projects arranged by and material available from the parent groups which still need support.

The J.C.W.O. stresses that whatever your individual parish group decision, it should be made with sensitivity and consideration for the feelings and needs of the minority group or groups in your situation.

Notes and Suggestions for women's groups in areas where negotiations are being considered.

1. From the beginning of negotiations the women of the uniting churches should be fully represented on all committees.
2. Arrange a meeting of overall executives of each women's association in the area, or if no overall executive, the President, Secretary and Treasurer and any other table officers.
3. Invite representatives from each of the district bodies (i.e. AAW, MWF, APW, etc) to be present to answer questions of procedure and commitments to the parent bodies and to give practical advice on the local situation.
4. Establish similarities i.e., aims and objectives.
Patience and tolerance are essential. Be frank and honest. Keep an open mind and be receptive. Go forward in love and harmony. Mistakes will be made—recognise them and make changes. Discuss each other's background and commitments to parent bodies, have an understanding of one another's Constitutions so that all may communicate with one another.
5. When considering the new united overall executive, elect a new President where possible, using Presidents in office at the time as Vice-Presidents or Chairwomen for meetings. Have one Secretary to receive all communications from parent bodies and to keep in touch with each group. This is most important for the smooth running of the organisation.
6. Openly discuss financial commitments to parent bodies. Remember that there will be a larger group to work together to raise funds. Do not let finance be a stumbling block to what would otherwise be a happy group.
7. Women in each uniting congregation should have a full picture of the denominational structures at all levels, national, district and local, also representation and financial expectations should be discussed.
8. It is useful to keep an up-to-date roll of all women who have shown an interest in the groups. A telephone roster to remind them of meetings etc. is a good way of keeping contact.
9. There are many ways of raising money for fees and domestic expenses e.g., offerings, sales tables, street stalls, etc.

5. Guidelines for Orientation

Further progress has been made in the preparation of the background material referred to in last year's report under the heading "Guidelines for

Orientation." Representatives of each Church had been asked to furnish the material, and two statements have been completed. The Committee decided that these will be printed and made available for wide distribution for use by Ministers and Office-bearers.

6. Membership in Union and Co-operating Parishes

Various questions relating to membership in union and co-operating parishes are brought to the notice of the Committee. With the passing of the years, some of these are becoming acute, an example is the difficulty faced when a person who has grown up from infancy in a union Parish and is confirmed has to decide to which denomination they wish to be admitted as a member.

The Committee is continuing a close study of these questions and will report in due course.

7. Parish Councils in Union and Co-operating Parishes

At the May meeting, the Committee received recommendations from the Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church regarding Parish Councils in Union and Co-operating Parishes. The recommendations had arisen out of a consultation on the developing situation of Co-operating Parishes. One key issue was the representation of a co-operating parish in the higher courts of the Church (normally Presbytery and General Assembly). Under current regulations, lay representation is restricted to Presbyterian elders. In an attempt to find a basis of recognition acceptable to all the Churches, the Ministry Committee recommended that the commissioning of Elders in the Plan for Union 1971 (pages 90 ff) be adopted for the commissioning of Parish Councillors in Co-operating Parishes.

The J.N.C.C.E. agreed to commend this to Church Union Committees for their approval and has asked for their response.

8. Guidance for Induction Services

The Committee is aware that the "Suggestions for Services of Inauguration and Induction" in the Guide to Procedures needs to give more adequate guidance for those involved in arranging and conducting induction services. A revision of Paragraphs 7 and 8 of this statement is being prepared and it is hoped that it will be completed for the third edition of the Guide to Procedures.

9. Common Application for Grants

A common application form for parts-in-aid towards stipend has been prepared and made available for use as desired.

10. Procedure in Visitations

The Committee has received various enquiries about the procedure in visitations and has decided to prepare a memorandum giving more adequate guidance. Information is being gathered from J.R.C.'s and the Committee intends to revise the note on Procedure in Visitations in the 1976 Report.

11. 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	35	
Other under special agreements	<u>20</u>	<u>55</u>
		<u>118</u>

W. B. WATT, Chairman.

IV FINANCE

1. At the April meeting, the Commission received from the Treasurer a statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 1977. The statement has been duly signed by the Auditor, Mr P. H. Johnsen and is as follows:

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the
Year Ending 31 December 1977

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Churches:

Anglican	7788.00	
Churches of Christ	202.00	
Congregational	32.00	
Methodist	2021.00	
Presbyterian	<u>6321.00</u>	16,364.00
Interest		<u>93.73</u>
		<u>\$16,457.73</u>

PAYMENTS

Debit balance at Bank 31 December 1976	180.33	
Less Credit at N.A.C. Bulkair	73.50	
Less Travel Refund due 31 December 1976 and received 1977	<u>73.80</u>	33.03
Stipend and House Allowance Secretary		11,147.83
Beneficiary Fund Assessment		1,047.36
Secretarial Assistance		204.00
Office Rent		352.58
Lighting, Heating and Cleaning		53.72
Stationery		141.10
Phone Rental and Tolls		327.14
Postages and P.O. Box Rental		91.62
Repairs to Duplicator		46.80
Travelling Expenses—Secretary	294.59	
Less Refunds	<u>53.00</u>	241.59
Travelling Expenses—Other		346.80
Annual Report		295.00
Insurance		26.30
J.N.C.C.E. Meeting—Wallis House		104.50
J.C.C.U.—Womens Committee		11.50
Leaflets re Hymn Book Supplement		46.65
Secretary's Retiring Gift		500.00
Sundry Payments		90.08
Credit Balance at Bank 31 December 1977	1293.63	
Credit at N.A.C. Bulkair 31 December 1977	<u>56.50</u>	<u>1,350.13</u>
		<u>\$16,457.73</u>

L. I. STEVENS, Hon. Treasurer.

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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, page 12 to 21 with such alterations as were reported to Conference and duly recorded in the Journal of Conference.

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

Johanna M. Bouchier	Lynne J. Wall, B.A., B.D.
Alan R. Upson	Terence W. Wall, M.A., S.T.M.

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

Johanna M. Bouchier	Lynne J. Wall, B.A., B.D.
Alan R. Upson	Terence W. Wall, M.A., S.T.M.

QUESTION 3—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Colin A. Milner	Falea'ana Kopelani
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QUESTION 4—What Preachers are now received on Probation?

H. Mary Astley (see Q.6)	Robert D. Short
David J. Bush, B.Sc.	Brian M. Small
Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.	Anthony D. Stroobant, C. Eng.,
I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.	M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E.

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

David Arrowsmith, M.A.
Donald Biggs
K. Desmond Cooper
Lindsay E. Cumberpatch, B.A.
Bruno Egli
Paul H. Grant, B.Man.Studies
John S. Murray
Lynnette O. Upson

Who are continuing for a third year.

Clive G. Dyson
Derek R. McCullum
Graham H. Whaley

Who are continuing for a second year.

Philip Watson is a student who has completed training and has permission to travel overseas in 1979.

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

H. Mary Astley (see Q.4)
David S. Bell
I.W. Leslie Ferguson
Timothy J. Langley
J. Murray Peat
Aso Saleupolu
Fa'aoso Tugia (for self-supporting ministry)

QUESTION 8 (a)—Who are now Ordained to the Diaconate as Deacons or members of the Deaconess Order?

Edith J. Little (Deacon)

QUESTION 8 (b)—Who are Probationers for the Diaconate?

John E. Bennett (see Question 8(d) - Deacon)

Edna E. Webster (see Question 8(d) - Deacon)

QUESTION 8 (c)—Who are to continue training for the Diaconate?
None.

QUESTION 8 (d)—Who are now received for training for the Diaconate?

John E. Bennett (see Q.8b)

Fisiga Tuimaseve (self-supporting)

Edna E. Webster (self-supporting - see Q.8b)

QUESTION 9 (a)—What Presbyters are available for part-time or self-supporting appointments?

William K. Abbott

Ashley I. Corlett

QUESTION 9 (b)—What Deacons are available for part-time or self-supporting appointments?

Edith J. Little

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

Thomas H. Carr

Matu Makiha

Wera V. Couch

Leonard E.G. Sharp

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

Frank H. Hayman

Emily (Emmie) M. Smith

Aperahama T. Rogers

Edwin John Weatherall

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

Albert Blakemore

Gordon Parker

William Rowe

Andrew G. Reid

Alfred E. Jefferson

Frederick J. Climo

Charles H. Kendon

Clifford L. Duder

Ernest E. Sage

William R. Francis

John H. Bailey

Howard C. Matthews

Robert E. Fordyce

Robert Thornley

William T. Blight

Stanley R. Goudge

A. Henry Voyce

D.I. Alister McDonald

A. Francis Attwood

Sydney J. Spindler

Eric W. Hames

John K. Watson

Hubert G. Brown

J.C. Aldwyn Williams

Walter Parker

Stanley G. Andrews

Ralph E. Patchett

Leslie T. Norwell

G. Raymond Harris

Cuthbert F. Peart

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
 A. 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

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
 Williams C. Jenkin
 George E. Beckingsale
 R. Graham Bell
 Clifford G. Brown
 F. Gardner Brown
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 George W. Cramond
 Alan J. Handyside
 William R. Laws
 Campbell P. Lucas
 Charles B. Oldfield
 O. McLennan Olds
 Leonard Shapcott
 Howard E. Harkness
 Ashleigh K. Petch
 John Silvester
 Gordon V. Thomas

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

David Armstong	Haddon C. Dixon
Edward Baker	J. Henry Woolford
Owen L. Christian	Francis H. Parker
John B. Dawson	

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

None.

QUESTION 12—What Deaconesses are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

Airini Hobbs	Rita F. Snowden
Jean A. Miller	Margaret Nicholls
Madeline Holland	Constance Sage
Atawhai George	Dorothy Pointon
Anne Wilson	Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

Grace M. Clement	Betty D. Yearbury
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(c) Granted leave of absence?

None.

QUESTION 13—What Home Missionaries are to be:

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

Roy Coombridge

H.R. Wright

Frank L. Johnson

A.E. Tardiff

Herehere Maaka

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

None.

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

None.

(b) Is any Deaconess designated for Overseas Missions?

None.

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

Siauala T. Amituana'i

That this Conference advise the Samoan Conference that it is willing to receive into full Connexion the Rev. Siauala T. Amituana'i. Acceptance into full Connexion with the Conference is subject to his obtaining the formal consent of the Samoan Conference and obtaining permanent residency in New Zealand.

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 has the Conference released 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?

Ian H. McKenzie

(c) 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?

Robert G. Stringer

William R.G. Loader

(d) What Ministers has the Conference released to exercise their ministry in other Churches within New Zealand, such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service?

M. Jackson Campbell, Director of Communications,

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Phyllis M. Guthardt, with permission to serve in the
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

- (e) 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 completion of their service?
None.
- (f) What Ministers has the Conference received from other Churches within New Zealand, such Ministers having the right to return to their Church on completion of their service, but who now continue to serve under the Conference?
Victor G.C. Jones Campbell Nicol
- (g) What Ministers does the Conference now receive from other Churches within New Zealand, such Ministers having the right to return to their Church on the completion of their service?
None.

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 completion of such service?

Sister Lesley H. Bowen Sister Lucy H. Money

- (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 Pamela V. Beaumont Sister Shirley Wiki
Sister Edna Jenkin

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

- (a) Those employed in another Church or Church related position?
Roy M. Alexander, Department of Pastoral Care and Education,
Presbyterian Medical Centre, 1719 East Nineteenth Avenue,
Denver, U.S.A.
Edward P. Boyd, N.C.C. Chaplain, Invercargill Borstal.
R. Frederick Clement, N.Z. Director, The Leprosy Mission.
Allen H. Hall, Linguistics, Brisbane University.
Ernest Heppelthwaite, Ecumenical Chaplain, Templeton Hospital.
Roger J.E. Hey, Presbyterian/Methodist Chaplain, Oakley-
Carrington, Psychiatric Hospitals.
Basil J. Hilder, Ecumenical Chaplain, Cook Hospital.
C. Seton Horrill, Director, I.T.I.M. Canterbury.

Bruce E. Mackie, Director, Wesley Social Services,
Wellington.
Donald J. Phillipps, Chaplain, Otago University.
G. Douglas Pratt, Theological Studies and Research,
St. Andrews University, Fife.
Donald F. Prince, N.C.C. Chaplain, Rolleston Prison.
Brian H. Turner, Director, Christian World Service, N.C.C.

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

David R. Alley	John D. Meredith
Enid J. Bennett	Alan H.V. Newton
Amos W. Burrough	Dorothea M. Noble
Hughan M. Craig	A. Roger G. Nuttall
George G. Carter	Brian L. Olsen
John B. Currie	Phillip D. Ramsay
Lawrence H. Currie	Lawrence E. Salter
Eric R. Eastwood	Ronald N. Simpson
Wilf G. Eisner	A. Kerry Taylor
Ronald W. Ferguson	David L. Trebilco
Frank G. Glen	Alan C. Webster
Warren Green	Frank H. Woodfield
Russell J. Greenwood	Owen T. Woodfield
Arnold C. Hight	Duncan, R. Graham from 1st
Owen A. Kitchingman	July 1979
C. Russell Marshall	

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?
John Grundy Ian H. Robertson
Laurie A. Michie

QUESTION 20 (b)—That 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 ministry enquiries should be directed to the following:

The Convener, Committee on Ministry, Rev. J.H. Osborne,
994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.

The Secretary of Examinations, Rev. W.A. Chessum,
P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe (for Probationer studies).

The Warden for the Deaconess Order, Rev. G. Brazendale,
19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland.

Enquiries about Lay Preachers' Training should be made
direct to the Education Division, P.O. Box 6133, Te Aro,
Wellington 1.

Candidates for the Ministry:

1. Initial enquires 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

DIVERSITY IN MINISTRY

As a result of Conference approval of changes in our traditional concept of ministry there has been growing interest in self-supporting and part-time ministry. The new concept of the Diaconate appeals to many people who do not feel called to a sacramental role. The Committee has in hand draft regulations which make the possibilities of these ministries more clear to the Church. In the planning of special ministries, such as self-supporting or part-time appointments, Circuits must keep in close touch with the District Chairman. The Committee has a checklist available so that misunderstandings about the nature of the appointment can be minimised. It needs also to be stressed that, finally, the Conference, through the Stationing Committee, appoints all ministers.

SAMOAN MINISTRY

Conference has been made aware of the special needs of the Samoan people. This year we have accepted for training one candidate who will take the full theological course, one candidate for self-supporting ministry as a Presbyterian and one for self-supporting work as a Deacon.

DEACONESS BOARD

The Board's report was considered by the Committee on Ministry and there was a full discussion on the request to change the name to the Committee for the Diaconate. Out of consider-

ation for the Deaconess Order and the relationship of the proposed Committee to the Committee on Ministry it was felt that a delay to allow further discussions to take place would be beneficial.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

When the Rev. B.K. Rowe was appointed to the position of Field-Worker for Continuing Education, the value of this task was soon apparent, and the hope of a South Island appointment was expressed. It is expected that this will be possible in 1979 when an appointment will be made in consultation with Knox College, and that this will be funded from Presbyterian and Anglican sources together with a grant from Trinity College funds.

John Osborne, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev. D.S. Mullan be the Methodist representative to the South Island Committee for Continuing Education for Ministry.
3. That the Oral Examiner for 1979 be the Rev. B.K. Rowe.
4. That the following Ministers and Students be congratulated on obtaining degrees and diplomas and that these be printed in the Minutes:-

Mr. David Arrowsmith, M.A.

Rev. A. Kerry Taylor, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Rev. Brian H. Turner, M.A.(Hons), Dip.R.E.(Melb.).

Rev. Brian Olsen, B.Ed.(Massey).

Rev. Lynne J. Wall, B.A., B.D.

Rev. Terence W. Wall, M.A., S.T.M.

Rev. I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.

Rev. Russell J. Greenwood, L.Th., M.A.

5. (a) That in order to prepare guidelines covering remuneration, allowances, etc., for self-supporting Ministers, members of the Diaconate and others, the Development Division initiate consultations with the Committee on Ministry, the Stipends Committee and the Administration Division.
(b) That interim guidelines be prepared for use by 1 February 1979, and be approved by the President and followed by a full report to Church Council and Conference 1979.
6. That the provisions, laws and regulations of Part II of the Law Book "The Ministry" be revised in the light of recent reports and decisions of Conference in relation to the Ministry together with the report "Implementing Diaconal and Self-Supporting Ministries" prepared for this year's Committee on Ministry; the revision to be carried out by the Law Revision Committee in full

consultation with the Executive of the Committee on Ministry and reported to Conference through the Committee on Ministry.

7. (a) That Messrs A. Aiolupo, T. Sa'o and T. Tiatia be referred for favourable consideration as candidates for self-supporting ministry to the Executive Committee on Ministry, in consultation with the President.
- (b) That the Committee on Ministry arrange for suitable training.

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?

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

WAIPAWA COOPERATING PARISH

That Conference gives general approval to the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Waipawa Methodist Society and the Waipawa Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Synod and the Development Division.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

KAIAPOI COOPERATING PARISH

That Conference approves the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines involving the Kaiapoi Methodist Circuit and the Kaiapoi Presbyterian Parish.

MALVERN COOPERATING PARISH

That Conference gives 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 recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

Note:- The Cooperating Parish Agreement supercedes the interim Shared Ministry Agreement.

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?

AUCKLAND:

NEW LYNN COOPERATING PARISH

That Conference gives general approval to the formation of a Cooperating Parish based on the Guidelines of the J.N.C.C.E. involving the New Lynn Society of the Mt. Albert Methodist Circuit and the New Lynn Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Auckland Methodist District Synod and the Development Division.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

WAIPAWA COOPERATING PARISH

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

NORTH CANTERBURY:

KAIAPOI COOPERATING PARISH

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

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 Preachers withdrawn?

See Question 23 (a).

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

See Question 22 (a).

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

Blenheim - 2nd.

QUESTION 26—How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons (Deaconesses) and Deacons in training of Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President—D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A.
Vice-President—CHARLIE FENWICK
Secretary—ALAN K. WOODLEY, B.A.

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PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS 1979

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 Resolutions of Conference. A Circuit shall not include for purposes of administration any Connexional department, college or institution situated within its bounds.

The Presbyter first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Presbyterer in training, in which instance the Chairman of the District is Superintendent. The Superintendent and/or other Presbyter or Presbyters 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/her or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.

- 1000 NORTHLAND DISTRICT
- 1010 MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH
C. Brice Herbert.
Presbyterian appt. (Ian Millar).
- 1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Murray R. McCaskey, B.A., B.D.).
- 1030 SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt. (A. Robert Cooper).
- 1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (R. Stewart Anderson, B.A.).

- 1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican appt. (Frank Harrison).
- 1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA COOPERATING PARISH
G. Basil W. Bell.
- 1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH
Maynard G. Rutherford.
- 1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH
John E. Langley.
Barry W. Neal, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Ronald W. Ferguson (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 1090 DARGAVILLE
Henry W. Kitchingman.
- 1100 RUAWAI COOPERATING PARISH
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. (who shall supervise the Paparoa
Circuit).
- 1110 PAPAROA
One wanted (Supply: Clifford L. Duder).
- 1120 WELLSFORD COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Struan A. Robertson, B.A.).
Clifford L. Duder (Sup.).
- 1510 MAORI CIRCUIT
(1) TAI TOKERAU
One wanted—(Acting Superintendent - Samson Toia).
11 Home Missionaries.
Diana Tana: Deacon (Deaconess).

HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (Chairman of the District).

- 2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT
Owen T. Woodfield, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 2500 MAORI DIVISION
Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki).
- 2600 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Superintendent).
Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.
- 2700 OVERSEAS DIVISION
W. Geoffrey Tucker.
David C. Evans, B.A.
- 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
One wanted.

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.).
Joan Wedding: Deacon (Deaconess)
Allan H. Hall, M.A., Dip.Tchg., Ph.D.(Qld.). (without appt. - see Q.18a).
G. Raymond Harris (Sup.).
William E. Moore (Sup.).
Walter Parker (Sup.).
- 2020 AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A., President of Conference.
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
Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.(Melb.) - Lynfield Community Church.
Edmund D. Grounds.
Brian R.J. Eagle.
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Development Division).
W. Geoffrey Tucker (Overseas Division).
Taniela T. Moala, L.Th. (a Minister of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga serving in the Auckland District under the Auckland District Chairman).
- 2040 AUCKLAND EAST
Norman W. Olds (Epsom-Mt. Eden).
Ronald C. Collingwood (Pakuranga).
One wanted.
Falea'ana Kopelani.

- A. Kerry Taylor, B.A., Dip.Ed. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
 Eric R. Eastwood (without appt. - see Q.18b).
 R. Frederick Clement, M.A. (without appt. - see Q.18a).
 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
 Norman E. Brookes, M.A.
 I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.
 John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
 B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
 Russell J. Greenwood, L.Th., M.A. (without appt.- see Q.18b).
 Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
 Lawrence Greenslade (Sup.).
- 2070 GLEN INNES COOPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt. (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 Q.18a).
 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 appt. - see Q.18b).
 W.E. Allon Carr (Sup.).
 George R. Thompson (Sup.).
- 2100 HENDERSON
 William D. Griffiths.
 Brian J. Malcouronne, B.A.
- 2110 RANUI ECUMENICAL MINISTRY
 Ludwig Felderhof.
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
 Graham Brazendale, M.A. (Warden of the Deaconess Order).
 Presbyterian appt. (William J. Millward).
- 2130 DEVONPORT
 Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.
- 2140 TAKAPUNA
 J. Cedric Hay.
 Leslie C. Clements.

3rd - one wanted.
 G. Douglas Pratt, M.A., (with permission to study o'seas).
 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:

- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
 Alan R. Upson.
 Donald G. Sherson, B.A. (Sup.).
- 2160 GLENFIELD-ALBANY COOPERATING PARISH
 John B. Salmon, M.A., Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.
 (who shall supervise the Northcote Circuit).
 Anglican appt. (Bernard G. Moore).
- 2170 BIRKDALE-BEACH HAVEN UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt. (Donald C. Mence).
- 2180 NORTHCOTE
 David J. Bush, B.Sc.
 J. Henry Woolford, M.A. (Sup.).
- 2190 ONEHUNGA
 Trevor L. Bennett.
 Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.C.A.
 George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 2200 OTAHUHU
 One wanted (Supply: Beverley Taylor: Deacon (Deaconess)).
- 2210 PAPATOETOE
 Roger M. Gibson (who shall supervise the Otahuhu Circuit).
 H. Mary Astley.
 Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup.).
 John Silvester, M.A. (Sup.).
- 2220 MANUREWA
 Edwin B. Clarke, M.A., B.D. (Hons) (Melb.).
 One wanted.
 Family Home Chaplain: Edwin B. Clarke, M.A., B.D. (Hons).
- 2230 PAKAKURA
 Philip F. Taylor.
 R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Sup.).
- 2240 PUKEKOHE
 George L. Bennett.
 William A. Chessum, Mus.B. (Wesley College, Paerata -
 Teacher-Chaplain).
 Brian L. Olsen.

- 2250 TUAKAU UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (William T. Earle, B.Sc., B.D.).
Brian L. Olsen (without appt. - see Q.18b).
Edward Baker (Sup.).
- 2260 WAIUKU
John R. Hall.
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt. (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.).
E. Gardner Brown (Sup.).
David Armstrong (Sup.).
- 2290 MAHURANGI
One wanted: Ministerial Supply.
Andrew G. Reid (Sup.).
- 2510 (2) TAMAKI
One wanted (Acting Superintendent - Ruawai D. Rakena).
One wanted.
6 Home Missionaries.
Hana Hauraki: Deacon (Deaconess).
Barbara Miller: Deacon (Deaconess).

COLPORTEUR WORK - A Home Missionary.
EDMUND D. GROUNDS (Chairman of the District).
JOHN H. OSBORNE, M.A. (Deputy Chairman).
GEORGE L. BENNETT (Deputy Chairman).
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).
David L. Trebilco (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 3010 THAMES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Glyn E. Thomas).
One wanted.
Reginald Day (Sup.).
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (Sup.).
- 3020 HAURAKI PLAINS COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (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 COOPERATING PARISH
Douglas H. Burt.
Presbyterian appt. (M. Alison Gray, M.A.).
- 3060 MORRINSVILLE
Irwin J. Fowler.
One wanted.
- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (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.
Edna E. Webster (Deacon in training - see Q.8b).
Roy M. Alexander (Overseas Study Leave - see Q.18a).
Alan H.V. Newton (without appt. - see Q.18b).
A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
Alan J. Leadley, B.D., M.A. (UPNG). (see Q.28c).
Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).
- 3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH
Johanna M. Bouchier.
- 3100 HAMILTON EAST
David H. Ansell.
Stanley J. Barnes.
Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
Cuthbert F. Peart (Sup.).
- 3110 CHARTWELL COOPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (T.C. Sommerville).
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
One wanted.
- 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.).
John B. Dawson, B.A. (Sup.).
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
Leslie F. Bycroft
Lawrence E. Salter (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 3190 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY
Brian W. Sides.
Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A.
Robert D. Short.
Arthur T. Kent (Sup.).
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
O. McLennan Olds (Sup.).
Allan J. Handyside (Sup.).
- 3200 ST. JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
Presbyterian appt. (R. Sporry).
- 3220 WHAKATANE COOPERATING PARISH
One wanted.
Anglican appt. (M. Smart).
- 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 Q.18b).
- 3260 OTOROHANGA
Stuart G. Slinn (who will exercise a ministry in the
Otorohanga, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui and Ohura Circuits).
- 3270 TE KUITI
One wanted.
- 3280 TAUMARUNUI
Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th. (see Q.9a - refer Circuit 3260).
- 3290 TURANGI UNION PARISH
Anglican appt. (P. Burns).
- 3300 OHURA
One wanted.
- 3310 KAWHIA
A Home Missionary.

- 3320 COROMANDEL
- 3330 HILLCREST COOPERATING PARISH
William J. Morrison, M.A.
Anglican appt. (A.W. Sutton, LL.B.).
- 3340 PIO PIO COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt. (R.A. Hewatt).
- 3510 (3) WAIKATO
Te Napi T. Waaka, O.B.E. (Superintendent and Chaplain to
Te Rahui Hostels).
One wanted.
One wanted.
8 Home Missionaries.
- 3520 (4) ROHE POTAE
Morehu Te Whare (Superintendent).
One wanted.
One wanted.
3 Home Missionaries.

WILLIAM J. MORRISON, M.A. (Chairman of District).
PETER A. STEAD, B.A. (Deputy Chairman) (Waikato).
IVAN J. CLUCAS, (Deputy Chairman) (Bay of Plenty).

- 4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT
- 4010 NEW PLYMOUTH
Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
One wanted.
William K. Abbott (see Q.9a).
Robert E. Fordyce, S.B. St.J. (Sup.).
- 4020 WAITARA
Noel D. Billinghurst.
- 4030 STRATFORD
Archibald W. McKay.
- 4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA COOPERATING PARISH
Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.
- 4050 HAWERA
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
- 4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH
James H. Conway (who shall supervise the Eltham-Kaponga
Cooperating Parish).
- 4070 OPUNAKE COOPERATING PARISH
George C. Hopkins.
- 4080 OKATO COOPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt. (Earl Howe).

- 4090 WANGANUI
 Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A. (who shall supervise the
Taihape Circuit).
 Norman J. West.
 C. Russell Marshall (without appt. - see Q.18b).
 Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
 Alan O. Jones (Sup.).
 Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.).
- 4100 TAIHAPE
 One wanted.
 John I. Manihera (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH
 D. Ian MacLeod.
 Charles J. Kendon (Sup.).
- 4510 (5) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO
 Moke A.G. Couch, B.A. (Superintendent and Joint Chaplain
 to Rangiatea Hostel).
 Leonard V. Willing.
 One wanted.
 2 Home Missionaries.
- WILFRED F. FORD, C.M.G., B.A. (Chairman of District).
 GEOFFREY T. GILBERT (Deputy Chairman).
- 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.
 One wanted.
 John B. Currie, B.A. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
 John E. Bennett (Deacon in training - see Q.8b).
 Norman P. Larsen (Sup.).
- 5030 FLAXMERE COOPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt.
- 5040 GISBORNE
 Bruce Scammell.
 Basil J. Hilder (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 5050 MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH
 Niven G. Ball.
- 5060 PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA
 Presbyterian appt. (D.W. Earp).
 John A. Stringer, Dip.Theol.(Melb.).

- 5070 DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD
Duncan R. Graham.
- 5080 WOODVILLE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (A.J. Thornburrow).
William C. Jenkins (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 Q.18b).
Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D. (without appt. - see Q.18b).
Alan C. Webster, M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S.
(without appt. - see Q.18b).
Francis H. Parker (Sup.).
- 5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE
Paul F. Sinclair.
- 5120 FEILDING-OROUA
Warren H. Blundell.
- 5130 MARTON
One wanted (Supply: Alan O. Jones).
Clifford G. Brown (Sup.).
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON COOPERATING PARISH
Jack Wright.
- 5150 FOXTON UNION PARISH
Lewis A. Bowen.
Frederick J. Climo (Sup.).
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian appt. (Rinny W. Westra, B.A., Th.M.).
- HARRY I. SHAW (Chairman of the District).
EDGAR R. HORNBLow, LL.B. (Deputy-Chairman).
FREDERICK E. WAINE, B.A. (Deputy-Chairman).
- 6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT
- 6800 EDUCATION DIVISION
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D. (Director).
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. (Associate Director
(Stewardship)).
- 6010 WELLINGTON CENTRAL
John A. Penman, B.A.
Keith J. Taylor, B.A.
A Deaconess.
Bruce E. Mackie (without appt. - see Q.18a).
William W.H. Greenslade, M.P.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.
Presbyterian appt. (Murray F. Hall).
- 6060 NGAIO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (S.A. Robertson).
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH
Ian C. Norwell.
Edith J. Little: Deacon.
- 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
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
John D. Meredith (without appt. - see Q.18b).
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (Sup.).
- 6110 TAWA UNION PARISH
Michael W. Greer, L.Th.
Presbyterian appt. (A.E.B. Johnston, B.A.).
- 6120 LOWER HUTT-PETONE
Robert W. Widdup.
John C.F. Mabon.
Wallace C. Chapman.
Kenneth Underwood, B.D. (London), Dip.Ed.
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.18b).
Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (Sup.).
Frank H. Woodfield (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 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. Sherrieff, B.A., Ph.D.).

- 6150 WAINUIOMATA UNION PARISH
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
One wanted.
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST. ANDREW'S UNION PARISH
Stuart C. Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons).
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH
Stuart C. Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons).
- 6180 CARTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (C. Styles).
- 6190 MASTERTON ST. LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Peter E. Glensor, B.A.
Presbyterian appt. (Charles Naylor).
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Peter E. Glensor, B.A.
- 6200 ST. JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (A. Ian Hewson).
- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt.
- 6220 LEVIN
Richard J. Hendry.
- 6230 OTAKI
Cooperative Agreement with the Otaki Anglican Parish -
Methodist Liaison, Charles B. Oldfield.
- 6240 PAPAPARAUMU
W.J. Douglas Wakeling.
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D. (Sup.).
Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.) (who shall supervise the
Otaki Circuit).
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE COOPERATING PARISH
Harold A. Darvill (part-time).
Anglican appt. (Ian Bourne, B.A., B.D., L.Th.).
- 6510 (6) PONEKE
Harold A. Darvill (Superintendent).
One wanted.
- E. FRANCIS I. HANSON, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of District).
JOHN A. PENMAN, B.A. (Deputy Chairman).
ROBERT W. WIDDUP (Deputy Chairman).
- 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 appt. (Harry C. Swadling, B.A., B.D.,
D.Sc.Rel.).
- 7030 WAIMEA
G. Clive Smith, L.Th.
- 7040 MOTUEKA UNITING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Owen T. Jenkin).
- 7050 MOUTERE HILLS UNITING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (Sue Sara). (Shared ministry with
Motueka Uniting Parish).
- 7060 MURCHISON
One wanted.
- 7070 BLENHEIM
David G. Stubbs.
Brian M. Small.
- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Neville Thornicroft.
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt.
- 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 (Deputy Chairman).
- 8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT
8900 ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Alan K. Woodley, B.A. (General and Conference Secretary
and Authorised Representative).
- 8010 CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION
Wilfred E. Falkingham, M.B.E.
John H. Roberts, B.A., Dip.Crim.(Hons), L.Th.
One wanted (Supply: George W. Cramond).
Owen A. Kitchingman (without appt. - see Q.18b).
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., (Sup.).
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).

H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (Sup.).
Rona Collins: Deacon (Deaconess)).

- 8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
C. Seton Horrill (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST
Frederick J.K. Baker.
Alexander C. Watson.
Anthony D. Stroobant.
J. Herbert Thompson (Sup.).
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Sup.).
- 8040 NEW BRIGHTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (W. Ivan Bacon, B.A.).
- 8050 SUMNER-REDCLIFFS UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt. (R. Coates, M.A.).
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (Sup.).
Owen L. Christian (Sup.).
- 8060 SOUTH EAST CHRISTCHURCH UNION PARISH
Barry G. Harkness, B.A., B.D.
- 8070 LYTTTELTON UNION PARISH
One wanted (Ministerial Supply: Owen L. Christian).
- 8080 CHRISTCHURCH (Opawa)
Russell E. James.
Arnold C. Hight (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM
Derek G. Laws, F.C.A.
Brian H. Turner, M.A. (Hons.) (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 8100 CHRISTCHURCH (Spreydon)
Victor G.C. Jones, M.A., Mus.B., B.D.
Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.).
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt.
- 8120 CHRISTCHURCH (Riccarton)
Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (who will supervise the Leeston
Cooperating Parish).
Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A.
- 8130 CHRISTCHURCH (St. Albans)
Ian C.E. Ramage, M.A.
Patricia M. Jacobson, L.Th.
One wanted.
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D. (see Question 16c).
John D. Grocott (Sup.).
George W. Cramond (Sup.).

- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH (Papanui)
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
 Terence W. Wall, M.A., S.T.M. - shared ministry.
 Lynne J. Wall, B.A., B.D. - shared ministry.
 Alan K. Woodley, B.A. (General Secretary).
 Rona Collins: Deacon (Deaconess). (See 8010)
 Ernest Heppelthwaite (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 8150 HORNBY
 William L. Wallace, B.A.
 Donald F. Prince (without appt. - see Q.18a).
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
 Robert A. Allan.
- 8170 LEESTON COOPERATING PARISH
 Colin A. Milner.
- 8180 KAIAPOI COOPERATING PARISH
 Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.
- 8190 RANGIORA
 Clifford J. Keightley.
 One wanted.
- 8200 MALVERN COOPERATING PARISH
 One wanted.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH
 Ian E.M. Anderson.
- 8220 PARKLANDS COOPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt. (W. Childs).
- 8510 (7) OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
 Te Awha Tahere (Superintendent).
 One wanted.
- ROBERT H. ALLEN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
- 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.
- 8330 ST. DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian Appt. (Marilyn Wanden).
- 8340 TWIZEL
 Ecumenical Chaplaincy. (Charles Batterbury - Anglican).
- 8350 WAIMATE
 David C. Pratt.
 Philip D. Ramsay (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 8360 GERALDINE COOPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt. (Frank G. Grimshaw).

- 8370 TEMUKA
One wanted.
- 8380 ASHBURTON
James F. Cropp.
Graham R. White.
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).
- 9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT
Hughan M. Craig (without appt. - see Q.18b).
- 9020 DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION
David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. (who shall supervise the
Balclutha Circuit).
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
Colin G. Jamieson, Dip.R.E.(Melb.).
Restel A. Burton.
Warren Green.
Shirley V. Ungemuth: Deacon (Deaconess).
Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D. (without appt. - see Q.18a).
Andrew J. Johnston (Sup.).
- 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 appt. (Brian P. Williscroft) (Halfway Bush-
Brockville).
- 9060 CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION PARISH
One wanted.
- 9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt. (Ian R. Merrinan, B.A.).
- 9080 TOKOMAIRIRO COOPERATING PARISH
Campbell Nicol (see Q.16).
- 9090 BALCLUTHA
One wanted (Supply : Graham A. Kane)
- 9100 GORE
One wanted (Supply: Graham A. Kane)
- 9110 INVERCARGILL
Russell G. Rigby, B.A.(Hons.) (who shall supervise the
Gore Circuit).
Kenneth H. Russell (who shall supervise the Waiono U.P.).

Norma M. Graves (St. Mark's) (shared ministry North Presbyterian Parish).

One wanted.

Edward P. Boyd (without appt. - see Q.18a).

David R. Alley (without appt. - see Q.18b).

Frank G. Glen (without appt. - see Q.18b).

9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt.

9130 OTAUTAU UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt. (Alan Shaw).

9140 WAIONO UNION PARISH

One wanted.

9150 BLUFF-GREENHILLS STEWART ISLAND COOPERATING PARISH

9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt. (Peter Wishart, B.A. (Hons)).

9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE UNION PARISH

George M. Hammond.

Presbyterian appt. (D.M. Povey, M.A.).

9180 PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH

Presbyterian appt. (Ian W. McIntosh).

DAVID S. MULLAN, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Chairman of District).

RUSSELL G. RIGBY, B.A. (Hons.) (Deputy Chairman).

OVERSEAS APPOINTMENTS

The names of the Ministers and Deaconesses from the Methodist Church of New Zealand now serving in Church overseas are recorded in the Conference Journal.

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

See Question 26.

MAORI DIVISION

In Circuits:

1510 (1) Tai Tokerau - Diana Tana: Deacon (Deaconess)

2510 (2) Tamaki - Hana Hauraki: Deacon (Deaconess)

- Barbara Miller: Deacon (Deaconess)

3510 (3) Waikato - one wanted.

3520 (4) Rohe Potae - one wanted.

4510 (5) Taranaki-Waimarino - one wanted.

6510 (6) Poneke - one wanted.

8510 (7) Otautahi-Te Waipounamu - one wanted.

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 - Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Hone Wilcox (Retired).
Pokere - Para Piripi Livingstone.
Kamo - Winiata Morunga.
Whangarei - Robert Taka.
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).
Otara - Te Marunui Toki, Huia Martin.
Mangere - Raka Hunapo, Herehere Maaka.
Manurewa - one wanted.
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, Ngaonepu Kahu.
Hawera - one wanted.
Opunake - one wanted.
Waitara - one wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

8510 OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
Rapaki - one wanted.

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 - write to 'Hospital Chaplain', Auckland Public Hospital.
Private Bag, Auckland.

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.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier - Rev. Patricia Preest (Ecumenical Chaplain).

Hastings - Rev. Patricia Preest.

Gisborne - Rev. Basil J. Hilder (Ecumenical Chaplain).

Palmerston North -

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. W.C. Chapman.
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. A.D. Stroobant, T.G. Johnston (Anglican).
Templeton Hospital - Rev. E. Heppelthwaite (Ecumenical Chaplain).
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?

Colin A. Milner	Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.
Falea'ana Kopelani	I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.
H. Mary Astley	Brian M. Small
David J. Bush, B.Sc.	Anthony D. Stroobant, C.Eng.,
Robert D. Short	M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E.

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

The Vice President,	
Charlie Fenwick	Hana Hauraki
Rona Collins	Beverley Taylor
Patricia Cumming	Shirley Ungemuth

Barbara Miller
 Diana Tana
 Mrs S.I. Salisbury
 Paul Davidson
 Graham Kane
 M.R. Downey
 C.W. Halliwell
 W. Kettel
 J.H. Fruin
 C.A.M. Stevens
 F.L. Johnson
 Mack Morunga
 Mare Rogers
 Tawai Kawiti
 Robert Taka
 Herehere Maaka
 Maru Toki
 Te Orahi Tonga
 Tuteao Manihera
 Wiremu Te Hiko

Joan Wedding
 Mrs A.B. Beeston
 G.E. Brown
 A. Davidson
 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
 George Taha
 Henare Gray
 Henare Pate
 Phillip Te Uira

QUESTION 29 (a)—Who is elected as President of the Church for the ensuing year?
 I.C.E. Ramage, M.A.

- (b) Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's Supply?
 Yes.
- (c) Who is elected Vice-President for the ensuing year?
 Stuart Collis.

QUESTION 30—Who are elected as District Chairmen for the ensuing year?
 The District Chairmen for 1979 are as printed in the Year Book on page 2.

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

- (a) General Statistical Secretary?
 N/A.
- (b) Secretaries of Synods?
 The Secretaries of Synods for 1979 are as printed in the Year Book on page 3.
- (c) District Financial Secretaries?
 The District Financial Secretaries for 1979 are as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

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 (Convenor), the President's Legal Adviser, Ministers and Laymen to be appointed by the President.

Committee of Exigency?

To be appointed as required.

(b) President's Committee of Advice?

The President's Committee of Advice is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

(c) Pastoral Committee?

The Pastoral Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

QUESTION 34—What is the report of the General Statistical Secretary?

GENERAL STATISTICAL REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference encourages Ministers, Circuits/Parishes to implement the resources of the "Making Disciples Task Group" in ways appropriate to the local Church's own ethos and of its own choice.
3. That Conference encourages Ministers, Circuits/Parishes to accept accountability to one another, through the Synod, for implementing such resources.
4. That the Maori and Development Divisions give consideration to the principle of compiling figures of the membership of all ethnic groups to be included in statistical returns.

QUESTION 35—What is the report of Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

ADDITIONAL REPORT - CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT TO CONFERENCE (From its October Meeting)

The paper entitled "Towards a More Resourceful Church" has been before the Synods and Church Council during the year.

In the paper the word 'clustering' is used to refer to ways of greater sharing and co-ordination of resources between Circuits.

The spirit and intention of this kind of strategy has been strongly affirmed throughout the Connexion.

The aim is to encourage Methodist people to find ways to establish co-operation and support between the people of neighbouring Circuits and especially to encourage team relationships in ministry of the ordained and lay leadership.

Circuit boundaries will have less relevance and resources of property and personal skills would be more widely used throughout a region or a District.

Ministry is increasingly being recognised as a shared function rather than one which resides in the person of 'a Minister'. As the new forms of ministry develop the cluster principle will be necessary, to form the settings where adequate training, support and team concept of ministry can take place.

The mood of the Church at present is one of reluctance to enter into formal decisions or resolutions about overall restructuring. However, changes initiated locally and regionally, which

follow the spirit and intention of the paper, will have Connexional endorsement. Already some regrouping of this kind has taken place in certain areas.

Changes in the structuring or staffing of the Divisions, as proposed within the paper, were not favoured or supported. However, the same principle of co-ordination and support will continue to be developed between the Divisions and the Theological College.

The paper "Towards a More Resourceful Church" is commended for the attention of leaders and members throughout the Connexion.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and additional report printed above be received.
2. (a) That the Development and Education Divisions reshape the report in a form that will encourage Circuits, Union/Cooperating Parishes, cooperative ventures and Synods to grapple with the issues that are raised and the alternatives proposed.
(b) That areas which are ready to implement the "cluster" proposals be encouraged to do so given the support of Quarterly Meetings and Synod(s) and in consultation with the Development Division.

QUESTION 36—What are the reports of

(a) WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the recommendation of Auckland Synod that, "the Committee be requested to consider how Synods can be informed about, and involved in, policy matters under consideration by Boards and Committees during the year (e.g. by copies of Minutes and draft Statements being sent to Synods so that appropriate responses can be returned to the Boards/Committees concerned)", be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee to consider, in consultation with the Board of Administration, and to report to Synods and Conference 1979.
3. That the Welfare of the Church Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

(b) N.Z. METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received 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

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT: "CAMPING" - A Statement of Policy

The aim is to encourage the Methodist Church to implement this intentional method of furthering Christian education in residential settings.

The word 'camping' is used here in quote marks, because it is a familiar word, but which carries with it a meaning which is inadequate as a heading for this policy statement. The term will suggest for most of us an outdoor experience in rather spartan facilities. "A place where troops are lodged in tents - temporary accommodation." (Oxford Dictionary).

What we are aiming at, is to increase and improve the Church's use of planned events where members of the community of faith can intentionally spend time in residence, to achieve those learnings which are not possible in meetings of limited duration and confined to Church buildings.

It is recognised that we have many sites which are of the type which provide for large gatherings of youth, in hall and dormitory type buildings, on sites which are well away from residential areas. These continue to cater for one aspect of camping; but the intention of this statement is to point the direction for the development of new 'camping' programmes, and consequently provide guidelines for the modification of existing facilities, or establishment of new ones.

There is an important place for adventure camping, tramping, safari camps and similar experiences which are especially suited for younger, more active people. What is being discovered, and needs further development, is the fact that 'camping' is not just for the youth.

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Forty years ago when the Bible Class movement was strong, and in succeeding years, very large numbers of young people were gathered together in camps where the primary aim was to bring them to a personal decision for Christ. The whole design of such events was to invite young people to 'come and have a marvellous weekend' but also to expect them to sit down and listen to the Christian message.

Now we see the residential situation better suited for nurturing people in the faith. It is a place where time can be taken to explore the faith at more depth, and to build trust and openness between persons. What happens when people live together in this kind of setting, is an experience of the Gospel, rather than simply being a time when the Gospel message can be proclaimed to them. In residential gatherings there is a rich opportunity to share the experience of being the community of faith - a place for communicating to persons a new awareness of their worth - for discovering what it means to belong.

Thus the primary aim of camping programmes, which we will develop and promote in the next few years, will be to enrich the community of faith. This implies encouraging a wide variety of events, for all age groups.

Example - Parish Council of Leaders' Meeting planning weekends
Marriage Enrichment for couples
Extended Church family events
Senior Citizens Retreat
Youth Group Workshops
Seminar/Lecture Schools
Form I and II Camps
Etc.

It will also mean that numbers are 25 to 80 approximately, at each event.

EDUCATIONAL METHODIST AND WORSHIP PATTERNS

New and important opportunities are opening up for the Church in the two particular areas.

- (a) Experiential education - engaging people in action and reflection, as the means of learning.
- (b) All age - or intergenerational - ways of being together. Building up the Church family. Communicating the faith within a community.

The residential setting offers the best strategy for introducing congregations to these new ways of working together and of making change possible.

MAKING DISCIPLES

'Camps' are the occasions when Church members can confidently invite non-Church persons or families to be present, thus offering them opportunity to search out the Christian faith and lifestyle. There is time to talk in a relaxed way, and 'to be with Christians' rather than just 'to hear Christians tell' what one should believe.

SERVING AND CARING

When some part of the community of faith is in residence together, then

- is a time to include the solo parent families
- adult single persons

- disadvantaged families
- new people from other countries

and others to whom we want to offer friendship and support.

DEVELOPMENT OF THIS POLICY

It is proposed that initiatives be taken to encourage more activity of this kind in the life of all Methodist and Union or Cooperating Parishes. Also that the Education Division give some priority to identifying and equipping people to give leadership in the camping programmes, and to provide new ideas and resources.

Campsite Trusts and Committees are to be urged to work towards providing facilities which are designed to meet the kind of needs indicated by these changes in camping. It may not be possible or desirable for each site to cater for all types of camping, but it is important that each has clear aims governing the modification of existing facilities and all new developments.

A SPECIAL FORM OF MINISTRY

There is clear evidence that to develop and maintain an adequate campsite for present day needs, it is necessary to have a resident Manager. It seems possible however, that such appointments could cover more than caretaking and administrative duties. Persons with a clear grasp of the aims of residential educational and recreational programmes, could serve the Church well by offering 'on the site' planning and leadership. To select several of our campsites, develop them suitably, and employ a resident (or part-time) Director at each, would greatly increase the effectiveness of implementing the aims indicated in this paper.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and supplementary report printed above be received and the annual accounts received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Loyal Gibson be reappointed Associate Director (Planning and Training) for a period of three years.
3. That Conference adopts in principle the proposals for a new Lay Preachers' Course set out in the report: these involve among other things:-
 - (a) Increasing the minimum period of the Course from one year to two.
 - (b) Passing the combined assignments/examination in each of five subjects - Old Testament 2, New Testament 2, Theology 2, Church in Society 2, Worship 2.
 - (c) Establishing regional examining/tutoring teams responsible for marking assignments and examinations in individual subjects.
 - (d) Placing responsibility for the Course, text-books, etc., with the Education Division.

4. (a) In the belief that the interests of the Mission of the Church will be better served by joint action; and in response to a common and increasingly felt need to service Parishes and Circuits and to provide a unified approach to Union and Cooperating Parishes; and acknowledging that the Methodist Church has built up skills and experience through the former Finance and Stewardship Committee and the present Stewardship Section of the Methodist Education Division; and Recognising that our mutual ecumenical commitment challenges us to act together rather than separately and thus avoid unnecessary duplication; the Conference approves in principle the establishment of a Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Stewardship Section within the Methodist Education Division.
(b) That Conference gives permission for combined work within this Section to commence on 1 February 1979.
(c) That comments on the Draft Agreement made by the Conference Committee be referred to the Board of the Education Division.
(d) That the Agreement to establish the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Stewardship Section be referred to Church Council 1979 for consideration and recommendation to the President for approval.
5. (a) That Conference affirms the policy on "Camping", printed herein.
(b) That the Education Division be asked to promote a variety of "Camping" programmes, designed to help build and extend the community of faith.
(c) That Synods be encouraged, in consultation with the Education Division, to consider the appointment of "Camp Directors" where possible.
6. That the Board members of the Education Division for 1979 be as printed on page 9 of the Year Book.

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. That the reports on Christian Concern and Energy Resources, The Church and Involvement in Politics, The Appointment of an Active Parliamentarian as Governor General, Gambling, and Unemployment be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for study and comment.
3. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z.I.C.C.P.A. be Rev. C.D. Clark, Mrs K. Loncar and one other, to be appointed by the President.
4. That the statement prepared by the Joint Working Committee of the N.C.C. and Roman Catholic Church (Appendix VII) "A Call to Reason and Respect in the Discussion on Abortion" be approved and sent to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for discussion.
5. That the Conference endorses the Open Letter sent to Members of Parliament supporting repeal of the Contraception, Sterilization and Abortion Act 1977, and the Crimes Amendment Act 1977. (Appendix V).
6. That Conference re-affirms that it is a basic human right "to freedom of opinion and expression, this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers". (Article 19 Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

Conference expresses its grave concern at the apparent trend by Government to curtail this right and that this decision be communicated to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Immigration.
7. That this Conference is gravely concerned at the misuse of the privilege of Parliament, for example the use of the word "Traitor", unsubstantiated by evidence, and upholds the rights of citizens to monitor the actions of Parliament in the interests of Justice and Human Rights and that this decision be communicated to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.
8. That this Conference endorses the following principles on which the I.C.C.I. Paper on Refugee Re-Settlement and Migration from Southern Africa to New Zealand was prepared, namely:
 - (i) That a New Zealand Immigration policy should in no way discriminate on the basis of race, religion or culture.
 - (ii) We are committed to working towards the goal of a multicultural society in New Zealand, recognising the current fragile nature of harmonious race relations.
 - (iii) New Zealand is set in the South Pacific and as such

our future as a Nation is bound up with South Pacific peoples. Therefore, in formulating Immigration policies and programmes, we should recognise our special responsibilities to the countries in the South Pacific, and commends this paper to our Circuits for study.

9. That the following statement, together with other suitable material, be sent out by the Public Questions Committee to all Circuits and Synods for their comment and reply by 30 June 1979.

"The Statement on Alcohol made by the Public Questions Committee in 1974 hinted at a new stance in Methodism towards liquor. The report was adopted by Conference, but there were no accompanying resolutions thereon. The following recommendations (based on a series of resolutions passed by the British Conference) seek to provide a statement in convenient summary form, for the guidance of members.

- (a) Conference recognises the great amount of damage and suffering caused by the excessive use of alcoholic beverages and calls upon all Methodists to use their best efforts to encourage responsible attitudes to liquor in both church and community.
- (b) Conference further recognises the existence within New Zealand Methodism of a group of people which claims to find positive values in moderate drinking, and another, which claims to be compelled by conscience to adopt total abstinence as its stand.
- (c) Conference recognises that these views are conscientiously held and requests that each group should respect the opinion of the other, remembering that they are united in their opposition to excessive drinking.
- (d) At the same time, Conference requests all our people to give full consideration to the reasons why total abstinence was, for many years, the official preference of the Methodist Church.
- (e) Conference expresses the hope that Alcohol Education, among our young people in particular, will always include as one part of it, total abstinence as a standard worthy of earnest consideration, and as being a viable alternative to even the most moderate drinking."

10. That the Public Questions Committee prepare for Synods and Conference 1979 a succinct, definitive statement on the Church's attitude to Alcohol.

11. That Conference, believing that gambling is detrimental to society, opposes the introduction into New Zealand of the games "Lotto" and urges the Minister of Internal Affairs and his Department to take steps to reduce facilities for gambling, rather than increasing them.

12. That the membership of the Public Questions Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL REPORT

In addition to the report advocating New Zealand withdrawal from the Anzus Alliance and the report on Methodist relationship to Aid Agencies in New Zealand, the Methodist International Affairs Committee has been involved on behalf of the Conference in the following matters.

1. EAST TIMOR

As requested by Conference 1977 we have made submissions to the Embassy of Indonesia regarding the Indonesian military takeover of East Timor which precluded the right of the people of East Timor to decide their own future.

After a request from the New Zealand Campaign for an Independent East Timor, the committee agreed to endorse the visit of Mr Jose Ramos Horta in order that he could share his point of view on developments in East Timor. We supported the delegation that waited on government to have the restrictions on Mr Horta's right to speak lifted.

2. DISARMAMENT

The committee has been represented on the National Consultative Committee on Disarmament (NCCD) by the Rev. D.P. Buller. The NCCD, called into being by government, was intended to raise public awareness and advise government on disarmament issues in preparation for the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

In addition we made our own submissions direct to government on the question of disarmament.

3. NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID COUNCIL

At the 1977 Conference it was resolved that the Methodist Church should apply to become a sponsor of NAAC. This sponsorship was duly applied for and accepted by NAAC. Subsequently, the National Council of Churches has drawn our attention to the NCC as sponsor on behalf of all member churches and that unilateral sponsorship by the Methodist Church could be seen as diminishing the NCC ecumenical role. We believe that in the future Methodist support and sponsorship should be channelled through NCC.

4. INTERNATIONAL YEAR AGAINST APARTHEID

The committee has made submissions to government in support of strong New Zealand involvement in the United Nations sponsored International Year Against Apartheid. (The twelve months from 21 March, 1978.)

We recommended to Television One the screening of the film "The White Laager" on life in South Africa. This film was screened during a Prime Time programme in October.

5. ANTARCTIC TREATY

In line with the 1977 resolution of Conference, government has been urged, through its United Nations representatives, to press for a new and more effective Antarctic Treaty to ensure the just and peaceful development of the resources of Antarctica. Full supportive submissions were drawn up and presented to government on this issue.

6. ABORIGINAL LAND

During the year the Presbyterian International Relations Committee has kept us informed of developments concerning the nationalisation of Aboriginal land at Arukun and Mornington Island by the Queensland Government. We have made pleas along with those of the Presbyterian committee to the Queensland Government and the Australian Federal Government to have the land returned to the Aboriginal people, and have sent a statement to the Uniting Church of Australia in support of their struggle on behalf of the Aboriginal people.

7. OVERSEAS AID

As requested by the 1977 Conference submissions have been made to government encouraging more progress toward the goal of one per cent of Gross National Product for Overseas Aid.

A further submission was made in support of the Christian World Service application to have donations to CWS made tax deductible. We are pleased that government has seen fit to meet this request.

8. GENERAL

During the year, on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, we have continued links with the United Nations Association of N.Z.; Amnesty International; Overseas Development Committee; Corso and the Defence and Aid Fund for South Africa.

We have received a regular flow of information on the progress of Martial Law and the deprivation of human rights in the Philippines and at the instigation of the General Secretary, established new contacts with the committees concerned with International affairs in the Uniting Church of Australia and the Christian Conference of Asia.

Recently, a delegation from NAAC met with the committee when matters concerning the present activity of the anti-apartheid movement were discussed. We accepted the invitation of the Presbyterian International Relations Committee to share information about the work of our respective committees, and to attend the lecture by Rev. Dr. Ian Cairns, "The Role of the Old Testament and Struggle for a Just Society." Three persons represented our church at the seminar on Human Rights led by Dr. Dwain Epps of the World Council of Churches and sponsored by the Churches Commission on Human Rights.

Graeme M. McIver,
Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and additional report printed herein be received.
2. (a) That this Conference encourage Government to follow a positive, more neutral and independent foreign policy, and especially build strong relationships of friendship and support with our near neighbours in the South Pacific and Asia.
(b) That on the basis of the report Conference questions seriously New Zealand's participation in the Anzus Treaty and invites the New Zealand Government to re-examine the case for our continued development in an alliance forged many years ago under very different circumstances.
(c) That Conference directs the International Affairs Committee to continue study in depth on the implications of withdrawal from the Anzus Alliance.
3. (a) That this Conference re-affirms its support for the aid philosophy and policies espoused by N.C.C. Christian World Service and Corso and encourages Methodist people to give their wholehearted support to these two agencies.
(b) That, as a further step, Methodist people be encouraged to become members of Corso and involved in the local and regional programmes of Corso in New Zealand.
4. That "New Citizen" be invited to report the decisions of this Conference on aid agencies.
5. That Conference welcomes the suggestions made recently by a Government spokesman that New Zealand is planning, as soon as possible, to establish a New Zealand Embassy in Africa.
6. That Conference asks the Minister of Foreign Affairs what action he intends to take:
(a) to publicize the final document of the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, and,
(b) how the Government intends to increase effective education on this issue.
7. That Conference congratulate the Rev. G.B. Sharp, B.Sc., on his election as National Chairman of Corso.
8. That Conference learns of the recent decision of the Methodist Church of South Africa in the courageous stand on matters related to race relations and human rights, including their decision on "one man, one vote" and their opposition to the Homeland Policy and Conference;
(a) congratulates the South African Conference on its stand, and,
(b) assures the Church in South Africa of its prayerful support.

9. That the International Affairs Committee give detailed critical consideration to the relationships between New Zealand and Korea, with special attention being given to the implications for peace of the division of Korea.

10. That the Methodist Conference advise the Minister of Foreign Affairs that it deplores the support being given by the New Zealand Government to the development of a Tobacco Industry in Western Samoa.

11. That the International Affairs Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

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

(d) DISTRICT PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The District Property Advisory Committee be as printed in the Year Book on page 6.

(e) DISTRICT PROPERTY SECRETARIES

The District Property Secretaries be as printed in the Year Book on page 5.

QUESTION 40—What is the condition of the various Missions, Educational and General Connexional Property Trusts and Investments?

1 THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Trustees listed as having resigned by thanked for their services to the Church.

2 PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference has no objection in principle to the sale of any Prince Albert College Trust property.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CONFERENCE.

for the year ended 30th June, 1978.

The revision of investments has continued and the Boards Income has once again shown a substantial increase. Due to economic circumstances several sections at Masterton had not been built on within the time limits agreed and these were purchased back by the Board, for future re-sale.

Support to the Masterton Childrens' Home was maintained at the previous years level and the grant to the Rangiatea Maori College Trust was reduced in view of its changing role.

Apart from the unsold Masterton sections almost all the Boards Assets are held on short term investment awaiting a permanent investment.

The Board has received the report of the Masterton Childrens' Home Management Committee and supports the decision to close the home which they have made. The committee has rendered substantial service to the Church and community over many years and its decision was made only after long deliberation. We trust that the knowledge and experience gained will be able to be re-directed into other avenues which God will reveal in due time.

RESOLUTIONS

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

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

SPECIAL REPORT ON FREEHOLDING OF LEASES

This Board of Trustees has become concerned at the position of the Trust responsible for the administration of considerable funds invested in residential land in New Plymouth. These funds are producing an income, which can only be considered a pittance in relation to the value of the investment. While the Trustees can understand the need to preserve this investment in land for the benefit of the Church, they feel, as responsible Stewards, that the income is far below that which should be available to meet the needs and work crying out for support.

To promote better use of these funds and to act as caring Stewards as well as Trustees they had approached the Church Building and Loan Committee and received their pro-forma approval for a scheme to offer to Grey Institute Trust lessees the right to freehold the lands.

They now report to Conference this proposed policy, which will enable greater use of this investment.

Extensive discussions have been held with similar Church Trusts in other parts of the country where they have implemented such a policy for the same reasons. Close consultation has been maintained with the Maori Division in view of the involvement of the Taranaki Maori people. The Trustees intend to continue this consultation to keep the Maori people aware of these proposals as the Trustees regard this responsibility for close cooperation with the Maori people to be an integral part of the Trust's objectives and therefore their responsibility. Just as it is the Trust's intention to adhere to objectives of the Trust and the use of its income as recommended by past Conferences.

So far no formal offers have been made to lessees but the Board is aware that there is a strong wish among lessees to obtain the titles to their sections. It is the Trustees' hope to offer lessees the right to purchase either for cash or on terms, the freehold of their sections. Then by careful reinvestment of funds in other more effective avenues and in the Methodist Trust Association to produce for the Church benefits far in excess of those presently available.

To this end, the Trustees wish to request this Conference to re-affirm the recommendations of the Conferences of 1969 and 1970 as to the distribution of income so that in future the Grey Institute Trustees will have a clear guide for the disposition of the income, which they believe will become available to the Church, both for the primary object of its ministry to the Maori people and also for its general work.

The relevant recommendations of past Conferences are set out here:

1969 CONFERENCE MINUTES (Page 181) and 1970 CONFERENCE MINUTES (Page 177).

That the Grey Institute Trust, after consultation with the Home and Maori Mission Department, present annually to Conference recommendations for the distribution of its surplus income.

In making its recommendations the Trust be asked to take account of the following factors:

- (a) The history of the usage of the funds of the Trust in support of the Maori work.
- (b) The circumstances in which the ministry of the Church among the Maori people must be exercised.
- (c) Particular instances of need or opportunity in the general work of the Church, which might be assisted from the funds of the Trust.

1971 CONFERENCE MINUTES (Page 195) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FUTURE USE OF INCOME.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

- (1) That, until Conference otherwise decides, the sole use of income from this property be for Maori purposes.
- (2) That the Grey Institute Trust, in consultation with the Home and Maori Mission Department (or the Board of the Maori Division), present annually to Conference recommendations for the distribution of its surplus income.
- (3) That in making new appointments to the Grey Institute Trust, consideration be given to representation from the Board of the Maori Division.

G.T. Gilbert
Chairman

M.H. Burn
Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and special report as printed herein be received.
2. That Conference encourages the Trust to pursue its policy to freehold titles of land.
3. That the Trustees, in consultation with the Maori Division and people, retain selected lands with historic association for the Trust and to meet the future needs of the Maori work and the Church.
4. That in view of the recommendation for freeholding policy herein submitted, the Conference reaffirms the recommendations of the 1969 and 1970 Conferences as to the distribution of income.
5. That a grant of \$3500 from surpluses of income for the year ended 30 June 1978 be made to the Maori Division.

8 ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. (a) That the Grants of \$17,000 be made as follows:

Bursaries and Educational	\$8,000
Manaia Trust	1,300
Child Care	4,000
Youth Work	3,700

\$17,000

- (b) That the Education Division process on behalf of the Conference the grant for Youth.
- (c) That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. process on behalf of the Conference the grant for Child Care.

3. That the Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board for 1979 be as printed in the Reports on page 264.

4. That the financial statements be received and adopted.

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

(A) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3. That the schedule of Grants as recorded in the Journal be endorsed.

4. METHODIST MEMBERSHIP ON THE INTER-CHURCH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOSPITAL CHAPLANCY:

That the Methodist representatives for 1979 be Revs. C.D. Clark and B.E. Jones.

5. That the Board of the Development Division for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Committee on Ministry prepare guidelines for outlining procedures for Samoan candidates for the Presbyterate and the Diaconate.

TONGAN MINISTRY

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That Tongan ministry within New Zealand be reported annually to Conference, c.f. Question 41(h) "What is the report on Tongan ministry?"

3. Notwithstanding that the business concerning Tongan ministry was passed in Committee the President be authorised at his discretion to publicise all or any part of it at such time as he may deem desirable.

NOTE: Resolutions concerning Tongan ministry were passed in Committee.

(B)

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That having been designated, Ruawai D. Rakena be appointed Tumuaki for a second term of up to six years.
3. That Conference convey its appreciation to the Broadcasting Authority that facilitated the broadcasting of programmes in Maori from LYC during Maori language week, and indicate to the Broadcasting Corporation its strong support for the establishing of a Maori/Pacific Island Radio Station.
4. That in the light of present land issues, resolution 6, page 199 of the Minutes of Conference 1973 again be drawn to the attention of Boards and Trusts administering lands originating from early Maori Donors to ensure the appointment of Maori members where applicable.
5. That our representatives on the National Council of Churches, Maori Section, be:- Revs. R.D. Rakena, N. Waaka, S. Toia and Sister H. Hauraki.
6. That the Board of the Maori Division for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

REPORT OF JOINT INTERIM BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and the financial statements received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulates the Revs. W. Geoffrey Tucker and David C. Evans on their appointment as Secretaries of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and looks forward with anticipation to the contributions they have to make.
3. That Conference warmly thanks the Rev. Graham Horwell for his service to the Church both in New Zealand and Overseas during his term as Missionary Secretary and wishes him well in his future service.
4. That Conference reaffirms its 1977 decision of Special Subcommittee on Mission Overseas, "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 Assembly."
5. That the membership of the Board of the Overseas Division for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Guidelines for the Coordination and Financial Support of all Overseas Travel and Study be approved.
3. That Conference re-affirms its commitment as a member of the W.C.C. (The attention of Conference is drawn to the Ecumenical Committee Report, pp.157-158 re the Programme to Combat Racism.)
4. That this Conference reaffirms its support of the Programme to Combat Racism's Special Fund for the following reasons:-
 - (a) Grants are made for humanitarian purposes, e.g. emergency food, medical supplies and legal aid.
 - (b) The World Council of Churches has had lengthy experience in allocating grants.
 - (c) The Fund is a reputable one supported by the well informed European Governments of Holland, Sweden and Norway.
 - (d) Grants have been made to a broad spectrum of more than 120 organisations in twelve countries.
 - (e) Our Lord identified with the oppressed and this Fund demonstrates the same concern.

- (f) We accept the World Council of Churches assurance that it does not endorse violence.
 - (g) We believe in the Christian integrity of the people, including New Zealanders, who make decisions regarding the allocation of funds.
5. That the International Affairs Committee be asked to prepare a report on the less than total picture on racist situations presented by the news media.
 6. That the Overseas Ecumenical Committee:
 - (a) Review the Churches' current investment in the W.C.C. Cooperative Society and consider increasing investments.
 - (b) Investigate the combining of W.C.C. and Overseas Ecumenical Relations within one Committee.
 7. That the following resolutions be referred to Synods:
 - (a) "The World Federation of Methodist Women, South Pacific area, urges all Conferences and Assemblies in this area (i.e. all Churches who are within the membership area of the W.F.M.W.) to consider instituting through their Christian Education Departments and Theological Colleges, educational programmes such as Lay Women's Leadership Training courses which will prepare women to serve in active leadership roles in Church and Community."
 - (b) "The World Federation of Methodist Women, South Pacific area, urges all Conferences and Assemblies in this area to ensure that women are represented on all decision-making Councils and Committees of the Church and asks that they be given ample opportunity to take leadership roles in its life and witness."

REPORT OF JOINT PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODIST APPOINTING COMMISSION

Arising out of the decision of last General Assembly and Methodist Conference, the Commission was convened on 29 June 1978. The Right Rev. N.F. Gilkison was elected Chairman and Mr E.G. Heggie, Secretary. In all the Commission met on three occasions.

At its first meeting the business before it was to receive the nomination of a General Secretary and make the appointment. The Joint Board for Mission Overseas brought the nomination of the Rev. W.G. Tucker for appointment. There emerged considerable division of opinion in the Commission. It was also noted that the Joint Board had been divided over the nomination.

The Commission decided to ask the Joint Board to readvertise the position of General Secretary and concurrently advertise the position of Associate General Secretary and to approach likely people and bring nominations for the two positions to a later meeting of the Commission. It was also agreed that this new

action was without prejudice to the present applicants.

When this was conveyed to the Joint Board it was unwilling to accede to the Commission's request and another meeting of the Commission was necessary to deal with the situation. At that meeting a wide ranging discussion on the way ahead led the Commission to unanimously agree to the following:

"The Commission accepts the principle of equality within the Joint Board secretariat and therefore affirms that the appointees be Joint Secretaries, who shall be equal in status; and requests that the terms of reference for their respective tasks be spelt out by the Joint Board."

To give effect to this it was further agreed:

- "1. That the Joint Board be asked to advertise immediately the positions of Joint Secretaries, such advertising to include, in addition to advertising in the Church Press, the sending of advice of the calling of applications to every Presbyterian and Methodist minister, to those who previously indicated an interest in the General Secretary's position, and to church staff serving overseas, as well as encouraging likely people to submit applications; and the Board be also asked to bring nominations for the positions to the next meeting of the Commission to be held on 19 October.
- "2. That the Commission seek ratification of this change from Assembly and Conference, and in the meantime report its action to the respective Councils for their advice and support.
- "3. Express understanding and support for the two secretaries of the Joint Board during this period."

The third meeting of the Commission was held on October 19 and had before it the names and supporting documents of five applicants. The Joint Board informed the Commission about the way it arrived at its two nominations through careful interviewing. After an opportunity was given for questions and discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept these two nominations and to appoint the Revs. D.C. Evans and W.G. Tucker to the positions of Joint Secretaries of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. The term of appointment in each case is for a period of five years and commences on 1 February 1979.

There were a number of attendant matters both pastoral and administrative which the Commission and Joint Board agreed to deal with.

The Commission agreed to bring to Assembly and Conference two important matters:

1. The considerable difficulty it found itself in as a result of the decision of those two bodies last year to change the special committee's recommendation of a secretariat of three to two.
2. Seeking confirmation of the decision to designate the two

secretaries Joint Secretaries rather than General Secretary and Associate General Secretary.

For the Commission

N.F. Gilkison, Moderator
J.A. Penman, President

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report as printed herein be received.
2. That the decision to change the designation of the secretariat from General Secretary to Joint Secretaries be approved.

QUESTION 41—(f) Church Union?

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

The present year has witnessed little by way of active negotiation as we are within the long protracted season of decision making.

Within this period of delay the Methodist Church finds itself in a dilemma. It cannot move backwards because of its overwhelming commitment expressed through Union and Cooperating Parishes and other combined ventures. On the other hand it finds difficulty in committing further churches or causes to Union or Cooperative ventures as this further depletes the Methodist entity. If we are to remain a viable church we must seek in the interim, new ways of expressing the Covenant relationships which will not further deplete our numbers but at the same time express real commitment.

THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRIES:

Nine Synods voted in favour of the Methodist Church approving the Covenant and Unification. One Synod recommended a delay.

Little comment was expressed in the reports received, but attention was drawn to two concerns. They are:

- (1) That the Covenant may be applied unevenly throughout the country and that this will cause problems for denominations organised on a national basis.
- (2) That it may have relatively little content and meaning and therefore have no real significance in the life of the church.

Very few Circuits responded to the invitation to declare their minds, but those who did expressed their approval.

THE FUTURE:

For the cause of Church Union to proceed it is necessary that consideration be given to the future roles of the J.C.C.U. and the J.N.C.C.E. and their relationship to the negotiating churches. Two things stand out as requiring particular attention:

- (1) We have to plan now to prepare for the eventual approval of the Covenant and Unification (hopefully in 1981). The churches at that point must be ready to put into action some at least, of the proposals contained in the Covenant. The J.C.C.U. should be asked to foster study and discussion on these issues. If churches are thus engaged in meaningful planning it will go a long way to restoring the sense of commitment to one another that is necessary if we are to remain sensitive to the challenge of the Gospel.
- (2) If the continued servicing and co-ordinating work is to be carried out effectively, it is imperative that a full time officer be appointed to succeed the Rev. J.E. Stewart.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) That the report printed herein be received.
- (2) That the Methodist Church accepts the proposals contained in the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries, and declares itself willing to enter into the Covenant and to participate in the Unification of the Ministries of the negotiating Churches.
- (3) That the Methodist Church requests the J.C.C.U. to give priority to working out the practical implications of the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries prior to their implementation.
- (4) That Conference confirm its continued financial support for the work of the J.C.C.U. and the J.N.C.C.E.
- (5) That Conference recognises, with gratitude, the contribution to unity by Union and Cooperating Parishes, by the Theological College and the Joint Board of Missions, and all other ventures of a cooperative nature, and assures them of the prayers and support of the Connexion.
- (6) That, subject to stationing, the Church Union Committee and the representatives on the J.C.C.U. for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.
- (7) That the 14th report of the J.C.C.U. be received.
- (8) That if in the opinion of the Church Union Committee the hymnal of the Uniting Church in Australia is suitable for use in New Zealand Union/Cooperating Parishes and Circuits, it be asked to take such action as may be necessary to obtain its authorisation for use in New Zealand.

QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and Statement of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted

2. That the Rev. Wilf E. Falkingham be re-appointed as Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

3. That Mr. M.E. Lloyd be re-appointed Treasurer.

QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine be appointed for a further term of four years as Assistant Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.
3. That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That this report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for 1978/79 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Wesley Social Services Board members for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME

ADDITIONAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the year ended 30 June 1978

The major concern of the Committee this year has been our future financial viability. So serious is our situation that consideration is being given to closing Homeleigh. The effects of continuing inflation and low level of occupancy are causing considerable concern. Whilst the increase in Government capitalisation rates and maintenance subsidies give some breathing space, the future remains in doubt. A major contributing factor in the present situation is the declining occupancy rate, which this year has ranged from 13 to 27, averaging out at 18, whilst our capacity of 29 remains.

We are considering a number of ways of extending our traditional role of caring for families, but as these mostly

involve relatively short term placements we see the occupancy rate continuing to fluctuate. Some future possibilities involve more specialised care, and therefore require additional more highly qualified staff. Some savings are made when numbers are low, but because salaries account for almost 50% of our present costs such savings are not significant. Government assistance with salaries, as outlined in the Report on Child Care Services will provide for the future viability of the present systems and could provide for exciting developments in wide areas of short term care.

Discussions continue with the Department of Social Welfare, the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Assn. and N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services with view to resolving our immediate problems in the near future. All depend on financial viability.

Regardless of the financial situation, we question the relevance of large institutions and the type of care which we offer for the 1980s. Our work seems to be limited by the constraints imposed by our buildings and organisational structure. We continue to keep this under constant review.

During this time of uncertainty we are grateful for the support of our Manager and Matron (Mr. & Mrs. Bert Jackways), Assistant Matron (Mrs. Grace Cook), and all other staff members. There have been very few staff changes this year, and this has added greatly to the stability and general well-being of the children. A feature of this year has been the participation of all staff members in various forms of training, and we thank them for the time and effort involved.

The Management Committee received with very much regret the resignation of Mrs. H.N. Prior after 7 years of service. Otherwise the Management Committee has remained unchanged during the past 12 months.

We wish to acknowledge contributions made in various ways by many people. Thanks go to those who host children for week-ends and school holidays. Some of these are continuing relationships going back over a number of years, and we are grateful for this interest. Thanks also to service clubs, sporting organisations and the many other groups and associations for the many gifts of produce etc., and cash.

Appreciation is recorded of the following grants and bequests:

Estate Ethel D. Leyland (1st distribution)	1500
Estate Lily E. Sinclair	4008
Estate H.C. Broughton (Final distribution)	153
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	250
Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	3600
J.R. McKenzie Trust	800
Masterton Licensing Trust	200
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	200
Wairarapa Bowling Club	600

D.A. Pratt, Chairman
B.D. Smith, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

At its August Meeting, the Management Committee of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home unanimously passed the following resolution:

"We give thanks to God for the service to children which has been offered through Homeleigh since 1921. But with great regret we have decided that Homeleigh will not remain open in its present form beyond the end of 1978."

This difficult decision was reached on two main grounds;

- (a) the worsening financial situation,
- (b) a growing realisation that the type of care we are currently providing is no longer in line with current trends, or relevant to future needs.

Satisfactory alternative arrangements have been made for the children at present in our care, and the Committee will continue to explore more relevant ways of Child Care work. The future uses of the building will also be considered.

D.A. Pratt, Chairperson.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report as printed herein be received.
2. That Conference endorse the decision of the Management Committee to close Homeleigh in its present form at the end of 1978 and encourages it to pursue its policy on more relevant methods of child care.
3. That the Management Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That with respect to the reduction of the number of courses in Christchurch for Maori Trade Trainees necessitating the closure of two Maori Hostels, Conference expresses its concern that there was not adequate consultation between those who were in partnership in the Trade Training Scheme, viz. the Maori Affairs Department, the Technical Institute and the Churches.
3. That the Board of the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

AGREEMENT TO AMALGAMATE THE WORK OF
THE SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
WITH THE CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

1. That as from 1 February 1979 the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission takes over the function and responsibilities of the South Island Methodist Children's Home and the South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board.
2. That all property and investments of the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board and the South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board be vested in the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission Incorporated and become the responsibility of the Central Mission Board of Management, the income therefrom to be applied in future by the Mission towards Child Care work, in particular:-
 - (a) The maintenance and support of:
 - i. The South Island Methodist Children's Home
 - ii. The Day Care Centre
 - iii. The Barrington Street Home
 - iv. Foster care of children
 - v. Child Care in whatever form it may take in the future.
 - (b) Counselling with families and children.
 - (c) Support of families under stress.
 - (d) Child Care Committee contribution to administration.
 - (e) Such other work as shall from time to time be determined by the Conference.
3. That the present work of the Children's Home Board be administered by a Committee of the Central Mission Board of Management, to be known as the Child Care Committee.
4. That the Child Care Committee be composed of not more than twenty persons, the Chairman to be the Superintendent of the Central Mission or his nominee.
5. That the Child Care Committee be responsible for:
 - (a) All Child Care work within the present geographical boundaries of the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission.
 - (b) Formulating and initiating Child Care policy including the recommendation of new buildings.
 - (c) Overseeing all current Child Care expenditure within the approved annual budget.
 - (d) Assisting in the preparation of the annual budget for approval by the Board of Management.
 - (e) Recommending the appointment of all staff to the Board of Management, which appointments would be formally made by

the Board of Management.

(f) Appointing all sub-committees as may from time to time be deemed desirable, either from its own members or from co-opted members.

6. That all accounts and investments of the Children's Home Board and Trust be incorporated in the accounts of the Central Mission and that the oversight of these accounts be the responsibility of the Central Mission Executive Committee which would receive annual accounts and in addition at least quarterly financial statements which would be sent to the Child Care Committee for its information.

7. That the Children's Home operational accounts pay an annual administrative charge for the employment of executive staff and accounting, to be determined by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

8. That no development, sale or lease of any land or building held by the South Island Children's Home Board prior to amalgamation with the Central Mission, shall be undertaken by the Board of Management of the Mission without prior consultation with the Child Care Committee.

9. That the area of land delineated on the Site Plan, drawn by Davie, Lovell, Smith and Partners, dated October 1978, number 6676, and shown in green thereon be reserved for the use of the Children's Home.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Agreement to amalgamate the work of the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board with the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission, pars. 1-9 inclusive, which Agreement was referred to the President and was approved by the two Boards on the 31st day of October 1978, be approved by the Conference and printed as a report to Conference accordingly.

2. That Conference congratulates the Board of the South Island Children's Home and the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission in reaching a satisfactory agreement for the amalgamation of the two Boards.

DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Board of the Dunedin Regional Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

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

- (a) The Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION

1. That the reports A. - T. be received.

C. ANNUAL CONFERENCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration continues its review on the method for the conduct of the business of Conference and report to Synods and Conference 1979.

D. STANDARD PARSONAGES AND CONFERENCE QUESTION 25

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference Question 25 be discontinued.
3. That Conference:-
 - (a) encourages the flexibility in the interpretation of the standard requirements for a parsonage as set out in the report, and
 - (b) supports the Board of Administration in its efforts to secure agreement on standard requirements for parsonages in Union/Cooperating Parishes and Cooperative ventures.
4. That District Property Advisory Committees annually review all parsonages and be encouraged to initiate action with a view to providing appropriate and adequate parsonages for all ministers.

E. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the payment of furniture grants to superannuating ministers shall cease as from 1 February 1980.
2. That the death benefit paid to the widow of a minister who dies in the active work be increased from \$4,000 to \$10,000.
3. That the Board of Administration consults with the Committee on Ministry on the principle of compulsory membership of the Supernumerary Fund for all members, with particular reference to retirement housing and pension needs.

4. That notwithstanding Section 512, sub-section 28, Leslie C. Clements be permitted to continue in the active ministry until January 1981.

F.

PROPERTY RETURNS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

G.

FIRE INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference endorses the direction of the report and authorises the Board of Administration to negotiate for the Insurance of all Methodist property on the basis as set out in the report, and to arrange for such cover as is deemed appropriate.

2. That the distributable surplus of \$18,267.56 from the Fire Insurance Fund for the 1976/77 financial year be allocated as follows:-

(a) Investment Board (as per Conference Budget approval) for 1978/79 \$10,000.00

(b) The cost of investigation consultancy fees and introduction of the new Fire Insurance proposals \$8,267.56

(c) If all the sum allocated for (b) above is not required, then the balance remain in the Appropriation Account for future allocation.

H. GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

I. THE HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That all trustees holding property now or at any time hereafter under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 on behalf of the Church which is now held, used for or contributed in terms of any Union or Cooperating Parish Agreement to any type of cooperative venture, be required by the Conference to transfer the Title to such property to the Board of Administration.

3. That the Board of Administration, in consultation with the Development Division, prepare and bring to Conference 1979, for approval, suitable guidelines for the future administration of all property in Union and Cooperating Parishes and Cooperative ventures specifying the respective spheres of responsibility of the Board of Administration, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration, the District Property Advisory Committees, the Joint Regional Committees and local Parish Councils.

4. That the Board of Administration consults with Trustees and Synods in 1979 on the proposal that all Trustees holding property under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 on behalf of the Church and not yet transferred be required by the Conference to transfer the Title of such property to the Board of Administration, and report to August Synods and Conference 1979, the report to include guidelines as in 3. above.

J. DEACONESS RETIREMENT FUND

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

L. MINISTERS MOVING TO NEW APPOINTMENTS

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Law Book, p.17, no.127 be amended to read:-
"That the financial responsibility for Conference appointments shall transfer on 31 January. Ministers shall be moved between appointments in consultation with the Administration Division, the Chairmen of the Districts involved and the Minister concerned."

M. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

N. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
INCOME FROM CONNEXIONAL AND NON-CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

O. RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND - \$150,000 APPEAL

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration review the operation of the Fund and the rules by which it operates.

P. METHODIST ARCHIVES

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

Q. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference commends the N.C.C. (Christian World Service) Christmas Appeal to congregations for active and sacrificial support.
3. That Conference gives general support to the proposed Lenten Ecumenical Programme on Development and encourages congregations to be involved as actively as they can.
4. That Conference encourages Circuits and individuals to study the paper from the Church and Society Commission on "the Churches and Maori Land".
5. That Conference commends the work of the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and reminds congregations that they can give practical support by being willing to sponsor refugee families.
6. That the Methodist Church representatives be:-
N.C.C.: Revs R.D. Rakena, A.A. Grundy, Mr T. Finau,
Mrs B.C. Teague and two names to be added
from Dunedin, to be appointed by the
President.
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: Medames M. Chambers, R. Turner
and N. Hoddinott.
MAORI COMMITTEE: - see Maori Division report.

R. PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF
CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN "EN BLOC"

RESOLUTION

1. That the following en bloc procedures be used by Conference and the Standing Orders interpreted accordingly:-

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

S. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

SALE OF PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

T. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:-

- (a) Board of Administration
- (b) Church Building and Loan Fund
- (c) Supernumerary and Allied Funds
- (d) General Purposes Trust Fund
- (e) Transport Trust Fund
- (f) Connexional Expenses Fund
- (g) Removal Expenses Fund
- (h) Fire Insurance Fund, 1977 and 1978
- (i) Connexional Budget

2. THORNDON DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

"That 33 1/3% of the income of the Thorndon Deposit Account for the year ended 31 January 1979 be paid as a capital contribution to the Benevolent Fund."

3. METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

"Conference having been informed that the Methodist Provident Society has been registered last week, notes with pleasure that its last year's Resolution that this Society be established has come to fruition. It commends the Society to the support of all Methodist people as a means to help the Church as well as themselves."

4. CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

- (a) That payments to representatives attending Conference from the Conference Equalisation Fund be discontinued after the 1978 Conference.
- (b) That the payment of the fares of the spouses of Ordinands be discontinued after the 1978 Conference.

(c) That the Board of Administration be asked to look at the principle of Circuits' and Boards' responsibilities to meet the costs of representatives attending Conference and to report to Synods and Conference 1979.

5. That in order to benefit the whole Connexion from the income of the various revenue producing Trusts, the Administration Division consider an Annual Levy (of say 5%) on any distributable income to be made by the Conference for the Connexional Budget on those Trusts whose investment is held for the benefit of the Church and report to Synods and Conference 1979 with a view to implementing some proposals for the 1980-81 Connexional Budget.

6. That Conference expresses thanks to Dr. Denis Janus for his positive and imaginative lead to the Church in the field of financial administration.

7. That as it is not possible to make alterations to tributes to Supernumeraries, deceased members of the Conference and reports already printed, the General Secretary be asked to issue an errata sheet with the Resolutions. To facilitate this, Conveners of Conference Committees be required to notify these changes in writing by Friday, 17 November.

8. That the Board of Administration for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on p.8.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE JOURNAL

The Finance Manager reports that:-

In accordance with the report, Minutes of 1976 Conference, p.208f., audited financial statements of all properties and funds under Question 40 have been received with the exception of the Accounts of the Prince Albert College Trust and the Trinity Theological College which are still in the process of being audited. As soon as these are to hand they will, together with those already received, be placed in the Conference Journal.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received.

QUESTION 43—(i), p.207

A. METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Investment Board members for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on p.9.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

B. NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Methodist Trust Association Board for 1979 be the members of the Investment Board for 1979.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 44

(A) REPORT ON THE 1977-78
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION

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

(B) REPORT ON THE 1979-80
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1979-80 be \$732,500 to be allocated as follows:

1978-79 ALLOCATION	DIVISION OR FUND	1979-80 RECOMMENDED	1979-80 REQUESTED
\$	<u>Guaranteed Funds</u>	\$	\$
141,242	Supernumerary Fund	155,479	155,479
4,150	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	3,920	3,920
5,373	Deaconess Retiring Fund	5,255	5,255
506	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	430	430
33,819	Removal Expenses Fund	27,573	27,573
42,497	Connexional Expenses Fund	66,104	69,854
	<u>Non-Guaranteed Funds</u>		
53,029	Education Division	63,450	63,950
	Education Division		
1,500	(Budget Promotion)	1,500	1,500

1978-79 ALLOCATION	DIVISION OR FUNDS	1979-80 RECOMMENDED	1979-80 REQUESTED
\$		\$	\$
28,655	Board of Administration	42,950	45,450
13,260	Development Fund	12,700	12,700
97,078	Maori Division	108,937	108,937
127,048	Overseas Division	137,987	142,987
25,000	"New Citizen"	25,000	39,020
42,219	Development Division	57,090	60,090
	<u>Miscellaneous Funds</u>		
6,348	1% Overseas Aid	7,462	7,753
6,590	National Council of Churches	8,508	8,508
1,250	World Council of Churches	2,000	2,000
4,000	Churches' Education Commission	4,326	4,326
6,120	NCC University Chaplaincies	7,742	7,742
2,000	Overseas Travel Fund	2,000	2,000
1,750	Overseas Travel Prog. Unit W.C.C.	1,900	1,900
2,250	J.C.C.U.	2,250	2,250
450	Christian Conference of Asia	500	500
300	Pacific Conference of Churches	400	400
500	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
--	National Anti Apartheid Comm.	250	250
646,934		746,213	775,274
12,134	Less Grant from Special Account Administration Division	13,713	--
634,800		732,500	775,274

3. That the District allocations be:

Northland	\$ 17,372
Auckland	162,764
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	106,223
Taranaki-Wanganui	56,605
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	79,682
Wellington	85,453
Nelson	33,527
North Canterbury	118,916
South Canterbury	29,200
Otago-Southland	42,758
	<u>\$732,500</u>

4. That an open and indepth review of policy in all major areas of the Connexional Budget be initiated in the light of changed conditions and budgetting implications.

QUESTION 45—What is the Report of Trinity Theological College?

A. TRINITY COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on Page 10.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of Conference in regard to the:

A DEACONESS BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. In the light of the Committee of Ministry's recommendation the question of the change of name of the Board be referred back for further consideration.
3. That the Board for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on Page 9.

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 reappoint Rev. W.A. Chessum as Chaplain of Wesley College for a period of three years from 1st February 1979.
3. That Conference notes with pleasure Mr. J. McDougall's receipt of the award of a Woolff Fisher Fellowship to visit the U.S.A., U.K. and Europe.
4. That the membership of Wesley College Trust Board for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on Page 10.

B. RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That a new Clause (k) be added to the Board Constitution (1977 Minutes P.77)
"(k) Life Members appointed by Methodist Conference:-
1977 Mr. George Koea - New Plymouth."
3. With reference to Resolution 2(a) P.77 1977 Minutes the Board considers the present demand for secondary education and trade training for girls in New Plymouth does not justify setting up a separate hostel but the question is being kept under review.
4. That the Members of the Board for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 48—What are the resolutions of Conference in regard to:

A. BOARD OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE "NEW CITIZEN" APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

In August this year the Board of the "New Citizen" requested the President to appoint a Commission to report on the future of the "New Citizen". The President appointed Derek McNicol (Chairman), Murray Clark, Eric Heggie, Selwyn Muru, Keith Taylor, Gwynne Thompson and Helen Winslade (Secretary). The Commission was asked to present its initial response to the President by the end of September.

Mr. McNicol introduced the Commission's report to the October Meeting of Church Council. The report was considered in some detail by Church Council and the budget implications were taken into account by the Conference Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail in the preparation of the 1979/80 Budget. Church Council agreed that the report should be forwarded to the 1978 Conference. It was agreed also that if possible, Mr. McNicol would discuss the report with the Board of the "New Citizen". The Chairman of the Auckland District was asked to consult with the Board of the "New Citizen" as to the membership of the Board for 1979.

The initial section of the Report is historical and deals with the setting up of the Paper and subsequent developments. The report then deals with future policy.

"THE FUTURE OF THE "NEW CITIZEN"

It is obvious from the written submissions, from discussions with interested people and with the Chairman of the Board that the people of the Methodist Church of New Zealand want a paper.

We have two recommendations to make. Because of the lack of time it has been impossible for the Commission to fully evaluate the situation and come up with a concrete, long-term proposal. We therefore suggest:-

- (a) a short-term proposal to take the "New Citizen" through 1979
- (b) that the Commission continues with its study, under the same terms of reference and produces a report that will be prepared for discussion by Synods, August 1979.
- (c) that during the interim the Board be advised of the suggested proposals concerning the operation of the Paper as made in this report and considers the comments made in the submissions.

The Commission takes this approach because the whole subject is far too important to the Church to be decided over a six week period and makes no apology for not producing conclusive findings at this time.

"THE SHORT-TERM PROPOSAL

1. That the paper continues to be published at monthly intervals until determined by Conference 1979, at the Connexional Budget support proposed in paragraph 5 of this report.
2. That the Editor continues in office.
3. That the report be forwarded for the information of the Board.
4. That all District Synods, Boards of Divisions, Conference Standing Committees, Circuits and Parishes be advised of these recommendations.

"THE LONG-TERM PROPOSAL

The Commission recommends that an extension of time be allowed so that many varied and in-depth studies be undertaken to formulate long-term plans, particularly with paragraph 3(a) in the Terms of Reference in mind. Such studies would cover:-

1. Do the 'silent majority' want a Paper?
2. What do the 'silent majority' of the Church want from their Paper?
3. What does the Church consider that the people need from the Paper? In other words a balance between wants and

true needs must be established and written into editorial guidelines.

4. What effect does the layout of the Paper have on people's impression of its contents?
5. An evaluation of readership as opposed to circulation.
6. To what extent are the dissatisfactions expressed a carry-over from the previous editor?
7. To what extent should the Editor be allowed to investigate the workings of the Methodist Church and make critical comment?
8. The self-perpetuating nature of the Board.
9. Exploring the possibility of an ecumenical paper.
10. In answer to 3(a) of the Terms of Reference the Commission should look at the total media situation - print and electronic - secular and religious and see what best use the Church can make of various means of communication.
11. The effect of Union and Co-operating Parishes on the paper."

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
- 2(a) That the report on the work of the Commission of the future of "New Citizen", as printed above, be received.
 - (b) That the short-term proposals be endorsed.
 - (c) That the Commission proceed with its work and report to Synods and Conference 1979.
3. That the Board of the "New Citizen" for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

C. METHODIST RADIO AND T.V. COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the retiring Chairman, Rev. R.S. Andrews, and Convener, Rev. I.H. Robertson be thanked for many years' work on the Committee.
3. That the Radio and T.V. Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 49—What is the report of the Faith and Order Committee?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. The Alternative Order of Holy Communion.

- (i) That the Order be withdrawn as an "authorised alternative:"
The 10-year experiment is over.
 - (ii) That the "Blue Book" order of Holy Communion be affirmed as the central and authorized Eucharistic Liturgy of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (iii) That the Alternative Order of Holy Communion be withdrawn as the authorised alternative Eucharistic Liturgy.
 - (iv) That recognising the usefulness of having ready-made printed alternative orders of service, this issue be looked at in conjunction with the "guidelines".
 - (v) That the Faith and Order Committee investigate and report on the Theological, Liturgical and Linguistic factors in relation to a revision of the "Order of Holy Communion" (Blue Book).
3. That Conference endorse the continuation of the unfinished work as per the report.
 4. (a) That the Conference receive and endorse the statement entitled "The Theology of the Offertory", (P.240-241 Reports "78)
(b) That the working paper be distributed to Synods and Circuits as a study document and a response be made to the Committee.
 5. That the Faith and Order Committee be asked to consider the pastoral and theological implications of:-
 - (a) The current questioning or denial by some Methodist people of the validity of their baptism - usually received in infancy - and their desire for a second "baptismal act."
 - (b) The administration by a Methodist Minister of a second "baptismal act" for persons previously baptised.
 - (c) Differing forms of baptism within the Methodist Church, that is, by sprinkling and by immersion.
and report as soon as practical to Synods and Conference.
 6. That Conference expresses to the Rev. Gordon Peterson its warm thanks and deep appreciation for the faithful and commendable effort in preparing the lectionary for the Church over the past twenty-five years.
 7. That in noting the resignation of Rev. E.W.Hames from active membership on the Committee, Conference recalls to mind that Mr. Hames was the first chairman of the Faith and Order Committee and retired from this capacity after twenty years of distinguished service. Since then he has maintained a lively interest in the work of the committee, attending and participating whenever he could. Conference records again its deep appreciation for the service rendered by the Rev. E.W. Hames in this area of Connexional life and work.

8. Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Church.

(a) In the light of our present understanding of the Orders of Ministry, Conference accepts that the President of the Church shall be a Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care who is in full Connexion with the Church; and the Vice-President shall be a Lay Person or a member of the Diaconate.

(b) The Faith and Order Committee has begun a study as to whether or not the office of Vice-President should be abolished with the office of President open to both clergy and laity or whether there may be two Presidents, one of whom shall be an ordained Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, the other who may be a member of the laity or the Diaconate. Conference gives permission for the Faith and Order Committee to continue this study on these and other options and the total question of Executive leadership of the Church and report to Synods and Conference 1979.

9. That Conference express its appreciation to Rev. D.G.Pratt for his service as Convener of the Committee and extend greetings to him in his travels and study overseas.

10. The response of the Faith and Order Committee to the survey conducted by Massey University was reported to Committee "M":-

(a) Conference receives this response.

(b) The response be referred to the Education Division for possible distribution.

11. That membership of the Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

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 Chaplains for 1979 be:

(a) Full-time: Rev. J.I. Manihera (Army)

(b) Part-time: Rev. R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), Rev's. S.C. Grant, J.S. Hosking, B.W.Neal, I.C.Norwell and Napi Waaka.

3. That the Methodist representatives on the Chaplain's Advisory Committees be:

Northern: Rev. R.F.Clement

Central: Rev. J.S.Hosking

Southern: Name to be provided.

4. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

QUESTION 51—What is the Report of?

A. WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

B. REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF EARLY RECORDS

REFER QUESTION 43.

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference authorises the progressive revision of the Law Book and subsequent printing in a loose leaf format.
3. That the Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on Page 7.

QUESTION 52(b)—Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?

Mr. Geoffrey H. Peak, LL.B.

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 the annual minimum stipend rates be confirmed from 1 July 1978 to be: Ministers \$7,704; Home Missionaries \$7,012; Deaconesses \$6,370.
3. That the annual book and hospitality allowance be increased from \$150 to \$335 from 1 December 1978.
4. That in order that the book allowance may be used for the purposes for which it is given, Ministers and Circuit

Officials be asked to come to a mutually acceptable agreement whereby the amount of \$155 per annum is paid for actual purchases of books and magazines or a sum of money is deposited to the Minister's credit with an appropriate bookshop or bookshops.

5. That the Central Committee on Stipends for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 56—(a) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

At AUCKLAND on 3rd November 1979.

- (b) When shall the next District Synods meet?

At least quarterly, the August meeting to be held between 6th-16th August 1979.

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E R R A T A

Reports

Page 34 line 9 In 1977 resigning, should read "In 1974"

Page 27 line 13 and at Rendova should read "and in Roviana"

Page 86 Resolutions should read "Recommendations"
No. 4 "That the grant to..... be deleted."

Q.36(d) - Methodist Women's Fellowship p.52, Individual Membership: Fellowships, under Union/Co-operating, the number be amended from 100 to 105 and the total to read 287 instead of 282.

Q.41(c) - Overseas Missions

Correction: Pg 157, para. 3, add Mrs. Hilda Schroeder.

para. 5, The Rev. Phyllis Guthardt is a member of the Working Committee on "Women in the Church and Society".

Correction: Pg 153: Personal Record Mr. F.Hayman 1928-31.

Page 258 (b) Report on the Connecional Budget 1979-80

1. Background line 3 knowledge of indications, should read "knowledge of indicators"

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS.

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1978.

Comparative 30.6.77	INCOME	TOTAL 1978	Stewardship Naenae Prop.	Planning & Training Tawa Property	Planning & Training Auckland Property	Office
220	Parsonage Rents - Received	-		-		
10840	- Provision	12198	3310	4888	4000	-
3637	Office Rents - Epworth Bookroom	3637				3637
582	- Stewardship	582				582
873	- Planning & Training	873				873
2183	- Administration	2183				2183
<u>\$ 18335</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 19473</u>	<u>\$ 3310</u>	<u>\$ 4888</u>	<u>\$ 4000</u>	<u>\$ 7275</u>
	EXPENDITURE					
511	Office Cleaning	600				600
841	Depreciation	841				841
684	Electricity	778				778
434	Insurances	660	75	284	132	169
1896	Interest	2158	941	3	910	304
843	Rates	850	284	176	390	-
1403	Repairs & Maintenance	2613	1565	829	25	194
1305	Telephone Rentals	1837	159	117	130	1431
<u>7917</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>10337</u>	<u>3024</u>	<u>1409</u>	<u>1587</u>	<u>4317</u>
<u>\$ 10418</u>	EXCESS INCOME TO BALANCE SHEET	<u>\$ 9136</u>	<u>\$ 286</u>	<u>\$ 3479</u>	<u>\$ 2413</u>	<u>\$ 2958</u>

To provide for - Loan Repayments
- Capital Expenditure
- Property Reserves.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1978

Comparative
30.6.77

-
 206
 836
218
 1260

INCOME

Donations
 Interest Received
 Salaries Recovered
 Miscellaneous Income

1978
 -
 30
 85
279

394

EXPENDITURE

287
 222
 1355
 91
 933
 945
 2183
 13875
1
 19892

Accounting and Audit Services
 Depreciation - Equipment
 General Expenses
 Insurances
 Postages
 Printing and Stationery
 Rent
 Salaries
 Tolls and Telegrams

569
 438
 1600
 92
 1139
 849
 2183
 15946
45

22859

\$ 18632
 =====

EXCESS EXPENDITURE - OFFICE OVERHEAD
 =====

\$ 22465
 =====

ALLOCATION OF OFFICE OVERHEAD

6961
 4710
6961
 \$ 18632
 =====

To:

Epworth Bookroom (37.36%)
 Stewardship (25.28%)
 Planning & Training (37.36%)

8393
 5679
8393

\$ 22465
 =====

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1978.

Comparative 30.6.77	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1978</u>	<u>EPWORTH BOOKROOM</u> <u>1977</u> <u>1978</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u> <u>1977</u> <u>1978</u>	<u>PLANNING & TRAINING</u> <u>1977</u> <u>1978</u>
	<u>TRADING</u>				
193407	Sales - General and Joint Board	176317	193407	176317	
1185	- At Cost	1400	1185	1400	
<u>194592</u>	<u>TOTAL SALES</u>	<u>177717</u>	<u>194592</u>	<u>177717</u>	
22928	Stocks on Hand 1 July, 1977	46401	22928	46401	
165380	Purchases	113626	165380	113626	
188308	Sub-Total	160027	188308	160027	
46401	less: Stocks on Hand 30 June 78	29944	46401	29944	
<u>141907</u>	<u>COST OF GOODS SOLD</u>	<u>130083</u>	<u>141907</u>	<u>130083</u>	
\$ 52685	GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	47634	52685	47634	
	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>				
22758	Stewardship Services	19569		22758 19569	
41291	Grants - Connexional Budget	35865		8659 3726	
2744	- Other	383		1213 -	32632 32139
7833	Holiday Camps - Income and Bank Interest	-			1531 383
(7916)	- Other Expenditure	-			7833 -
175	C.E.H. - Cost Recovery	-			(7916) -
617	Miscellaneous Income	3325	630 3245		175 -
4642	Exchange Variance	6008	4642 6008		(13) 80
<u>\$124829</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$112784</u>	<u>\$57957</u> <u>\$56887</u>	<u>\$32630</u> <u>23295</u>	<u>\$34242</u> <u>\$ 32602</u>

Comparative 30.6.77	EXPENDITURE	TOTAL 1978	EPWORTH BOOKROOM 1977 1978		STEWARDSHIP 1977 1978		PLANNING & TRAINING 1977 1978	
379	Advertising	85	373	83	-	-	6	2
1213	Budget Promotion	-	-	-	1213	-	-	-
34	Bad Debts Provision	114	34	114	-	-	-	-
1413	General Expenses	1265	353	511	267	307	793	447
487	Insurances	557	327	333	94	34	66	190
-	National CYMM Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
609	Packing Materials	470	609	470	-	-	-	-
3402	Postages	3933	3221	3686	17	41	164	206
3689	Printing & Stationery	3959	2352	3323	295	202	1042	434
1583	Promotion Expenses	-	1583	-	-	-	-	-
15932	Rent or Property Expenses	17196	3637	4062	3892	3892	8403	9242
143	Resource materials & subs	189	-	-	56	18	87	171
47936	Salaries	49061	21601	26044	14720	12203	11615	10814
806	Superannuation subsidy	894	806	894	-	-	-	-
-	Synod Education Convenors Exp.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1093	Special Activities Expenses	506	-	-	-	-	1093	506
776	Telephone, Tolls & Telegrams	920	274	200	272	381	230	339
8254	Travelling Expenses	8219	636	297	4471	3698	3147	4224
107	Training Expenses - New Zealand	-	-	-	107	-	-	-
2000	- Overseas	-	-	-	1000	-	1000	-
\$89856	<u>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE</u>	\$87368	35806	40017	26404	20776	27646	26575
	Office Overhead Allocation (refer attached Administration office Income & Expenditure Account)	22465	6961	8393	4710	5679	6961	8393
18632	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	\$109833	42767	48410	31114	26455	34607	34968
108488		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
\$ 16341	<u>EXCESS INCOME (EXPENDITURE)</u>	\$ 2951	15190	8477	1516	(3160)	(365)	(2366)
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1978

Comparative 30.6.77	LIABILITIES	1978	Comparative 30.6.77	ASSETS	1978
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>	
67074	Sundry Creditors	44419	6234	Cash on Hand and at Bank	21876
5914	Subscriptions paid in advance	6877	29422	Trade Debtors	29630
5100	Stewardship deposits paid in advance	3487	-	Miscellaneous Debtors	6872
1406	Un-utilized Budget Promotion receipts	-			36502
\$ 79494		\$ 54783	(100)	less: provision for doubtful debts	100 36402
=====		=====	29322		58278
	<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES:</u>		8824	Prepayment & other debtors	-
\$ 41890	Secured Loans & Mortgages	\$ 39507	46401	Stocks on Hand - Trade	29944
=====		=====	2418	- Stationery	2290
	<u>RESERVES:</u>		45000	Short term investments	32234
56143	Properties - Bal 1.7.1977	67303	\$138199		5000
-	Plus: Increased valuation & purchase Tawa Property	26129	=====	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	\$ 95512
		93432	8241	Reserve Funds - Properties	9102
742	Add: Interest received on Investments	-	874	- CYMM	1526
10418	Surplus - Property A/C	9135	3552	- Staff Training Overseas	3787
			12667		\$14415
67303			=====	<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>	=====
874	CYMM	1526	2538	Furniture & Equipment (at cost)	3920
3552	Staff Training Overseas	(108) 103985	(1033)	less: accumulated depreciation	1471 2449
\$71719		\$ 143492	96685	Properties (at cost and subject to Mortgages)	145635
=====		=====	(7540)	less: accumulated depreciation on office property.	8381 137254
32062	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</u>				\$139703
16341	Balance 1.7.1977	48404			=====
\$48403	Add: Surplus Sectional I & E Accounts	2951	\$90650		
=====		\$ 51355	=====		
		=====			
\$241516		\$249630	\$241516		\$ 249630
=====		=====	=====		=====

THE EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1978

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. General Accounting Policy

The general accounting policies recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost basis have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

B. Particular Accounting Policies

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which have a significant effect on the results and financial position are -

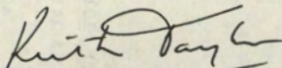
1. Depreciation has been provided for on a straight line basis as follows:

Equipment, Furniture and Fittings - 20% per annum

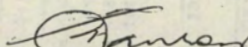
2. Valuation of Properties has been made at cost plus value of improvements.

C. Changes in Accounting Policy

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies during the year.



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CHAIRMAN



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DIRECTOR

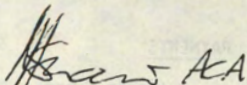
AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
THE EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

I have examined the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts together with the books and records of the Education Division of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary.

In my opinion, these accounts present fairly, the financial position of the Division at 30 June 1978, and the results of its activities for the year to that date.

Wellington
October, 1978.


Chartered Accountant

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1.7.77 to 30.6.78

Balance at Bank 1.7.77	1,277.93	1,277.93
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RECEIPTS

Bulk Travel	1,112.90	
Connexional Budget	50,018.00	
Car Park	142.64	
Council of Mission	76.13	
Donations	525.00	
Making Disciples	447.75	
Equipment	146.25	
Going Places	164.34	
Hospital Chaplaincy Grants	1,228.39	
Hospital Chaplaincy Auckland	5,402.00	
Interest etc.	2,553.42	
Income Tax	(920.14)	
Invested short term	4000. 00	
Debenture Repaid	2,773.18	
Kopelani Ministry	100.00	
Miscellaneous	3,648.12	
Office Expenses	200.16	
Postage	1,230.15	
Printing & Stationery	2,171.42	
St. Johns	5,654.00	
Samoan Car Costs	2.00	
Samoan Car Sale	3,900.00	
Samoan Sundries	363.56	
Superintendents' telephone	10.99	
Superintendents' travelling	218.18	
J.R.C. Research scheme	2,500.00	
Superannuation	(874.15)	
Supply Ministry	100.00	
Telephones	490.16	87,384.45
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		88,662.38
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PAYMENTS

Circuit Grants	17,147.52	
Ministerial supply	407.32	
Ministerial grant	125.00	
Presidential supply	1,891.65	19,571.49

SUPERINTENDENT - ADMINISTRATION

Stipend	7,389.96	
Car allowance	887.27	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Telephone	159.68	
Travelling	575.68	
Rent	600.00	9,762.59

PAYMENTS Contd.

SAMOAN MINISTRY

Stipend	6,990.00	
Parsonage allowance	150.00	
Travel	293.42	
Car Running	1,504.18	
Furniture	527.68	
Telephone	197.37	
Rent	1,200.00	
Stationery & Postage	53.89	
Car	2,937.05	
Clerical	446.76	
Sundries	392.06	14,692.41

OFFICE EXPENSES

Accident Compensation Levy	35.14	
Audit	110.00	
Bulk Travel	2,800.00	
Car Park	292.61	
Council of Mission	62.00	
Making Disciples	1,012.10	
Equipment	243.75	
" Maintenance	20.40	
Interest	13.29	
Inter-Divisional consultation	12.60	
Tax	871.81	
Invested short term	4,000.00	
Kopelani Ministry	520.98	
M.W.F. Special objective	213.95	
Miscellaneous	3,831.81	
Office Expenses	268.81	
Office Salaries	4,258.32	
Petty Cash	440.00	
Postage	1,742.71	
Printing & Stationery	2,819.55	
Rates	519.64	
J.R.C. Research Scheme	2,500.00	
Superannuation	522.32	
Telephones	1,337.70	
Light, Power & Cleaning	377.00	28,826.49

MISCELLANEOUS

Invested 11.10.78	900.00	
Invested 6.12.78 (M.W.F.)	1,020.00	1,920.00

CHAPLAINCIES

Grants	13,914.39	
Auckland District	2,272.48	16,186.87
Balance at B ank	(2,297.47)	(2,297.47)

88,662.38

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>COMPARATIVE</u> <u>30.6.77</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1978</u>
22,195		Connexional Budget	53,918
-		Council of Mission	14
355		Donations	525
1,763		Hospital Chaplaincy	3,129
9,036		Interest & Legacies	3,748
-		Kopelani Ministry	100
1,496		Samoa Ministry	5,654
10,449		Non-Budget Funds	-
6		Kitset Sales	-
170	45,470	General	-
			67,088
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
13,555		Grants to Circuits	16,962
13,173		Chaplaincy Grants	12,686
-		Ministerial Grants	125
-		" Supply	593
377		Presidential Supply	1,892
508		Supply Ministry	963
113		Task Group	182
9,669		Samoa Ministry	11,814
9,437		Superintendent	11,552
31		Accident Compensation	35
110		Audit	110
8		Car Park	139
67		Equipment Maintenance	20
24		Conferences	13
-		Light - Power	377
-		M.W.F. Special Objective	223
1,921		General	425
5,519		Salaries	4,258
460		Postage	522
521		Printing & Stationery	976
297		Rates	520
575	56,365	Telephones	848
			65,235
	10,895	Excess Income (Balance Sheet)	1,853

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>EXPENDABLE RESERVE</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
E.W. Blackwell Trust	3,135	Cash on Hand and at Bank	4,475
<u>RESERVES</u>		<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	
Bulk Travel	200	Loan Epworth Bookroom	421
Income Tax	48	Debenture 11.10.78	900
Wesley Library	421	Debenture 6.12.78	1,020
	669	Chaplaincy A.S.B.	628
		Samoan Return Fare	500
			3,469
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>STOCKS</u>	
Balance at 1.7.77	5,494	Going Places	650
Add Surplus I.E. A/C	1,853	Making Disciples	564
	7,347-		1,214
		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
		Equipment	764
		Furniture (Samoan)	1,229
			1,993
	11,151		11,151

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

SURPLUS & RESERVES

Accumulated funds 1.7.77	5,493.80	
Plus - Transfers	1,852.83	7,346.63
E.W. Blackwell Trust 1.7.77	3,135.32	3,135.32
Bulk Travel	200.00	200.00
Income Tax	48.33	48.33
Wesley Circulating Library	421.06	<u>421.06</u>
Total Surplus & Reserves		<u>11,151.34</u>

REPRESENTED BY CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at Bank	(2,297.47)	
Plus - Amount not paid in(Budget)	3,900.00	
" " " " "	2,872.59	4,475.12

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	763.78	
Furniture (Samoan)	1,229.20	
Loan Epworth Bookroom	421.06	
Debentures 11.10.78	900.00	
Debentures 6.12.78	1,020.00	
Hospital Chaplaincy (ASB 30902-08)	628.18	
Going Places	649.65	
Making Disciples	564.35	
Samoan Return Fare (24.5.80)	500.00	<u>6,676.22</u>
		<u>11,151.24</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.

July, 1978.

Ryder Copeland Watson Co
RYDER COPELAND, WATSON & CO.,
Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>TRUSTS</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
Legacy Disbursement	14,521	Cash at Bank	19,246
Gerard Grounds	785	Debtors	<u>3,340</u>
E.M. Rushworth	500		22,586
T.G. Brooke	11,635	<u>INVESTMENT - LOANS</u>	
T. Buddle	200	Cars	16,429
Rev. & Mrs. Geo. Buddle	1,000	Furniture	930
E.D. & M.E. Jones	200	Hamilton Trust	4,927
M.W. Fund	2,126	Circuit Loans	200,646
A.J. Seamer	600	Salisbury Youth	420
Anonymous	150	Franking M/C	224
P.E. Rishton	400	Mortgage	<u>6,500</u>
E.W. Blackwell	<u>22,017</u>		230,076
	54,134	<u>SHARES</u>	
<u>RESERVES</u>		Winstones	13,679
Sinking Fund at 1.7.77	71,399	N.Z.S.	3,484
ADD - Transfers	<u>3,673</u>	Asrey	2,822
	75,072	C.S.R.	337
Receipts & Payments	32,355	Watties	3,236
	32,355	Allied Farmers	420
<u>HOSTEL PAINTING RESERVES</u>		Farmers	50
Te Ranui (W)	200	Southland B. Society	800
Te Ranui (T)	150	Bycroft	500
General	<u>800</u>	Mosgiel	<u>190</u>
	1,150		25,510
<u>CAPITAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>SAVINGS BANK</u>	
Seamer House	50,253	B.N.Z.	118
Te Rahui (W)	27,176	P.O.S.B. (782075)	66
Te Ranui (T)	124,724	P.O.S.B. (782076)	53
Maori Centres	19,689	A.S.B. (30902-11)	<u>6</u>
Maori Parsonages	13,270		243
Deaconess Cott. Maori	5,586		
Property Sales	45,549		
Samoan Parsonage	<u>50</u>		
	286,297		

METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD (Continued)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978

<u>LIABILITIES</u>			<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>LOANS & C.B.L. FUND</u>			<u>DEBENTURES</u>	
Auck. Hosp. Chap. Hse	9,219		Kaeo	13,600
" " "	2,250		Gen. Reserves	17,500
Te Ranui (T)	5,609		Deaconess Board	2,000
" " "	1,050		Whangaparoa	5,000
Innes Road Church	26,058		Springet	2,139
" " "	5,000		Devonport	9,500
Samoan Parsonage	<u>3,375</u>	52,561	Sinking Fund	55,000
			Legacy Disbursement	5,000
			A.R.A. (1.9.80)	4,600
			Auckland Gas	<u>1,458</u>
				115,797
<u>OTHER</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS - LAND - BUILDINGS</u>	
Loans at Call	134,501		Seamer House	69,737
M.W.F. - Suspense	<u>1,220</u>	135,721	Te Ranui (W)	30,882
			Te Ranui (T)	140,696
			Maori Parsonages	151,421
Accumulated Funds	<u>309,161</u>	309,161	Deaconess Cottis	21,938
			Maori Centres	29,948
			Maori Property	18,901
			Parsonages	42,118
			Hospital Chaplains	21,865
			Office Space	<u>24,725</u>
				552,231
		946,451		946,451

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1978.

<u>COMPARATIVE</u> <u>30.6.77</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		<u>1978</u>
11,781	11,781	Rent		<u>12,194</u>
				12,194
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
904		Insurance		430
1,234		Rates		1,432
185		General		158
<u>6,887</u>	<u>9,210</u>	Distribution		<u>7,460</u>
	<u>2,571</u>	Excess Income		<u>2,714</u>
				<u>2,714</u>
		<u>EXCESS INCOME TO BALANCE SHEET</u>		
550		Depreciation Reserve		550
300		Maintenance "		300
<u>1,721</u>		Capital.		<u>1,864</u>
	<u>2,571</u>			<u>2,714</u>

E.W. BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>LIABILITIES</u>				<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>RESERVES</u>				<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>				Balance at Bank	1,743
Balance at 1.7.77	29,535.			<u>Investments</u>	
Add Tfe fm Interest	1,804			Mortgage (Gribble)	9,800
" " " Income	550	31,889		A.S.B.	1,375
<u>Maintenance</u>				P.O.S.B.	73
Balance at 1.7.77	4,047			Harbour Br (1979)	5,000
Add Tfr fm Interest	230			A.R.A. 1.9.80	5,000
" " " Income	300			Trustee Debenture	5,000
	<u>4,577</u>			" Short Term	27,000
Less Maintenance	<u>627</u>	3,950		Loan	<u>4,850</u>
					<u>58,098</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Inv.Funds Bd.	508 CR			Land & Buildings	28,434
Development Div.	170 CR				<u>28,434</u>
Maori Division	2,472	1,794			
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>					
Bal. at 1.7.77	47,409				
Add Tfr fr Interest	1,368				
" " " Income	<u>1,865</u>				
		<u>50,642</u>			
		<u>88,275</u>			<u>88,275</u>

OVERSEAS DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>COMPARATIVE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		<u>1978</u>
79,331		Connexional Budget		113,389
8,251		Donations		7,963
17,084		Interest and Dividends		19,656
-		Equipment Refund		200
-		Rent		452
9		Super Refund		288
-		Nat. Prov. Refund		91
9,000		Legacy		-
6	113,681	Calendars		- 142,039
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
112,200		United Church		102,976
10,416		General Secretary		12,221
10,904		Salaries		10,731
440	-	Audit		440
74		Accident Compensation		72
136		Donations		1,377
228		Postage		153
1,652		Stationery/Publicity		2,037
130		Subscriptions		67
380		Telephones		624
1,674	138,234	General Expenses		1,912 132,610
	24,553	Excess Income		9,429
	<u>=====</u>			<u>=====</u>

METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978

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<u>LIABILITIES</u>			<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>TRUST RESERVE</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
E.M. Rushworth	500		Cash on Hand and at Bank	19,649	
H.E. Vanes	938		Sydney	374	20,023
A. Woodnutt	<u>2,000</u>	3,438			
<u>EXPENDABLE RESERVES</u>			<u>DEBTORS</u>		
Vanes Bequest	460		United Church Fares	3,988	
Discretionary	233		" " Dinghy	2,854	
Sol. Isle History	<u>181</u>	874	" " Suspense	<u>386</u>	7,228
<u>OTHER RESERVES</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
Building Project	5,769		Vanes Bequest A.S.B.	449	449
Pacific "	<u>3,864</u>	9,633			
<u>SICKNESS RESERVE</u>			<u>SHARES</u>		
Balance at 1.7.77	5,967		Astley Holdings	2,821	
Add-Contributions	264		Auckland Gas Co.	2,933	
	<u>6,231</u>		C.S.R.	2,800	
Deduct paid out	<u>180</u>	6,051	Farmers Trading	845	
<u>REPLACEMENT RSVE</u>			Henderson & Pollard	3,364	
Residence	5,842		N.Z.I.	3,483	
Add - Appropriation	<u>600</u>	6,442	Wattie Industries	2,668	
Motor Cycle	3,767		Winstones	<u>400</u>	19,314
Add - Appropriation	<u>628</u>	4,395			
<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u>			<u>DEBENTURES</u>		
Medical	92,000	92,000	Prince Albert Trust	7,863	
<u>OTHER</u>			Auckland Gas Co.	4,620	
Loan at Call	3,600		Auckland Hospital Bd. 1.6.80	14,000	
Springet Appeal	818		Central Mission	500	
Creditor	69		Watties	1,100	
Gifts & Grants	382		Trustee Security	120,000	
M.W.F. Radios	<u>10,708</u>	15,577	" " Short Term	<u>15,000</u>	163,083
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Balance at 1.7.77	129,108		Office Equipment	1,476	
Add - Surplus I.E. A/C	<u>9,429</u>	138,537	" " (Joint)	667	
			Gen. Secretary's Residence	42,476	
			" " Motor Cycle	2,326	
			Space - Central Mission	<u>19,907</u>	66,852
		276,947			276,947

MAORI DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>COMPARATIVE</u> <u>30.6.77</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1978</u>	
64,840		Connexional Budget	60,373	
-		Loan Repaid	5,000	
25,709		Interest/Legacies	6,527	
-		Grant A.S.B.	300	
5,000		Grant Grey Institute	-	
2,200		Grant M.W.F.	-	
2,296		E.W.B. Trust	-	
1,018		Donations	2,653	
7,348		Circuit Contributions	8,171	
-	108,411	Board Contributions	196	83,220
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
71,742		Field Stipends	84,773	
15,915		" Expenses	12,539	
160		" Superannuation	236	
7,561		Tumuaki	9,787	
110		Audit	110	
184		Accident Compensation Levy	213	
534		Deaconess Cars	139	
18		Car Park	90	
-		Donations	500	
90		Office Cleaning	141	
5,671		Salaries	2,607	
297		Rates	520	
448		Printing & Stationery	1,038	
84		Postage	86	
170		Subscriptions	170	
596		Telephones	622	
910	104,490	General Expenses	3,178	116,749
	3,921	Excess Expenditure		33,529
	<u><u>3,921</u></u>			<u><u>33,529</u></u>

MAORI DIVISION (SEAMER HOUSE)
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1978

<u>COMPARATIVE</u> <u>30.6.77</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1978</u>	
7,404		Board Allowance	1,429	
<u>-</u>	7,404	Subsidy & A.S.B. Grant	<u>4,059</u>	5,488
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
55		Audit	55	
7		Acc. Compensation Levy	7	
-		Accounting	600	
-		License	24	
58		Bank Interest	327	
1,291		Light & Power	2,051	
326		Maintenance	13	
2,845		Salary	2,973	
731		General	5	
4,281		Provisions	1,170	
945		Rates	1,102	
<u>423</u>	<u>10,962</u>	Telephone	<u>65</u>	<u>8,401</u>
	3,558	Excess Expenditure		<u>2,913</u>
	<u>6,624</u>			
Bank Overdraft		Cash on Hand	<u>729</u>	729
		<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
		Balance 1.7.77	2,982	
		<u>Add - Less I.E. A/C</u>	<u>2,913</u>	<u>5,895</u>
	<u>6,624</u>			<u>6,624</u>

METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1978

LIABILITIES

Bank Overdraft	14,618	14,618
<u>General Reserves</u>		
Christian Education	957	
Hymns & Service Books	1,981	
History	<u>96</u>	3,034
<u>Car Reserve</u>		
Balance at 1.7.77	6,660	
Less: Depreciation	<u>834</u>	5,826
		<u>23,478</u>

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>		
Budget Cash on Hand	4,727	
Circuit Cash on Hand	400	
Debtors	<u>200</u>	5,327
<u>Investment</u>		
A.S.B.	60	60
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Motor Vehicles	3,411	
Office Equipment	<u>436</u>	3,847
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
Balance 1.7.77	19,285	
Less Loss I.E. A/C	<u>33,529</u>	14,244
		<u>23,478</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

for year ended 31 May, 1978

1977		1978		1977		1978
\$		\$		\$		\$
14,895	Administration Charges	24,540.25			Net Commissions Earned before charging	
550	Audit Fee	450.00			Cost of Re-insurance borne by the	
123	Commission	165.00	31,883		Fund	31,399.99
8,682	Rebate Allowed	10,666.60				
1,112	Stationery & General Expenses	838.97			Interest Earnings:	
				1,250	Bank, Deposits & Bills	2,326.09
	Profit for year before charging cost			2,446	Loans to Churches & Departments	3,508.20
21,954	of Re-insurance borne by Fund	12,723.72		349	Local Body Stock	167.40
				11,388	Mortgages	<u>11,982.96</u>
						17,984.55
<u>47,316</u>		<u>49,384.54</u>		<u>47,316</u>		<u>49,384.54</u>

PROFIT & LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

for year ended 31 May, 1978

2,800	Transfer to Capital	2,800.00	1,663	Balance at 31 May 1977	18,267.56
	Cost of Re-insurance borne by the Fund:			Income relative to previous years	777.19
	Public Liability:-		21,954	Profit for Year	12,723.72
86	- Camps & Retreats	102.00			
	- Churches, Halls, Preaching				
2,171	Places and Parsonages	2,213.05			
292	- Money Insurance	<u>505.16</u>	2,820.21		
	Removal Fund Contingencies	1,700.00			
18,268	Balance Carried Forward	24,448.26			
<u>23,617</u>		<u>31,768.47</u>	<u>23,617</u>		<u>31,768.47</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31 May 1978

1977 \$		1978 \$	1977 \$		1978 \$
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:			CURRENT ASSETS:	
76,526	Sums due to Re-insurers & Sundry Creditors	95,822.79	7,158	Bank	22,288.74
			98,214	Premiums from Trust due to Fund	101,381.07
			7,121	LESS Provision for Rebate	7,461.00
			91,093		93,920.07
			692	Sundry Debtors	6,644.18
			3,638	Interest Accrued	4,204.12
			102,581		127,057.11
23,833	Unearned Commission	29,835.40			
--	Removal Fund - Contingencies	1,700.00			
23,833		31,535.40		INVESTMENTS at Cost	
	RESERVES:			Mortgages (including Contributory Mortgages)	106,500.00
600	Doubtful Debts Reserve	600.00	124,500	Loans to Churches & Trusts	51,555.98
3,117	Natural Calamities Fund	3,117.88	64,166	Local Body Stock	1,621.50
8,109	Investment Contingency Reserve	8,109.20	5,672	Methodist Trust Association	46,163.82
11,827		11,827.08	--		205,841.30
			194,338		
163,665	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				
	Balance at 31 May 1977	166,464.88			
2,800	ADD Transfer from				
166,465	Appropriation Account	2,800.00			
		169,264.88			
18,268	ADD Profit & Loss				
184,733	Appropriation Account	24,448.26			
		193,713.14			
296,919		332,898.41	296,919		332,898.41

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MAY 1978

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Chairman:

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1978, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Profit and Loss Appropriation Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May 1978, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary:

1st November 1978
CHRISTCHURCH.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER AND SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MAY 1978

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

Statement of Accounting Policies

1. 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 account which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (i) Premiums due from Trusts and Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.
 - (ii) Investments: All investments have been valued at cost.
2. There has been no change in the accounting policies used which materially affect the current year.

NEW CITIZEN

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED 30/6/78

INCOME

<u>30/6/77</u>		<u>30/6/78</u>
8,537	Partners in print	7,136
20,710	Connexional Budget	20,494
939	Subscriptions	1,257
8,720	Advertising	9,227
<u>38,906</u>		<u>38,114</u>

EXPENDITURE

8,447	Editor's Salary & Super'	9,275
4,152	Assistant Editor & Contributors	4,923
2,406	Office Assistance	3,107
904	Travel	866
--	Accountant	120
912	Rent	1,738
2,446	General Expenses & Depreciation	3,884
18,386	Printing Costs & Photos'	22,369
2,688	Freight Costs	3,037
<u>40,341</u>		<u>49,319</u>
1,435	Excess Expenditure over Income	11,205

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1978

<u>Current Liabilities</u>			<u>Current Assets</u>		
<u>30/6/77</u>		<u>30/6/78</u>	<u>30/6/77</u>		<u>30/6/78</u>
2,162	Bank Overdraft	9,519	4,398	Sundry Debtors	2,690
2,372	Sundry Creditors	4,450			
4,534		13,969			
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
487	Balance 1/7/77	487	692	Office Equipment	692
	Less excess expenditure	11,205		Accumulated Depreciation	(131)
	Balance 30/6/78	(10,718)	(69)		
			623		561
<u>5,021</u>		<u>3,251</u>	<u>5,021</u>		<u>3,251</u>

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 30th June, 1978.

R. Solomon, (A.C.A.)
Hon. Auditor.

PUBLIC QUESTION COMMITTEE - APPENDIX VIII
SUBMISSIONS ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL

1978 by the

JOINT PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST & PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCHES

1. 1. In presenting these submissions, the joint Committee speaks for many concerned groups and individuals within New Zealand. It has never, nor could it ever claim to be speaking for every Methodist or Presbyterian, but it believes the point of view it is expressing in these submissions reflects a substantial group of opinion within both Churches.
2. SUMMARY:

The joint Committee is opposed to the misuse of Drug Amendment Bill, on the following grounds.

PART 1. AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT:

That overseas experience shows that Drug abuse has steadily increased despite stronger laws and increasingly severe penalties. Harsh laws do not deter and in fact often lead to increased criminal activity. Present penalties should be maintained.

PART 11 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DETECTION ETC:

The proposals to use tracking and listening devices etc. should be abandoned, because it can be shown, that not only are they ineffective and costly, but they infringe Civil liberties. In expressing this opposition to the proposed Bill, the Committee is aware of the serious Drug problems facing our New Zealand Society.

INTRODUCTION.

3. WHAT IS THE DRUG PROBLEM IN N.Z.?
 - 3.1 In introducing the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill, the Minister of Health is reported as saying "it has become quite apparent that dealing in dependence producing drugs has become part of organised crime..... to the extent that the quantity of drugs peddled in New Zealand has increased considerably over the years." (1)
 - 3.2 The question the Committees ask is apparent to whom? In February of this year in an Editorial in the New Zealand Law Journal the following questions were asked "Is the (Police) Commissioner being unduly alarmist? Is there really organised crime? Are the Police trying hard enough? How serious is it?" These questions have still to be answered to our satisfaction. We do not believe that either the Police or the Government have as yet established the need for either harsher penalties or phone-tapping. We are waiting to be convinced by clear, un-

- emotional evidence and by plain statements of fact that the situation is indeed as Mr. Gill described it.
- 3.3 What we do know is that there are other drugs which, on the available evidence appear to be as harmful as, or perhaps even more harmful than heroin and other Class A Drugs. For example Sir Leonard Thornton, Chairman of the Alcohol Advisory Committee in a recent statement to the Hutt Rotary Club said--
- " Alcohol is the third killer in New Zealand and it maims a lot who are not themselves afflicted. It is the largest single cause of admissions and re-admissions to our psychiatric hospitals. Medical authorities insist that alcohol lies behind at least 20% of all hospital admissions - think what that costs! It has been shown to be present in between 30 and 60% of all fatal accidents. As you know, our death toll on the roads is over 700 per year; but there were probably 7,000 serious injuries and about 27,000 minor injuries requiring hospital treatment. Those who were investigated for drunken driving last year totalled 13,000 (of whom 80% had B.A.L. above 100 mg) - and overseas evidence suggests that for every conviction there may be as many as a thousand undetected infringements....." (2)
- Confirmation, if any was needed, that Alcohol is still our number one drug problem.
- 3.4 WHAT ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?
- The latest Health Dept. report shows that we spent \$97,713,000 on pharmaceutical benefits in 1977-78. This means that your average G.P. wrote \$60,000 worth of prescriptions last year i.e. 7.6 prescriptions for every man, woman and child (in New Zealand) (at \$4.12 per prescription). As Jack Hodder comments in 'Capital Letter'
- " Is this the real drug problem?" (3)
- 3.5 The same Health Department Report stated the case for a hard-line on smoking and it backed its case with statistics on selected causes of death (the figures represent a death rate per 100,000 population). During the period 1955-76 the lung cancer rate increased from 17.3 to 33.7; the bronchitis rate from 21.0 to 30.7.
- 3.6 Yet, little or no legislation has been introduced so far, this session on the problems created by alcohol, tobacco or prescription drugs, though harsher penalties have been promised for the drinking driver. Why then this focus on hard drugs? The only answer that the Joint Committee can think of is that this bill is yet a further illustration of the fact, that in Election years, law and order issues tend to predominate. Past and present politicians have found them useful as a means of diverting public attention away from more important issues.

4. PART 1 AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT:

4.1 The Purpose of these amendments is to increase the maximum penalties that may be imposed for dealing in Class A Class B controlled drugs. The justification for the increase from 14 years to life imprisonment is obviously that, in the view of the government, "rigorous measures are needed to combat this nefarious traffic" (4) and that only life imprisonment is sufficient to deter those who might otherwise consider dealing in controlled drugs to be a worthwhile enterprise.

4.2 But will life imprisonment be any more of a deterrent than the present maximum sentence of 14 years? If overseas experience is any indication, it will not. Successive Governments seem reluctant to heed the obvious lesson of overseas experience that law enforcement used alone has been a failure. To be sure, many individuals may have been deterred from drug use out of fear of legal punishment. But all too often the chronic drug user with emotional difficulties does not operate within the confines of the established mores or law. The person who becomes involved in the use of drugs is usually convinced that he or she will not be detected by the legal authorities.

4.3 So the Le Dain Commission comments

" While it is probable, therefore, that the law deters a large number of people simply by virtue of its existence, regardless of the actual danger of being caught in a case of violation, these are not for the most part the kind of people who are at particular risk of harmful drug use. Those who are at such risk are much less likely to be deterred for a combination of reasons: their strong opposition and even hostility to the law because it represents what they feel is an unjustified interference with their personal freedom; the relatively slight danger of being caught; their general readiness to run various kinds of risk; and their strong desire to engage in drug use.

The deterrent effect of the law is also based on the assumption that the individual is in a position to be influenced by rational considerations. In the case of non-medical drug use the individual is often in the grip of a strong desire for pleasure, and in the case of dependence a virtually irresistible compulsion.

It must be obvious that the law can have little deterrent effect with the drug-dependent person" (5)

And it is persons such as these who will be, in the main, the ones effected by this proposed change in the law. Section 6 of the Misuse of Drugs Act includes among its definitions of dealing

" 6(c) Supply or administer, or offer to supply or administer any Class A or Class B controlled drug to any other person, or otherwise deal in any such controlled drug...."

With the price of heroin rising, it is likely that more and more drug-dependent persons will sell or supply or administer controlled drugs in order to pay for their habit. While the proposed sentence of life imprisonment is allegedly directed against the 'Mr Bigs' of the Drug World, i.e. those who 'import into New Zealand any controlled drug,' it is possible that the user, cum pusher will be the one who will feel its full effects.

4.4 Laws do have their part, but only a part in the total effort of Society to protect its members. Too much emphasis on law and order and on punishment has not worked and will not work. This approach gives a false sense of security to those who see it as the answer to a problem, which in reality, can be solved only by effective education and resultant changes in societal behaviour.

4.5 So, it is not surprising, that in its final report, the Commission of Inquiry into the non-medical use of drugs in Canada, (where since 1961 the maximum sentence for trafficking is life imprisonment) stated,

" It must be conceded, however, that it is impossible to estimate the relative effectiveness of law enforcement against trafficking with any accuracy. If we look at the increase in the illicit use of opiate narcotics in recent years we might be led to conclude that it had been relatively ineffective. But we cannot tell what the extent of use might have been had there been no such enforcement. The total number of convictions and the volume of seizures may suggest something of the level or intensity of law enforcement, but by themselves they do not tell us much." (6)

4.6 Confirmation too, comes from New York. Responding to new and harsher laws one writer comments. "The irony of such laws is that they have no effect on the flourishing underworld drug business. The crime syndicate, which controls all narcotic traffic in this country, is so well protected as to be immune from prosecution. Those who are caught are either junkies or pushers who themselves are junkies. The pusher never knows whom he really gets his heroin from, and the distributor is equally ignorant.Those who control narcotics are perhaps five or six levels removed from the actual sale of heroin, but reap the greatest proportion of the profits. Whenever a large cache of heroin is intercepted by customs agents much is made of the relentless war against the crime bosses. Actually all that happens is that for a time the price of

heroin on the underworld market soars. Those who control it are untouched." (7) So much for the deterrent effect of harsh penalties.

- 4.7 But there can be further consequences. Other commentators on the New York Scene write--

" Yet it may well exacerbate the situation one result may be that drug trafficking will simply change its operating base. If the new legislation decreased, even slightly the quantity of drugs on the street, the result could be disastrous. Why should the demand be reduced by diminishing availability? A decrease in the supply may skyrocket the price. In order to satisfy his need the addict will be forced to turn to the easiest and most profitable source of money - street crime. The law enforcement agencies may also be victimised, and indeed some policemen have complained of this possibility..

At present, an individual who has been convicted of murder is eligible for parole in a little over 13 years. A cornered narcotics violator, knowing that if he is convicted of possession he will be sentenced for life, will lose little by shooting. The main criticisms of the Rockefeller legislation have been that it seeks to deter addiction, and more particularly, the ancillary street crime in a way that will aggravate an already mammoth problem. What it does not, and cannot do, is to decrease or eliminate the need for drugs. (8)

- 4 8 The Le Dain Commission Final Report puts it a little more soberly.

" Moreover, the more effective our law enforcement against distribution is, the more attractive we make the market for professional criminal elements by forcing the price up and putting a premium on skill and daring. This is an inherent and unavoidable cost of a prohibition of distribution..... A closely related cost is that people who persist in seeking to use the prohibited drug will be obliged to have contact with criminal elements and in the process will be exposed to a variety of illicit drugs and drug use. Some will be introduced to other kinds of crime and become part of a criminal pattern of life." (9)

Has sufficient consideration been given so far to such possible consequences in N.Z.?

- 4.9 Then there is the effect that long prison sentences may have upon the offender. The chief objection to imprisonment is that it tends to achieve the opposite of the result which it purports to seek. Instead of curing offenders of criminal inclinations it often tends to re-inforce them. This is a result of confining offenders together in a closed society in which a criminal sub-

culture develops. Indeed it is difficult to think of a better way to train people for crime than to bring all the criminal types together in one long live-in seminar on crime. These adverse effects of imprisonment are particularly reflected in the treatment of drug offenders. The conviction of prison inmates in open court on drug offences confirms that there is some circulation of drugs within our penal institutions, that offenders may be re-inforced in their attachment to the drug culture, and that in some cases they are introduced to certain kinds of drug use by prison contacts. Thus imprisonment, even life imprisonment does not cut off all contact with drugs nor does it cut off contact with individual drug users.

- 4.10 For all the reasons we have given, we would urge the Statutes Revision Committee to maintain the present maximum sentence of 14 years. We would doubt whether to increase it to life-imprisonment is going to make any appreciable difference to dealing in drugs in New Zealand.

5 PART 11 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DETECTION ENFORCEMENT & SENTENCING:

- 5.1 When the possibility of phone tapping powers being given to the police, was mooted by the then Commissioner, he said

" Today, and certainly in the future, technical sophistication will become one of the few weapons which might successfully root out the 'Mr. Bigs' of this world. You see, 'Mr. Big' does not get his hands dirty by becoming personally involved in the execution of a criminal operation. His task is almost over once the financing, the conspiring and the planning is finished. Tell me how, in the absence of phone-tapping may the police apprehend and bring to justice the criminal administrator who will do little more than pick up a telephone to set a new series of crimes in motion!?"

- 5.2 But, if Part 11 becomes law it won't just be the criminal administrators who could have their phones-tapped, their mail opened, or their conversations listened too. Section 10 of the Bill defines "Drug Dealing Offence" as any offence against section 6 of the principal Act in relation to a Class A controlled drug or a Class B controlled drug.

As we have already pointed out, this includes not just those who 'import into....New Zealand any controlled drug or who produce and manufacture any controlled drug', but also anyone who 'Supply or administer, or offer to supply or administer, any controlled drug to any other person, or otherwise deal in any controlled drug.' This is obviously a much wider group than the 'Mr. Bigs' and for reasons we have already given could well include

- drug-dependent persons, and could lead to a far greater invasion of privacy than was originally suggested.
- 5.3 However, our main opposition to the proposals contained in this part of the bill, as far as phone tapping etc. are concerned, is that they will not only be costly, but they will also be ineffective.
- 5.4 It is significant, that as of December 1973, there were 29 states, within U.S.A. which had not accepted Congress' invitation to allow their police to tap and bug. Included in that number were such important urban states as California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio. Furthermore, of those states that allowed police wire-tapping and bugging, five did not even bother to us that authority in 1973. In 1972, those that did give their police this authority used it very rarely. Out of the total bugs authorised that year New York and New Jersey had 503, while the other 19 states totalled just 125.
- 5.5 Moreover, the single most significant wire-tapping jurisdiction - the Federal establishment cut its usage by over 50% in the two years from 1971-73.
- 5.6 This is confirmed by what statistics are available. For 1969-71, only 1037 persons were convicted as a result of 491 Federal wiretaps, despite an expenditure of \$4.5 million dollars on electronic surveillance alone. A more interesting fact is that, of the 210 Federal taps installed in 1969-70, only 67, or 31.9% were related to a conviction. This means 143 Federal installations (68.1%) resulted in little or nothing.
- The States results were even more meagre. 1,597 convictions in 5½ years, some 290 a year. For 670 Surveillances installed during 1969-70 only 870 people were convicted at a reported cost of \$1.4 million.
- The reason for this is obvious. Organised crime in the U.S.A. simply is not obliging enough to conduct its business on the telephone or where it may be overheard. Will New Zealand criminals be anymore obliging?
- 5.7 So it comes as no surprise that while the majority of a 'National Commission for Review of Federal and State Laws relating to wire-tapping and Electronic Surveillance' may have affirmed 'that electronic surveillance was an indispensable aid to law-enforcement in obtaining evidence of crimes committed by organised criminals' there was a substantial minority who not only disagreed with the majority finding, but who also pointed out that it 'had resulted in the conviction of only a few upper crime figures.
- 5.8 An American Professor of Law, Mr. Herman Schwartz sums it up well
- " Wire tapping and bugging are 'dirty business' and it is now clear that they do not help to solve or even prevent much crime."

(11)

5.9 What of cost?

It is obvious from the Bill, that if phone tapping were to become a reality, then very stringent controls would have to be enforced. What is envisaged is Authorisation and surveillance at the Supreme Court level. This will, of necessity, involve not only the careful preparation of a substantial case for a warrant, but also their authorisation, and subsequent supervision. We can't see the former being welcomed by a Police Force that is already short of man-power or the latter by a Judiciary, that has made it patently clear just how over-worked its members are.

And cost must also include, the cost of equipment, and that will be a considerable factor in itself.

" And it takes a lot of money. The average Federal Tap in 1973 cost \$12,236 and in prior years the average cost for a drug case installation was over \$60,000 Moreover, even these figures are grossly understated for they include only the hardware and investigators and transcribers time, and omit a very substantial amount of lawyers' and judges' time in preparing and evaluating the applications for permission to tap and bug, to say nothing of the cost of the suppression hearings." (12)

The question that the Committees would ask, does the need justify this kind of expense, or can the money be spent in other, and perhaps more orthodox and more effective ways?

5.10 In recent years, as members of the Statutes Revision Committee will be aware from other submissions we have made, this Committee has grown increasingly more disturbed, not only by the increase in the powers granted to the Police, but also by the ready way, the public acquiesce in the granting of these powers. Every extension of power granted to the police, increase the possibility of its abuse. We are concerned lest what is described in the National Commission report on wiretapping, happens here.

5.11 " As in most narcotic wiretaps, the application stated that the purpose of the electronic surveillance in 'Coduto' was to locate and identify the sources of supply. Yet in fact there was no probable cause to believe that Coduto was using his telephone to contact his supplier, other than the unsupported statement by the offiant agent 'that from my (general) experience I believe that Coduto must use the telephone to make arrangements with his suppliers. No conversations between Coduto and his supplier were ever intercepted. Most importantly, a memorandum from the supervising

Strike Force Attorney to the case agent, part of the case file, dated just 3 days after the wiretap was ordered and not referring to any wire-tap information, stated that sufficient evidence had been gathered through normal investigative means to successfully prosecute each of the persons later arrested." (13)

- 5.12 So, for reasons, of cost, ineffectiveness and invasion of privacy, we would urge that Part 11 of this Bill, as it relates to Phonotapping etc. does not proceed.

6. CONCLUSION:

- 6.1 A practice of relying almost totally on law enforcement to solve the hard drug problem in New Zealand, is a policy which will soon become bankrupt. If progress is to be made, a significant shift in emphasis will have to be made toward competent drug counselling and the development of sophisticated, sensitive and intelligent drug education programmes. Harmful drugs are available, and will continue to be so available that in the final analysis only the individual decision of the user will prevent widespread abuse. And no progress will be made until what we can only call 'the shot-gun approach' is eliminated.
- 6.2 Finally may we express our continuing concern at the short time being given by this Government for groups to prepare submissions on controversial legislation. As in previous years it makes it almost impossible for groups such as ours to do their preparation with the thoroughness and research they would like. To allow just seven days, as in this case, to study the details of the legislation is to make a mockery of our democratic system.

John Murray
John Mabon
Convenors

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PUBLIC QUESTION COMMITTEE - APPENDIX IX

UNEMPLOYMENT

A discussion and resource paper prepared for ministers and congregations by the Unemployment Sub Committee of the Methodist Conference - Presbyterian Assembly Public Questions Committee.

There are more people suffering from unemployment now in New Zealand than at any time since the 1930s depression.

Current unemployment figures show that more than 48,000 New Zealanders are either registered unemployed or employed on special work schemes. This is a staggering figure. But the true unemployment figure could be three times as high.

These are some of the factors that could boost the 48,000 figure to well over 100,000.

1. While under 16 years olds can register as unemployed they can not receive the unemployment benefit until they are 16. Yet the school leaving age is 15. Many 15 year olds could therefore be discouraged from registering.
2. Many if not most married women do not bother to register as unemployed. This is partly because of the social attitude that married women are lucky to have a job, but have no right to a job and should step aside and let others work when times are bad.
3. It's also due to the way a married women will rarely receive any unemployment benefit, as the total family income is taken into account. This makes the process of registering rather pointless.
4. The registered unemployed figures do not on the whole include unemployed people who are looking for part-time jobs, as to qualify for the unemployment benefit a person has to be prepared to work full-time. The figures therefore exclude many women who have lost part-time jobs, which none the less played a vital part in the family's income.
5. Many people don't register as unemployed because of personal pride, the feeling that being on the dole will be a stigma against them. Many unemployed people do not at first consider themselves as "unemployed" but just "between jobs."

Census figures in New Zealand have revealed a huge difference between the number of people prepared to come forward and register as unemployed, and the number of people who when approached consider themselves "unemployed and seeking work."

For example the 1976 census found that 14,392 men and 11,945 women considered themselves unemployed and seeking work,

while the numbers of registered unemployed for that same month were 2,438 men and 2,583 women.

THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED

Becoming unemployed can be a shattering experience. It often leads to a loss of self-respect; loss of confidence; depression and sometimes, anti-social behaviour.

On an individual basis unemployed people need personal help:

- * reassurance of their self worth
- * positive assistance in job-seeking, and
- * assistance in registering and obtaining the unemployment benefit
- * sometimes material help of money and food.

The appendix on the Labour Department's Unemployment Service, provides useful insight into the procedure of registering and applying for the unemployment benefit.

Reading these notes (which came from the Wellington Office of the Labour Department) it becomes obvious that the process of registering could prove an almost impossible barrier to some unemployed people, particularly those in a distressed state, those with reading or writing difficulties, those who find it hard to talk about their personal difficulties, those who are just not good at coping with bureaucracy. The need for a supporting and articulate friend is obvious.

Some points worth noting about the procedure:

1. The client has to give biographical, educational and employment details, so needs to go prepared.
2. Appointments must be kept (or changed). Failing to turn up to appointments can jeopardise chances of getting the benefit, or once on the benefit, failing to report to the Labour Department can lead to the loss of the benefit.
3. Clients who were sacked from their last job, or who left voluntarily or who have some redundancy or holiday pay, are not immediately eligible for the benefit, yet could still be in pressing financial need.
4. On the whole it would seem that the client needs to take the initiative in making their difficulties known to the staff, not vice versa.

As well as the normal social work channels which are daily working with unemployed people, it's worth knowing that the trade unions too are very concerned about the problem. In Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, the Trade Councils have initiated services to help unemployed workers. The appendix from the Labour Department also details the various work schemes the Government has set up to try and provide jobs. These are worth knowing about.

GROUPS AT RISK - who to look out for in the community.

1. School Leavers.

High birth rates in the 50s and 60s combined with the present job shortage, has meant large numbers of school leavers

have been unable to find work. (Of the 19,880 registered unemployed in March, 10,384 were under 20, and 2,603 were school leavers.)

Young people who stay at school when they would prefer to leave have an effect on:

- (a) The school - need for special programmes.
- (b) The family - economic and social.
- (c) The young person's image of self - "still a school kid," uniform, etc.

2. Women.

Married women are often the first to lose their jobs in times of economic recession. Yet their wages are often absolutely necessary for the family budget.

3. Old people.

Old people too come under fire when they are seen to be holding down jobs that younger people could have. Even if an elderly person's retirement is semi-voluntary it could still cause financial hardship or resentment.

4. Polynesians.

In 1968 it was found that unemployment was far higher among Maoris than among non-Maoris. (Five to six times as many Maori men were unemployed, and eleven times as many Maori women.)

The proportion is likely to be as high today, because of the high incidence of Maori workers in unskilled or semi-skilled manual jobs.

Pacific Island workers too are employed primarily in manual work, and are therefore likely to be among the worst hit groups today.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Unemployment has different characteristics in different parts of the country. This is partly shown up in the regional figures: at March 31 there were 7,699 registered unemployed in Auckland, with another 1,046 in Hamilton, 978 in Northland, 950 in Rotorua and 760 in Tauranga. Wellington had only 1286 (which includes Porirua but not the Hutt Valley where 491 were registered) and in the South Island figures look pretty small except Christchurch where an amazing 3030 were registered unemployed. Within regions there are other more localised differences, for example unemployment in Wellington is most evident amongst young Polynesians in Porirua.

To come to an understanding of unemployment in your area, first of all find out something about the local labour market.

1. The population, its age and occupational distribution.
2. The geographical distribution and the realistic travelling distances to work.
3. The incidence of unemployment both as a proportion of the gross population and of the work force.
4. Seasonal fluctuations in the work force.

5. The effects broader economic factors have had on local production. Unemployment in a particular area could be caused by all sorts of factors: poor town planning with housing located impossible distances from work places, no attempts to attract suitable industry to a particular area, export markets closing down, cut backs in Government spending.

Working from a community basis then, unemployment could be tackled in a number of different ways, depending on the local situation.

- * organising transport to areas where there are jobs available
- * campaigning for the location of industries in your area
- * putting pressure on Government to keep local industries afloat
- * encouraging public works in the area.

UNEMPLOYMENT AS NATIONAL DISASTER

The present Government has made no secret of the fact that it believes a certain level of unemployment is necessary. But can we, as a community or a nation, tolerate any level of unemployment? Can we deprive any person in the community of the right to perform a socially useful job? Isn't this one of our basic human rights?

Thinking about unemployment as a national problem leads us into thinking about the value and nature of work, which is the very basis of our society.

Coming to any conclusions on these questions could take years of study and discussion. Yet they are important questions we need to face: not just in a time of unemployment, but because of the rapid technological change which is affecting our daily lives more and more. Society will need to come to terms with a shorter working week and increased leisure time, but the implications of this eventuality are vast.

At the same time, we need to keep our priorities in the people in the here and now; caught in a situation where we need to work a 40 hour week (and in many cases we need to have both parents working) because otherwise we can't feed and clothe our families. And there just aren't enough jobs to go around.

Thinking about the ultimate solutions to unemployment will also require us to think first about the causes. One economist's view is that unemployment has been caused by cutbacks in spending:

- The general public can't afford to spend as much on consumer goods.
- The Government has cut spending on roads, buildings, social, health and educational services.
- Investment spending falls when companies see their sales falling.
- Export markets have become more and more difficult to find.

THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

A statement from the Wellington Labour Department. (There may be some regional variations.)

The Employment Service role is determined by the Labour Department Act of 1954 which designates 3 roles in establishing a FULL employment service:

- (a) To help those seeking employment find suitable employment.
- (b) To help employers find suitable staff.
- (c) To provide Government with employment information.

The present approaches developed from a pilot scheme established in Auckland in 1972 and successively introduced in the remainder of the Department's 22 District Offices since then. The 'New' service replaced the 'Counter and Dole queue' image with a more pleasant environment and an emphasis on personal interviewing and relationships with clients. Recent massive increases in unemployment have meant that some of the ideals have not been fully implemented because of extreme pressures on staff and time.

Since April 1978 Vocational Guidance Service has become part of Department of Labour from the Education Department, which has widened the scope of the Employment Service with the obvious benefits of access to school programmes, testing facilities and well developed careers information service, as well as extending the development of Vocational Counselling into areas of the country where coverage has been sparse in the past.

Employment officers may tend to specialise in dealing with the needs of particular groups i.e. youth, married women re-entering the work force etc. Each district has one or more Specialist Officers who deal solely with disadvantaged persons or groups. This involves extensive contact with organisations ranging from Hospitals to the Rehabilitation League.

During times of Employment Crisis as at present, the Service operates a variety of Special Programmes to supplement the job opportunities made available directly from employers. The Temporary Employment Programme operates with Government Departments, Local Authorities and community organisations on projects that would otherwise be deferred.

The Farm Employment Subsidy Scheme pays a subsidy to farmers who engage additional labour.

The Skill Promotion Programme subsidises employers who will take additional or replacement staff to work towards a recognised qualification.

The First Job Programme offers subsidies to employers making additional jobs available and engaging young persons with a little or no prior experience in employment.

The Additional Job Programmes offer subsidies to employers creating new employment opportunities, with an emphasis on high priority and export orientated industries.

The Private Section Programmes are a recognition of the present coincidence of limited employment opportunities and the effects

of the high birth rates of the late 1950s and early 1960s. In 1977 there were estimated 4500 more school leavers than in 1976 which was 3500 more than 1975. To further aid the younger age groups, the Service is actively promoting courses which will help the young person enter the workforce more equipped for the demands of employment.

Pre-Employment Courses emphasise the upgrading of job seeking, social and educational skills.

Specific Skill Courses geared to the needs of local employers will pretrain young persons to enter areas where a skill not part of recognised training programme (i.e. apprenticeship) requires acquisition before the employment opportunity can be taken up.

General Skill Courses will expose young persons of potential to work in situations from which they may develop vocational direction and orientation.

In addition to these programmes the Service is heavily involved in assisting:

Work Rehabilitation Trusts which enable disadvantaged groups such as Black Power members to gain work skills and experience under various forms of group programme. To summarise: The Service is still in a formative stage and often works under extremes of pressure. It has been the subject of adverse publicity at times. It should be understood as an entity working to its stated objectives through a loyal and hard working staff who do not lose sight of their ideals even under the stress of the present troubled times. While it must work to rules and systems as must any public agency. The staff identify themselves as agents of a personal service to client and employer alike which is the total antithesis of a bureaucracy.

Note on Income Maintenance

It is not a function of the Employment Service to maintain the incomes of those seeking its assistance. An individual may seek the help of the service even if fully employed. Those who are detached from the work force and without incomes are referred to the Department of Social Welfare for Unemployment Benefits. A condition of payment by the Department of Social Welfare is that the applicant be registered with the Employment Service. For this reason 'Reporting' to the Service, in addition to developing the relationship with the Employment Officer, services to maintain eligibility for Benefits with the Department of Social Welfare.

Any individual seeking help with Employment may request the assistance of the Service. Eligibility for Income maintenance is not the criteria. Staff are trained to discern the type of assistance a client may require. For instance, a disadvantaged

client may become fully dependent on the efforts of a Specialist Officer, an average person may require support during a crisis situation, or simply advice on where to start looking for suitable work.

As a service to individuals, this approach is seen as one which helps the individual develop, rather than one which deprives the client of initiative.

Where it is apparent that an employment problem is the result of other problems, (the presenting problem) officer take steps to see that the problem, once identified is dealt with by help in contacting an appropriate helping agency. A wide range of agencies are available and willing to be called on when such situations arise. A client seeking help should go directly to the appropriate Office between 8.30a.m. and 4.00p.m. Each Centre has a Receptionist who is trained to anticipate the client's needs. The client will be asked to complete an application for employment (known as Form A). Clients who have difficulty with reading, or writing will receive help once they state their problem.

The form is relatively simple and asks for basic biographical, Education and Employment data. Once completed the form will be returned to the Receptionist. In ideal circumstances an appointment will be made for all but the most distant clients, for 2 or 3 days time. This enables staff to check previous records and tentatively match the client with a suitable vacancy.

Present circumstances do not always allow this. At times it may be possible for a client to be seen immediately, and at others the initial interview may be as much as a week away. Reception staff are trained to establish immediate needs.

Naturally, insight and experience do not always cover this, and no client should hesitate to make the staff aware of a problem.

Sensitive persons should be aware that our offices deal with the widest cross-section of the public, and on occasions will find persons or particularly groups with whom they feel they have little in common. There is no need for concern on this matter as the service is geared to deal with all manner of people and tries to respect the need for privacy as much as possible.

Sudden unemployment after a lifetime of work is recognised as a traumatic experience for many and is treated accordingly.

Appointments, when made, should be kept punctually and there is no objection to a client ringing the officer they are to see to make changes.

The Employment interview aims to establish the client's detailed employment history, skills and other attributes, as well as their aspirations and ambitions. The Employment Officer will attempt to match these to a suitable vacancy if one is available. In some cases the client may be referred to work on the Temporary Employment Programme. Only those eligible for Unemployment Benefit can take part in the programme. While on the programme efforts will continue to find suitable permanent

employment.

If work is not available the client will be asked to report, either back to the Employment Officer, to a reporting centre, or by telephone. If income maintenance is necessary, the client will be referred to the Department of Social Welfare who will make the necessary arrangements. Clients not immediately eligible for benefits (who have left work voluntarily or been dismissed for some form of misconduct and may have benefit withheld by the Department of Social Welfare) continue to have assistance from the Employment Service.

Reporting is generally at weekly intervals to maintain as much personal contact as possible. Failure to report could indicate that a client has found work or shifted, and results in immediate lapsing of the application. Persons receiving unemployment benefit are expected to continue to make their own efforts to seek work. Failure to do so could result in a benefit being cancelled.

Every effort is made to place a client in 'suitable work'. In times of employment difficulty this may not always be possible. A refusal to accept a particular job within the definition of suitable could also result in cancellation of a benefit. Notification of such refusals to the Department of Social Welfare is mandatory, but each case is considered on its merits and such clients are notified of appeal rights.

Clients with obvious difficulties may be referred for assistance to other agencies for testing or assessment, the results of which will assist the employment officer in eventual placement.

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BETTY DOROTHY YEARBURY

Betty Yearbury comes to retirement with an enviable record of service to the Church and the Deaconess Order. Born in Taranaki she was fortunate in being brought up in a Christian home. Her parents introduced her to the Christian faith, and from her mother she inherited a deep care and love for people.

Betty's interest in service among Maori people developed early in her life. As a young woman, in her home town of Hawera, she was a teacher in the Sunday School attached to the Taranaki Maori Circuit. This was followed by a period as sub Matron at Kurahuna Girls Hostel. While at Kurahuna Betty offered as a candidate for the Deaconess Order. On being accepted for training she spent two years in Deaconess House.

With her interest in Maori work it was not surprising that on the completion of her training Betty was appointed to a Maori Circuit. The whole of her service has been in the Maori Mission and its successor, the Maori Division. In 1949 Betty commenced a two year period at Rangiatua Girls Hostel, followed by eleven years at Opunake in Taranaki, eleven years in the King Country, first being based at Te Kuiti and later with responsibilities for the whole of the King Country. For her last appointment she returned to the town of her birth, Hawera, serving there for four years. Betty was secretary of the Deaconess Association between 1961 and 1963, and President of the Association between 1970 and 1973.

Betty has been a selfless and loyal colleague, appreciated by the staff of the Maori Division, her sisters in the Deaconess Order, and all of the people with whom she has worked. In all of her work Betty has placed people first. Things do not count when there are people in need. She has served, without counting the cost to herself, in the rural areas of Taranaki and the King Country because she loves people and has an innate respect for them as persons. Wherever she has worked in the scattered rural communities she has gathered small groups of women together to form fellowships, which have had a beneficial influence, not only in the Church, but also in their families and in the wider community. She has earned the respect, gratitude and love of those with whom she has worked. She has identified, as far as is possible, with the family and social life of the people, shared their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, and they have accepted her as a wise and understanding sister. She has the particular gift of relating well with older people, and she will be lovingly remembered by them.

Betty will be remembered with gratitude for her dependability, her sound common sense, and her deep commitment to God, the Church, and her work among her people. She takes with her to retirement in Rotorua the love and best wishes of the people she has served. They, and the whole Church, wish her every joy in her retirement, and she is assured of a warm welcome whenever she visits her people in the King Country and Taranaki.

APERAHAMA TUTANEKAI ROGERS

*Kia hari nga tupapaku e
mate nei i roto i te Ariki.*

It was in his latter years of retirement and as one of the respected *kaumatua* in the Tamaki Circuit that Pera Rogers was encouraged to accept the position of Honorary Home Missionary in 1971. Having served as a *kaikarakia* among his own *Ngaitu/Ngapuhi* people in Otaua, where he dairy-farmed for most of his active working life, and throughout Hokianga generally for many years, there was little hesitation on the part of the Circuit in commending him for this position.

Although declining health and old age limited the extent of his ministry in this capacity, nonetheless, the Circuit is deeply grateful for the wise counsel, spiritual leadership and support it received from Pera until his death on the 10th October 1978.

He is survived by children and *mokopuna* who continue his own faith in God and loyalty to Methodism. A son and son-in-law are themselves Honorary Home Missionaries, and other members of his family continue to exercise key leadership positions within their respective Circuits and the Maori Division as a whole. We convey to them all our condolence and *arohanui*.

E Pera

*E te matuatanga o te taonga e puawai nei - te
Poari Maori:*

Haere, haere, haere.

*Haere ki a Te Hiramai ma,
ki a Ranginohoora ma,
ki a Te Tuhi ma,
ki te tini, ki te mano.*

Tu te winiwini

Tu te wanawana

*Tu te whakaputaina ki te wheiao,
ki te aomaarama.*

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE 1978

VIII Appointment of Ministers

Page 17 Section 127 be amended to read:

That the financial responsibility for Conference appointments shall transfer on 31 January. Ministers shall be moved between appointments in consultation with the Administration Division, the Chairmen of the Districts involved and the Minister concerned.

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